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You might have missed the Business Fair, but we've got plenty of pictures inside.



Irish dancing at St. Mary's? More pictures of more events are in the Family Album on page 2.



Paul Kelly and Carl Hobbs are planning a new event for wounded warriors. Learn all about it in the Poolesville Town Government report on page 5.

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Brown Seeks Dialogue on Growth

By Rande Davis

Poolesville Town Commission president Jim Brown was the keynote speaker at the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner held at the Comus Inn on March 15. Emphasizing the priority of preserving the small town ambience of Poolesville, Brown announced that a dialogue about some level of growth in the town and/or changes in zoning needs to begin if the vitality of the town and commercial entities is to be achieved.

His remarks focused on the revitalization of the commercial district in the town, the need to fill empty spaces, expand employment opportunities and tax base, broaden customer base for existing

business, and attract new commercial establishments to Poolesville.

Referring to the business owners in town as the *crème de la crème* of the community, he thanked those at the dinner for their contributions and demonstrative leadership in the community.

Prior to his remarks, he distributed two draft documents that are on the commissioners' plate for consideration and possible implementation. The first was an outline and timeline plan for economic development activities for the town. Noting that all commissioners serve voluntarily and that current staff is not able to expand their responsibilities, he reported that the town needs to find a marketing firm, a sort of "economic quarterback," to professionally market, manage, and implement any final plan for economic growth.



Jim Brown thanks Jan Hoss and Isabel Markoff for their performance at the PACC annual dinner.

The second draft item stipulated possible criteria and language for a new town Business Growth and Retention Policy. Any such policy would require any recipient of the incentives to meet the goals of expanded tax base, infill, and revitalization of commercial space

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Poolesville Indians Win State Championship—Again

By Rande Davis

At the start of the 1962-1963 basketball season, the Poolesville High School boys had a lot of hopes as well as a lot to live up to. The proud Indians (then the mascot for PHS) had finished the previous season sweeping through the state playoffs to become state champions,

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First Lady Michelle Obama came to watch her daughter play the Poolesville Montgomery County Girls Rec basketball team.



Brice and Michelle Halbrook, Dave and Sarah Ashley, and Lisa and Woody Hilton joined in the fun at the PACC annual dinner.



JPMS Thespians held a very successful art show and bake sale at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum.



Poolesville's Liz Smith's grandchildren brought some leprechaun lucky charm to St. Mary's annual St. Patrick's Day festivities.



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Business Briefs

Destination Poolesville Draws Large Crowd

A large and steady crowd of residents attended the 2013 Destination Poolesville business fair on March 16. The fair was co-sponsored by the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Community Economic Development Committee.

The festival, which was held at the Poolesville Baptist Church, provides a venue for area business people to showcase their products and services. Many of the vendors were home-based like Ann's Art, Liz Thompson's Biejo Bags, Joy McCartin's Old Oaks Tea Parlor, and Maria Briançon's Gladisparkle.com. Corporate Network Services once again brought in the highly-popular commercial shredder and electronics recycling truck.

Performances by Karen McPhatter's Zumba class, JPMS Thespians, Hope Garden Ballet, Denise Shores Dance, and Kicks Karate entertained the crowds throughout the day.

Local News

Temple Closes Temporarily

By Rande Davis

Tens of thousands of people have meditated, prayed, and visited Kunzang Palyul Choling (KPC), Tibetan Buddhist Temple in Poolesville since 1985. As of March 1, the temple doors will be closed temporarily to the public, as necessary renovations bring a stop to classes, tours, activities, and the gift shop within the building. The grounds surrounding the temple and Peace Park will remain open to the public.

Extensive renovations are necessary to meet compliance requirements with Montgomery County's Building Use and Occupancy Code. KPC's goal is to begin the mandatory building renovations and comprehensive

What Is Your Favorite School?

Poolesville Town Cleaners, near the M&T Bank, wants you to vote for your favorite school. The winning school will receive a \$1,000 donation in June from Poolesville Town Cleaners, now in its fifth year of business. The second place school will receive \$500. The contest winner will be determined by customer votes in April and May. Customers will be given a sticker to vote for their school. To Get Out the Vote, Poolesville Town Cleaners will be offering special promotional deals biweekly throughout the two-month promotion. For example, in the first two weeks of April, there will be special pricing for comforters, and in the last half of April, five dress shirts can be cleaned for the cost of four. May the best school win!

interior upgrades immediately, including drywall, electrical, and plumbing work, and the installation of extensive sprinkler systems throughout the building, estimated preliminarily at over \$1,000,000.

While the building will be closed, KPC will not be. The group is looking at creatively continuing services during this interim period by providing teachings online, hosting a variety of outdoor events including weekly barbeque gatherings on Sunday afternoons, and moving the Mani Jewel gift store to a new online site.

In March, a weekend of sacred empowerments and teachings will take place in a heated tent on the front lawn of the temple. Khenpo Tenzin Norgay, a highly-respected

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Commentary

The 'Temporary' Tax

By John Clayton

Montgomery County is wrestling with that most elusive of concepts: a temporary tax. An energy tax increase passed in 2010, which was to expire in 2012, remains in County Executive Ike Leggett's proposed budget for FY 2014, just as it did in 2013. A recent press release by County Councilman Phil Andrews of Darnestown calls for Leggett to begin reducing the energy tax increase by ten percent this year. In order to pay for the tax reduction, Andrews would reduce the proposed county pay raises that have been negotiated with unions for general county employees, police, and firefighters.

Andrews, who is running for county executive to succeed Leggett, has been outspoken against the energy tax increase and against recent property tax increases. He has also railed against the cost of county government, with particular attention to personal leave policies, overtime, and the county pay scale. County employees have not had a pay increase for four years; the proposed budget includes raises of 13.5 percent for most general county employees, 14.7 percent for most police officers, and 19.5 percent for most career fire and rescue personnel.

The temporary energy tax increase was an emergency measure to fund county government during the Great Recession; as such, it was unpopular with many of the usual suspects who won't give any tax the time of day. Boyds attorney and anti-tax activist Robin Ficker pushed a petition drive to have a ballot initiative related to the energy tax on the November 2012 ballot, and while he gathered more than enough signatures, the court ruled against placing his initiative on the ballot.

Leggett is in a difficult negotiating position to be sure.

If he doesn't reach agreements with the unions, then the decision goes to binding arbitration, where he says even more burdensome increases might be possible. In his 2014 budget, he is not only trying to resume pay increases for his employees, but he is also trying to increase the number of policemen and to restore services at county libraries. An increase in spending for education merely brings the county to the minimum maintenance level required by state law; it is still less than the Board of Education says it needs. Many other programs and services absorbed reductions in funding during the recession, which the proposed budget intends to restore.

Where do we find fairness in all of this? Our county employees deserve regular and reasonable pay increases, but they are not the only ones who took a hit because of the downturn. Employment is increasing in the private sector, but I haven't read a lot about catch-up pay increases for very many people below the level of investment banker. Raises are in order, but perhaps these are more than we can afford. It disturbs me that Leggett suggests he is constrained by the labor negotiation rules in place—that agreeing to these increases is necessary because arbitration might be so much worse. This doesn't say much for the process that has been built for government and union negotiation. Is this protecting the taxpayers' interests? It also concerns me that we can't even begin to roll back a tax increase that was approved in good faith as temporary. The state took a huge hit from the recession, and this was a necessary measure, but its time is over.

I think Andrews is right: A first step should be taken to move the energy tax increase away from permanence and to honor the original promise.

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Proposed Water Rate Increase Draws Little Response

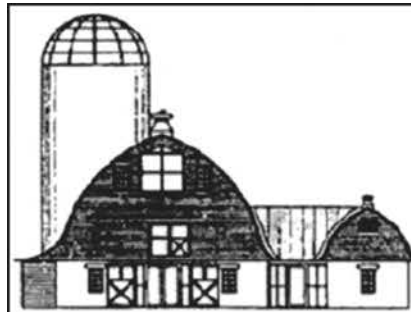
By Rande Davis

The scheduled March 18 public hearing on the proposed twelve percent increase in town water rates had only three residents offering comments.

The new water and wastewater (W/WW) budget eliminates the past practice of transferring funds from the general operations budget (grant) to cover a shortfall in the W/WW budget, something that has occurred over the past several years. The increase in rates would also fund a new full-time position in the water department and a new part-time position to the wastewater department.

Robert Pierce, a long time supporter of having the water/wastewater budget completely independent from the town's general fund, iterated that large public and other nonprofit users of town water should be charged at the same rate and appeared satisfied that that is actually what the case in the rate schedule proposed. Conrad Potemra suggested that the commissioners should increase the proposed percentage of rate for the larger users so the smaller, often more elderly users, would pay less. Rudy Gole opposed the rate increase for all residents in suggesting that it is the new home developments that have caused the bulk of the need for an increase in water rates, and he maintained that those additional revenues should come from the new homeowners and developers, not the other residents. Commissioner Brown responded that those costs were taken into consideration, and the rate increase would have been

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Board of Appeals rejects Sugarloaf on Global Mission Church

At a February 28 hearing the Frederick County Board of Zoning Appeals rejected the appeal by Sugarloaf Citizens Association and Montgomery Countryside Alliance of the decision by the Frederick County Planning Commission to approve the application of the Global Mission Church (GMC) to build a 118,500 square foot megachurch complex on agricultural land in Southern Frederick County. The Board sent home 22 witnesses from the Sugarloaf region, including adjoining property owners, who had signed up to testify in support of the appeal and against the GMC project.

The Board accepted arguments by attorneys for GMC that the Board lacked legal jurisdiction to consider evidence that the GMC facilities would use far more septic capacity than the 4,999 gallons per day which is permitted for local approval. The Board also dismissed SCA's appeal that the Planning Commission decision is inconsistent with Frederick County's land use master plan. If the megacomplex is built, access will be from Old Hundred Road over a new road and bridge across Little Bennett Creek. Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett now disclaims responsibility for the decisions he supported at the Montgomery County level to approve this access.

At its meeting on March 11 the Sugarloaf Board voted to file a request for reconsideration with the Board of Appeals, arguing that SCA's legal rights were violated by the Board's action and presenting evidence that the GMC application is defective and does not meet applicable legal requirements. SCA's counsel was authorized to prepare the request and to pursue legal remedies before MDE regarding the Frederick County Health Department's determination on the septic issues.

The GMC megacomplex is not a country church with floor space the size of the Nashville Convention Center, impervious parking for hundreds of cars, multiple worship services for thousands, kitchen facilities to serve hundreds, 48 class and meeting rooms and a gymnasium. **SCA does not intend to rest while there is still an opportunity to stop this project from going forward as proposed.**

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In the Garden

The Healing Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

When I was in London two weeks ago, I stopped by a small shop in Covent Garden that I usually visit when in town called Neal's Yard Remedies. Neal's Yard is a small alley in Covent Garden that opens into a courtyard, named after the seventeenth-century developer Thomas Neale. Today, Neal's Yard contains several health food cafés and retail stores, but its beginning goes back to the Middle Ages, when it was the heart of the Anglo Saxon town of Lundenwic, meaning London trading town. By 1200, the area was walled off for use as arable land and orchards by Westminster Abbey, and it was referred to as «the garden of the Abbey and Convent.» The first Neal's Yard Remedies was open in 1981 in Covent Garden. It offered dried herbs, homeopathic remedies, essential oils, and toiletries based on herbs.

The company has received many awards for its ethics and ecological approach to its business. Many similarly-minded companies that promote organic products and homeopathic preparations to treat and cure serious diseases have been criticized and investigated for false advertising, thereby putting people's lives at risk. The overriding question is always: «Is there proof that a particular product works?» If you have cancer and you believe that



Neal's Yard Remedies

drinking papaya juice every day will cure you, I hope that you are also in a treatment program with a good oncologist.

Now, if you will excuse my diversionary route, I will return to what I found interesting in Neal's Yard's shop. In a far corner of the store, one entire wall, from floor to ceiling, was lined with over seventy-five clear glass apothecary jars filled with leaves and flower parts in a mélange of shapes and earthly colors. You could buy any amount of these herbs to be used for herbal teas or cooking. Let me mention some of them and their uses for common ailments.

Chrysanthemum is a cooling, anti-inflammatory herb used for red, sore eyes and throats and for relieving hay fever and cold symptoms. Peppermint can be used to treat colds and hay fever and to soothe an upset stomach. Catmint will relieve the symptoms of feverish colds and flu. My two Labs, Sam and Tom, are big believers of the curative powers of the coneflower, *Echinacea* which helps the body fight off infectious illness by boosting natural immunity. What is interesting is that these plants are next to a digitalis, a common foxglove plant which is toxic to dogs, which they don't eat. How do they know the difference? Ginger, honeysuckle, yarrow, and elderflower are also known to prevent and treat cold and flu symptoms. Skin problems can be treated with several herbs: aloe vera, dandelion, marigold, evening primrose, nettle, and St. John's Wort. Many creams that you can buy over-the-counter for muscle and joint pains are made from herbs: arnica, comfrey, ginger, and rosemary are a few. Beatrix Potter's friend Peter Rabbit knew the soothing and relaxing effects of chamomile tea. Valerian, lemon balm, and roses also have calming effects.

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Medications for people suffering from heart disease and hypertension are derived from rainforest plants. Hypertension is treated with reserpine, made from *Rauwolfia serpentina*. Heart disease

is treated with digoxin, made from the foxglove plant. Our ubiquitous aspirin was originally manufactured from the bark of a willow tree found in the rainforest—and the list goes on.

The scientific world has made tremendous strides in isolating plants in the rainforests of the world, but this research is just the beginning. Plants are our greatest reservoir of undiscovered chemicals which may have pharmacological activity, and only a fraction of these plants have been screened for chemical constituents. Research in the field takes time, skilled scientists, and money, but when a species is lost, it is lost forever.

The dried herbs in large apothecary jars in a small shop in Covent Garden in London will not cure all your aches and pains or prevent you from contracting a serious disease, but looking to plants found in nature to discover new ways to treat human's ailments is a long-held verifiable truth.

School News

Liu Reaches Semifinals of Physics Olympiad

Congratulations to Poolesville High School junior Brian Liu, a student in the Science, Math, Computer Science (SMCS) magnet, for reaching the semifinals of the Physics Olympiad.

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) has 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 in January.

AAPT began the program in 1986 to promote and demonstrate academic excellence. The International Physics Olympiad is a nine-day competition among

pre-university students from more than eighty nations. The 2013 Olympiad will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from July 7 to July 15.

Hero Club Takes the Lead on Anti-Cyber Bullying

Poolesville High School's "Hero" Club has created a film to enter into a video competition to promote cyber-bullying awareness. Viewers of the videos can vote for best film. To vote, one needs to register at nobull.votigo.com and vote for "Be a HERO!" between April 1 and April 15. The film can be seen on YouTube.

Local News

Former Germantown Commander Promoted

Jack Toomey

Earlier this year, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett nominated former Germantown Police Commander Luther Reynolds for promotion to the rank of assistant chief.

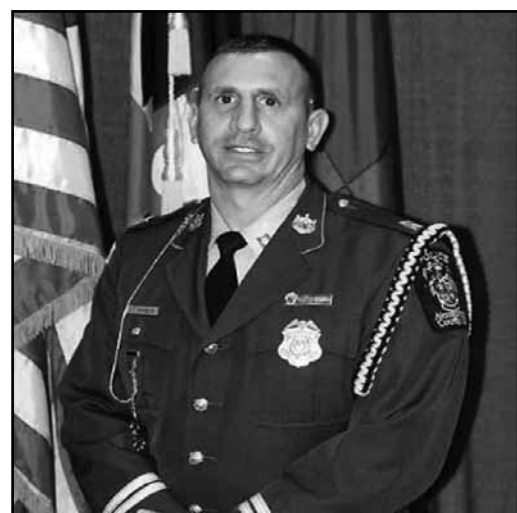
The county council approved the nomination on March 12.

While he was commander of the Germantown District, Reynolds oversaw the policing of Poolesville and the Upcounty. He was a frequent visitor to the area and spoke at the monthly commissioners' meetings on occasion.

Assistant Chief Reynolds began his career with Montgomery County as a civilian in the Office of Budget Management in 1988. In 1989, Chief Reynolds attended the police academy, and his first assignment was as a patrol officer in the 5th District (Germantown) where he remained until his

promotion to sergeant in 1996. While holding the rank of sergeant, Chief Reynolds was assigned as the administrative assistant to the Field Services Bureau and as a patrol supervisor in the Germantown District. In 1998, Chief Reynolds was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as the deputy commander of the 4th District (Wheaton) station. In February 2000, Chief Reynolds was promoted to captain and became the commander of the 2nd District Station (Bethesda). Following his command assignment, Chief Reynolds held the position of personnel division director, and training and education division director. Chief Reynolds's most recent position was commander of the 5th District (Germantown) station where he had been assigned since August 2010.

Chief Reynolds received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from Florida State University. He later earned a Master of Science Degree in Business from Johns Hopkins University. Chief Reynolds is a graduate of the 224th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy.



Commander Luther Reynolds promoted to MCP Assistant Chief.

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Tidbits

MCA Announces Ag Reserve Essay Contest

Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) has announced an essay contest through which students at Poolesville, Clarksburg, or Damascus High Schools will have an opportunity to share their interest in preserving agricultural land in Montgomery County. All junior and senior students are eligible to participate. The first-place winner of the essay contest will receive a monetary award of \$1,000. Awards will also be presented to the second-place and third-place winners.

MCA is an organization dedicated to the preservation of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve and the promotion of agriculture as a catalyst for economic growth. The purpose of the contest is to inspire future leaders of our community to embrace the important role of agriculture in Montgomery County's socio-economic framework and to gain

greater insights into the views of our next generation.

Essays need to be received by MCA by 6:00 p.m. on May 31, 2013. For a complete copy of essay requirements and rules, interested students may contact Kristina Bostick at 301-602-4013 or by email at kristina@mocoalition.org

Neville and Prentice Engaged

Michael and Pamela Neville of Poolesville announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Lynn, to William Prentice, son of William and Corey Prentice of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The bride-to-be graduated in 2007 from Poolesville High School and earned a degree in Education and Environmental Science from the University of Wyoming in 2011. She is currently employed as a STEM Coordinator in Raleigh, North Carolina. The prospective groom received a degree in Education from the University of Wyoming and works as a first grade teacher in Raleigh, North Carolina.

A June 2013 destination wed-



Poolesville's Erica Lynn Neville and William Prentice announce their engagement.

ding is being planned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The couple will reside in Apex, North Carolina.

Poker for Charity at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host its second Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Friday, April 5, with the first deal at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Rector, The Reverend Tom Purdy, admits, "It threw people off initially, but when we explained what we were trying to do, they came aboard pretty quickly." The tournament does not involve the betting of any actual money, and all money raised goes right back out the door to two local outreach efforts: WUMCO Help and the Gathering Place Senior Center in Beallsville.

How does a church end up holding a poker tournament? "We are always looking for ways to support local help agencies," Purdy explains, "and we also like to be creative." After realizing that there were quite a few people playing recreational poker in the local community, it occurred to Purdy that there was a way to use that energy and interest for good. Players of all skill levels and experience are encouraged to attend, and there will be opportunities to buy back in or join a secondary table even if you bust on the first round.

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Local News

Poolesville Pastor Bill to Stay

Rev. Bill Maisch, who has filled the Memorial Methodist pulpit on an interim basis since this past November, can drop the word "interim" from his title. At the beginning of the worship service on Sunday, March 3, it was announced by Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman Gary Hartz that Bishop Marcus Matthews had appointed Rev. Maisch as permanent pastor at Memorial. The announcement was met with a standing ovation from the congregation. In response to the warm reactions from his flock, Pastor Maisch said that he was "thrilled" with his appointment and looked forward to the spiritual journey that lies ahead for him and the Memorial family.

Rev. Maisch holds of a Master of Divinity degree (2005) from

Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., but he is not new to the Upcounty area. He served at Dickerson United Methodist Church for over a three-year period commencing in 2002.

Prior to following his call to pastoral mission, he served for twenty-five years in the U.S. Air Force. His career included an extraordinary broad accomplishment, ranging from combat pilot to strategic assignments in national security-related work at very high levels in Washington, D.C.

Bill is married to the former Jill Allen Jachowski, a science teacher at Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksburg. They reside in Damascus and have six children.



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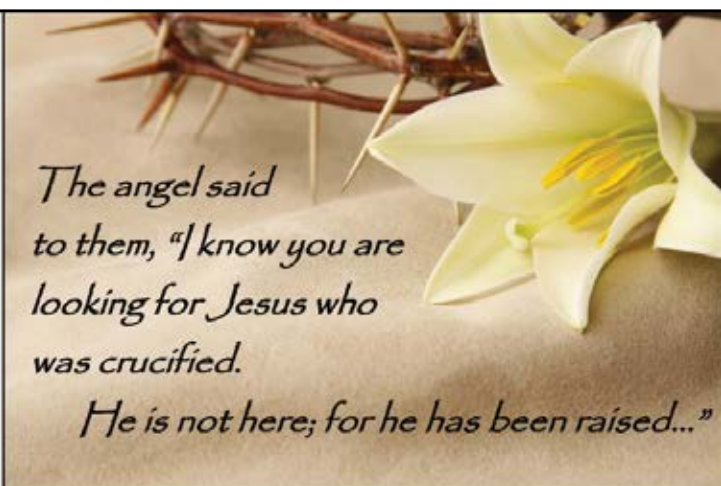


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March 24—Palm Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am
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Children's Maundy Thursday, 4:00 pm
March 29—Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 pm
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teacher, originally from Bhutan, will lead a Phowa retreat from March 22 to March 26. Phowa is the traditional Buddhist teaching and method for the transference of consciousness at the time of death.

Of course, the public remains invited to visit the seven-acre temple grounds and the sixty-five-acre Peace Park during daylight hours, which contains walking trails, Stupas, prayer wheels, and meditation benches. Stupas are ancient forms of Buddhist architecture that are considered to embody the enlightened mind. One of the main features of the temple, the twenty-four-hour prayer vigil dedicated to peace and begun in 1985, will be maintained privately by the site’s resident monks and nuns with the help of a small group of friends, thereby continuing the unbroken stream of prayers. People may still request prayers for loved ones at www.tara.org.

“We’ve kept the doors open for twenty-eight years,” said founder and spiritual director, Jetsunma Ahkon Lhamo, who created the twenty-four-hour prayer vigil. “So many people, both local and far away, let me know how much they have been helped in times of difficulty by finding a place to come and be at peace at all hours of day and night.”

The members of KPC are making an urgent appeal to those who have participated, visited, or benefited from the temple and may want to make a contribution. Claire Waggoner, president of KPC, says, “KPC Temple has

been a source of refuge for those needing sanctuary, and we are committed to reopening with the help of the community near and far who value this place.”



Kunzang Palyul Choling (KPC), the Tibetan Buddhist Temple in Poolesville, will be closed for renovations.

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even higher had revenues (taxes, impact fees) from the new homes not offset some of the need for an increase already. He maintained that most of the pressure for an increase comes from an aging infrastructure, material cost of operation, and the decision to hire new personnel, something that has been requested but delayed for some years now.

Commissioner Halbrook voiced his agreement with a “stand-alone” water/wastewater budget that no longer uses a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the W/WW budget and stated that he hopes the increase in the rate will cover the costs of operations and that future rate increases will not be required or be as high to maintain that objective.

As part of commission president Jim Brown’s initiative to keep economic development and

business growth and retention at the forefront of the commissioner’s priorities, Mike Knapp, CEO of Orion Ventures, LLC attended the meeting and reported directly to the commissioners on his immediate goal to assist the town in finding an appropriate firm that can manage the marketing of the town and its assets to firms or organizations associated with outdoor recreation, agricultural/equestrian industry, or other economic potentialities yet to be identified.

In attendance and introduced at the meeting were Dean and Patrick DePasquale of Delmar Deli Provisions, a Boar’s Head Brand deli food distributor. The purpose of their visit, requested by Brown, was to present the firm as a model of the kind of economic impact professional marketing of Poolesville might bring to the town. The DePasquales recently purchased land in the center of town to build a new distributor-

ship warehouse, and additionally, three family members have recently purchased new homes in Poolesville. The new facility would bring new employment opportunities (estimated to be fifteen employees) and, ultimately, a new retail deli offering Boar’s Head fare could be opened on the site. In addition to this economic boon, the DePasquales have made a concerted effort to hire local firms to assist them in designing and building the new facility.

Two representatives of Poolesville Military Support Group, Carl Hobbs and Paul Kelly, presented a request for financial support for the organization’s plan to hold their outdoor picnic outing for wounded warriors from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center this coming June at White’s Ferry.

Easter Week

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

† **Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm**
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† **Good Friday, March 29, 7:00pm**
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† **Easter Sunday, March 31,**
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in accordance with the Master Plan, and a service or product that fills a specific community need. Some of the proposed incentives might include tax abatement, low interest loans, modifications in permitting, ordinance, or zoning based on a grid of priorities that benefit the town.

Brown emphasized that all proposals are in the earliest stages of consideration as the commissioners explore a policy that will establish Poolesville as a highly-business-friendly town with caring and friendly businesses serving the public.

He reported that the members of the Planning Commission are painstakingly reviewing possible changes in zoning that may help the economic development of the town. He

envisioned possibilities that Poolesville might become an outdoor recreational magnet or perhaps a service center to the agricultural or equestrian industries. He asked the business people in attendance and all commercial entities in general, to join in the dialogue, welcoming them to the table of discussion.

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March 22

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Free tax assistance by appointment only is available for seniors and people of low to moderate income. Call 240-777-2577 Monday through Friday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.) to schedule an appointment. Poolesville Library, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Baseball

Richard Montgomery. 3:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Softball

Richard Montgomery. 3:30 p.m.

March 23

PHS Varsity Lacrosse

Northwest. Boys: 10:00 a.m., Girls: 12:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Tony Grasso. 8:30 p.m.

March 25

Poolesville Library Book Discussion Group

Featured book *Call Me Ted*, the autobiography of media magnate Ted Turner. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk. 7:00 p.m.

March 26

PHS Varsity Boys' Lacrosse

Watkins Mill. 10:00 a.m. Springbrook. 4:00 p.m.

March 27

Connection Café

Hosted by Berry Thompson, offering his extensive computer expertise for those with computer questions. You'll find him and the café in Speer Hall, the white building toward the back of the church grounds. Poolesville Presbyterian Church. 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 29

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Brian Keith Gross. 8:30 p.m.

April 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 2

PES Community Service Project Planning Meeting

Come be a part of the planning of an amazing project to spruce up and landscape Poolesville Elementary School. On May 4 and 5, hundreds of volunteers will be at the school painting, landscaping, fixing, and cleaning. Come be a part of a wonderful event. Poolesville Elementary School, Room 18, 6:15 p.m.

Visit Monocacy Elementary School

For all parents of 2013-2014 kindergarteners who live in the Monocacy and Poolesville School area to learn more about the school (Poolesville parents have the option to send their children to MES). Visit the open house, tour the building, and enjoy a reception provided by the PTA. Child care will be provided. 7:00 p.m.

April 3 to 7

Shades of Spring

Art League of Germantown's art show and sale. BlackRock Center for the Arts. Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (wine reception Wednesday at 5:30); Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. BlackRock Center for the Arts.

April 3

PHS Varsity Girls' Lacrosse

Quince Orchard. 7:00 p.m.

April 4

PHS Varsity Volleyball

Wootton. Coed 5:15 p.m., Boys 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Assembly

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**April 5
Super 7 Bingo**

Carroll Manor Fire Company Auxiliary, Adamstown, 7 games Coach Purses, 7 games Longaberger Baskets, 7 games Cash, 3 specials/King Tuts. Refreshments available. \$20 per person, extra cards available. Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Games start: 7:00 p.m.
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**April 6
Clean Up Day at Riley's Lock**
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**April 11
Senior Citizens' Day Trip to Washington, DC**
Sponsored by the Gathering Place, this is a bus trip to D.C. to tour a museum, have lunch, walk around the Tidal Basin (hopefully cherry trees will still be in bloom). For details and to sign up, RSVP to Valaree Dickerson at 301-349-2799 or Info@seniorgathering-place.org. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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By Jack Toomey

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County residents were awaiting the release of a new book called *Hoodwinked Justice* which covered the trial of a Poolesville man who claimed that he was unfairly convicted of the sexual assault of a twelve-year-old girl.

March 3, 1925 George Crone purchased a sixty-two-acre farm on the Rockville Pike for \$7500.

March 5, 1925 The Rev. Nolan Harmon, pastor of the Rockville Methodist Church, gave an address at the Dickerson High School entitled "Public Opinion." The speech was followed by a minstrel show given by members of the Barnesville Community League.

March 12, 1925 The scarcity of farm labor was so acute in Montgomery County that some farmers, especially those without sons, said that they were considering putting their farms up for sale. It was said that the wages paid in Washington, D.C. were much higher than farm work in the county.

Mr. Blackwell and his wife were judged insane by the Montgomery County Commission and committed to the insane asylum at Crownsville, Maryland.

March 18, 1925 It was announced that the Montgomery County Baseball League for the 1925 season would consist of eight teams. Rockville, Glen Echo, Bethesda, Silver Spring, Gaithersburg, Boyds, Dickerson, and Poolesville would all compete.

The Rockville Fire Department was very busy on this day. They first responded to a fire in the house of Mr. Beach on the Rockville Pike. They were no

sooner finished with that task when they received an alarm for fire in some haystacks on the farm of George Walters at Boyds. While they were still fighting the haystack fire, they learned that Mr. Kephart's home at Redland was on fire. They hurried there and met the Sandy Spring and Kensington Departments, but their efforts were for naught as the mansion was destroyed.

March 29, 1925 Tech High School of Washington traveled to Poolesville to take on the Briar-

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Mama Boe

The Flavor of Grandma

We try to have weekly family meals. The whole gang loves it, with the slight exception of Critter who hates anything that drags him away from playing—even if it’s an amazingly-scrumpdiligious menu like homemade noodles or chicken and dumplings. I tell you, how he came from my womb is beyond me—and no, I didn’t drop him as a baby—much.

During our last family meal, Grandma Jane couldn’t make it. She’s got one hell of a social life, that woman. She’s always going out to dinner or to shows or lectures or ballets. Her past includes such accolades as former congressional aide, former manager to the national chapter of Kiwanis, past president of numerous charitable and volunteer groups,

and most impressively, mother of two exceptional boys who grew into mover and shakers—oh, and me—but she tries not to mention that if she can help it. Two out of three ain’t bad, after all. I jest. She loves me more than she knows. I tell her that all the time.

Back to dinner last week: Grandma was busy, so Critter was at the table with us, actively avoiding his veggies and, out of nowhere, whispered, “Dinner tastes better when Grandma is here.” My Captain and Varmint missed it, but I caught it—and if you don’t think I shared that little epiphany with Grandma Jane, you’re woefully mistaken.

There is something about having Grandma around, so entirely accessible, that gives our family so much more depth. It calms me because she’s my ma, after all. She is a sounding board for Varmint, when Varmint’s mama is not approachable on any given subject. She’s a safe

haven for Critter, when he’s been constantly disciplined at school and at home. She gives assurance to My Captain that his wife just might one day grow up.

It’s a dagnab shame that everyone is not as lucky. It’s sad that not everyone can go to Grandma’s orchard for a liberating run in the sunshine after a long school day, and it’s amazing that Critter, at such a young age, appreciates the value in having Grandma so deeply enmeshed in his life. That’s rare—and not a bad lesson for me. I’d do well to take heed. Let me promise you this: It’s not the orchard; it’s not the proximity; it’s not even the sunshine. It’s her sure promise of open arms.

Some day I’m going to be that: the one with open arms. There are people whose life’s goal is to become president, or a doctor, or a school teacher, or a firefighter, or a businessman. Those are all noble professions.

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Fire Incidents Brush Fire 14900 block of Berryville Road, 16800 block of Riffle Ford Road.

Past Crime

March 26, 1909 The Anti-Saloon League was active in Montgomery County gathering evidence against those who sold or consumed liquor. The most recent session of the grand jury indicted thirty people on liquor related charges.

March 27, 1906

The Montgomery County grand jury returned thirty-three indictments. Among them were three people indicted for playing craps, two for placing obstructions on the railroad tracks, and two for maintaining a disorderly house.

The same grand jury recommended that detectives be employed to stop the infiltration of liquor into the county. It was said that the border between Washington and Montgomery County was porous and that persons with

whiskey freely entered the county at will.

April 5, 1907

The State Department sent a formal inquiry to Sheriff Collins at Rockville concerning the arrest of the chauffeur of the Ambassador of Hungary. It seemed that the chauffeur was operating an auto in the vicinity of the Glen Echo post office when the car was flagged by Collins for not having Maryland license tags or a Maryland operators permit. The chauffeur argued that since he was operating the ambassador's car that he enjoyed diplomatic immunity.

April 5, 1910

A Baltimore woman, described as "fat and shabby", was found guilty by a Rockville jury of defrauding several county farmers. Elizabeth Young was said to have befriended widowers and after developing a relationship she took off with their money. One man who was eighty-two years old testified that Young demanded that he shave off his beard before she took his money.

April 8, 1907

Sheriff Collins traveled to Georgetown to view the body of a man who drowned after jumping into the canal. It had been believed that the man was the one who was wanted for assault in Rockville.

Local News

Kuhlman Recipient of PACC Community Service Award

Former Poolesville Commissioner Eddie Kuhlman was awarded the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Community Service Award for 2013.

Kuhlman, a life-long resident of Montgomery County, whose career has spanned being a farmer to a commercial realtor, was also a founding member of PACC. He served for a total of sixteen years as a commissioner of the Town of Poolesville and as president of the commission for twelve of those years, ending in 2012.

Hilary Schwab, president of the PACC, noted hallmarks of his time as commissioner of Poolesville: maintained small town ambience with sustainable, manageable growth; balanced the budget; and always maintained an unrestricted cash reserve to protect the financial stability of the town. Other areas of public service were also noted, including years serving on the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Maryland

Municipal League, where he served in various leadership roles.

In conclusion, Schwab told Kuhlman, "Eddie, you have been a tireless supporter of this town and its residents and businesses. You have gone beyond the call of duty to volunteer your time to this community. The chamber salutes all of your efforts and would like to present you with the 2013 PACC Community Service Award."



PACC President Hilary Schwab presents Eddie Kuhlman with the 2013 Community Service Award.

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**"Boys' Basketball Champs"
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capping off a dominating, 21-3, season. Coach Robert Mowan was starting his ninth season at Poolesville and knew that the team's hallmark quick play and fast break running game would have to be at least as good again if the Indians were to win the state championship for the second time in the school's history.

The Poolesville 1963 senior class had twenty-five boys in a class of forty-seven students, but as a class C team, they were used to playing much larger schools like Springbrook, Walt Whitman, and Einstein. The starting lineup for the Indians consisted of Eugene Hamilton, Bob Lawson, Leonard Ramey, Eddie Sewell, and Otho Thompson, but just as importantly, they had a strong and experienced bench with veterans Charles Elgin, Charlie Jamison, Bubby Burdette, and Steve Johnson. Joining the varsity in 1963 were Grant Bell and George Lyles. Veteran player Sylvester Prather became ill and

couldn't finish the season, missing the state tournament altogether.

Despite returning talent, the Indians got off to a rough start, losing three of their first five games. Two of those losses were by only one point, and the coach warned them that they were being too easygoing and that they had to settle down and stay focused. Forward Bob Lawson reflected on the slow start and told the *Monocle* that despite the record, "we knew we had the potential to get back to the championships at Maryland University." They did get their heads on straight, and the team went on to win seven of their next nine games. They won four of the last five games of the regular season, losing only to Springbrook, a team that had already beaten them, 48-47, at the beginning of the season.

Bob Lawson, a starter for both championship teams, had never played high school basketball until he was a junior. "The coach recruited me for my height even though I was only six foot. I told him I didn't think I could shoot, but he said not to worry, just get the rebound and get the ball to

Sewell." Eddie Sewell at only 5' 9" was deadly from the corner.

One highlight of the regular season came in a game against Longfellow High School, a team they beat, 94-11. The score was so high and lopsided, the boys were thrilled to listen to a Buffalo AM sports station that night and hear the results of their game being announced to the whole East Coast of the United States.

The 1962-1963 state tournament opened up against Southern Maryland's Margaret Brent High School, a team the Indians handled well the previous year by beating them, 85-41. Once again, MBHS was held to forty-one points, but this time Poolesville racked up 102 points as they headed into the next round against upper Marlboro's Frederick Sasser High School, beating them, 75-63.

Perhaps the true championship game was in the semifinals. Both teams believed that whichever team won the semifinal would go on to win the state championship. The boys' confidence ebbed a bit against Robert Moton High School since it was a team that had lost

only three games in the previous three years; however, their quick-style offense coupled with strong defense proved to be the deciding factor as the Indians won, 67-64.

Poolesville went on to win the state championship again, this time against Garnett High School, 99-77. The opponents, down by twenty points in the final seconds of the game, surprised the Poolesville Indians by freezing the ball. Knowing they were going to lose, Garnett's new goal became stopping PHS from scoring one hundred points.

The Poolesville Indians finished the year, 17-6, but if you had asked anyone at the start of the season, when their record was 2-3, if they were to be repeats as state champs, you were not going to find many believers outside of the players and coach. Fifty years ago, at the darkest moment of their season, the Poolesville basketball boys regained their focus and purpose, and brought home, once again, the state championship.

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8, 9:30, and 11 am - Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28

9 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm - Mass & Procession / 9 to 11 pm - Adoration

Good Friday, March 29

9 am Morning Prayer

3 pm - Stations of the Cross presented by our Youth

7:30 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30

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Sunday, March 24

9:30 & 11am – Palm Sunday Services

Thursday, March 28

7pm – Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Communion

Friday, March 29

7pm – Fellowship

8pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31

630am – Easter Sunrise Service (Sugarloaf Mtn.)

930am – Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

11am – Easter Worship Service



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