



1895 photograph of the Griffith home at Beallsville corners.

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State Senator Rob Garagiola with Neal and Alexander Durant of Potomac at the Ag Reserve Meeting.

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A visit to Oatlands

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What new crop is this farmer growing in Tama I fields?

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Heaven Can't Wait

By Rande Davis

For many of us, the passion for a hobby or sport can push us to our limits. For John Olden-Stahl and his hobby, one could say the sky's the limit—literally.

John developed an intense interest in astronomy as a young man when he became fascinated with space as a result of the 1960s space exploration program, generally, and the manned lunar landing, specifically. As a Germantown resident, his interest in astronomy was frustrated by the sky-glow light pollution emanating from that area. Also, the inconvenience of a portable telescope system with its arduous, time-consuming set up and unavoidable instability, even on a tripod, makes it a difficult process.

Upon moving to Poolesville, he found that the sky-glow problem was minimized. When he came across a complete observatory kit offered by Barnesville's John Menke, he decided to move ahead with his plans to build his very own backyard observatory. With assistance from the Morningstar Welding Company in Poolesville and a lot of hard work, he was able to complete his project.

The Olden-Stahl Observatory is a domed structure that sits atop a cement pylon that cuts five feet into the ground and has a diameter of

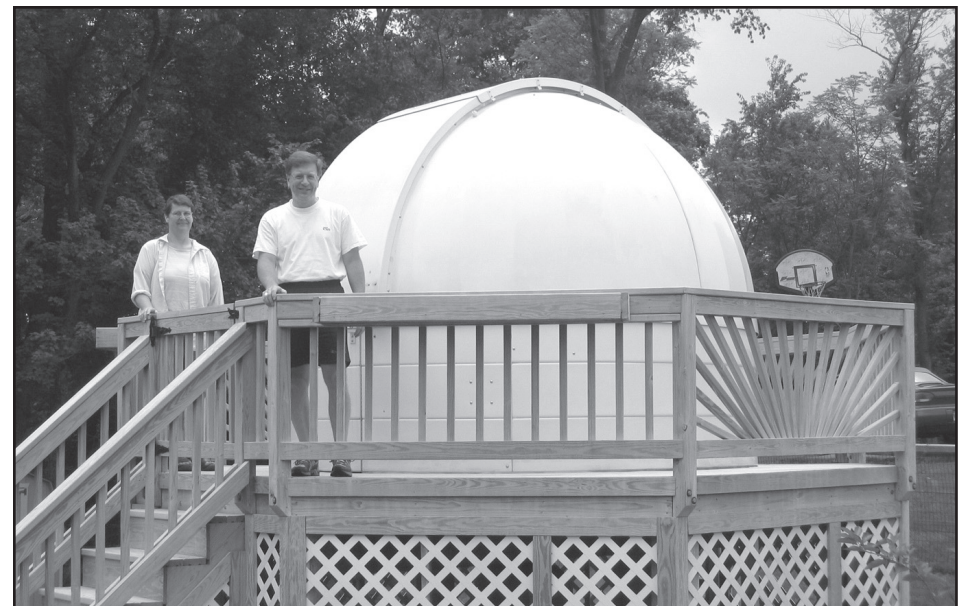
three and one-half feet. All this extra girding is required to obtain optimum balance and minimum vibrations, all of which can adversely affect one's viewing. John was attracted to the fact that the observatory's motion can be controlled by remote control, and that he can do all his viewing inside the home on his personal computer.

John (originally from Oneonta, New York) and his wife Susan (from Chicago) moved to our area with their two children, Natalie (twenty-two) and Julia (nineteen). He is a system architect engineer for Lockheed-

Martin, and Susan is a history teacher at Walt Whitman High School. His interest in science must have rubbed off on daughter Natalie, since she just completed a dual major in biology and anthropology. Julia is starting at Montgomery College as she considers her future plans.

Amazingly, this backyard observatory uses the same software as that is used in some of the most sophisticated locations such as the Keck Observatory in Hawaii and the Mount Wilson Observatory in California.

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John and Susan Olden-Stahl atop the deck of their personal observatory.

Poolesville's Piano Man

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

One day, in the early 1960s, a young boy, maybe twelve or thirteen years of age, was living in West Germany. One of his friends invited him to see a concert in Frankfurt where there would be a number of bands playing. This boy loved music, so he accepted. While he sat up on the balcony overlooking the stage, he heard band after band play and was enjoying himself; then, it happened—the band came on the stage. The boy

had never heard anything like them. Four young men had begun to perform—they sang in wonderful harmonies, they were experimenting with music in unusual ways. In the boy's eyes they were fabulous, and he decided that he wanted to do what they were doing when he grew up—he wanted to be a professional musician. The Beatles definitely made an impression on Rick Normoyle, but they certainly weren't the only musical influence on the young Rick—they were simply the catalyst for a long, interesting career in music.

Rick Normoyle was born in Hawaii into a military family. In his early formative years, he was exposed to music that molded him. Every night, after the children were in bed, his mother would play the piano. He was witness to local Hawaiian families, his friends' families, gathering to play music for the joy of it—singing, playing guitars and ukuleles. His parents always made sure there were opportunities for him to listen to good music. He loved Rodgers and Hammerstein, *West Side Story*, and

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The Arena

Upcounty Activists Meet to Celebrate the Ag Reserve

By John Clayton

The Linden Farm in Dickerson was overrun by close to 200 local citizens and a significant contingent of elected officials on Saturday, July 31 for a program put on by the Sugarloaf Citizens Association. The event celebrated the development and success of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve (AR), which will be twenty-five years old in 2005.

Following a welcome by Jim Brown, President of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association, Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Dick Berlage set the tone with his statement that the Ag Reserve "must survive." Rural Density Transfer (RDT) zoning, the AR's proper monitor, comprises 90,000 acres, or one-third of the surface area of the county. Mr. Berlage discussed the major threats to the Reserve, including the much-feared second crossing over the

Potomac (the Techway) and large estate subdivisions, which meet the letter, if not the intent, of the Ag Reserve guidelines by slowly removing acreage from agricultural use.

Mr. Berlage reminded the audience that the number one purpose of RDT zoning is to sustain the viability of farming. Residential use of RDT land is strictly secondary and is meant to be controlled so that only minimal areas lose their potential for agricultural use. He explained that while the county's economy will continue to grow and put pressure on remaining open spaces, proponents must work to garner support for the AR by "developing a county-wide constituency for the Ag Reserve," touting such benefits as water quality, air quality, and the aesthetic delights of a ride in the country. The entire county must get a benefit from the Ag Reserve if it is to endure. He also pointed out that the definition of agriculture must evolve as well. The county has moved from traditional dairy, livestock, and crop farming into more recreational uses such as the equestrian industry, landscape firms, and specialized farming.

Mr. Berlage captured the spirit of

the event with an anecdote about his son who in his early youth, needed a ride to the country (read AR) to learn the connection between chicken nuggets and live chickens. Mr. Berlage's tale was well received, and each subsequent speaker seemed compelled to mention a similar experience.

Royce Hanson, a former Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman, followed and was credited as one of the two fathers of the Ag Reserve, the other being George Kephart, who appeared later in the program. Mr. Hanson discussed the history and evolution of the concepts that built the Ag Reserve, including a discussion of the use of private markets to help landowners profit from their holdings without having to sell to developers. Mr. Hanson touted Maryland and Montgomery County's successes relative to other states, and particularly to Virginia, where he suggested one could see the difference by "taking the ferry over to Virginia and driving around—if you can." Mr. Hanson criticized the county council for approving alternative septic systems (such as sand mounds) which were intended to maintain existing residences as necessary, not to encourage development in previously unsustainable areas. He presented a comprehensive list of steps that should be taken to protect the AR and reminded us that the "greatest threat is complacency," as we will be faced by "incremental threats to the Ag Reserve." His reference to the Techway continuing to "tap on the inside of its coffin" personified the theme of vigilance.

Local developer and civic leader, Michael Rubin, and agricultural innovator, Woody Woodruff, of the Red Wiggler Farm also spoke in support of agricultural preservation.

Mr. Rubin exhorted the crowd to be aware of the necessity of preserving the Ag Reserve and that each voice can make a difference. He reaffirmed that the AR's biggest enemy is "apathy, born of a sense of indifference or a sense of powerlessness." Mr. Woodruff discussed "Consumer Supported Agriculture," whereby farms such as Red Wiggler can grow fruits and vegetables for local consumers who have made a (relatively) small upfront investment to support the farm for the next year's crop.

Former Planning Board member George Kephart was introduced as the man who cast the deciding vote to implement the Agricultural Reserve. He received this accolade graciously and discussed the Kingsbury Orchard which has been in operation for over five generations since 1907.

In one of the few departures from the scripted program, Mr. Rubin and Mr. Charles Jamison sparred briefly over the profit outlook for landowners who may continue to farm the Ag Reserve beyond the day when present systems of remuneration are viable. Following a frank and honest exchange (as they say), the issue was abandoned as unresolved.

Many elected officials and political leaders were in attendance, and they were announced during the breaks between speakers to respectable applause. The County Council was well represented by Council Chairman Steve Silverman, Michael Knapp, Marilyn Praisner, Nancy Floreen, and Phil Andrews. State Senator Rob Garagiola and State Delegates Jean Cryor and Kathleen Dumais were also noted. Additional political luminaries included Lib Tolbert, Ike Legget, Blair Ewing and Houston Miller.

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Justin Smith made 110 laps at Swim for Sarah, over the 5k mark.



Newly appointed District Commander Captain Evelyn Cahalen with Community Services Officer, George Boyce (right) and Poolesville's Sgt. Frank Brown at the Poolesville Town Commissioners Meeting.



Members of the Mt. Zion Warren United Methodist Church at their Vacation Bible School family get together.



PHS Varsity Football Head Coach Larry Hurd puts his team through some early PT at a recent fundraiser.



Del. Jean Cryor with Barnesville's John Belferman at the Ag Reserve meeting.



Carroll Manor Lions Club members prepare their famous roast beef BBQ.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church recreated a bustling Marketplace from 29 AD for their VBS.

DID YOU KNOW?

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For those thinking of joining the Olden-Stahl's path, keep in mind that this is not as simple as your typical telescope, which is described by John as limited visual astronomy. His system is astrophotography, which utilizes digital photography. This observatory can pre-set celestial coordinates and be programmed to follow an object or planet as it moves across the horizon.

If you are like me and terms such as calculus, physics and algorithms cause your eyes to roll back into your head, this hobby is not for you. On the other hand, if your passion is viewing planets, Messier Objects, star clusters, and galaxies, and if you get a kick watching the space station whiz by, then you might want to consider selling your golf clubs, fishing rod, boat, and maybe a whole bunch of other items to make your substantial investment in your very own system. If you do, be prepared to take a little kidding from the neighbors and friends. This domed structure, especially when it is surrounded by a Hoss Metz deck, often gets confused as an elaborate hot tub. While most of us are kept busy just by keeping our eyes on the road, John looks skyward for his moments of inspiration from the heavens above.

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was especially enthralled by the orchestrations, something that would impact his musical development and his opportunities.

This childhood beginning makes up part of what Rick has dubbed an Equation on Talent. His Equation consists of two parts: The environment to which you're exposed when you're young and whether you love it enough to devote the time and work necessary to become better at it. "It doesn't have to be music, any talent can be developed," he says, "whether it's soccer, music, painting, writing — anything."

Rick's formal musical education was inconsistent at best. He began piano lessons at the age of eight while still living in Hawaii, then took lessons on and off for the next six years. He went to high school in McLean, Virginia, was teaching himself the piano, then the organ and began part two of the Equation. "I wasn't the best or the fastest, but I had the desire, I wanted to succeed badly, so I worked at it." Well, the hard work paid off — he plays beautifully and difficult music comes from his fingers seemingly easily and effortlessly.

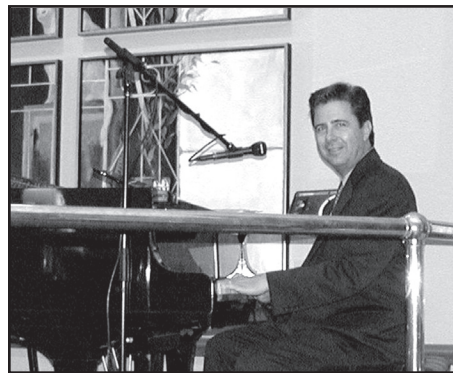
One could say that Rick began his professional career as a musician when he was sixteen. He was playing in bands and had paying jobs every weekend, but he wasn't yet a piano man. At that time, he was playing his "biggest, coolest instrument — the Hammond B-3 organ." Much of the popular music of the sixties featured this organ.

It may seem surprising that there could be work for him every weekend, but the musical culture of the late sixties was teeming with opportunity. All high schools in the area had rock/pop/jazz bands, and each high school had at least one really good band, and the members of the bands all played instruments and sang. There were dances every weekend — even the local radio stations would announce what high school band was playing where on Friday and Saturday nights.

After high school, there were again many opportunities in the D.C. area. Most of the hotels had live bands. Rick was playing in bands six nights a week, four to five hours a night in places that offered open-ended contracts. Essentially, he was paid to "practice four to five hours a day," and he was paid well.

It has been said that a novel is really a series of short stories — maybe the same can be said of a life. Rick has

many stories to tell, but the best ones are the pivotal ones — stories that relate the many blessings in his life. Sometimes he calls them blessings, sometimes he calls them small miracles or answers to prayers.



Mr. Piano Man Rick Normoyle.

He would probably be the first to say that his greatest blessing is his wife, Linda. They met when he was eighteen, "I was smitten," he recalls fondly, and married four years later. She was always supportive of him. When he needed to buy more instruments and equipment, she helped him do it. Of course there were the times when he felt maybe he should stop. Linda was the one who persuaded him to continue. She told him that because she had been by his side through so much and had helped him purchase instruments, she should have an equal say in what he would choose to do. She told him to stick with it, and he did — a blessing.

Many of the blessings of Rick's life had to do with being in the right place at the right time and being prepared to take advantage of opportunities as they should arise. So, here's a story, a story that leads to a better one, The Greatest Night. First, let's start with the Prelude to the Greatest Night.

Rick was in his twenties, and he was playing in a band at Rehoboth Beach. One day, while the other band members were out on the beach carousing (remember, Saint Richard, as he was dubbed, was happily married), Rick was practicing in the restaurant. A woman came into the room to do some tidying up. Rick surmised (correctly) that she must be the owner, so he started to play the best songs he knew on the piano. She was impressed and asked him to take on a long-term position as pianist and singer — alone. Rick mentioned that he was playing in a band and would have to give three weeks notice, the owners agreed. Rick gave the band two weeks notice then spent the third week practicing ten hours a day to learn a repertoire because he was

about to embark on his career as a piano man — something which up until that point, he had never been.

Finally, the story of the Greatest Night — Rick, at last he's a piano man — is playing and singing at the restaurant in Rehoboth Beach. During a break, a woman comes up to him and tells him that she loves his singing, but doesn't care a bit for his piano playing. Within forty minutes, a man approaches Rick to impart to him his thoughts — Rick's piano playing is great, but he really shouldn't be singing. What is that old adage? You can keep some of the people happy some of the time, but you can't keep all the people happy all the time.

After thirty years, Rick has had a rather successful career as a professional musician, but he's allowed himself to expand and grow into more. In his twenties, he was playing at a hotel on a very nice piano that was, unfortunately, out of tune. He came to the realization that as he says, "No matter how well I played, I would have to learn how to tune and repair pianos. I have to have an instrument that will allow me to have fun." He joined the Piano Technicians' Guild and took courses to learn how to repair pianos.

Also in his twenties, Rick resumed piano lessons to learn better piano technique. Wade Beach not only taught him the piano, but taught him what a good teacher was and how rare they were. When clients of his piano repair service began asking him to teach their children, Rick was able to draw on his memories of lessons with Beach.

Rick and his wife and family have lived in Poolesville for over twenty-five years, and Rick says of Poolesville, "If there's a piece of heaven on Earth, this is it." He has volunteered at the local schools for years, "they needed a pianist, and I was available and capable," and he also plays and sings regularly at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church.

One can frequently find Rick at his piano or sitting on the front porch with Linda. "Our dream was to have a house with a porch that faced west," they say. Rick may not have become a rock star, but he is living his dream. Of course, if Rick has an Equation on Talent, he must also have a Philosophy, "Point yourself in the right direction, pray, and work hard."

Tributes

Jack Davis Recognized for His Model Home

It was a double tribute and celebration for Jack W. Davis of Dickerson on August 1, 2004. He was not only honored for his contribution of a miniature house for the King Barn Dairy Mooseum but it was also his eightieth birthday.

Readers of *The Monocle* may remember the cover story *This is the House that Jack Built* in our May 13 edition. Mr. Davis has spent the past year diligently building a model of the King Family home that once stood

near the current site of the King Barn Dairy Mooseum. This museum is in Germantown and it is a historical tribute to the dairy farmers of Montgomery County.

The model is so complete in its exact detail that it even includes its own interior lighting system, and each room is individually decorated with wallpaper and furnishings. Scott Watson contributed the lighting and Mary Lund did the interior decoration.

In addition to the reception honoring Mr. Davis, Montgomery County Council member Michael Knapp presented a Council certificate recognizing him for his outstanding work.



Scott Watson, Barbara McGraw, Mary Lund and Jack Davis.

Remembrances

Charles Dyker

Charles Dyker passed away at his home in Dickerson, Maryland on July 29, 2004. Mr. Dyker was an active member of the community as a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville, and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Monocacy Lions Club for over 30 years.

Born in 1912, to August and Clara Liedmeier Dyker, Mr. Dyker was the husband of Christine Lund Dyker. He was the founder and president of the Progressive Color Corporation, an area printing company. He was also a renowned watercolor and oil artist as well as a charcoal portraitist whose work has been exhibited at many venues throughout the region.

Four children and five grandchildren also survive Mr. Dyker. His children are Marcia Sprey of Buckeystown, Brian Dijker of California, and Barbara Dijker and Carolyn Dijker of Colorado.

The Monocacy Lions will have a memorial tribute and tree dedication to Mr. Dyker in September.



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Black Rock Concert Series
Black Rock Cultural Center
Germantown
"Country Current" Band • 7:00 p.m.

August 15
Summer Concert in the Park
Whalen Commons, Poolesville
Half Shell Band • 7:00 p.m.

August 19
Maryland Science Center
Poolesville Public Library
"Playball" - ages six and up • 2 p.m.

August 20 and 21
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August 22
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August 28
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(Rain Date: October 10, 2004)

August 29
Victorian Lawn Party
Honoring artist Carol Stuart Watson
Historic Medley's John Poole House
Afternoon (Art Exhibit will run through end of September)

Seneca Schoolhouse Open House
Back to School Event for Public, Private and Home School Teachers

August 30
Poolesville Public Library
Book Discussion Group
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August 31
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St. Peter's Episcopal Church
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September 9
Poolesville Public Library
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10:30 a.m.

September 16
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The Pulse

Historic Medley District

Historic Medley District is a private non-profit corporation owned and operated by its members with no help from any governmental agency, except for an occasional grant. HMD supports two museums—the John Poole House and the Seneca Schoolhouse—and the Stock Arboretum at the John Poole House. HMD also has ongoing preservation projects such as the Warfel Store that require healthy infusions of money.

The Museum Shop, an antiques and gift shop, after a year in business is providing revenue to support the John Poole House and Stock Arboretum. The Preservation Barn Dance, the traditional fundraiser for the Seneca Schoolhouse, is in the planning stages and the date and location will soon be announced, as will a call for volunteers. The members like to enjoy themselves, so they make sure that fundraising efforts are as much fun as they are productive.

Two recent developments at HMD are the formation of the Medley Press,

for which they received funding to publish books on the historic river ferries and on the Monocacy Aqueduct, and the formation of the Arboretum Committee to act as a friends group for the arboretum, the one-acre garden that features a collection of plants indigenous before 1850.

Upcoming events include a Victorian Lawn Party on the afternoon of Sunday, August 29 at the John Poole House in honor of the exhibition of the art of Carol Stuart Watson that will be held over from now until the end of September. On the same afternoon there will be an Open House at the Seneca Schoolhouse for public, private, and home school teachers to thank them for bringing field trips to the Schoolhouse. On Poolesville Day, September 11, craftspeople on the John Poole House lawn will demonstrate traditional crafts and sell their wares.

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Free Fun Family Events

On August 15 the five-piece group, Half Shell Band, comes to Poolesville's Whalen Park's summer programs. This offers the classic rock and roll songs you love. The crowds have been good this year with many families bringing their own chairs and carryout picnic. The summer season will end on August 29 with the Dixieland tunes of "Village Jazz."

At 8:00 p.m. on Saturday nights Black Rock (12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown) continues its summer program with "Country Current" on August 14 and James Mabry on August 21.

Thank You, Thank You Very Much!

This fun night is for all you Elvis Presley fans. The Carroll Manor Fire Department is sponsoring Michael Hoover's - Memories of Elvis. His performance is billed as the #1 Elvis Tribute Show. You will want to sing along with this one. This is a fundraiser to benefit the John S. Mills Memorial Building Fund and therefore, no outside food or drinks are

allowed. You will want to bring your own chairs or blanket.

Advance ticket sales are \$10.00 for person over 12 years of age. Tickets bought at the gate will be \$12.00. Children from 6 - 12 are \$5.00 with those under six years old free. Family's can get in at \$25.00. For tickets or information call Ed Arnold at 301-874-5350. This event will be held at the Carroll Manor Carnival Grounds, Adamstown, Md.

Monocacy Lions Club Golf Outing

One of the area's favorite golf outings is coming up on Thursday, September 23. The Monocacy Lions Club will host their largest fundraiser of the year. A foursome gets a round of golf, carts, participation in special contests like longest drive and closest to the pin, and a chicken barbecue dinner for \$90.00 per person. Businesses can sponsor holes and four-somes as well. Call Mike Sutherland at 301-972-7794.

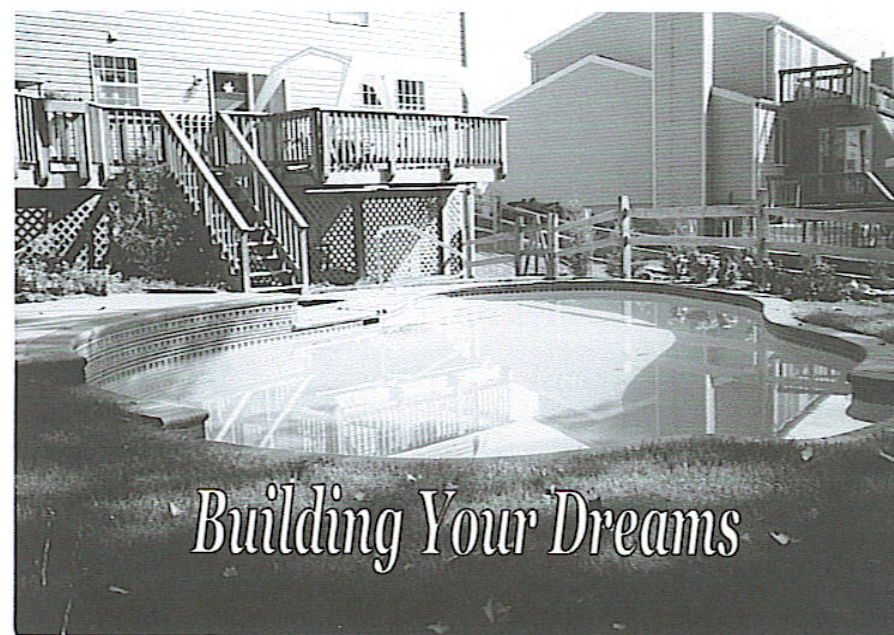
Victorian Lawn Party

Historic Medley will have a Victorian Lawn Party and art exhibition on Sunday, August 29, 2004 at the John Poole House in honor of artist Carol Stuart Watson.

Local Quakers Open House

Ever think about attending a Quaker Meeting, but you're not sure what goes on or whether you would feel comfortable? There's space for you in the silence we share. Come have a cup of coffee with us, ask questions, get answers. Seneca Valley Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) will hold an Open House at 11:00 a.m. on August 15 and again on September 19. Kerr Fellowship Hall at Boyds Presbyterian Church, 19821 White Ground Road, Boyds. For information call 301-990-9627.

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Equestrian News — Friesians

By Debby Lynn
Special to the Monocacy Monocle

Once upon a time, in a land now known as Holland, knights in armor rode into battle on magnificent black war horses. These horses were bred for strength, grace, and tractable dispositions. They had to be strong, to carry a heavily armored knight. A kind disposition made them easy to manage and ride in battle, and their proud bearing and graceful movements distinguished them as war horses, rather than common cart horses.

Four hundred years later, these horses are still being bred in their ancestral home.

They are now bred as driving horses, and used to pull beautiful carriages of a bygone era.

One special Friesian, named Othello, got a chance to relive his heritage. He was chosen to play the part of a knight's charger in the movie "Ladyhawk." It was the perfect role for him. As in the middle ages, Friesians of today wear long flowing manes and tails, and have the characteristic proud bearing. Othello was an authentic war horse, and played his part to perfection.

Once upon a much more recent time, a man named Steven Feys saw this movie, and was enchanted by the lead role's charger. He did a little research, and discovered the Friesian

breed. Steven was a breeder of Great Danes, so it was a natural idea to begin breeding Friesians. Happily for area horse lovers, Steve has his breeding operation right here in the Poolesville area. You can drive down West Hunter Road and view a scene right out of the middle ages. A dozen or so powerful black horses with feathered legs and long, flowing manes cropping grass. Just up the hill are barns with a distinctly Dutch flair.

Steve's farm, Wish Upon A Ster Friesians, breeds modern horses for driving and dressage. (It's not a typo, the Dutch spell star with an "e".) Many of his horses are imported directly from Holland, and all of them faithfully represent this ancient breed. If you visit his farm, you will feel like you have been magically transported to the Dutch Netherlands. Several of

his employees are young ladies from Holland, here completing the practical portion of their university studies. You can hear their delightful multilingual voices in the barn aisles.



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If you are lucky, you may even see these young ladies doing what hungry people everywhere do: driving through McDonald's. In their case, they do mean driving. Imagine being the window person at McDonald's, and looking out to see a medieval looking carriage, resplendent with medieval horse, waiting in line for coffee.

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In the Garden— Structure in the Garden

By Maureen O'Connell
Contributing Writer

In the last issue we discussed the garden as an extension of the rooms in your house. These rooms come alive with the addition of furniture and decorative objects that add interest and architectural dimensions. Your garden rooms need the same touches. I call it "structure." You can define it figuratively as the interrelation of parts as dominated by the general character of the whole. That is a highfalutin way of describing the placement of objects that bring architectural interest and an ambiance to these open spaces.

I like to break down structure to Garden Boundaries, the Garden Above, the Garden Underfoot, the Living Garden, and Garden Furniture.

The gardens in Colonial Williamsburg present a wonderful combination of the best of English and French garden structure. You can see every element of the categories I listed above.

The roots of the word "garden" means enclosure. Ever since early times the garden was an enclosure to provide a private niche in which to rest and meditate and provide a protected spot to keep hungry wild beasts out of the cultivated crops. Today we might not have such beasts, but we do have deer and Peter Rabbit who will quickly maraud a garden. We also very much need a quite, secluded spot to escape from the stress of our daily lives. So, without this "enclosure," there is no garden, only unbroken lawn.

We can create garden boundaries in many ways. The most popular are gates and doorways, fences, walls and edgings. A garden's sense of place or atmosphere arises as much from its structural elements as from the plants. A split rail fence connotes a different mood than a picket fence or a ten foot privacy fence. A delightful touch to your gardens are "little fences" or edgings. Someone once said that gardens are like children; they need constant discipline. The sparmint must learn not to poke its eager runners into the rose garden. The verbena must not amble onto the grass lawn. They must have limits.

Edgings provide these "stay put rules". They come in many forms. Some English gardeners edge their flower beds with a simple moat: a

V-shaped trench in the soil that keeps the grass from spreading into the perennial beds. I find this method most effective for large stretches of garden. You can also edge with bricks, large stones, or small metal picket fences. My favorite edging is the wattle fence. Medieval gardeners outlined their garden beds with woven wattle edgings. They were fashioned by weaving willow branches, hazel saplings or other flexible branches between knee-high palings of cedar, locust or redwood pounded securely into the ground. Monks at the monastery and serfs from the manor house would spend the winter weaving the bounty of the coppices into wattle fences. If you don't think you will have time this winter to sit by the fireplace and weave your little wattle fences, Smith and Hawken carries them in their catalogue and their store on Connecticut Avenue. Order early in spring, as they sell out fast. At the end of the garden season, store them in a shed as they will rot if left outdoors.

What is the "Garden Above?" Our garden plants are rooted in the earth, but like the great medieval European cathedrals, they want to beckon to the sky. There are many ways to stretch your gardens skyward. I love trellises, as they give many plants climbing lessons. Every year I start wonderful pale blue morning glories and pastel nasturtiums on trellises attached to several out-buildings. What a sight when they are in full bloom! My other climbing helper is the tuteur or obelisk. You can find these made of metal or cedar. Their visual impact can be increased by an interesting coat of paint.

Chartwell, Winston Churchill's home outside of London, has many wonderful gardens. Churchill loved Chartwell and was involved in the creation and maintenance of all the gardens. When I visited there last year and toured the gardens, I kept noticing a wonderfully soft blue gray paint on many of the garden benches and other garden structures. I had to have that color of paint! I tried to bring back on my BA flight a can of a similar colored paint that I had made at the wonderful bespoke paint store on Fulham Road, London, Farrow and Ball. It was just the right shade. Unfortunately, paint is a forbidden item in your luggage. Just as well, as I had visions of all my clothes "Chartwell Blue" if the lid of the paint can popped. John Speelman's Poolesville Hardware came to the rescue.

I brought a paint chip from the bench near the croquet court (it sort of fell of the bench onto the grass). I took it to John Speelman's Poolesville Hardware and we created a good match. So I now have "Chartwell Blue" on many of my garden benches.

The Garden Underfoot can be as simple as a well-mown path or a sun-dappled flagstone patio. You can have pea-gravel walks, flagstone walks or elaborate brick walkways. They all form the floors of your outdoor home.

The garden is "living Architecture." The more you involve yourself with the structuring, the more clearly you see the architecture. You carefully select your plants; you nurture them, and shape your garden's boundaries. As your walkways become your garden's floor and the sky your roof, the garden truly becomes your home.

The last element in your garden that we will discuss is outdoor furniture. You have to have some place to sit when you do your garden stroll with your Labs! There are many types of garden furniture on the market. They range from plastic (ugh!), cedar, redwood, teak and wrought iron. I have several teak benches, chairs and tables scattered

throughout the garden. Good teak pieces can be expensive, but they will last a long time. My favorite bench is the "Giverny". It was modeled after Monet's bench near the water-lily garden at his home in Giverny, France.

Another interesting type of garden furniture is iron works. It was very popular in the late Nineteenth Century. In contrast to wrought iron, which can be quite heavy-looking, iron work pieces have a light filigree look. Antique iron work can be pricey. I saw several benches and chairs in London and Paris for thousands of dollars. I've found a secret antique shop in the Leesburg area that occasionally will have some iron work pieces at good prices. I recently purchased two chairs and a loveseat painted in a lovely soft shade of celadon. If you are patient and have the time to poke around some of these funky antique shops, you might come upon a real find.

I leave you with this thought from Voltaire's *Candide*: Aller cultiver votre jardin.

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Focus on Business

By Rande Davis

The Little Entrepreneur with Big Dreams

Americans have a long history of entrepreneurship. It can be hard to say when that special spark of creative energy first strikes an individual. For Alex Pike, the founder, CEO, president, and general manager of Holiday Lites Company, his moment came at age ten. The memory of that special moment seems as fresh as yesterday. Then again, it practically was yesterday.

For Alex Pike, the ten-year-old son of Drs. Tim Pike and Margaret Valega, the dream to light up the skies of Poolesville around Christmas time emerged last year when he first established his company, Holiday Lites. Using standard plywood, Alex cuts out the shape of a five-foot snowman and an equally tall Christmas tree, paints them the appropriate color, and inserts holiday lights all around the periphery to create a spirited lawn decoration sure to light up the lawns and hearts of residents in the area.



Alex and his holiday decorations.

This polite, personable, and bright young lad embodies the spirit of the small businessman. While many his age sit around wondering what to do to pass the day, he is a man with a plan - and, after just one year, his financials have nearly doubled! We look forward to one of two things from Alex: his first IPO, or even better, a desire to sell newspaper advertising!

Even with the heat of summer all around us, Alex would be the first to remind you that the holiday season will begin in less than 100 days. With that in mind, he wants you to know you can place an order by calling 301-972-7522.

The New Meadow Lark Inn

The time-honored Meadow Lark Inn in Poolesville has experienced a rebirth through the enthusiastic energy and creative-juices flowing from its new owners, Jay Adorno and Steve Jennifer. This duo has taken on their new venture after earning it the old-fashioned way through hard work and dedication.

Their friendship developed not only from working together at the



The Adorno family: J.J., Reuben, Mary and Jay.

Marriott Corporation, but also from sharing similar backgrounds and interests. The friendship really solidified with the discovery that they both shared the dream of owning a restaurant.

Both men come from very large families. Jay has five brothers and three sisters, and Steve has six brothers and one sister. Both started working in kitchens in high school gaining appreciation for the work ethic by "starting at the bottom" and through the years working their way up the ladder to supervision, management, and now, ownership.

They got their first breaks from older, experienced chefs who mentored them in their earliest days in the restaurant business. Jay worked in an Italian restaurant and began experimenting in cooking and baking with the support of the owner - or so he thinks - the chef didn't speak English, and Jay didn't speak Italian. It worked out fine, however, and from that experience he came away with one of his specialties, New York cheesecake!

Steve, after doing some short order cooking, was also taken under wing by a chef-mentor who suggested he give the restaurant business a six-month try. Six months became twenty-four years.

Jay was born in Brooklyn, moved with his family to Chicago as a teen, and then back to New York after the early death of his dad. Steve is from this area and is a graduate of Cardozo High School. Both Steve and Jay love sports. Steve still plays football and

basketball with St. Marten's in a community Catholic league, and Jay's dreams of playing major league baseball have since toned down to where he is now a daily runner.

Both Jay and Steve eventually obtained professional training. Jay, working part-time with the Marriott Corporation, was able to put himself through the Florida Culinary Institute, and Steve attended the Marriott Culinary In-Service Institute.

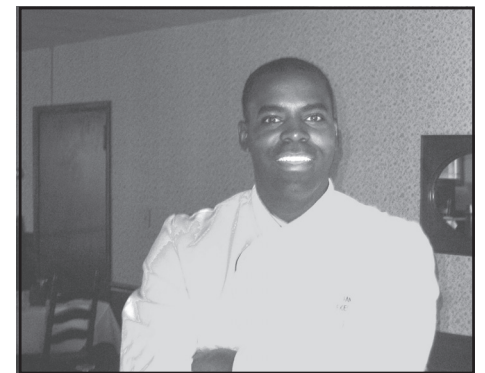
One other area both men have in common is their beautiful families. Jay says the best part of working at Marriott was "that's where I met my wife, Mary." The Adorno children include Ariel (fourteen years old), Reuben (twelve years old) and J.J. (six years old). You may meet any one of these young boys pouring water or handing out menus.

Steve and his wife Jennifer (really) have two children, Ezra (four years old) and Ryellea (two years old). Jennifer wasn't available at the time of the interview as she was traveling for her work with the children's orphanage Our Little Brothers and Sisters.

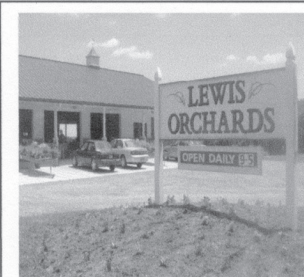
Steve and Jay are experimenting with menu selections and other

entertainment possibilities that include patio dining, a teen night during the high school football season, and possibly a venue that includes Redskin games. They love getting ideas from customers and from the community and have recently initiated an "early-bird menu." They want everyone to be encouraged to order from a menu that ranges from lighter fare to their signature specialties like Steve's Crab Cake in pink vodka sauce and Jay's Adobo Chicken.

One thing they do not want you to do is follow the suggestion of Steve's wife when she advised him on how to watch his waistline by stating, "Honey, just taste it, don't eat it."



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Mystery History

By Rande Davis

Judging by the way it looks today, the four corners at Route 28 and Route 109 could almost be called the Ghost Town of Beallsville. Unbeknownst to the unsuspecting passerby, this once thriving crossroads has had its important moments in history.

At one time, this area was the site of what is today St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. First chartered in the Monocacy Cemetery area in the early 1700s, the parish eventually moved to its current site on Route 107.

Beallsville has had its moment of political importance since it was here that Maryland's two-party system got its origin. The "Potomack-Federalists" met here in 1790 to formulate their plans to challenge other political factions in Baltimore. From these early American meetings, the concept of today's congressional district system, as opposed to an "at large" system, was developed.

It was here, just a bit south of the four corners at Medley Hill, that the Medley Voting District was established. (This is where the local histori-

cal society, Historic Medley District, gets its name – see *Pulse* in this issue.)

Prior to the Civil War, this little township had a blacksmith, general store, post office, chapel, and gristmill. The chapel now standing at the nearby Monocacy Cemetery was built by the Daughters of the American Confederacy. It is a reproduction of the original church that was destroyed and used for firewood by Union troops. The new chapel was built as a memorial for Confederate States of America veterans. There are at least thirty-two confederate veterans buried in the cemetery which has over 3,000 burial sites.



The old Staub's Restaurant. Note the gas station sign to the right.

Downtown Beallsville

The four corners saw its share of Civil War soldiers with a September, 1862 skirmish nearby. Union soldiers used the site as an encampment because of its strategic location and visibility.

In the first part of the twentieth century, the four corners of Beallsville had three gas stations. They were at the Darby store, at the location of Staub's, which at one time was a Hudson-Studebaker Auto Dealership, and at the Beallsville garage, which used to have Mobil's "flying red horse" out front. A log cabin that once stood in what is now Staub's parking lot was taken apart, piece by piece, and moved to West Virginia.

The Darby General Store closed its doors in the 1940s. It had the old-fashioned merchandizing setup of requiring the customer to request items at a counter and the storeowner then retrieved the items. As you entered the store there were dry goods on the right, which included overalls, shoes, hats, and yards of clothing material. On the left were the food items, which were largely, canned goods and items sold by the pound.

Bill Griffith of Beallsville remembers the days when you could get a ham sandwich for ten cents and a bowl of bean soup for fifteen cents, and the best part was the freshly baked chocolate meringue pies baked daily by Mrs. Darby.

Payment was by account and recorded in ledgers kept by Mr. Darby showing each transaction. It is said that just as Mr. Darby was standing on a tall ladder at the very peak of the building with a bucket of paint in one hand and a brush in the other, he was advised by a well-informed neighbor that his store no longer met the zoning codes, and that if he was planning to spruce up the commercial establishment, he was simply wasting his time. He thought about it for a few moments, descended the ladder, and never again attempted to "fix up the old place."

On the adjacent corner, stood the home of C.W. Roberts, which also served at one time as a general store serving the rural community. His daughter Linda still resides just one block away. This building was condemned and demolished in a

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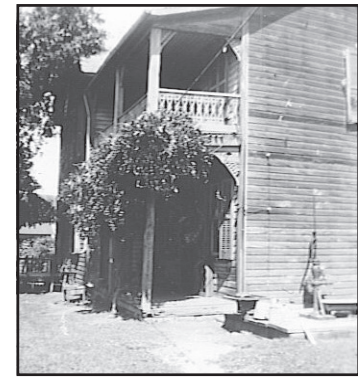
The once highly popular Staub’s restaurant now sits vacant next to the post office. A postal station has been, at one time or another, in structures previously located on each of the four corners.

But don’t despair for Beallsville. It looks like the small ghost-like town has a future. There is a new owner for

the old Staub’s Restaurant location. The building which continues to house the post office is properly zoned for certain types of commercial and retail uses like a flower shop or an antique store. The Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the Darby property. If that all goes well, the Darby home could house offices for the Woodstock Equestrian Center which borders the Darby property.

Reportedly, the plan for the Darby store is to move it back from the street, restore it and possibly offer it as a retail location. On the Beallsville garage side, the location will continue to be a blacksmith and welding company.

While some might argue that Beallsville’s better days have passed, this once proud village may have a future that holds new promise.



1939 picture of the C.W. Roberts house that stood across (south) from Staub’s.



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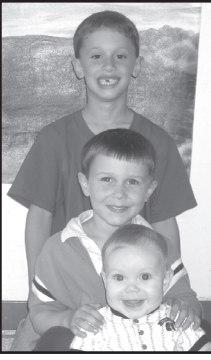
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Day Tripper

By Rande Davis

It was in 1804 when George Carter began making big plans to build the estate of his dreams. Situated on 3400 acres of beautiful Virginia countryside just six miles south of Leesburg is the Oatlands Plantation, the wheat farm built and named by George, the great-grandson of Robert "King" Carter, one of the richest and most important Virginians of the early Eighteenth Century.

Oatlands Plantation is part of a one-day adventure that provides an intriguing view into the grand lifestyle of the plantation owner and a haunting glimpse of the largest slaveholding plantation in Loudon County. The central attraction is the twenty-two-room Greek Revival mansion visible today that Mr. Carter remodeled from the original federal-style mansion. Grandly situated on the peak of one of the rolling hills of the estate, the mansion stands above an 1810 greenhouse, dairy, smokehouse, bank barn, and wonderfully manicured gardens.

Visiting a Plantation and the Quaint Towns of Northern Virginia

The plantation was sustained through the labor of eighty-five slaves (records list forty-three males and forty-two females). Today the plantation hosts many special events annually like its very popular Christmas holiday decoration festivities, the annual art show, fall antique fair, and also now offers to the public the use of its facilities for private weddings. In fact, just this past spring, the great-grandson of one of the slaves who had worked in the gardens and had planted trees on the estate celebrated his wedding on the very grounds his forebear had helped maintain.

The plantation had its own gristmill and even baked the bricks used to build the greenhouse. After the Civil War, struggling with debts and the loss of slave labor, the Carters operated Oatlands as a summer boarding house that was very popular with the elite of Washington, providing an opportunity to "get out of the city and rest in the country."

In 1897 the property was sold to the cofounder of the Washington Post, Stilson Hutchins, although he never actually resided on the property. In 1903, William Corcoran Eustis, an

avid equestrian and foxhunter, bought Oatlands. Many famous persons such as the Roosevelts often visited with the Eustises on weekends.

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which you are encouraged to use should you bring your own lunch.

Visitors have to pay an entry fee of \$10.00 for adults, or \$9.00 for seniors and teens to tour the entire facility. For the grounds only, the fee is \$7.00. The Carriage House visitor center has restrooms and a gift shop.

Today, Oatlands Plantation is

owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This provides prospective brides and grooms quite a benefit since expenditures above \$1,000 qualify for tax deductions. (Please consult your financial adviser for details.)

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Oatland's terraced gardens. Leesburg, and you will pass a couple of inviting wineries on the way to the plantation. Since it does not have its own eating facilities, you may want to include in your plans for the after-

pace on the second floor. It is the multi-leveled garden terraces that bring on a serene sense of tranquility and peacefulness. The grounds are replete with many huge and stately trees that shade some picnic tables,

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Drs. D. Timothy Pike and Margaret A. Valega with sons Alex, Ryan, and Conner.

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noon visits to a few of the quaint towns in Northern Virginia that offer history, antiques, museums, art centers, and restaurants.

Our Daytripper experience had us traveling through Berryville, Round Hill, and Purcellville after visiting Oatlands. These are very special and delightful little towns that offer their own attractions for shoppers, history enthusiasts, antique buffs, and those looking for a great lunch or dinner.

In Berryville, the Battlefield Inn is a historically quaint little place with noontime specialties, warm and

friendly service, and an atmosphere that makes you think that General Jubal Early just might drop by at any moment to get a bite to eat.

After visiting the shops and art galleries in Berryville, Round Hill is just up the road. The town is named after a hill situated just outside of town which is just over 900 feet high. A lookout position for both the Union and Confederate troops, the vista from its peak is a wonderful panorama.

Nearby is Purcellville (originally called Purcell Store), a town lined by Victorian homes, which offers its own art gallery, Loudon County Museum, and inviting dining places like the first rate Magnolia Restaurant and the country-style (informal) White Palace.

This August, Purcellville will offer a very special attraction for *Field of Dreams* fans. From August 14 through August 22, the Babe Ruth World Series will be under way in the town, and you should be able to catch exciting teen baseball.

If you happen to be in Purcellville on the third Saturday of the month from October to May, you could also step back in time and experience the unique popularity of the Bluemont Old-Time Country Dance. This community event is held in what was once a skating rink,

and participants contribute a dish to the potluck dinner for all to share. Since the town is under forty-five minutes away you could plan to stay a bit late.

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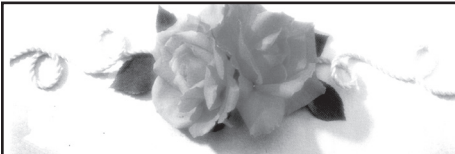
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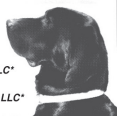
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Swim for Sarah a Success

The second annual Swim for Sarah held at the Western County Pool was a resounding success. The water of the pool churned with the laps of the many swimmers. Unbelievably, four swimmers swam over two hundred laps, a distance of ten thousand meters: Sam Gordon, Kirk Jackson, Ian Buckley, and Joseph Pepper each swam more than a 10K.

The money raised through efforts of the swimmers collecting bids, the silent auction, and the donations by many businesses and individuals goes towards scholarships for graduating seniors. This year there were two from Poolesville High School which Sarah attended, Katie Better and Joe Gordon (although he graduated last year, he just graduated off the team this year), and three from MCSL for which Sarah both swam and coached, Matt Anderson, Elisa Schrank, and Luke Wang.

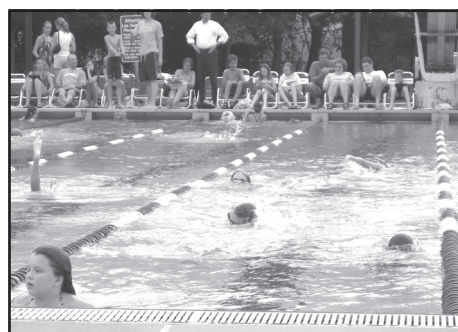
In just one year, Swim for Sarah has changed from being a swimming event to being a community event. One attendee commented that the "night had turned into a community event and that it was as much fun as Poolesville Day." Where the first Swim for Sarah was an emotional night and bittersweet in many ways, this second one was a joyful event. "Mr. and Mrs. Auer looked so happy," said Katie Better. "If Sarah had been there, she would have been so proud to have seen all the swimmers." Matt Anderson added, "It's so nice that they were able to make something positive out of what happened."

Of course, an event like this can't run smoothly without hard work. Again, Troop 496 provided the men

(and boys) for the job. The Swim for Sarah committee would like to thank the following Scouts and Scouters: Chris Martin, Will Martin, Nick Yaworski, Phillip Weiner, Alex Pike, Garrett Frost, Ryan Pike, John Torrey, Henry Giovanetti, Mathew Hixson, Cameron Hixson, Will Martin, Bill Hixson, Mark Yaworski, Lynn Frost, and Tim Pike.

Furthermore, where would the event be without the town-renowned silent auction? The Swim for Sarah committee is very grateful to all those who donated items, businesses, parents, swimmers, and individuals not even related to the swim team. Donations are still being accepted and can be made payable to the Sarah Auer Memorial Fund, CFNCR. They can be mailed to Mary Beth Preuss, 17102 Spates Hill Road, Poolesville, MD 20837.

Charlie and Doris Auer, Sarah's parents, sum it up best, "Our family was overwhelmed once again by the support and turnout for Swim for Sarah. We were in awe as we saw the many swimmers, young and old, turning over laps, and the many people who helped to run the event."



Kids make a big splash at the Swim for Sarah.

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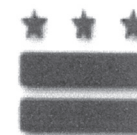
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Travels with Ray and Bryan

We continue to follow Ray and Bryan Clark as they bicycle through the Midwest. They were last seen in Yooperland.

Yooperland is home to pasties. No, not THAT kind of pasty. These are impregnated-looking pies that are flat on the bottom. They're filled with sausage, cheese, and rutabaga. Yoopers claim that they can't be found anywhere else in the world. With rutabagas it's no surprise.

We camped on Glidden Lake, which had a beautiful echo. We know this because a nearby dog kept testing it. I edged-out Bryan in the Rock Skipping Championship of the World. Hope yous are having da greatest summer ever, eh?

(July 5) We rode south of Indian Lake, just before Manistique. Longfellow's Hiawatha died on a pond just north of the lake. Ergo, we've been riding through Hiawatha State Forest, Hiawatha National Forest, passed Hiawatha Inn and Hiawatha Restaurant, found plenty of Hiawatha stuff in the gas stations (grocery stores, to us)...you know the drill...Hiawatha Hawk Ranch, Hiawatha Burgers...

Most wildlife spotted (bigger than a mosquito): deer and chipmunks. Most road rugs (by far): porcupines. Just as people of the U.P. call themselves "Yoopers", they call outsiders, such as ourselves, "trolls." We had a wonderful day trolling around Manistique.

After 1184 miles, we've finally met two other long distance cyclists. Nik Obriecht (22) and his dad, Alex (47), were riding a couple of thousand miles from out west to Nik's home in Lower Michigan. It was good to trade stories with a couple of nice guys.

The local theater only has one showtime per day. After viewing "The Day After Tomorrow", Bryan and I made a pact not to complain about the weather anymore.

The next day as we approach camp, I stop to take a picture of Bryan as he rides by me. Upon passing me, his bags brush against my bike, sending it side-over-side into a mosquito swamp ditch. Since I keep my dictaphone (for notes), with my camera, that compartment was open. We fish in the mosquito marsh with a stick, but are not able to recover the recorder — not that it would be worth the price of a can of deet if we had.

About a mile later, without

warning, my seat post snaps right under the saddle. In other words, I now have no place to sit. I've never even HEARD of this happening. We're 70 miles from the nearest town that might have a bike shop.

It's very windy on the shore of Lake Milokokia, which keeps the skeeters away. Bryan plays in the warm lake for a couple of hours. Where does he find the energy at the end of a day's ride? Suddenly, our neighbor bursts through the woods. "Severe thunderstorm alert tonight!" he warns. "Cool!" I smiled. He was gone just as quickly as he had come. After dinner, Bryan and I sit by the campfire, munching on Little Debbies watching lightning strike the far shore. Soon, we are forced under our tarp, as the fierce weather reaches our side of the lake.

Next morning...

I put insolite pads over the rear rack and sit there as we take off. This is a no-no, as it puts my weight directly over the rear wheel, instead of on the bottom bracket where it belongs. I feel like Easy Rider: I'm hunched over, my arms are out-stretched, and the wind is blowing through my helmet. I can hear "Born to Be Wild" emanating from the trees.

Bryan laughs and says that I look like a frog.

We FINALLY come across a lone cafe. I'm exhausted! My armpits are coming out of their sockets and the place where my leg muscles connect to my groin is — check that, my leg muscles no longer connect to my groin. I glance at my odometer: 1.97 miles.

It's going to be a very long day. I pray all of your parts are in the right places.

(July 6) Most commonly spotted wildlife: Seagulls

Most commonly spotted FLAT wildlife: Seagulls

Bryan's always cheery. If we're not talking, he's humming. Sometimes he skips in camp. Once in a downpour he started singing, "The sun'll come out, to-da-ay..."

Well, it's a sunny day, and I'm as cheery as can be, considering. I've been riding all day on my rear rack. I look down and I can see that my rear wheel is getting pretty wobbly and at least two spokes are broken.

I ride the last few miles into camp standing up. Boy, I thought my thighs were aching before!

— Another installment in our next edition.

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