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*Gina's Soul Party kept the crowd hopping at the Wine Down Festival. More Family Album pictures are on page 2.*



*Gina Grubb stepped down as coach; find out what's next for her on page 5.*



*The grand marshal for Poolesville Day 2015 has been selected. See Tidbits on page 7.*



*Tony Chmelik and Deacon Dave are on top of the world. Find out how they got there on page 8.*

## Countdown to Poolesville Day 2015

By Rande Davis

With just a little more than a month to go before Poolesville Day 2015 on September 19, the excitement is beginning to accelerate. The Poolesville Day committee has been working diligently since last January, and the result is that they are introducing many new aspects to the event which draws around ten thousand people.

Gina Beck, the marketing and promotional chair for the committee, provided the *Monocle* with the key things residents and businesses need to consider as we approach the festival.

Any potential exhibitors should not delay in sending in their applications along with their payments by August 19. After that, there will be a \$75.00 late fee added to the cost. Lynne and John Rolls do a great job managing the parade and, while there are no costs associated with it, applications need to be submitted very soon as well.



*Poolesville Day 2015 comes of age in a tech-savvy world.*

Beck says one key factor to a successful Poolesville Day is having enough concerned citizens willing to pitch in as a volunteer on the big day.

The committee only asks persons to help for a couple of hours during the

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## William (Bill) Francis Carroll

William (Bill) Francis Carroll, 85, of Poolesville, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He was married to Joan Titus Carroll for nearly fifty-five years.

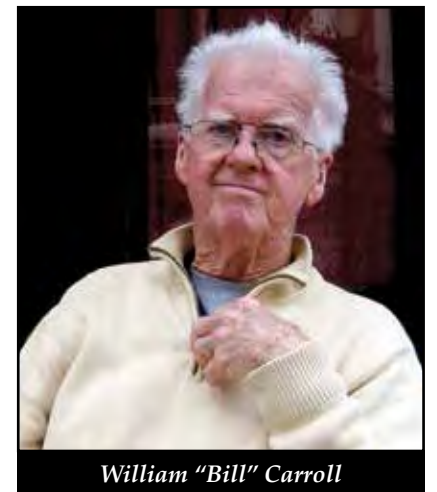
Born in the Bronx, New York, on September 14, 1929, he was the son of the late Francis Anthony Carroll and Nora Madeline Casey. He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Roinick, step-sister Frances Baker, and niece Gena Proulx.

At age sixteen, Bill joined the Merchant Marines, and then in 1948, he joined the U.S. Navy. His four years of service found him on the USS Salem working as a machinist's mate. He served in the Korean Conflict. Bill worked for the railroad in Pennsylvania and New Jersey before joining Stone & Webster as a land surveyor. It was this job that brought him to Poolesville where he met his future bride, Joan.

Bill and Joan were married on November 20, 1960. They moved several times, living in Virginia and Florida for Bill's career, before returning to Poolesville to raise their young family. Bill

joined Kidde Consultants in 1969, working as a land surveyor, and retired as a senior associate in 1991. Bill stayed active during retirement, working twenty years at Professional Cleaners, making him a prominent face in the Poolesville community. He also performed local fieldwork duties for the Census Bureau and worked in an official capacity during local and national elections.

Bill was a member of the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church and participated in a variety of church-related activities. He also volunteered with WUMCO Help, where he picked up and delivered donations. Several mornings a week, Bill could be found with his McDonald's buddies enjoying a cup of hot coffee and discussions ranging from politics to aging to local gossip. Bill's hobbies included golf, reading, travel, gardening, cooking and enjoying a delicious variety of food, and music. Joan considered Bill to be a "Renaissance Man" because of his intellectual knowledge, appreciation of art, extensive travel, and love of literature. Above all else, Bill enjoyed



*William "Bill" Carroll*

visiting and traveling with family members, including all fifty states and six of the seven continents.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; his children, Colleen (Mike) Campbell of Dutton, Montana, Melanie (Nick) Psaltakis, of Poolesville, Billy (Emma) Carroll, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Jessie Campbell, Jake (Kendra) Campbell, Peter, Jordan, and Matthew Psaltakis,

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# Family Album



*The Wine Down Festival*



*Maybe Zach Etheridge's summer Camp EZ should be called Camp Funny Face.*



*at Whaler Commons*



*Squat thrusts can be tough, even at Camp EZ.*



*Laurie Savage of Savage Acres Farm in Dickerson spoke to the Monocacy Lions about dairy farming in Montgomery County, pictured here with John Clayton, Monocacy Lions first vice-president.*

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### Fatal Accident in Dawsonville

Detectives with the Montgomery County Police Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) are investigating a fatal collision that occurred in Dawsonville on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:03 p.m.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a 2003 silver Chevrolet S10 Trailblazer with three occupants was traveling toward Poolesville on Route 28 approaching the White's Ferry Road (Route 107) intersection. At the same time a 2008 silver Honda Accord, also with three occupants, was traveling toward Rockville on Darnestown Road. For reasons under investigation, the Trailblazer crossed the centerline on the curve in the road, struck the Accord, left the road, and struck a tree. Two of the passengers of the Trailblazer, identified as Tiffany Nicole Bein, age 23 of

Clarksburg, and John Gilbert Reyes, age 23, of Germantown, were ejected from the Trailblazer. Bein was transported to Suburban Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Reyes remains in critical condition at the Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

The driver of the Trailblazer, identified as Torray James, Jr., age 26, of Baltimore, was not ejected, suffered non-life-threatening injuries, and was transported to Suburban Hospital. Alcohol is a possible contributing factor in this fatal collision.

The driver of the Honda, Janet Yeboah, 47 years old, of Germantown and the front seat passenger, Sylvester Yeboah, 31 years old, of Germantown, were transported to Shady Grove Hospital with minor injuries. The rear seat passenger, Drew Brown, 18 years old, was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with minor injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620.

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### Countdown to Poolesville Day 2015

event so that they, too, can join in all the fun. Those willing to step forward and help can visit the website, [poolesville-day.com](http://poolesville-day.com), and fill out a volunteer form.

This year, keep your eyes to the sky, smile, and be sure to wave as Brewer Aerial Photography will be operating a drone that will be shooting photos and videos which will be available for viewing after the event.

Staying with the new technology theme, competing high school students will be taking pictures all day long and then immediately posting them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram while the festivities are still going on. The photo contest winner will have his or her photos featured in a subsequent *Monocle*. PHS students wanting to join in the contest as an official Poolesville Day social media volunteer should watch for information from the school's media department at the beginning of school. Additionally, the photographers will also qualify for SSL hours.

For the first time, there will be a shuttle bus service from various parking lots to the various entry points along Fisher Avenue. With Tractor Supply now open, parking is expected to be tighter this year. Details of this service will be made available a couple weeks prior to Poolesville Day and will also be in the *Monocle's* annual guide to Poolesville Day.

The committee has found a way to have fun and help good causes as well. For the first time, the annual car show will benefit the Matthew J. Williquette

Montgomery College scholarship fund by hosting a silent auction, corn hole tournament, and selling MJW merchandise.

This year, the annual PACC 5K Run/Walk will dedicate the event to Coach Kevin Dorsey's family, and funds from the race as well as additional donations made by participants will be given to the Dorsey Fund. The Dorsey Fund supports the Dorsey family by helping to pay their bills while Kevin journeys through the challenges of ALS. Participants are encouraged to sign up early by visiting [poolesvillechamber.com](http://poolesvillechamber.com).

This year's featured entertainment, the Hardin Draw, hales from Nashville, Tennessee with Poolesville native Jason Dietz on bass. The group of seven musicians complements each other's eclectic musical backgrounds to create a unique style which is rapidly gaining recognition. They will be coming to Poolesville after performing at the Moody Roots Music Festival in Cookeville, Tennessee. Opening for the headlining band is Poolesville's very popular Smoke n' Mangos.

In addition, the day presents the Maryland Agriculture Mobile Lab and Exhibit featuring hands-on activities for the kids along with a livestock display and pony rides. Poolesville Green will display different types of electric (EV) and plug-in hybrid electric (PHEV) vehicles and will provide rides/drives by the owners.

For all the details, be sure to watch for the *Monocacy Monocle's* Guide to Poolesville Day out September 11 or visit [PoolesvilleDay.com](http://PoolesvilleDay.com).

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## Commentary

### That's Entertainment?

By John Clayton

The summer is truly almost over when my friend and partner in frustration emails me that our Redskins tickets have arrived. Yes, I admit it; I actually pay for two season tickets (and parking) to the Washington Redskins. They get sent to him, so we meet for lunch, he hands over the tickets, and we solve the problems of the world over a fine meal. One of our running jokes, of course, involves Kool Aid. When we decided last winter to go in for another season, I said "Well, I'm sure I have some more Kool Aid somewhere." Clearly, for spending our hard-earned money on this and enduring the agonies of the overall Fed Ex field experience, we must be drinking something that affects our better judgment. By any measure, those who shun the Kool Aid can sit comfortably at home watching the Redskins, and say, "At least I didn't pay to see this."

I thought that was how I was going to feel about the recent Republican debates, but actually I thought it was a pretty good show. It's impossible not to say something about Donald Trump, but I won't say much, because what hasn't been said already? However, it is worthy of note that he may be the first person who made me stand up for Fox News, I thought the moderators were great. This is no surprise with Chris Wallace, who has been around for a while and is as good as anyone anywhere, and I didn't really know Megyn Kelly or Brett Baier, but they worked well as a team and didn't throw any soft pitches to anyone. The news of course is all about Trump's attempts to discredit Kelly, but my question to Trump and his sympathizers would be, "Do you really think these were tough questions?" You haven't seen anything yet. Wait until the field gets smaller and you get even more attention; the other networks are waiting. All the uproar has been about Trump's umbrage over the fat pig question from Kelly, but by far the toughest questioning was from Wallace concerning Trump's "proof" over Mexican government complicity in illegal immigration. Wallace even gave him thirty more seconds to dance, which is about all he did. Nevertheless, Trump chose to attack Kelly over her questions. I wonder why?

The debates (I only saw highlights of the preliminary bout) did serve to reshuffle and perhaps winnow the field somewhat, and public opinion polls, voting, and campaign funding (not in that order) will continue to move candidates off the island. What the debate really suggested was how incredibly boring the Democratic debates might

be in comparison. This is not a given, and many things could change, but it doesn't look real sporty right now.

First, I am not of the position that there needs to be a buffoon to make it interesting, whoever that may have been (Those of you in the back shouting "They've got a buffoon, too" just sit down.) but I just don't see any fireworks. Hillary is not a great speaker or debater. She's smart and experienced and all that, but she hasn't really embraced that show business part of the task that others find so natural, like her husband and the guy that beat her last time. Bernie Sanders may be the wild card as the wily socialist with rabid youth support, and James Webb pretty much has the middle-right aisle all to himself, but I just don't see the depth or variety of the Republican field. Favorite son Martin O'Malley owns the Future Boy card, just like Marco Rubio on the Republican side, but where is it taking him? Of course, Rubio has something that O'Malley doesn't have: enough poll points to be taken seriously. This must drive O'Malley nuts. He has eight years as a big-city mayor, eight years as a governor, and Rubio gets to be the next-gen whiz kid when he's only a first term U.S. Senator. Where have I heard that before? Didn't someone else make that leap?

Go Redskins. Cheer me up. The Nats aren't doing it yet.

## Rande(m) Thoughts

### I Love Recess

By Rande Davis

Even as a senior citizen, I miss recess. For reasons I probably don't have to explain, I have always preferred games that do not require great skill, and recess was all about fun activities that everyone could do. While others favored kickball or tag, my favorite was dodge ball. You win in dodge ball simply by being the last person standing. While some people choose to hide in the back to avoid being hit and removed from the game, others boldly step forward, challenging the thrower with bravado, confidently believing they will catch the ball and throw it back even harder at their opponent.

What got me thinking about dodge ball? It was watching the newest and, for me, the most exciting TV reality show to come about in a long time: the GOP presidential debates—both of them. As the old time Yankee game announcer, Phil Rizzuto, might say, "Holy cow, did you see that?!" My original thought was that so many voices would render the event valueless. I could not have been more

wrong. Some critics have chosen to be petty (envious?) and diminishing by referring to the crowded field of candidates as "a bunch of clowns in a car" (such is the state of respectful American political dialogue). I thought the debates presented a great diversity of backgrounds, ethnicity, gender, and, most importantly, a range of opinions within the full spectrum of Republican politics (yes, there is a spectrum to Republican politics). No matter anyone's personal opinion of Fox News, the moderators threw sharp and poignant questions that specifically targeted perceived weaknesses of each candidate. This was a night for dodge ball, not softball.

I have not been particularly outstanding in my political predictions, but if I had to pick today who I think will win next year, this is what I come up with: None of the current leading candidates (Trump, Bush, or Clinton) of either party will be on the ticket (in dodge ball, that's called trying to catch the ball rather than hide).

Who won the two debates? Let me put it this way. For me, the winner of the night was not the one hiding in the back strategizing how to just stay in the game, but the one who who boldly chose to try to catch the ball and throw it back harder. I think you will be hearing a lot from her as we go forward.


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August 15

**House of Poolesville Entertainment**  
Girl on Top Band. *On the patio.* 4:30 p.m.

August 17

**Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting**  
*Town Hall.* 7:30 p.m.

August 19

**Poolesville Area Senior Center Event**  
*Zumba Gold.* 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

August 20

**PASC Event**  
Diabetes and You. *Town Hall.* 7:00 p.m.

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August 26

**PASC Special Event**  
*Tai Chi.* *Whalen Commons.* 10:30 p.m.

August 27

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August 29

**House of Poolesville Entertainment**  
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## Local News

### Grubb Steps Down as Coach

Coaches, as with all leaders, often have to make tough decisions. For Gina Grubb, her decision to step down as head varsity field hockey coach at Poolesville High School was one of her harder ones.

She would be the first to tell you that in coaching there is so much more in team sports than wins and losses; nevertheless, her fifteen years at the helm of the field hockey team brought some remarkable success. She converted her first year success of making it as a state finalist in 2001 to winning the state championship the very next year. PHS then made state semi-finals for the next three years then making the state finals in 2006 and 2007. Her teams continued their successful paths right through 2014 at the division and region level including being state semi-finalists in 2011, 2012, and 2014.

For Gina, building a successful team starts with building successful relationships. She is awed by the experience of watching her girls mature and succeed, first as athletes in high school, then in their future. She keeps in touch

with many past players through social media, often being invited to their weddings along the way. Being a successful mentor to scores and scores of young women started with having successful mentors herself. For her, the inspiration of her mentors started with her high school coach, Nancy Hopkinson, and included Laura Hennessey while coaching at Churchill, and PHS coach Fred Swick.

Continuing to grow as a coach has been essential to her game plan, especially in considering the variety of changes in the game from the days when she played. "It's a must faster game today, and there have been a number of rule changes that make the game more interesting to watch. I am the type to always try new things, not just things to better me but better my players as well."

Gina passionately reflected about her years coaching varsity field hockey and JV basketball and softball. For her, coaching and building an athletic program are all about mentoring the girls, building strong relationships with other people, learning how to win, learning how to lose, being part of a team, and building lasting friendships.

Over the years, her coaching approach has been highly-focused

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### Grubb Steps Down as Coach

on specific goals like ensuring that each girl has learned a lot, had a good time, developed her skills, and gained wonderful memories. "We have had some great, great years. It has been really exciting watching them learn so much and, for some, going on to play in college at the Division I, II, and III levels and at the club level. One of the most rewarding experiences is having former players come back and coach themselves. I love to sit back and watch them coach and see their enthusiasm for the game. It's pretty neat to see them in that light. I am very blessed to have so many former players give back to the program."

We talked with Gina about how far women's sports have come even since her time at PHS as a student. In middle school, there was no softball for her to play, so she played UMAC baseball with the boys. She played field hockey because there was no girls' soccer. At PHS, she played four years of varsity softball, field hockey, and basketball.

Gina will still be around to help the new varsity coach, Rachel Stream, another one of her former players turned coach, but for now she will concentrate on turning her focus on furthering her education by finishing up her master's in administration and leadership, and by staying attuned to new opportunities that may develop. She based her decision on her new schedule, which will take far too much from her time coaching, which for her is an extensive and sometimes exhaustive endeavor all by itself. "Staying

as the coach would not be fair to the girls. It wouldn't be fair to the girls if I couldn't put in the time required to continue the success."

She feels good about her decision for herself and for the field hockey team. "I think Rachel will do a great job. She knows the game, she works well with the girls, she is ready for the challenge."

It's hard for her to choose any one team or season over another, but a few highlights include winning a state championship, having the opportunity to coach so many talented athletes and seeing them play at the state level, watching the excitement on the faces of the players when all their hard work paid off and they scored that winning or go ahead goal or won in overtime or in strokes, the late night creative ways the players came up with to decorate her house, and most of all, just watching each of them grow in the game of field hockey and into mature young women.

Gina will continue as a health and PE teacher and as assistant athletic director, working with athletic director Ed Ross in building the school's sports program. As assistant athletic director, she continues to enjoy being part of the successful athletic program at the school. "I love working with Ed."

Perhaps Ross says it best and speaks for many when he reported to the Monocle, "I think Gina Grubb is a proven, successful teacher-coach who has always given her best efforts to the young people she has coached. We will miss her as a head coach, but Gina pursues an opportunity to lead educators as an administrator, and MCPS needs people with her genuine character."

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### William (Bill) Francis Carroll

Tomas (Amanda Spence) Carroll and Cody Carroll; and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a nephew, Gene Roinick of California, and three step-sisters residing in New

York. He will be fondly remembered by family and many friends for his warm smile and sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to Poolsville Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 358, Poolsville, MD 20837.

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## Tidbits

### Grand Marshall Named For Poolesville Day 2015

The Poolesville Day Committee has chosen Grace Shepherd as grand marshal for this year's Poolesville Day festivities. Mrs. Shepherd, who has taught private preschool or public elementary children in the Poolesville area for over forty years, is currently a second grade teacher at Poolesville Elementary. She is well regarded and beloved for her gentle, patient, and personally-effective style of reaching young children educationally. A tribute to her will be in the September 12 Poolesville Day Guide of the *Monocacy Monocle*.

### Time to Give Back to Jane

A partnership of groups and individuals has come together to give back to Jane Stearns, the founder of WUMCO Help, Inc. For forty-five years, Jane has worked tirelessly and selflessly in the aid of those in need in our area. She has not only given of herself personally, but, since 1972, she has allowed WUMCO to use her home as a base of operation. WUMCO recently moved its offices to Poolesville Baptist Church. Now that Jane is in her eighties and widowed, members of WUMCO, Hands of Love, and Brice Halbrook representing the town commission are planning to turn the tables on Jane this October by making significant repairs to her home. Jane never used any money from WUMCO for needed repairs to the offices in her home. The Help Jane Stearns Committee is making a request for donations throughout

the community. Folks willing to give money/their time this fall may step forward by visiting [www.crowdrise.com/GivingBacktoJane](http://www.crowdrise.com/GivingBacktoJane).

### Downey Child Born

Rosemary Arya Downey, the first child of Juliana Davis Downey (PHS Class of 2000) and her husband John, was born on August 6. Rosemary, who is named after the late mother of her father, weighed in at eight lbs., ten ounces. Her very proud and thrilled grandparents are Rande and Laura Davis.

### Guilmartin Assumes Command

Army Col. Ginge Guilmartin, daughter of Judy Ohr of Poolesville, assumed command of the 16th Military Police Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina in early July. Colonel Guilmartin



Poolesville's Judy Ohr with daughter Colonel Ginge Guilmartin.

is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, as well as the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. She received her Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University. Guilmartin served one tour in Iraq and two in Afghanistan.

## Youth Sports PAA Football to Host Jamboree

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville Athletic Association's Junior Football Program will host a football jamboree on August 15 at Muldoon Farms, in Poolesville. "The jamboree is a day where we will host seventy to eighty different teams, giving them short scrimmages with each other," says PAA football commissioner Mark Kasten. "In the preseason, teams try to arrange scrimmages against other programs to run their offense and defense. We are offering this opportunity to teams so they can scrimmage three or more teams in one day."

There are approximately eighty players participating in PAA football this fall on five teams, ranging from five to fourteen years of age. PAA football will be joining the Carroll County Youth Football and Cheerleading League (CCYFCL) for the 2015 season. The league is overseen by USA Football (which is sanctioned nationwide) and puts the highest priority on safety and sportsmanship.

"We have worked hard with Coaches Gant and Murray of Poolesville High School the past two years to develop a relationship between our programs. The PHS football program has been very supportive of our organization. They help us to raise funds by participating in car washes, the jamboree, and supporting clinics that we've hosted. PHS administration has also been very supportive by allowing us to use the PHS facilities to host football games. Teams love to come to play in Poolesville. They enjoy playing on our field and the community support they get while they are here.

"Home games, played at PHS, are a lot of fun. The concession stand operates at full gear. There are fans in the stadium, and it is a community event. We anticipate hosting four or five home games this season. Last year, we had a few teams that saw some success and had a few wins, but we only had one team make the end-of-season playoffs. We definitely have some outstanding athletes throughout all of the teams and age ranges.

"To increase community awareness of the program, we have been using Facebook and the Poolesville Athletic Association's email distribution



PAA summer training at Whalen Commons.

"Many of the teams that we played against last year in Mid Maryland Youth Football & Cheer League (MMYFCL) decided to leave the organization and recreate a Carroll County league," said Kasten. "The purpose was to help build a football program that was in line with the program's expectations, spending Saturdays at the field with similar programs, developing camaraderie and competition between programs. Many of the participants in this program will go on to play each other in high school.

list to get the word out. We post to the Facebook Town of Poolesville group and we maintain our own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PaaFootball>.

"We also enjoy Poolesville Day, as we have participated in the Poolesville Day Parade for a few years now."

PAA football's goal is to teach the fundamentals of the sport and act as a feeder system to the local secondary schools. It stresses the welfare of each participant first and foremost, and to instill fair play and good sportsmanship.

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## Local News

### After 114 Years, Something New Came To St. Mary's Church

By Rande Davis

The folks at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville knew the steeple roof was due for repair, but it wasn't until a sign from heaven got their attention that they finally got moving on it. After the steeple was struck by lightning this past spring, which blew a hole in the roof, a partnership between church members and contractors began the tedious process of renovation. A milestone was crossed (pun intended) when the 114-year-old steeple cross was replaced on August 7.

The original wood-framed church of St. Mary's burned down in 1899. The *Montgomery Sentinel* reported that when "the back of the church fell in, Miss Maime McDonald, sister of the priest, ran up into the gallery and rang the bell, escaping with slight burns on the hands by stuffing a handkerchief into her mouth to prevent smothering." The "new" building was dedicated on July 20, 1901 at a cost of \$10,000. The casting date on the bell is 1912.

With their mission clear, the scaffolding went up and the slate came off. East Coast Scaffolding was the erector with Mark Kerner, the owner, having many ties to the parish, including that his mother is buried in the church cemetery. East Coast Roofing (no connection) did the slate work and soldering of the tern metal. Mike Rimel, who was the craftsman doing much of the work, reported that "God



After 114 years a new cross is placed atop St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville.

must like me working on this church. When I drop something, it lands on the scaffold plank; on any other job it would have gone all the way to the ground." A parishioner, Ryan Henderson, worked on the masonry to make sure it is ready to meet the demands of the next hundred years. Tony Chmelik, of Chesky Construction, and Deacon David Cahoon of St. Joseph's Carpentry, oversaw the project.

St. Joseph's Carpentry did the scraping and repainting of the woodwork. A parishioner, Karen Kouneski (owner of Still Painting on Walls), gilded the new cross to replace the old rusted one. Stottlemeier Plastering will be doing the interior walls once the exterior is complete. With so many hardworking talented congregants and experts, St. Mary's looks forward to at least another 114 years of ringing the bell unless, of course, another sign from heaven drops by.



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## Youth Sports

### Strong Turnout for Young Soccer Camp

Over forty players from Damascus, Poolesville, and Clarksburg High Schools attended the 2nd Annual 4C Four County HS Prep Soccer Camp at Timber Ridge Recreation Center in Mt. Airy. The camp was for players planning on trying out for the girls' soccer programs at their local high schools. The pre-tryout camp has been running for eight years but has only been opened up to players from other schools other than Damascus High

School for the past three years. The 4C Camp consisted of five, three-hour intense training sessions that began each day with twenty to thirty minutes of speed, agility, core strengthening and conditioning led by John La Rocca, assistant coach of men's soccer at Frederick Community College (FCC).

Andrew Ratti, coach for the D.C. Stoddert club program, designed competitive and skill-building drills, creative play, and competitive games meant to knock the summer rust off each player's game and challenge them to try new things.

Rich Roby, head coach of men's soccer at FCC, worked out goalkeepers on three of the nights.



Photo by Lori Gruber

Soccer campers (L-R): Kelliann Lee, Kristen Durragh, Hailey Khalil, Megan Kouts, Karen Comfort, Izzy Markoff, Ali Markoff, Bridgette Hammet, Kenzie Mullet, Cassie Volkle, Rachel Macairan, Tori Gruber, Sammie Thomas, and Begonia Zapata. Front: Michelle Moraa.




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## Garden

### Hostas: The Practically Perfect Perennial

By Maureen O'Connell

Mary Poppins humbly declared herself "practically perfect in every way." Calling a perennial plant "perfect" or even "practically perfect" can stir up a lively debate among gardeners. Many gardens have different types of soil, topography, and climatic conditions. One plant can do very well in one garden and struggle in another. So what is a hosta's claim to fame? Hostas are low maintenance; they are, depending upon the variety, shade and sun tolerant, and they sport masses of fascinating decorative foliage differentiated by leaf color, texture, size, shape, and pattern. They are accented with elegant, tall, white or lilac bell-like summer blooms. Regarding hosta pests, they can be quite varied and localized. Slugs and deer are the main culprits. At my house on the Eastern Shore, the deer devour the lush leaves; in Barnesville, they ignore them. I haven't seen slugs for years.

Hosta is a genus of plants commonly known as hostas, plantain lilies, and sometimes by the Japanese name giboshi. Hostas are native to China, Japan, and Korea. They were brought from Japan to Europe in the late 1700s and to the United States in the middle 1800s. Today, there are about forty-five species with over 2,500 cultivars.

The size of both plant and leaf vary considerably, from one of the largest hostas available, 'Empress Wu,' reaching four feet in five years to the mini 'Blue Mouse Ears,' barely eight inches high. As the hostas mature, most develop a pleasing rounded shape.

Leaf color is the main distinguishing factor among the many different varieties. They may be a solid color such as blue-leafed *Hosta sieboldiana* 'Elegans,' the bright yellow of 'Dancing Queen,' the blue-green of 'Blue Mouse Ears,' the green of 'Niagara Falls,' to the gold of 'Marilyn Monroe.' Variegated specimens offer a kaleidoscope of mixed color patterns. Hosta 'Patriot' sports crisp white-edged green leaves; the leaves of 'Rainforest Sunrise' emerge light green, and they gradually develop dark green margins with a gold center; 'Touch of Class' sparkles with golden-chartreuse leaves banded in bright blue and a narrow strip of green. The vigorous

'Island Breeze' adds a golden hue to its variegated foliage.

All hostas bloom in summer with tall spikes of lavender to white flowers. They vary in size; the diminutive 'Blue Mouse Ears' (my favorite dwarf hosta) surprises you with its display of big lavender-and-white-striped flowers. Fragrant hosta flowers are hybridized from *Hosta plantaginea*. One of the best is 'Aphrodite' with double-flowered white blossoms with a lily-like fragrance.

Hostas have the reputation of requiring a shady location to thrive. That isn't entirely true. In fact, most do not thrive in deep shade. Shade can strengthen and help hostas retain leaf color, but it can slow growth and diminish flowering. Generally, the blue-leafed hostas require shade, while the gold, yellow, and white-leafed ones like a bit of sun. Do some experimenting to find the proper spot for your hostas. I have several beds in different light zones. Most of mine do very well with some dappled morning sun and afternoon shade.

Hostas can be planted in groups of several different varieties, but I think that the look is more interesting if other perennials are scattered amongst the hostas. I have a small garden of hostas under several white dogwood trees. They are all about twenty years old. Over the years, I have added Virginia bluebells, trillium, hellebores Lenten Rose, bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis* 'Alba') and *Polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegatum.' In early to mid-spring, the most awesome hosta bed comes alive with a mixture of several hosta varieties and ferns. The gray-green and wine-red fronds of the Japanese Painted Fern (*Athyrium niponicum pictum*) and the pale green fronds of the Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*) are the stars of the spring garden. In the summer, I add coneflowers to the scene.

Propagation of hostas is very easy. Use a sharp knife and cut through the clump. Spring division is the easiest, but you can also do this in late August and early September. The soil is warm and there is usually high humidity which will promote better root growth. Fall is a good time to put in new hosta plants. Keep them well watered for a few weeks if there are drought conditions.

The hostas on the market now are far from the limited varieties your grandmother grew. Shady garden spots do not have to be dull. There are hostas, great and small, for all gardens.

## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault:** 17400 block of Hoskinson Road, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

**Theft from vehicle:** 19200 block of Munger Avenue (two cases), 15600 block of Sugarland Road.

**Thefts:** 17700 block of Elgin Road, 20000 block of Haller Avenue, 18300 block of Jonesville Road.

**Liquor law violation:** 13400 block of Sycamore Landing Road.

**Drug arrest:** 19800 block of Martinsburg Road.

**Disorderly conduct:** 17400 block of Hughes Road, 18900 block of Peachtree Road.

### Past Crime

**August 14, 1909** Mrs. Clara Harris was found brutally beaten in a cornfield near her Travilah home. It was determined that an iron bar, twelve to fifteen inches in length, was used to assault her. Dr. Nourse came to the home and, after shaving her head, also discovered that she had been shot in the head by a .22 caliber revolver. The hunt was on for Ollie Harris, the nephew, who was said to own a gun of that caliber. Dr. Nourse said that her condition was critical. Indignation was common throughout the county and—while there was no talk of a lynching—what would happen to the man after his arrest could not be foretold. Sheriff Mullican spent the day in Washington running down leads and searching for the wanted man.

**August 20, 1909** Deputy game warden and former deputy sheriff Bradley was arrested by Deputies Counselmen and Embry for causing a ruckus at the home of Mrs. Ninnian Perry near Bethesda. It was said that Bradley, who was visiting

the home, kicked over a stove and became so objectionable that Mrs. Perry and her daughter had to flee through the fields to the home of a neighbor. Mrs. Perry also said that Bradley discharged a revolver into the ceiling.

**August 22, 1905** The Montgomery County Fair opened before a record crowd. During a baseball contest between Rockville and Poolesville, Deputy Sheriff Artemus Sullivan arrested a man who gave his name as Frank Jackson. Sullivan alleged that Jackson was running a traveling speakeasy and gambling operation. A satchel that Jackson was carrying was found to contain seven pints of whiskey, three pairs of dice, and a sweat cloth. He was placed in the Rockville jail.

**August 23, 1906** A Rockville butcher was the victim of a light-fingered Washington man at the county fair. The thief was seen to put his hand into the back pocket of the butcher by a special deputy who promptly arrested the suspect. When the Rockville man determined that he had lost only three dollars, he declined to press charges, and the thief was released. A few minutes later, he realized that money from another pocket and an eight-dollar winning race ticket was also gone. He found the deputy, but a search of the fairgrounds did not turn up the thief.

**August 26, 1906** In more fair news, fairgoers were witness to a serious brawl that broke out between two brothers at the fairgrounds in Rockville. James Beavers, a former deputy sheriff, was severely beaten by his brother Thomas. It was believed that the brothers argued over some property and that James struck the first blow. Thomas then retrieved a club and hit his brother several times over the head, rendering him unconscious. James was then placed in a carriage and was carried to his home where he was attended to by a doctor. Thomas was arrested and held in lieu of bail.

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## SECOND HAND SMOKE AND PETS

Dr. Peter Eeg, DVM

Most everyone knows smoking is bad for you, just ask the American Heart Association. Most people also understand that secondhand smoke can be dangerous to children. Sadly, few pet guardians realize how harmful smoking can be for their pets. Secondhand smoke poses real risks for the dogs and cats in our homes. Let's examine a few of the biggest pet health threats of smoking.

**Pet cancer and secondhand smoke:** 2.5 million adult nonsmokers have died from secondhand smoke since 1964, says the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), secondhand smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals; hundreds are toxic and at least 70 have been proven to cause cancer (learn answers to the five most common questions about cancer in dogs). This has led the CDC to proclaim, "There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke." In other words, any secondhand smoke is harmful.

While we don't have as much scientific research on dogs and cats about secondhand smoke, I have seen enough to understand that secondhand smoke causes many cancers in animals. Cancers such as malignant lymphoma in cats have been linked to smoke exposure, reports the American Journal of Epidemiology, perhaps more than doubling the risk of contracting this devastating disease. The biggest risk of smoking is, of course, cancer.

Dogs and cats are especially susceptible to cancer-causing components of secondhand smoke for a couple of important reasons:

- First, most of secondhand smoke's poisonous compounds are heavier than air. This means the bad stuff you blow out settles below, in direct contact with much smaller pets resting by your side. Every exhaled puff rains down a torrent of toxic chemicals into our pets' lungs, onto their fur, and onto our floors and furniture.

- Second, our pets groom their coats and skin and ingest these chemicals when they lick or chew.

Those are two major differences between adult smokers and animals, and they really increase the risk of disease and harm for our unsuspecting pets.

Making matters worse, is the fact that our pets' peril doesn't end when the smoker snubs out their tobacco and blows their last smoky sigh. It persists when they pounce on the couch, roll on the carpet, and sleep in their beds. The risk of cancer is nearly everywhere, on every surface and even has a new name: thirdhand smoke.

**Pets and thirdhand smoke:** Thirdhand smoke refers to the dust, residues and particulates created by secondhand smoke that land on surfaces. The foul odor, yellow staining and grungy feeling are confirmation of toxic, thirdhand smoke. Recent research, available at pnas.org, shows thirdhand smoke may be as harmful as secondhand smoke.

The University of Massachusetts released a study saying that serious oral cancers such as squamous cell carcinomas have been connected to environmental smoke exposure in pets. Meanwhile, Colorado State University conducted another study that showed cancers in the nasal passages, sinuses and mouth of pets are also associated with environmental smoke.

The evidence is clear and overwhelming: secondhand and thirdhand smoke causes cancers in pets. Eliminate the risk by quitting smoking.

**Asthma and breathing problems:** Pets exposed to secondhand smoke may also develop or experience more severe respiratory or asthma symptoms. The CDC reports that tobacco smoke is one of the most common asthma triggers in humans. The particulates in smoke have been shown to produce many types of breathing problems in children and adults, warns the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Because the airways of dogs and cats are very similar to humans, many veterinarians, including me, are very concerned that secondhand smoke causes or exacerbates breathing problems such as asthma and other allergic breathing conditions in companion animals.

**Allergies:** In addition to worsening respiratory allergies, there's growing worry and anecdotal evidence that smoking inflames allergic dermatitis. I've seen many pets experience intense itching after their guardian lights up.

All forms of smoke are skin and tissue irritants; exposing pets with sensitive skin to smoke may lead to more severe allergic symptoms.

If you smoke...If you smoke and need additional motivation to quit, consider your pet's health. The proof is clear: Secondhand smoke is deadly to pets. Cancer, breathing problems and allergies are simply the most obvious health threats of smoking for dogs and cats. cigarette broken up Thirdhand smoke presents innumerable, additional hidden dangers lurking on the surfaces of our homes and cars. Your pets didn't choose to smoke, don't make a decision for them that can shorten their lives, produce suffering and destroy quality of life. We love our pets; make a decision that can save both your own life and the lives of those around you. Stop smoking. If not, at least don't smoke indoors, in cars or anywhere near your pets.



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