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Dickerson Man Becomes Lions Club District Governor

At the recent 82nd Annual Lions Club Multiple District 22 Convention in Ocean City, Dickerson's Gary Burdette was elected District Governor. In his new capacity, District Governor Burdette will be responsible for a district that serves Washington, DC, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties. This district has over 2000 Lion Club members in 57 clubs.

Mr. Burdette, a member of the local Monocacy Lions Club, became the first member from that club to achieve this accomplishment in its 62 year history. He had served as the Vice District Governor for the district this past year. Mr. Burdette has also served in various leadership roles within the Club's local and regional organizations. A lifelong resident of

Dickerson, Mr. Burdette is employed as an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC.

The Monocacy Lions Club is part of the Lions Club International, Inc. (LCI). LCI has 1.4 million members worldwide in 193 countries. The Monocacy group is for local men and women who voluntarily serve the area by providing a wide variety of services for those within the community in need of assistance. While the Lions Club's primary focus is in areas of need concerning eye sight and hearing issues, the 76 member club also provides college scholarships for local students, holiday gift and food baskets, donations to the local fire department, WUMCO, and Christmas-in-April and also gives support to a host of other individuals and

groups within their community. Along with the Monocacy club there are other Lions Clubs serving within the Monocle's readership. They include the Carroll Manor Lions, Urbana Lions and Frederick Lions Clubs. For more information about the organization visit their website at www.lionsclubs.org.



Dickerson's Gary Burdette giving his acceptance speech.

Monocacy Area Braces for Cicada Invasion

They're coming, aren't they? They must be—everyone says so. It's on the news everywhere. Everyone seems to know someone down county who has Seen One. Or more. Like fully popped cherry blossoms, we see them in Washington DC on the news—they're not here yet—but it may only be a few days. The news media has breathlessly reported the coming invasion. Judging from the amount of ink and airtime devoted to the phenomenon, they will overwhelm our quality of life. This is clearly the worst threat to the land of pleasant living since Y2K. The seventeen year cicada is upon us. They're in Georgia. They're in North Carolina. They're in Ohio. Then they'll be in Virginia. Delaware. Pennsylvania. Maryland. Then they'll take over the Federal Government. EEEAAAUGGGGHHHHH!

Many residents of Monocacy Monocle Country remember the last invasion, in 1987. They remember the buzzing insects and the dull roar of the mating call (wait, that could have been while camping at Little Bennett). We at *The Monocle* remember, but then again, we also remember Nehru

jackets. We suspect we will survive again.

Remember the article in the Washington Post about the guy who likes to eat cicadas? Apparently, a recent article is about the same guy, and he is still eating frozen cicadas from 1987. We assume that either he has been very lucky with power outages, or he has a generator, or he is confident that cicadas don't spoil easily. There are very few things the normal person would eat after storing it for seventeen years in the freezer, and I suspect that the cicada would not be on most lists. ("Popsicles" was the only one I could come up with, and I'd check for legs first.)

Showing remarkable calm in the face of the onslaught of crimson eyed sextopeds our very own State of Maryland hosted a "Welcome the Cicada" event, obviously to calm panic and mitigate any negative impact on future investment in the State. Agriculture Secretary Lewis R. Reilly referred to the event as "an extraordinary occurrence...a wonder, and not a calamity." He further implored the

citizenry that there is "no need to panic." Governor Ehrlich issued an official proclamation praising cicadas, and noting they "proudly display the official colors of the Free State, with their beautiful yellow/orange wings, black bodies, and stunning red eyes." We have e-mailed other local leaders to find out what plans if any they have made to deal with this alien invasion, but as we go to press, little additional information of political significance has been provided.

— See Cicadas Continued Page 2



They're Baaaack!

Family Album



Laury Miller and Cherry Barr chat with Sugarloaf Association's newly elected vice president, Ellen Gordan.



Poolesville residents David and Kathy McNamara join Doug Miller (right) at the United Memorial Methodist's recent Bull Roast.



Members of the Friends of Woodstock Equestrian Park take the very first ride at the site. (L) Tracy Morgan (Cleo), Kyle Kirstein, Annetta Maier (Freya), Donna Kinsella (Tribe), Lydia McMartin, Karen Kraushnar (Frolic), and Lee Greenburg.



Mary Conlon, assisted by a nurse technician, shows Betty Bassett and George Coakley that donating to the Monocacy Lion's Club blood drive is a piece of cake.

Then and Now



Ronald checks on his order at the first Poolesville McDonald's.

Today the Poolesville McDonald's stands where the Hempstone House once stood (the picture on our cover). Poolesville also has a road named after the Hempstone family.

This picture of McDonald's was taken in 1990. We welcome pictures from readers of businesses, houses, people, and events that could lend themselves to our "Then and Now" section. Surely, someone has a picture from way back when to share with *The Monocle*.

— Cicadas Continued

We have noted, however, that waterfowl, such as ducks, geese, and others of their ilk, and especially those born last year, must think the Monocacy region is the greatest place in the world (which of course it is.) Last year, they enjoyed the rainiest year on record back to the nineteenth century. Last summer, on any given day, it was more than likely that someone would opine that it was a good day for ducks. Life was good. This year the local fowl is about to be flooded with 1.5 million bite-sized easy-to-catch tasty morsels per acre. Life is still good. We cannot imagine what your average duck thinks next summer will offer.

If you want to do more than just couch-potato your way through the six-week cicada season, you can log your sightings into www.cicadas.info. There is a wealth of cicada information on that site, not surprisingly, and if there's something you want to know that they don't offer, it appears you can fire them an e-mail. Best of all, if you're beginning to worry that you won't get any cicadas in your particular neighborhood, but you want to participate in the general

hysteria, you can also report that you have no cicadas—they want you to tell them.

In keeping with the general tone of much of the reporting of what has been called possibly the greatest insect invasion ever, *The Monocle* would also like to report the following. We have absolutely confirmed that there are no indications whatsoever that Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck will reunite in order to make a movie about the cicada invasion in our area. Additionally, it cannot be determined that if such a movie were made that it would be made in the Monocacy region. There is also no evidence that business and political leaders in our area have made any effort to encourage a cicada movie, even though the financial benefits to the area would be considerable.

The Monocle would love to hear your cicada stories over the next six weeks. What did you encounter, and how many? What did you do, and why? With any luck we'll do a follow-up report on the invasion, or not.

— John Clayton



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Info: (301) 854-5102</p> <p>May 31 American Legion Flag Ceremony
Whalen Commons
Poolesville
3:15 p.m.</p> <p>June 1 MES PTA Meeting
7:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 4 JPMS 8th Grade Dinner/Dance
7:00 p.m - 10 p.m.
Poolesville Baptist Church</p> <p>June 5 Rural Women's Republican Spring Gala
Izaak Walton League
5:30 p.m.
(see Big Board this issue)</p> <p>1st Annual Clarksburg Day Festival
(see Big Board this issue)</p> <p>Aaron Carter Radio Disney Concert
Frederick Fairgrounds
4:00pm – 6:30pm
Info: Call 866 – Go2SHOW</p> | <p>June 5 2004 Family Expo
Frederick Fairgrounds
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Info: Call (301) 748-3626</p> <p>11th Annual Frederick Festival of the Arts
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10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 6 11th Annual Frederick Festival of the Arts
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jefferson Springfest
Jefferson Ruritan Center
Jefferson, Maryland
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Info: Call (301) 271-4432</p> <p>June 7 Poolesville Library Book Discussion Group
7:00 p.m.
Book: October Sky</p> <p>June 8 JPMS Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting
JPMS at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 10 Poolesville Elementary School Spring Concert
PHS Auditorium 6:00 p.m.</p> |
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Tributes



Alison Leigh De Bree.

Alison Leigh De Bree, a 1997 Poolesville High School graduate, received an MBA Degree in Management and Leadership from Rosemont College in Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 15, 2004. The Rosemont School of Continuing Studies also announced that the coed will graduate with highest honors for academic excellence.

Alison received her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineer-

ing from The Pennsylvania State University in December, 2001, also with high honors, and is currently employed as an environmental engineer by the Department of the Navy in Philadelphia. Alison is the daughter of Charlie and Terry De Bree of 17213 Spates Hill Road in Poolesville. She resides in Secane, PA.

Lions Award Scholarships

The Monocacy Lions Club presented two new scholarships at the Poolesville Awards Night on Thursday, May 20. King Lion Mike Quaranta presented the "Monocacy Lions Club Scholarship" to Megan Turner of Beallsville, who will attend St. Mary's College, majoring in Biology and Pre-med. The "Earl Shreve Memorial Scholarship" went to Katharine Anne Better of Poolesville, who will attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, majoring in Computer Engineering.

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Poolesville Commissioners Meeting

The Town Commissioners are preparing for public hearings on the proposed new Master Plan that would set guidelines for the town through the year 2010. The town's commissioners thanked the Planning Commission for the Master Plan they submitted and again congratulated them on submitting a thorough report. Concerned citizens who want to voice their opinions on the new plan should plan to attend meetings in May and through June. The plan, as submitted, recommends a population of 6,500.

A major concern voiced by the Planning Commissioners is that a lack of growth could have a negative impact on programs offered at local schools, especially JPMS. However, it was pointed out that when past developments were built the impact on student population was less than expected.

Town resident Jack Stringer voiced concern that water/sewage rights for homes in the Jonesville/Jerusalem area were being given to new property owners ahead of many other residents on a waiting list. Property owners in that area were given priority in the 1980s due to a concern over leakage and contamination of their sewer lines. While the program was instituted to assist those residents with their difficult situation, there remains a question as to whether those "rights" could then take precedence over current persons seeking water rights. The commissioners decided to look into the matter further and a report will be coming back to them at a future meeting.

Annual Sugarloaf Citizens Association (SCA) Meeting

The annual Sugarloaf Citizens Association Meeting resulted in the election of Jim Brown, President, Ellen Gordon, vice president, Claire Gunster-Kirby, secretary, and Jane Hunter, treasurer.

SCA is organized to alert concerned citizens on a wide variety of issues including environmental matters such as solid waste, landfill, and recycling and to make recommendations as to actions to be taken by individuals or by the group. The organization also addresses zoning issues as they affect upper Montgomery County area. Tina Brown presented a report on the current status of the Potomac River Bridge/Techway

issue. The organization is proposing the expansion of mass transit alternatives to the ICC and, in particular, supporting a greater role for the rail system.

The organization hosted a presentation by State Sen. Rob Garagiola who updated the group on budgetary, educational, and mass transportation actions taken by the legislature.



State Sen. Rob Garagiola gives the keynote speech at the recent annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association.

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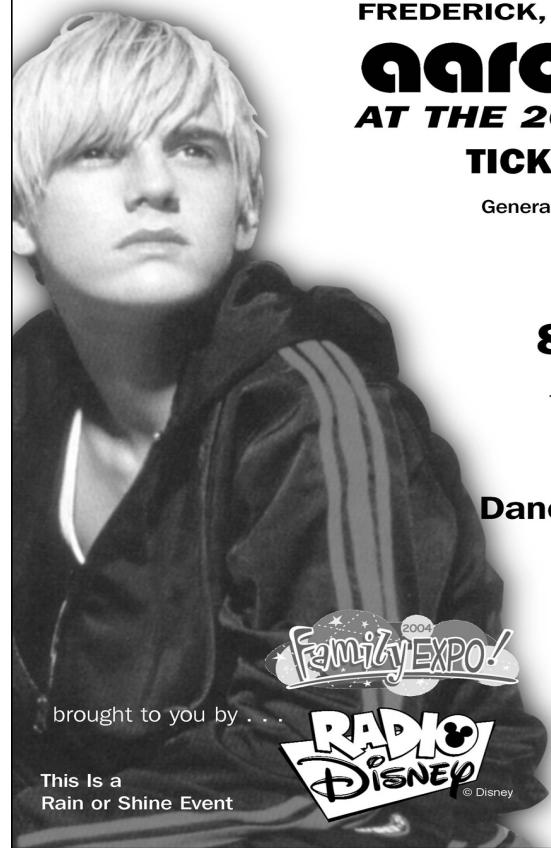
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Big Board

Saturday Night in the Country

The Rural Women's Republican Club has scheduled their "Saturday Night in the Country" fundraising event for June 5. Proceeds from this event help to fund the club's scholarship fund for PHS seniors and the area WUMCO-Help activities. The evening is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. (reception) with a barbecue chicken dinner at 7:00 p.m. (For Belmont Stakes fans, please note that televisions will be set up for the race).

The event will be held at the BCC Izaak Walton League Chapter House in Poolesville. After-dinner activities include a country store, DJ with music for all ages, hayrides for kids, and a "country style" silent auction. Dinner cost for adults is \$25.00 and \$12.00 for kids 5-12 years old.

Contact Bonnie Anthony for reservations and more information at 301 972 8609.

Clarksburg Day – A Time to Remember

Clarksburg Day – a Time to Remember" will take place in Clarksburg on June 5, 2004, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The event will be an annual festival that features the history, educational, and civic organizations, churches, and merchants in the historic section of Clarksburg. It will be fun for the family for all ages. An antique car exhibition will be featured. Planned is a Living History Encampment at Down's Ordinary Park, a history tour conducted by a Montgomery County historian, tours of the old school, and opportunity for people to get together, and of course, good food.

Further information contact: 301-253-3807 or 301-428-0190.

The Soap Box Derby

The Soap Box Derby competition for Central Maryland has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m. on Bowman Farm Road, near the MVA. Call 301-831-6341 for more information.

The Poolesville Library

The Poolesville Library will host a Book Discussion Group on Monday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. There will be two titles read this month. Due to Memorial Day falling on the regular night, May's book title October Sky by Homer Hickam will be discussed on June 7. New readers are always welcome.

John Poole Middle School Orientation

John Poole Middle School will hold an orientation for incoming Sixth Grade parents on Tuesday, June 8, at 6:15 p.m.

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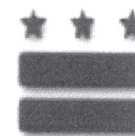
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Editorial

We at *The Monocle* were saddened by the untimely passing of George Elliot Randall, editor and publisher of the Frederick News-Post. Mr. Randall was 53 years old at the time of his death. One could argue that Mr. Randall was born to run a newspaper, as he was a great-grandson of William T. Delaplaine, Sr., the founder of that newspaper in 1883. As reported in his News-Post biography, Mr. Randall purchased the newspaper with his mother and siblings in 2001, returning ownership of the paper to the family that founded it. The Frederick News-Post is now the only wholly family-owned newspaper in Maryland.

The Frederick News-Post, through their printing subsidiary The Job Shop, is a business partner of *The Monocacy Monocle*. We offer our condolences to his family and those who knew him and worked with him. Donations can be made to the Community Foundation of Frederick County in memory of George E. Randall.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read your article about the heritage area. I found a few inaccuracies that I wanted to correct.

1. Zoning will not become more restrictive in the TIZ. Poolesville will retain full control of its zoning.
2. There will be no restrictions on the facades unless the property owner adds a historic easement to their property. This is a State or Federal program that exists today and is not affiliated with the heritage program.
3. Heritage grants or tax credits are elective by the property owners for specific projects to be approved by the heritage board. There will be no easements or restrictions on the property after the project is concluded and the tax credit or grant is concluded. Thank you for allowing me to clarify these points.

Steve Goldberg
Hearthside Antiques
Poolesville, Maryland

Letter to the Editor:
I just finished reading the third edition of *The Monocacy Monocle*. I am finding it a useful resource to keep me updated on the goings-on of the community. I have appreciated receiving each edition of your paper. Please continue the good work!

It is my hope that *The Monocacy Monocle* can also be a resource for my constituents to contact their state legislators.

Rob Garagiola
State Senator – District 15

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Rande(m) Thoughts

By Rande Davis

This Memorial Day we are a nation at war. As a nation, our sense of appreciation for those who have given their lives on the battlefield on our behalf is greater and even more vivid under these trying times. We are keenly aware that those brave souls are not just heroes of a long time ago.

This is the time for us to focus on their courage, their commitment and their dedication. It is a time for all of us to unite in our appreciation and love for them, their cause, and their sacrifice. Theories, debates and punditry are for those on TV not for those in the foxhole.

In a very real sense we are in the foxhole, too. Let us be as brave as they are.

A few days ago my wife and I said goodbye to our son, Major Sean Paul Davis, who returned to Iraq for his second full tour. This is after a full tour in Afghanistan. His confidence in his cause comes from personal, eye-to-eye contact with the men, women, and children in Iraq. He is convinced that the media is remarkably underestimating the Iraqi people and their desire for the freedoms that we take for granted. Our prayer is that he is right.

So that we do not take for granted the sacrifice for those in the military who have laid down their lives for us, the following poem by Charles M. Province is dedicated to them and their loving families. The poem refers to soldiers but, of course, is to be understood to refer to all branches of the armed forces.

IT IS THE SOLDIER

*IT IS THE SOLDIER, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.*

*IT IS THE SOLDIER, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*IT IS THE SOLDIER, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to demonstrate.*

*IT IS THE SOLDIER, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*IT IS THE SOLDIER who salutes the flag,
Who serves under the flag and
Whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

—
May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with us all.

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June Horoscope

The Divine Miss M (no not that one, this one refers to Miss Monocle) has seen the need for her astrological insight surface locally. Remember, she may be able to read tea leaves and star charts, but she is still only human and prone to exaggeration.

Aries - Here we go again. You thought you were rid of that "pest" in your life, but they just had to return. Oh well, keep smiling — at least you have company.

Taurus - If you thought last month was wonderful, just you wait! Whew, you are in for a doozy of a time. Keep a pocket full of quarters just in case.

Gemini - Still waiting for that certain someone to take notice? Well, you'll hit the jackpot this month! Make sure you get enough rest, for you're in for a frantic time.

Cancer - What have you been doing with yourself lately? You look great! Keep up the good work. Do I smell Canoe?

Leo - Who says you can't wear stripes with plaids? Go for that "uniquely you look". You deserve to be noticed this month.

Virgo - Don't let that nasty project that's

been hanging over your head get you down. Chin up, eyes focused, repeat after me, "Tomorrow is bright, tomorrow is bright..."

Libra - Remember that piano teacher in 4th grade? How they never gave up on you when you swore you'd never get "Chopsticks"? Well, what's stopping you now?

Scorpio - I know, I know. I told you to be ready last month and nothing happened. That's what I get for switching to decaf tea leaves. Hang in there, it's coming.

Sagittarius - You may be asking yourself, "What in the world was that?". It's only a phase — either adjust to it or wait for something new to come around next month.

Capricorn - Caught you! Yup, red handed. Well, all I can say is I'm so glad you went ahead and made that decision. The rest of us will get used to it in time.

Aquarius - Don't look now, but you are headed for a change of venue this month. I see tropical emanations — remember that mango reaction you had the last time...

Pisces - Still waiting? Look, it was not your fault that the satellite went out during your taping. Rent the video and move on.

What's in the Recipe File?

A Tart for Daddy

Yes, we at *The Monocle* are always trying out new recipes to please our guests. This one is adapted from the June 2004 issue of *Bon Appetit*. It has been tested and tasted by a crowd of unwitting guests and proved to be a real crowd pleaser. The oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes at \$7 a jar were the most expensive ingredient, but worth the price for special occasions. So enjoy, just in time for Father's Day.

Zucchini, Sun-Dried Tomato, and Mozzarella Tart

8 Servings

1 sheet frozen puff pastry
(half of 17.3-ounce pkg), thawed
1.5 C shredded mozzarella cheese
.5 C shredded Parmesan cheese

.5 C drained oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes,
sliced thin
.5 C sliced basil

.25 C chopped green onions
Dash of oregano

1 small zucchini, cut into thin rounds
2 large eggs
1 C half and half
.25 tsp salt & pepper

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Place puff pastry into a 13-inch round tart pan. You'll need to even the edges around the pan by stretching the pastry. Pierce with fork. Line with foil and dried beans (as weights). Bake until sides are set, around 20 minutes. Remove foil and beans. Bake crust until bottom is golden brown, pressing with back of fork if bubbles form, about 8 minutes. Cool 5 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 400F. Sprinkle mozzarella over bottom of crust. Top with 6 Tbsp. Parmesan, tomatoes, basil, green onions, and oregano. Arrange zucchini rounds in on top to cover tart. Whisk eggs, half and half, salt and pepper in medium bowl. Pour mixture into tart pan. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese.

Bake tart until custard is set and crust is golden brown, about 35 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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By Maureen O'Connell
Contributing Writer

Throughout the history of western civilization, from the earliest times to the present day, the rose has been the flower closest to the heart of man. In Greek mythology Aphrodite, goddess of love, was regarded as the creator of the rose, which was supposed to have risen from a mixture of her tears and the blood of her wounded lover Adonis. In Roman legend, it was said to have sprung from the blood of Venus. Again and again we find it appearing in ancient history as a symbol of love and beauty. While many people love roses, they are reluctant to grow them in their gardens and they believe that their care and feeding are too time consuming, and that the climate of our area is not conducive to the successful growing of roses.

I have been growing roses for over 30 years, and you CAN grow luxurious roses in "Monocacy Country." The key is the proper selection of rose types. True, there are some roses that will be pathetic leave-less stalks by July, despite all amounts of TLC. When I started gardening many years ago, the most planted type of rose was the Hybrid Tea. They are beauti-

ful roses, but in our area, they have little disease resistance. Now don't misunderstand me, ALL ROSES need TLC, i.e., monthly fertilizing and spraying with a combination of fungicide and insecticide as often as needed. The best of "disease resistant" roses still need a little bit of help from you.

Photo by Jackson & Perkins



Gertrude Jekyll English Rose.

My favorite group of roses are David Austin English Roses. He calls them "new Roses in the old tradition." They are a comparatively new group of roses, that first came to prominence in the 1940s. They originated from a cross between certain old roses and modern hybrid teas and floribundas. They combine the delicate charm and fragrance of an old rose with the disease resistance, vigor and wide

color range of a modern rose. For our area I believe the biggest plus is disease resistance and repeat flowering. I recently visited Sissinghurst, Vita Sackville-West's home in Kent, England. Her gardens at Sissinghurst are legendary. She was a purist when it came to roses; a rose was an old rose! While talking with one of the gardeners at Sissinghurst, he said that Vita, who died in 1962, would have made an exception for David's roses. Good recommendation!

Even with David's roses, you must be selective. Not all are grower-friendly with our climate. We don't have English summers. I visit England frequently and I am always envious of the lack of pests, bugs (especially Japanese beetles) that devour our plants.

Some local nurseries stock David Austin Roses, but the selection is small. I recommend two sources: David Austin Roses (U.S. site) 1-800-3288893, www.davidaustinroses.com, and Wayside Gardens 1-800-845-1124 www.waysidegardens.com.

I have over 85 D.A. Roses in my garden. I will recommend some that have performed well: Glamis Castle, Sharif Asma, Mary Rose, Graham Thomas, Redouté, and Tamora.

Give roses a try—they will reward your TLC many times over. Next issue: Perennials that love you.

It's a Weedy World

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

It's summertime and the livin' is easy.

*The fish are jumpin', and the
thistle is high??*

What was Gershwin thinking? Let's try a different one:

*Green Acres is the place to be.
Farm living is the life for me.
Land spreading out, so far and
wide,
Keep Manhattan, just give me
that Johnsongrass?!*

How did Vic Mizzy keep his job? That doesn't rhyme!

It's still happening. Every good farming song out there is popping up with weeds. Well, let's face it – weeds happen.

To those who have been in the area and farming for a long time, this is all old hat. What about those who

have "gone West" and are new to the farming life? It may come as a surprise that land ownership comes with responsibilities – responsibilities other than paying taxes, mowing, and putting horses out to pasture.

In the state of Maryland, as well as most other states, thistle (all four kinds – ouch!), johnsongrass and shattercane are considered noxious weeds and it is required of landowners to eradicate them. Dandelions? Nice try. They are only *obnoxious*, if you don't want them. Don't bother with the Dandelion Whine – no one's listening.

What happens if you don't control the weedy beasts? Is there a weed police? Not exactly. There are laws in place for those who absolutely refuse to control their weed problems. "We try to be proactive. We try to help people by educating them and helping them to control their weed problems," says Lane Heimer, weed control specialist for the Maryland

Department of Agriculture. If a landowner is adamant in not controlling his weeds, a rare occurrence, then fines are imposed.

What are the best methods of controlling noxious weeds? If only a few are on your property, the most environmentally safe method is by simply pulling them out – don't forget your gloves with the thistle. Speaking of thistle, as the plants approach their blooming time, roots are at their minimum and come up easily, but don't let them go to seed. One noxious weed going to seed one year, means hundreds for the following year.

Mowing can keep the weeds from seeding, and apart from pulling up the plants, chemicals are the other option for killing them. There are many options out there and a specialist with the extension service or the department of agriculture can help make effective recommendations.

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JPMS Student Paper Wins National Award

John Poole Middle School's newspaper the *Eyes of the Wolf*, published by and for JPMS students, competed in the 2004 TIME National Student Publishing Awards and won the East Region award for Middle Schools, one of twelve regional awards nationwide. *Eyes of the Wolf* won with its focus issue on Brown v. Kansas City Board of Education.

Publications in the competition were school magazines or newspapers with an underlying objective of imparting information on news and events about the school community of interest to the school community.

As a regional winner, JPMS will receive \$250 in classroom products, an award for the school, and recognition certificates for each student who participated in the published entry. All winning schools and publications will be featured in TIME Magazine and a special publication for TIME for Kids. JPMS awards will be presented on June 8, 2004 at the Association of Educational Publishers in Alexandria, Virginia.

The faculty advisors for the *Eyes of the Wolf* are Nori Thorne (Art), Lou Glover (English), and the Green School Committee. The Editor in Chief of the winning issue was Holly Defnet. Other students who participated in the winning issue include Mikie Johnson, Mary Ivory, Molly O'Reilly, Chris Collins, Mark Fales, Chris Miller, Jonathan Gray, Marcus Prince, Rachel Tjornehoj, Rachel Stream, Samantha Smith, Leanne Crawford, Daniel Camillo, Matt Heimbach, Kristina Casaleno, Catalina Mejia, Kyle Corfman, Morgan Fields, Megan Guise, Julie Stout, Robyn Lott, Ian Jacklin, Michael Tibbs, and Sara Nelson.

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Equestrian News

Pony Club

By Debbie Lynn
Special to the Monocacy Monocle

Some of the world's greatest youth groups began in England. The Scouting movement began there, and grew into an international organization, which has profoundly influenced generations of young people.

Pony Club, while not as well known, has also been quietly influencing young people since 1928. It, too, began in England, and incorporates the importance of character development in our youth in its charter.

Pony Club's stated purpose is: "to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, and to create strength of character and self-discipline." Pony Clubbers also have a wonderful opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, and lifelong horsemanship skills.

We are fortunate to have a large and well organized pony club in our immediate area. The Seneca Valley Pony Club began in 1961, with the generous sponsorship of Austin Kiplinger. He realized young people learning to ride needed open space for their sport, and donated the use of his Bittersweet Field, on Partnership Road. Each year, a variety of programs are held there. Pony Club members have a chance to receive affordable, high quality instruction and even attend pony club camp each summer at Bittersweet Field.

Michelle Corbeille has belonged to the Seneca Valley Pony Club since she was eight years old. Initially, her family leased a succession of suitable, kid-safe ponies for her to learn to ride

on. Her folks promised her a pony of her own when she was ready. Now ten years old, Michelle has just gotten her very own pony. Her eyes light up as she describes Dulcinaia. She describes her pony, in knowledgeable horseman's terms, as "a bay Welsh cross mare, ten years old, the same age as me!" Her favorite part of pony club, besides riding her pony, is making friends with other kids who love horses too. Michelle says the rallies can be a lot of work, but the older kids help her.

In fact, this mentoring system is an important aspect of Pony Club. The members are encouraged to give back to the club by helping out as they progress in their own skill levels. Many Pony Clubbers make a lifelong commitment to help bring young riders along. As adult, professional riders, old pony clubbers often volunteer many hours of instruction.

If you are interested in Pony Club, you can get more information at www.Senecavalleyponyclub.org.



English Pony Club meeting circa 1928.

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Focus on Business

Bob's Bikes: Yeah, That's the Ticket!

By Rande Davis

To have a successful career in the Navy there are two things all sailors must be able to do. First, they must be able to work effectively in limited if not down right small spaces for long hours. And, second, they have to know how to get along with a wide variety of people since it's not easy to avoid people on board ship. Bob Nallasch, owner of Bob's Bike Shop in Poolesville, spent 20 years in the Navy before retiring in 1994. Visit him in his shop or spend just a few minutes talking to him and you know that he learned his Navy lessons well. He's quick with a smile and a quip, his humor is self-deprecating, and he welcomes everyone who stops by the store with a warm and friendly greeting.

His positive attitude is downright contagious and his perpetual friendliness would make even Norman Vincent Peale proud.

Bob's Bikes started out as a "mobile" bike shop operating out of the back of Mr. Hallasch's van. In 1994 he settled his shop in the back corners of Poolesville Hardware operating out of just 200 square feet. He is very grateful to Poolesville Hardware's John Speelman for helping him to expand to his present 900 square feet.

He deliberately stocks every type cycle tube and size just to be sure that he can get any sidelined cyclist back on the road quickly. With up to 400 cyclists moving through our area on any given weekend, Bob's is a welcome sight to the cyclist in trouble and for those who are thirsty since he provides free water to two-wheeled sojourners.

His passion for bicycles and cycling started when he was in the Navy and he was a self-professed fitness fanatic. He was more of a runner in the old days, but then again, it was easier to "run around the deck of a ship" than to cycle it.

Bob and his wife of 26 years, Rose, live in Damascus and have two grown daughters, Emily and Cassie. Rose is with Sodexo as a director of food services for Bechtel and Medimune, Inc.

Bob is used to long hours working in the shop from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The big change for him is that he no longer is open on Sundays. This way he can spend a day off with Rose going on what he says is a "hot date to Kmart, Wal-Mart, and on a good day, Sam's Club."

Of course, Bob's Bikes is not really a one-man operation. Joining him every single day, all day, is Boots. Boots mostly supervises the repair shop, although on occasion he meanders onto the show room to

make sure Bob isn't goofing off. Of course, without Boots by his side Bob would be really frustrated and lonely. Boots makes his way home with him every night and since he is Bob's beloved beagle, he even manages to watch Law & Order by his side as well.

Bob's shop was recognized by Washington Checkbook magazine for the quality of the bicycle repair business. While we were interviewing him one of his steady customers, Al Gross (Smokin' Al to his cyclist buddies in recognition of his fast

paced cycling) stopped in with two bikes for repair. Al, a lawyer from Gaithersburg (Berman, Sobin, & Gross) comes all the way from his home in Bethesda just to get his bikes serviced by Bob. While at the shop for repairs, Al, with Bob's advice, decides to pick out a bike his son.

Bob's personal approach is very apparent to anyone coming in to the shop but Smokin' Al seemed to put it best. According to him "at other bike repair shops you get a ticket, with Bob you get Bob."



Bob Nallasch with customer "Smokin' Al" and best bud Boots.



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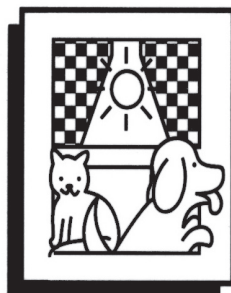
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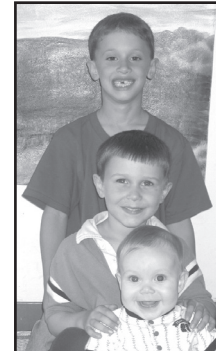


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By Brittany Gammell, Abigail Tjornehoj
and Sasha Trope

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The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The purpose of the Bronze Award is for each girl to demonstrate how she has made a promise to others, helped to improve her community and world, and has become the best she can be. The requirements for the award include completing two badges related to the project being done, completing one of the Girl Scouts Signs, earning either a Junior Aide Patch or the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, completing a project that brings together all she has learned during her Junior Scout years, demonstrates her commitment to her community and herself, and showing she understands the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Brittany Gammell, Abigail Tjornehoj, and Sasha Trope under took the project to show how Girls Scouts began, how the badge requirements have changed through the

years, and some of the fun they have experienced as Girl Scouts. The three girls wrote the script for three short skits, researched and made the props for the skits, selected 13 songs to perform that were fun to do and helped support the material of the skits. To complete this project, they asked for help from other Troops in Service Unit 32-11 and were rewarded with the help of approximately 30 other Girl Scouts and their favorite music teacher.

The participants in the production were Daisies (kindergarten), Brownies (first, second and third grade), Juniors (fourth, fifth and sixth grade), and Cadettes (eighth grade). Some of the girls sang solos while others played their instruments as accompanists to the various songs.

The production was performed at Brooke Grove Retirement Village in Olney and at the Girl Scout Thinking Day event in Poolesville.

The girls gave a tremendous effort to show the history of Girl Scouting and they wish to thank all who participated for their hard work.

WUMCO Holds Annual Meeting

The Western Upper Montgomery County Help (WUMCO) organization held its Annual Meeting, on Thursday May 6, 2004 at the Boyds Presbyterian Church in Boyds, MD. WUMCO is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to provide quick and

friendly assistance to needy person in Western Upper Montgomery County including Poolesville, Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Dickerson and the rest of the up county area.

Cherise Praniewski was recognized during the meeting for "her outstanding contributions in support of WUMCO's programs for needy families in our area."

During 2003 WUMCO provided housing assistance to 212 family-members, utility assistance to 624 family members, medicines and medical procedure assistance to 201 person, medical transportation to 333 persons, emergency food to 607 family-members, Thanksgiving baskets to 497 family-members, and Christmas food baskets to 510 family members, Christmas toys to 243 children. In addition, WUMCO provided assistance for vehicle servicing to 45 family-members and child daycare subsidy for a total of 74 child-weeks.

WUMCO is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The mission of the organization is accomplished largely through the tireless efforts of the Executive Director Jane Stearns and her husband, WUMCO

Secretary/Treasurer Fred Stearns, who were reelected to these positions during the Annual Meeting. They are aided by Renee Brooks who serves as the Executive Assistant.

Volunteers are also an integral part of the delivery of services by WUMCO. Volunteers perform such day-to-day tasks as transporting needy clients to local doctors, staffing canned food drives at grocery stores; sorting, shelving and packing pantry foods and delivering them to clients. WUMCO's records show about 3,100 hours of volunteer service performed during 2003. However, that number does not reflect the countless hours devoted by members of various local churches, service clubs and others in conducting fund-raising and food drives on WUMCO's behalf.

For a copy of the WUMCO annual report or for additional information on WUMCO, please contact WUMCO headquarters at 301-972-8481.

Memorial Notes

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Daisy Troop girls learned new songs and outsang the older girls.

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Boyds

World Famous Boyds Part Deux

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

The picnic basket is packed and the family is excited about the day trip to Boyds. "Hurray!" the kids call out as they clamber into the car, "we're going to see the World-Famous Trestle Bridge." Sigh. No, not the trestle bridge, it was replaced. Now people come to Boyds with a picnic basket to hike around Black Hills Regional Park which features (fanfare commences) Little Seneca Lake.

Little Seneca Lake has only been around since the mid-1980s. Like all lakes and ponds in Maryland, it is man-made. It was not an attraction during the era of the trestle bridge.

The lake was built in the early 1980s and was filled to capacity by 1986. The lake encompasses 505 acres which used to be a meandering country road, ponds, Little Seneca Creek and seven or eight houses. There was also an inn, the Staley Boarding House, built in the late 1800s. One hundred years before the lake existed, people used to travel to Boyds from Washington, D.C. by train to escape the stifling heat of the city.

Most of the structures were demolished and the trees cut down when the dam was completed, then the lake area was allowed to fill with water. Many of the building sites are now about fifty to sixty feet underwater.

Where once cars were driven, boats now float. The pecking chickens and lowing cattle have been replaced by swimming fish – hunters and farmers, by fishing enthusiasts and boaters.

While the lake is situated in Black Hills Regional Park and the land belongs to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the water belongs to WSSC. Like most man-made lakes, its primary reason for being is as a water supply. The other recreational benefits, fishing, hiking, boating, etcetera, are all secondary benefits. Unfortunately, because Little Seneca Lake is primarily a reservoir, no swimming is permitted. The fish and fowl seem to ignore that regulation.

More specifically, the lake is an emergency reservoir for the Washing-

ton, D.C. area. When the Potomac River has a low flow due to drought, water from the lake is released via the dam into Little Seneca Creek from which it flows to the Potomac. Water from Little Seneca Lake can reach the D.C. area in less than twenty-four hours. This is just what happened in the summer of 2002 when the drought in this area was at its worst.

Fortunately, this area is not usually in a severe drought and the lake and park have much to offer. Obviously, fishing and boating are popular. Black Hills Regional Park offers canoeing, kayaking and fishing lessons. From May to September, boat and canoe rentals and pontoon rides are available. Private boats are allowed from March 1 through December 15.

There are also miles of natural-surface trails to be enjoyed by foot, horseback or even bicycle. Special events are sometimes scheduled at the park like Twilight Concerts and the Summer Stage. For picnicking, there are covered picnic shelters near playgrounds and volleyball courts that are first come, first served if not already reserved in advance.

Many year-round activities are also offered by the park. The four nature centers in Montgomery County, of which Black Hill is one, put out the Nutshell News, a bulletin with upcoming activities for families and individuals of all ages. Scheduled for the near future are activities featuring insects, snakes, butterflies, birds, fishing and kayaking, among others.

One hundred years ago, people used to visit Boyds to get away from the heat of the city, and three inns were enough to lodge them. If the lake had existed at that time, when Boyds was a vacation site, it's hard to imagine so few inns being able to handle the influx of tourists this gentle town would have drawn.

Herpetological Notes

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland has 27 species and subspecies of snakes, only two of which are venomous. Two snake species are considered endangered in Maryland: the mountain earth snake (Garrett County) and the rainbow snake (Charles County). Habitat destruction remains the leading threat to snakes and other wildlife.



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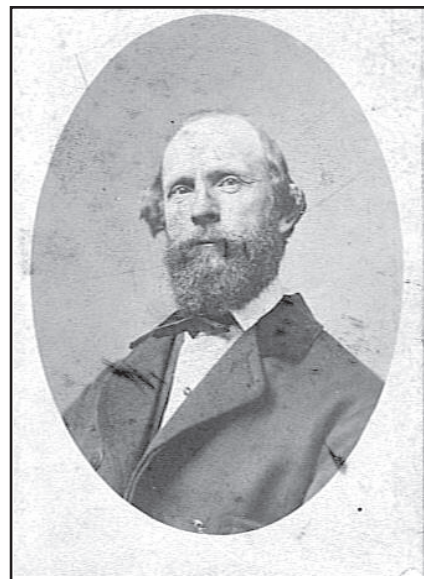
By Rande Davis

Travelers and commuters have been watching the development of the Woodstock Equestrian Park on Route 28 north of Beallsville and probably have wondered about the cluster of stone and framed buildings abandoned just above the entrance on the eastern section of the new park.

Soon horses hooves will kick up the dust and the view of those structures will become a bit obscured from those of us traversing Route 28. Yet, the imaginative historian might sense the spirits of George Washington, J.E.B. Stuart and Confederate General Jubal Early galloping their horses along the ridgeline. Those historic legends have since departed and today the only occupants of the buildings are the pigeons that perch in a door opening of the crib barn on the property of our mystery history focus—the Brewer Farm.

The Brewer Farm is a section of the original 1,102-acre land grant known as Woodstock Manor. It is that parcel of 583 acres of land that was left after 519 acres of Woodstock Manor were sold to George Washington on January 13, 1794. Maddeningly for today's consumer, the property sold for \$12 to \$15 per acre.

Dr. William Brewer, who held a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, is from a German family originally from Anne Arundel County. He and his wife Mary Chiswell had 15 children.



William George Brewer was born in 1850 and died in 1944.

William George Brewer married Ida White on Mary 16, 1872 and moved into the farmhouse shortly after their marriage. The colonial styled home, no longer there, perched directly in front of the cluster of buildings visible from Route 28. While their family had the house built for their marriage, it was not completed until sometime after the wedding. In fact, when the couple returned from their wedding trip, the Brewer family held the reception in the foundation of the partially constructed house.

It is easy to imagine that festive gala today since the reception would have been just in front of the stone buildings that are there now.



Farmhouse on Brewer Farm.

Brewer Farm: The Mysteries at Rosehill

In the 1860s, Charles Johnson along with Harriet Carr and her four children were slaves on the Brewer farm. Some report that log structures, originally located directly south of the manager's house, served as slave quarters. On the other hand, the descendants always referred to this tenant house as "the quarters" which lends credence to the theory that it was actually the slave quarters. The mystery as to which theory is right will have to continue for now. By 1870 Mary Johnson and her five children were servants on the farm. Interestingly, Mary's husband, Charles, left the farm much earlier to fight in the Civil War.

The most intriguing structures still standing are two Seneca sandstone buildings. The larger one is referred to as the tenant (managers) house and the other is a springhouse. The construction date is estimated to be around 1861. These structures are excellent examples of our agricultural heritage and of Seneca stone construction. In the 1700s and 1800s, the Potomac River in Montgomery County near the mouth of the Seneca Creek was rich with sandstone and marble. The Seneca Quarry was located on the C&O canal near the town of Seneca. This building was used to keep perishables cold by running spring water through a built-in tub.

The largest remaining structure is the decaying crib-barn, a wooden-framed structure that had the hay hoisted into the loft above, while placing animals or goods in the cribs below.

Walter and Audrey Pritchard, Dickerson residents and the last family to properly care for the home, lived in the farmhouse in the late 1960s and raised their four children there. Back then the crib barn made a terrific basketball court according to

Mrs. Pritchard. Mrs. Pritchard also reports uncovering many beautiful rose bushes in the yard which is understandable since the property at one time is reported to have been called Rosehill. After the Pritchards moved out, the subsequent occupants did not take particularly good care of the home and it decayed and was eventually torn down.

Many members of the Brewer family are buried in Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville just a half mile south of the site. Getting a closer look at the Brewer Farm will become easier since soon the county will officially open the park and you will have a chance to explore the site for yourself.



Montgomery County Police Lt. Lionus Louketis patrols past the tenant house on Brewer Farm with Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Derick Berlage.

Note: This article as well as all Mystery History stories would not be possible if not for the help of many people and organizations. In particular, we want to thank organizations like Historic Medley and the Montgomery County Historical Society. Our area has many individuals who have lovingly taken on the role of custodians of our past. We want to recognize Mary Ann Kephart and Dots Elgin of Poolesville for their special care to preserve so much of the area's history and their willingness to put up with our incessant inquiries.

Art Gallery

Annual Art Show at Poolesville High

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

The spring art show was in full swing in the small gym at Poolesville High School this past week. The show opened May 18, 2004 and ran through May 20, 2004 with a special reception that took place on Wednesday the 19th from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Andrew Bortz, art teacher at the school, hoped that the "great variety of unique and original drawings and paintings" would show that art is created with "not just ability, but hard work."

This show was a compilation of work done mostly in the second

semester of the school year covering a wide variety of media from papier mâché to sculpture to digital, and everything in between. Nearly all the students involved in the art classes were represented, grades nine through twelve, beginning artists through advanced students taking AP art classes.

Mr. Bortz organized the first art show during his second year of teaching at Poolesville with Mr. Bartman, former art teacher at Poolesville, in the spring of 1998. Since then, there have been two shows per year, winter and spring. "I encourage the students to allow their personalities to come out in their work," Mr. Bortz said as he showed two very different renditions executed in paint of the same subject. "I think everyone who comes will be pleased with the different personalities and the quality of execution."

This year, Miss Emily Hoponick, photography, ceramics, and sculpture teacher, helped Mr. Bortz with the organization of both art shows. There will be staff appreciation awards distributed by the school staff designed by Miss Hoponick.

As every year, some very talented seniors will be graduating and moving on to more opportunities as they have chosen to follow careers in the arts. Katie Better and Michael Leary will both study art at the University of Maryland, Katie at UMBC and Michael at College Park. Timothy Montenyohl and Noel Rupprecht both received art-related scholarships to UMBC and Syracuse, respectively.

Although the art of these talented students will no longer be seen at future shows, Mr. Bortz was quick to point out that there are "many very talented underclassmen to fill in."

JPMS Student Seeks Support for Ambassador Program Travel

Marcus V. Prince is an eighth grader and local basketball player on the Poolesville Palcons basketball team. He has been selected to represent Poolesville and the USA in the 2004 People to People Sports Ambassador Program, which was founded by President Eisenhower to promote peace and understanding through face-to-face encounters between people of different backgrounds. Mr. Prince will travel to Paris, France and Zofinge, Switzerland, where he will "earn academic credit for being a sports ambassador, learn communication skills, and project Poolesville, Maryland, American pride."

Mr. Prince needs \$4,500 for travel expenses in advance of his July 23, 2004 departure. Donations can be sent to Marcus Prince/BB&T, 19645 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837 or People to People Sports Ambassadors, 110 South Ferral, Spokane, WA, 99202-4800. Reference Delegate ID 682548.

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PHS Coed Volleyball

By Rande Davis

When it comes to boys and girls team sports, coed volleyball is the great equalizer. This is the one sport that calls on the strengths of both to reach ultimate success. And, ultimate success is something Fran Duvall's PHS coed volleyball team knows a great deal about.

How successful have they been? Just consider they produced a 14-2 record for the second straight year in a row, have won their Division for the third time, and made the County Championships two years running. If the bottom line for you is the W-L column, then just consider that in the last four years this group of talented and dedicated kids went 54-7.

Of course, dedication is a characteristic that must be learned. And, who better to learn that from than Coach Fran Duvall. Her dedication to the sport is marked by the fact that this year is Fran's 25th Anniversary of coaching volleyball with the last eight years right here in Poolesville. The phrase "lives and breaths the sport" could have been coined just for her. She not only coaches the girls' volleyball team in the fall and the coed team in the spring, but is active in the Metro Volleyball league during the summer.

Coach Duvall knows something about keeping the kids in line since she is a school secretary at Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown. A graduate of Frostburg State University, her high school alma mater is Bethesda-Chevy Chase. If it takes talent to know talent then Fran qualifies. She was a collegiate all-state athlete in field hockey and lacrosse.

Coach Duvall is grateful for the help she gets from assistants Christine Janosko, Tiffany Werking and Roy Melton and was pleased that Riley Norton could pitch in for the last eight matches. What is particularly gratifying to her is that three out of the four played for her on past teams.

At the Duvall household volleyball is a family affair. Senior Dan and Junior Maureen are team leaders and,

like Mom, are in the sport just about all year round. As Dan leaves PHS this year to go to George Mason University, he will be playing volleyball for the GMU Patriots.

Starting with the strong play by setter Maureen Duvall, this team has other experienced and strong juniors such as Jackie Reid, Jaclyn Rosenberg, and Ashley Steele returning for their final year as a Falcon. The future looks strong with seven team members being sophomores or freshman. The younger athletes look impressive already with Kattie Bechnell having many strong performances as a team setter. Coach Duvall is really positive about the future when she says; "We had a young team this season. I think Russ Allnutt, Jason Norton, Manny McEleney, Inge Rasmussen, and Jennifer Ogden are all going to be really good in the next two years. And, the Falcons have two freshman



Falcons assume their winning style receiving a serve.

players, Inge and Jason Stiner, on the team which helps build for the future."

One of the things that make coaching special to Fran is watching not only the team reach its goals but also seeing the development and achievement by individual players. As an example, in the County Co-Ed Championships, she points to senior Cassidy Synder, fending off previous challenges in serving; "he stepped up and played his best volleyball in a big match. He did not miss one serve in four games. He proved to himself that he could do it. The smile on his face said it all." For Coach Duvall that's what coaching is all about, adding, "I cherish the times when a player has what I call a moment." Judging from past play and with great expectations about this up and coming team, the PHS coed volleyball team is a team that has a lot of moments and a whole lot more momentum ahead of them.

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