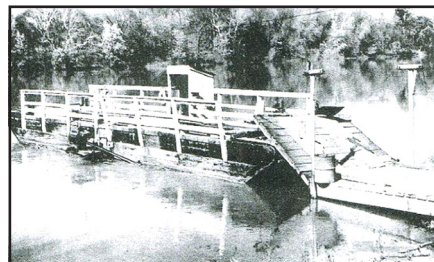




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A wooden ferry?

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Another ferry article? No, but we've put together an election guide to local candidates.

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The Ghosts of Monocacy

By Rande Davis

Halloween is upon us, and it seems that every town from Harper's Ferry to Ellicott City offers ghost tours. So we began to wonder, What about our area? Do we have ghosts?

The Monocacy area has so much history (unfortunately, some of it covers the violent events of the Civil War), and with so many historic homes and buildings, we wondered why there were not more legendary ghost tales to tell about our area. At least that is what we thought until we started asking around. Then the stories, sometimes reluctantly, came forward. Here are just a few.

Annington Estate on Whites Ferry Road

Our first ghost story is about the Annington Estate which is on White's Ferry Road. Annington is situated on the hillside about a mile east of the entrance to White's Ferry. This proud and stately residence has a great heritage and is one of Montgomery County's grand homes. We were directed to talk to Carol Caywood who moved there in 1972.

The reputed ghost who is said to reside at the estate is Colonel Edward Baker, a Union officer who died in

the Battle of Balls Bluff just across the Potomac River from the house. On the night before the battle, Colonel Baker dined at Annington and boasted, "Tomorrow I will dine in Leesburg, or dine in hell." Well, things didn't go so well for the colonel, and he certainly did not dine in Leesburg. Whether he dined in hell or not, we cannot be sure. During a time of major restoration of the home, some contractor employees were startled to hear the sound of horse hooves racing across the front yard. The sound was there, but no horse or rider was visible. At other times, doors would shut and open without any cause.

One time there came a very loud sound of "Oooooooooohhhhhhhhhhh." While this was one of the more scary events, it was one of the few times an investigation proved successful. In this case, it turned out to be the wind going through an outside drainpipe.

Carol Caywood tells us that there were other incidents involving a young lady ghost who had the habit of hiding female clothes about the house. Missing items would often be found completely out of place. Most of the ghost stories occurred prior to the restoration of the home. After the

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Is this Civil War era house haunted?

Five PHS Seniors Nationally Recognized

Five Poolesville High School seniors have been nationally recognized for their academic record, leadership qualities, and community activities. In the 50th Annual National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) scholastic achievement program, PHS senior Rachel Carr has been selected as a semi-finalist to continue in its 2005 award competition.

NMSC is a not-for-profit, private organization that is underwritten by approximately 500 business organizations and institutions of higher education. Students are selected based on their academic record of very high

achievement, SAT scores, recommendation of Principal, and participation and leadership in school and community activities. Final results will be announced in April.

NMSC also awards its National Achievement Scholarship for talented Black American high school students. Poolesville's Esi Waters has been honored as one of the National Achievement Scholars.

In addition, Matt Etheridge, Erick Stanford, and Ellen Carson, while not continuing on to the final competition, have received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. These students



National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist Rachel Carr (center) with Matt Etheridge and Ellen Carson.

will still be eligible for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

Ghosts of Monocacy continued —

restoration was completed the ghostly visits ceased. Could it be that the ghosts were just unhappy that the home was not cared for, and once the house was restored their visits were no longer necessary?

The Nessel Civil War home across from St. Peter's Parish

Linda and Henry Nessel own the seven-bedroom Civil War house directly across the street from St. Peter's church in Poolesville. Linda reports a number of incidences that have no explanation. Here are just a few of her ghost stories.

"Before we settled on the house, the person who did the restoration work told us the story of the 'Gray Lady.' It seems a work crew was behind schedule and they had arranged to work on the attic unit one Saturday morning. Two of the crewmembers arrived early, went up to the attic, and hid behind some equipment. The third crew member, the youngest of the three, arrived a short time later and went to the attic to start work. Soon after his arrival, he began to hear strange noises - moaning and metallic clanking. He fled the attic, never to return, but told all who would listen that he had seen a Gray Lady in the attic. As the story goes, his two crewmates were the pranksters behind the noises. We laughed when we heard the story and didn't think anything more about it.

"A few months after we moved in, Henry's mom became bed-bound and we moved her into the house with us. One evening, we heard her talking to someone. We went to check on her and asked with whom she had been speaking. She told us she was talking to the Gray Lady. 'The Gray Lady?', we asked. 'Yes,' she replied. We asked her who the Gray Lady was, and she said she did not know, but the lady was dressed all in gray clothing. We asked her what the Gray Lady was doing, and she said, 'Waiting.' She added that the Gray Lady didn't talk but just stood at the foot of the bed, and when her feet got tired, the Gray Lady would float a few inches off the floor at the foot of the bed.

"Henry's mom died a few weeks later, and we've always wondered if the Gray Lady was standing watch, waiting for Henry's mom to pass on to the next world.

"In a sort of related story, when my Dad was very ill and living with

us, a few weeks before he died he told me he saw young men in uniform standing outside his window. I asked if they said anything or if they frightened him, but he said no to both questions. Dad was in the Navy in World War II and was attached to the U.S. Marines during the bloody battle of Guadalcanal. Again, I wonder if the young men Dad saw were sailors and marines waiting to bring him home."

We look forward to revisiting the Nessel home in a future *Mystery History*.

The Friendly Ghosts of Gabriel's Inn - Ijamsville

In this issue, our *Mystery History* talks about Gabriel's Inn in Ijamsville. The building, now a restaurant, was a sanitarium for women. Oddly, there was one patient who was male. He had a protective nature and each evening he would walk down the second-floor corridor and say goodnight and check on the safety of each of the female patients. Why he was there is not known, but a number of employees at the Inn have reported seeing a gentleman with a warm smile and friendly nature in the hallways

late in the evening about the time lights would be going out for the day.

There are a number of other reports of ghosts in the upstairs area of the building. Most of them are women who seem friendly but lost. The stories go back a long time in the building, and the current innkeepers tell many of the stories during their "ghost dinners" that are very popular on Fridays and Sundays during October.

Potomac Golf Course and Lodge

Our last ghost report doesn't involve a home at all. It has been reported that a strange man appears unexplained at an upstairs window at the Potomac Lodge in Poolesville. The building used to house

the clubhouse of one of the area's first private country clubs. When the country club finally went under, the owner committed suicide, and not long after, reports of ghostly appearances began.

Something tells us that we have just scratched the surface of ghost stories from our area. If you have a story or unusual event that cannot be explained, we invite you to contact *The Monocle*.

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Tributes**Local Teen Receives Leadership Position at Randolph-Macon Academy**

Junior Stephanie Brown of Barnesville has been promoted to the top leadership ranks of the Air Force Junior ROTC detachment at Randolph-Macon Academy. Stephanie is the daughter of Malcolm E.D. Brown of Barnesville and Paula S. Brown of Gaithersburg.

Stephanie was awarded the rank of cadet technical sergeant, with the position of flight sergeant. Only students with records of strong academics and leadership abilities are eligible for the Academy's cadet officer and non-commissioned officer ranks.

Stephanie has been consistently named to the Dean's List and the President's List, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence and the Sharp Troop Award. Stephanie has also been named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. During her extracurricular time, she participates in the Interact Club, the flight program and softball. Randolph-Macon Academy, founded in 1892, is a coeducational boarding school for grades 5 through 12 affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It is located in Front Royal, Virginia.

Lt. Klobukowski Graduates from Naval Post Graduate School

On September 24, Lt. Matthew Klobukowski, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Klobukowski of 17300 Fletchall Road, Poolesville, was awarded a Masters of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. He received the Space and Naval Warfare Command Award for his distinguished academic achievement in the advanced Electronic Systems Engineering program. Matthew is a 1993 graduate of Poolesville High School and a 1997 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. He is married to Yuri Fukushima of Enoshima, Japan. They are expecting their first child in December and currently reside in Newport, Rhode Island.



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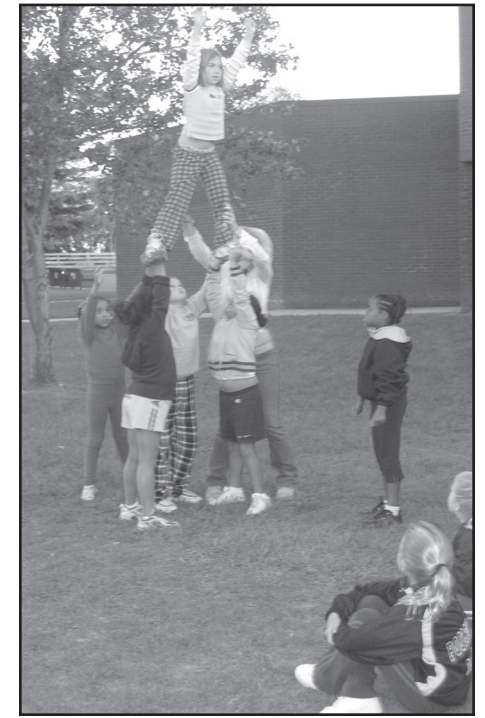


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Day Tripper

Harper's Ferry

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

The confluence of two major rivers, sweeping vistas, majestic mountains – where else can one find such a spectacle of nature's bounty but out west? How about West Virginia - Harper's Ferry to be exact? These are the natural characteristics that drew the first settlers of the area and have drawn visitors for over a hundred years.

The Shenandoah and the Potomac Rivers join at the easternmost tip of Harper's Ferry as do three states, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The town was founded in the mid-1700s by various settlers, among them Robert Harper, after whom it was named. Interestingly, he ran a ferry service.

The town is rich in history and a good representation of many facets of U.S. history. The lower part of the town is now part of the National Historical Park. Due to repeated flooding at the beginning of the twentieth century (imagine that, two major rivers converge at the base of majestic mountains and flooding occurs, who would've think it?), the town, once a thriving example of technological advancement, was unable to recuperate, and the mill,

the factories, the train station, and the armory were never rebuilt. However, the National Historical Park has rebuilt many of the original shops to create museums reflecting the era just prior to the Civil War.

Because Harper's Ferry is usually linked to John Brown and the raid he led on the armory to begin his uprising against slavery, many do not realize how important a town Harper's Ferry was in its day. The National Historical Park educates the public on the many aspects of the town's history with six major themes: local industry, transportation, John Brown's raid, the Civil War, the environment, and African-American history.

This is not your typical read-the-displays museum setting, and much of it appeals to all ages. When we walked into the Dry Goods Store, we were greeted by "merchants" dressed in period costume (amazingly, they all had incredibly white, straight teeth). Our six-year-old son was stunned to learn that had he been living in Harper's Ferry during the mid-1800s, he would finally be wearing pants for the first time after five years of wearing dresses only. He then couldn't believe that most men and boys wore up to eight layers of clothing. The girls, while admiring the dresses, were told they would have typically worn upwards of fifteen to twenty layers of clothing. For girls, showing their ankles was tantamount to scandalous behavior. The children, and adults, learned a bit about

different daily activities for men, women, and children who lived in the town at that time.

Harper's Ferry is not just about history, though. There are many opportunities for various activities in the wider Harper's Ferry area. A walk uphill from the Harper's Ferry National Historical Park leads to the rest of the town of Harper's Ferry (the part that wasn't under water every time the rivers flooded). Many quaint shops and restaurants fill the streets, as well as ice cream stands for kids of all ages. The John Brown Wax Museum, a fine example of a wax museum of the 1960s-70s and not part of the National Historical Park, is also located here.

For the more active, there are numerous rafting companies. Fishing and boating abound, as well as biking and lots of hiking, especially with the Appalachian Trail passing through

the town. Just a hop, skip, and a jump away is Charles Town, West Virginia and all of its attractions.

From May through November, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night there are ghost tours through Harper's Ferry. Reservations are necessary in October and November. An upcoming event that is very popular is the Old Tyme Christmas. During two weekends in early December, the Harper's Ferry Merchant Association sponsors the special celebration. The National Historical Park has a celebration that coincides with the first weekend of the larger event.

Located less than hour from most of the Monocle area, Harper's Ferry and its environs make a delightful day trip. Actually, it would take numerous trips to experience everything and is well worth the drive.

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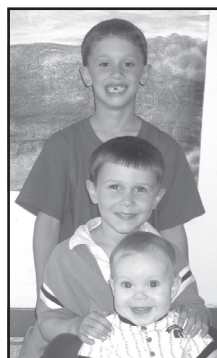
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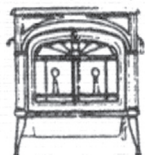
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Local History

"White's Ferry" (Continued)

By Mary Ann Kephart,
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We resume Mary Ann Kephart's *History of White's Ferry* after the ferry and surrounding land moved from the Deakin family to the White family.

When the Civil War broke out, Union forces swiftly occupied crossing places on the Potomac River. The First New Hampshire Infantry occupied Conrad's Ferry and constructed the first earthworks in defense of the crossing in 1861. Militarily there was not a great deal of activity at Conrad's Ferry, but from time to time throughout the war both Confederate and Union forces used the ferry or improvised ferries to cross the river at this point.

During Jubal Early's march on Washington in 1864, confederate General McCausland's cavalry, following a different retreat route than the main body of Early's forces, crossed back into Virginia at Conrad's Ferry. Lt. Col. John Singleton Mosby used Conrad's Ferry crossing with his Rangers into Maryland. While Union

calvary were busy with Jubal Early near Washington, Mosby's Rangers crossed at Conrad's Ferry to pass through the county and hit the deserted camp of the 2nd Massachusetts at Muddy Branch.

Elijah Veirs White, originally a Marylander, was one of those who fought for the Confederacy. He had grown up in Montgomery County at Stoney Castle, built by his father just west of Poolesville. After Elijah married in 1857, he and his bride moved across the river to a 350-acre farm in Loudoun County. As signs of war between the North and South increased, he joined the 7th Virginia Cavalry and by October 1862 was leading a unit mustered into the Confederate Army as the 35th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry.²⁰

After the war ended, Colonel Elijah Veirs White, now a civilian, returned home in late May 1865 with plans to establish himself in the business world, plans which in a few years involved Conrad's Ferry. As he and other farmers set about revitalizing their farmland, Colonel White realized there would be a ready market for fertilizers and grains in both Loudoun and Montgomery Counties.

A ferry would provide farmers with the means to transport goods across the river to and from the C & O Canal, so in 1871 he was able to obtain permission from the Loudoun County Court for a ferry. Probably with the idea that the ferry would be good for the economy, the Court agreed to have the county pay his \$100 franchise fee.

What had been Conrad's Ferry now became White's Ferry and "E. V. White" placed an advertisement in the March 1, 1873 issue of the Leesburg Washingtonian stating that his boat would go anywhere on the river or canal for freight and that at White's Ferry he had for sale grain, fertilizer, salt, flour, bacon, fish, hardware, Cumberland coal, and lump plaster. He would buy grain and was willing to barter.

Colonel White must have had some leasing arrangement for a ferry landing in Montgomery County earlier and on 26 May of 1875 bought land there. He paid \$7900 for 81 acres, described as "part of Accord or Concord," from trustees appointed to sell the land which had belonged to Daniel T. White, deceased. Metes and bounds in the deed begin on the banks of the Potomac River at the mouth of a culvert of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and mention the eastern abutment of the bridge crossing the canal on the road to Whites Ferry, as well as a warehouse on the property.

His business increased and Colonel White acquired storehouses and warehouses in Virginia and on the canal in Maryland. Five years later, he formed a partnership, under the name of "White and Wootton of White's Ferry," with Edward Wootton, a Poolesville physician and long-time friend who had been a surgeon in White's 35th cavalry. C. H. Hopkins'

1879 Atlas of Montgomery County shows five buildings owned by Col. Elijah V. White at White's Ferry, one marked "warehouse." Grain from area farms was stored in a two-story timber building called the Granary, 23 feet wide and 70 feet long, parallel to the canal.²³

The business prospered and continued to expand but in 1886 White, by this time 56 years old, decided to limit his business activities and sold his interest in land in Montgomery County to Wootton. The 81 acres at White's Ferry was sold to Edward Wootton on January 1, 1886 for \$11,000. Wootton continued to call the ferry "White's Ferry" and through the years since then the name has remained the same.

In his "History of Western Maryland" published in 1882, J. Thomas Scharf gave the location of Whites Ferry and said that L. C. White was postmaster~ William Rollison was ferryman, E. W. Mercer had a store, and White and Wootton were grain dealers.

In 1920, the fare was 50¢ one way, produce was 75¢ a wagonload, and walkers were free. At the Point of Rocks bridge, the fare was 10¢ per car or wagonload of produce, and walkers were 50¢.

White's Ferry had been operating on a cable for years, but was still poled across the river until 1920. Charles Ashley Williams of Virginia became the owner and operator of White's Ferry in 1918 and after two years of poling decided to take advantage of the automobile engines then widely available. He installed a Ford Model T gasoline engine in a rowboat attached to the wooden barge and used it to power the barge

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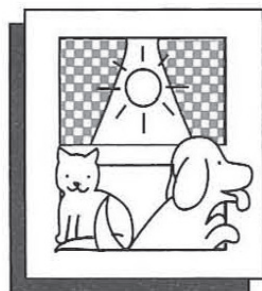
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across the river. It usually carried two trucks or three cars. When Herbert Hoover was President, he crossed on the ferry in his White House car, complete with secret service. A newspaper photographer asked Mr. Williams if he would like to have his picture taken with the President and he said, "No, I'm not having my picture taken with any Republican." Williams' ferryboat was used until 1942, when a severe flood washed it away from its moorings and all the way down to Great Falls, where it was dashed to pieces on the rocks.

The ferryboat was not replaced and operations ceased. Our country had entered World War II the year before, gasoline rationing curtailed driving, and obtaining materials and labor for nonessential business was difficult. At the end of the war, in 1946, a group of six businessmen and lawyers formed a corporation to operate the ferry and bought from the Williams family the rights to the ferry

and two acres on which the ferry landing stood. The men were Dr. John Gibson, James Symington, Robert Greundidge, Judge Lucas Phillips, Ralph Altizer, all of Virginia, and R. Edwin Brown, an attorney practicing in Rockville.

During World War II a pontoon bridge had been constructed across the Potomac River at the base of Key Bridge, to be used in the event Key Bridge became impassable. When the war ended, the pontoon boats became Army surplus and the ferry corporation purchased one with a wooden platform to use at White's Ferry. The ferryboat was about 60 feet long, could carry three automobiles or two trucks, and was propelled by a "hay baler" engine, commonly used in farming, which had a specially made shaft with a marine propeller on the end. The engine was fixed on a swivel so that it could be turned around to propel the ferryboat either way, and a cable extended across the river. The ferry began regular service in April 1947.

The new owners of White's Ferry built a house for the ferryman and his family, the lower part built of masonry to withstand the force of floods. Raymond Jordan, the ferryman in 1949, ran a small store in his basement and in an interview said he usually worked the ferry from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. but sometimes he was awakened during the night to take across a doctor being called from Leesburg. Weekdays there was considerable traffic with farmers traveling between Loudoun and Montgomery Counties. The wooden pontoon ferry was finally caught in ice and sank when a flood destroyed its landing facilities.


That was in 1954 and it was replaced the same year by the "General Jubal Early," named after the famous Confederate general. It was a 60-foot barge of welded steel, built in Baltimore to conform to Coast Guard requirements, and carried six cars or a 20-ton truck. The power was supplied by a marine jet engine in a small tugboat

fastened to the main boat by metal rods. On approaching shore, the tug was swung out and turned around, which provided braking power and had the ferry ready for the return trip. An inch-thick cable stretched 1000 feet across the river, running along the river bed so fishing boats could pass. At White's Ferry on the Maryland side, the ferrymen operated a boating concession and swimming, camping and fishing sites.

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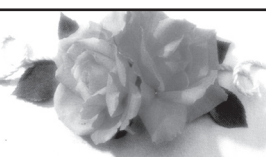
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In the Garden

An Irishwoman's Garden

By Maureen O'Connell
Contributing Writer

"Irish gardens, like Irish people, are just a little wild. It's the moisture in the air. Plants grow so quickly that they outstrip any human effort to keep them in place. Even when a gardener sets out with the notion of making a formal design, the untameable growth of plants soon overwhelms it. In the gardens of the French, Nature is tamed by Art, but in the gardens of the Irish, Nature reigns supreme." (The Gardens of Ireland, by Patrick Bowen & Michael George)

As well as the Irish love their Horses and dogs, they treasure their gardens. I have recently returned from visiting Ireland, specifically the wild west of Connemara and County Mayo. If your visits to Ireland have been mainly in the Eastern area, you have missed the wild, unspoilt, often desolate vistas of what is truly the "Wild, Wild West" of Ireland. Some areas remind me of our own west, especially Wyoming.

Ireland is an island encircled by warm waters that are heated by the Gulf Stream flowing across the Atlantic from the Caribbean. It is a combination of moistness and mildness. With a few exceptions, all of the great Irish gardens are situated within miles of the sea and so are able to enjoy the full benefits of a mild, oceanic climate. One may see magnificent growths of rare, exotic and subtropical plants. "No art can tame it, but on the other hand, no art can ensure it." (The Gardens of Ireland, Patrick Bowen & Michael George).

The gardens of Ireland have a catholic taste in plants. They are not constrained as the Continental European gardens. They are helped by the climate, which, like the Irish people, is a hospitable one. They will host plants from many parts of the world, enabling them to take root and flourish in their new home. Driving along the West coast, you see miles of broad bands of crimson fuchsia hedgerows. Rhododendrons grow tall and broad as small trees, as they enjoy the light dappled shade of lightly cleared woodlands.

I visited several gardens during my stay. As early October was in the

waning days of the season, I didn't think that there would be many plants in bloom. I was surprised. The temperate climate allows the plants to flourish well past our seasonal calendar. There were roses, nicotiana, dahlias, Crocosmia, ferns, lobelia, Bird of Paradise and many more awash with blooms.

Let me tell you about one garden that was particularly interesting, from both a horticultural and historic perspective. My husband and I stayed for a week at Enniscoe House in Castlehill, Ballina, County Mayo. This historic home, on the shores of Lough Conn, is an early 18th century house that was substantially extended in the 1790s. A descendant of the original owners, Susan Kellett, manages and maintains the house and 150 acres. Five bedrooms are available as B&B. Attached to the house is the walled gardens of approximately three acres, that is divided into two parts by a crosswall; one part is the organic kitchen garden, and the other is planted with annuals, perennials, and shrubs. Few traces remain of the 18th century gardens, but in the period 1840 to 1960 three generations of the family were keen gardeners. The

garden is Victorian with touches of Edwardian vintage. It was kept up until 1960. Then all gardening ceased and it was totally abandoned.

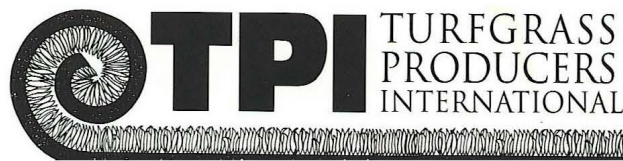
In June 1996 Susan Kellett embarked on a challenge to return the garden to its former glory. She had said that she would remain at the family home only if she could maintain it. The walled garden was described as having simply gone to sleep rather than died. During the renovation, many of its former features were unearthed beneath the intense growth.

The garden is a rectangular shape approximately 250 feet by 250 feet. It is dissected with several gravel paths and the open areas are dotted with diamond shape small gardens. Many of the plants were similar to those found in many of our gardens. But because of the climatic differences, their growth pattern was dissimilar. The low border of cobalt blue lobelias edging the white nicotiana and orange marigolds plot was still fresh and brilliant in the October sun. If I can keep mine alive until July, I consider myself lucky. The purple and mauve

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An Irishwoman's Garden
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sweet peas still scampered up the twig obelisk. Nestled among the marigolds were scarlet Bird of Paradise and purple heather. Another small circular area sported geraniums, violet and white lobelia, ornamental kale and a scattering of Johnny Jump-ups. It was dotted on the quarter edges with small palm trees. There were several stark leaf-less pink Mystery Lilies poking through the burgundy and white cosmos.

At the outer edge of the garden were several stone rockeries covered with many types of ferns, small pine trees and ivy. The day I visited the garden was an unusually beautiful Irish day; there were bright blue skies and high puffy clouds. As this was the end of the summer season and this area of Ireland is not a high tourist destination, I had the garden to myself. Save for an occasional moo of a cow or the thrill of a magpie, there

was silence. Assembled in this grand but simple garden were all the ingredients to create "what is a garden."

During the past decade, Ireland has experienced tremendous economic growth. Due in part to a well-educated work force, low corporate taxes that attract many IT companies and help from the EU, it is now the second wealthiest country in the EU. The last time I had visited Ireland was in 1980; the change was phenomenal. As a result of this economic prosperity, Enniscoe House, as well as many other historic gardens throughout Ireland, are being restored with the assistance of grants from the EU and the Great Gardens of Ireland Restoration. Hopefully help has come in time for many more generations can enjoy their beauty and thus ensure the survival of this part of the Irish heritage. After so many years of poverty the Celtic Tiger is alive and strong.

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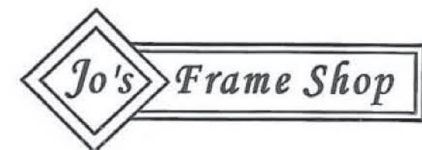
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2004 Election Guide of Local Candidates

Poolesville Commissioners



Link Hoewing
New Candidate

Wife: Fran
Children: Sara, Emily, Justine
Resident: 20 Years
Employment: VP Internet Tech. Verizon

I have lived in Poolesville all of my adult life, with stints in Wisconsin and in New Zealand for several years. I have three daughters – Sara, Emily and Justine - all of whom graduated from Poolesville High School. My wife Fran and I were both active in PTA and I was a PTA leader in our schools for 20 years.

During my time in Poolesville, I have been active in many facets of town government. Starting in the late 1980's, I served at various times on both the Parks Board and the Planning Commission. As a member of Poolesville's Planning Commission, I have been able to help influence how our town has evolved. I have been focused in particular on preserving the "small town" environment we all love. I helped develop and support the town's extensive and beautiful park system and worked on three town master plans.

We are privileged to live in an area of fields and farms but our economic base is strained. I believe that as a result, local businesses find it challenging to grow. Our small population size and the mix of family types in our town has also put pressure on our schools. We are having trouble providing the student population needed to support our middle school, for example.

I believe that the highest calling of elected officials is to be accountable, to operate effectively and productively, and to focus on priorities. On all three counts, I think we can do much better. We have too often ignored or delayed for months addressing important reports from citizen advisory boards and the input of the Planning Commission. The Commissioners have spent time on issues of minor importance, such as whether or not we need a Sign Review Board. And Commissioners have frequently become entangled in fractious arguments that delay action on important issues.

I am running because I want to change this situation. As a Commissioner, I will stress action and listening, not talking.



Andy Johnson
Commissioner
Two Terms

Wife: Carrie
Children: Haley, Christopher
Resident: 12 Years
Employment: US Senate

It has been a privilege serving you the past eight years as Commissioner. Poolesville is a special place to live. We are a close-knit, neighborly town blessed with a strong sense of history and natural beauty that is becoming all too rare elsewhere. Preserving this small-town character has been a priority of mine since fighting against the ill-advised Saudi annexation a decade ago. As promised when I was first elected, I have been able to set aside the negative politics of the past and, as a result, we have accomplished a great deal to improve our community, such as adding the new wells, side-walks and parks we needed. I will continue this positive message of improving our quality of life in Poolesville.

In recent years, we have added three new wells and made summer water restrictions a thing of the past. We have budgeted to add more wells to our water supply, while at the same time we have aggressively moved forward to repair aging sewer pipes in Wesmond that allow heavy rains to overwhelm our wastewater treatment plant. Seeing these projects to completion must occur before we commit to large-scale residential development or we will find our water and sewer systems over-drawn as they were ten years ago.

I will continue to be a strong, fiscally-conservative voice on the Commission that has led the successful push to lower the property tax rate by 15% since I was elected, offsetting dramatically rising assessments. We have been able to do this while maintaining a healthy budget surplus and moving forward with long-delayed public works projects. We must also improve public safety by increasing County enforcement against reckless driving and vandalism.

I have worked hard to increase our water supply, lower taxes, add sidewalks, improve street lighting, build Whalen Commons, rebuild Bodmer Park, and bring Ride-On bus service to Poolesville. It is this record of accomplishment that I hope to continue if re-elected as your Commissioner.



Jerry Klobukowski
Commissioner
Two Terms

Wife: Pam
Children: Laura, Matthew
Resident: 23 Years
Employment: BAE Systems

Poolesville is an exceptional gem in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve and unlike other county communities, we can control our destiny. A large part of that destiny hinges on the final version of the Master Plan currently undergoing revision. It will shape what type of town and community Poolesville will become. The Town needs to control growth and not allow growth to control the town. When development is possible, those who want to develop must be held to high standards, they must pay their fair share, and development must benefit the entire town.

We should take advantage of the county's Heritage Area Program to enable businesses, individuals and the town access to loans/grants offered through the program to promote business and beautify the town.

I am 100% committed to improving our Town. In education, I want to continue working to help increase the student population of our schools and improve the quality of education offered at Poolesville Cluster Schools both in courses offered and facilities modernization, so they continue their reputation for their excellence. Concerning infrastructure, I want to ensure we have a sustainable water supply for current and future residents, continue to reduce inflow and infiltration to our sewer system, and improve the Fisher Avenue Streetscape. With respect to safety, I will work with the state and county to improve the Partnership Road/Route 107, Partnership Road/Sugarland Road, and Routes 107/28 intersections, and with Allegheny Power to ensure continuous power to the whole town. I will ensure Town government remains responsive to our citizens, examine using E-commerce solutions, such as on-line bill paying, and continue modernizing our website.

I want to preserve our community as a place where people are neighbors, buy homes to raise their children, have a greater sense of community, and continue Poolesville's reputation as a community with a big heart.

Working together we have accomplished a lot since 1996 and we can do even more for our current residents and succeeding generations.



Eddie Kuhlman
Acting President
Commissioner
Two Terms

Wife: Doree
Children: Heather, Christina, J.D.
Resident: 37 years
Employment: Real Estate Broker

Life in Poolesville revolves around families, schools, churches and children's activities not politics. However, it is the policies and priorities of our elected officials that can and do have significant impact on our quality of life and the values of our homes.

When I was elected in 2000 our officials had been ignoring our infrastructure for the previous two or three years. Chronic water shortages were the norm, the failure of our sewer system was becoming evident by the spiraling increases in I&I and the State had advised the Town in no uncertain terms that the treatment plant was in need of significant upgrades to meet more stringent environmental standards.

And yet none of these issues were being seriously addressed. Plus, the Town was being operated in the RED financially. Inactivity and lack of planning could have had a serious consequences.

Following my election we started the long process of turning things around by: Successfully negotiating with property owners to drill five wells, place two into production, with three as back-ups;

Working with State regulators to move forward with the environmental up-grades to the sewerage treatment plant and secured a 1.2 % interest loan to pay for the work (which is under way and should be completed by year's end);

Revising the budget to a more easily understandable document and appropriated the monies to do the overdue water and sewer work;

Requesting Town engineers look outside the normal ways of dealing with I&I which led us to the pilot program of re-lining sewer pipes. The preliminary results look good;

Making changes to budget policies so that for the last two years we closed with positive cash balances not the RED ink that flowed freely before.

These are just a few examples.

I enjoy serving my Town as a Commissioner. There is unfinished work and I ask you to vote for me on November 2nd to continue to help Poolesville remain a Town to be proud of.

Editorial

By John Clayton

This edition of the *Monocacy Monocle* is our last offering before the November 2 elections. We hope that you will find our candidates' forum useful as you prepare to vote on that all-important Tuesday.

We (Rande Davis and I) have discussed whether we should offer candidate endorsements for various offices, but instead have chosen to let the candidates speak for themselves. We contacted the candidates for the following offices—Poolesville Town Commission, Montgomery County School Board, Maryland 6th Congressional District (Frederick), and Maryland 8th Congressional District (Montgomery). We asked each candidate contacted some variation of the following questions: "Why are you running for office?" and "Why should people vote for you?" We limited the number of words for responses and threatened draconian editing (we do that here) on overruns.

For those of you who are not up-to-date on the political organization of the Town of Poolesville (like myself), three of the five commissioners are up

for reelection for four-year terms. Rande is an active Poolesville resident and *The Monocle's* expert on Poolesville affairs, but we have agreed not to involve the paper in this election by either endorsing or condemning any of the candidates. We firmly believe that all of the candidates, incumbents and non-incumbents alike, are dedicated public servants who are committed to the betterment of the town. With volatile development and environmental and quality of life issues afoot, this isn't something that can be taken for granted, and Poolesville residents should consider themselves fortunate that they are well-represented. Nevertheless, there are significant differences of opinion on how to achieve the common good, and the selection of commissioners is crucial. While we will not endorse candidates in this particular election, we will remain vigilant, and if any empire builders or communists emerge, we will ferret them out.

Since county school board elections are "non-partisan," the usual sample ballots from the parties don't provide any guidance. In good years, I read the candidate guides I can find and mark up my sample ballot. In all the other years, I have not done my

homework up front and have had to rely on campaign literature at the polls. We sincerely hope that the information in this edition helps you prepare to make an informed choice. The County Executive's Recommended FY-05 Operating Budget increases Montgomery County Public Schools funding by 90.3 million dollars, a six percent increase over FY-04—our kids and our money—make your vote count. If you read our candidates' statements, you will see that there are choices to be made.

We also solicited statements from the afore-mentioned local congressional races. Incumbent Roscoe Bartlett is challenged by Kenneth T. Bosley, and incumbent Chris Van Hollen is challenged by Chuck Floyd. We have left the senatorial and presidential candidates to their own devices.

Please vote. Many have sacrificed so much for the free society we enjoy. If you can't find anyone to vote for, you can almost always find someone to vote against.

Rande(m) Thoughts

By Rande Davis

Thinking About the Town Elections

In thinking about the Town of Poolesville Commissioners election, many things come to mind. I reflect on the many questions and opinions that we have all thought about. Here are a few of the questions and concerns I hear all the time.

With just one new face, does voting even matter? Too bad we don't have more choice. Who'd want the job anyway? Will you endorse anyone? So, who are going to vote for?

First of all, yes, voting, does matter because democracy always matters.

The four candidates are publicly putting themselves "out there." Free of charge and at your service. Praise seldom flows down to any of our public volunteers, and, the operative word here is *volunteer*. With all the hours that each of these particular candidates have given to this community over the years, the very least we should do is to vote.

Voting in an election that appears to offer little change is still important.

A low turnout could mean an apathetic electorate. Or, it could mean you are just plain slaphappy with the way things are. Or maybe you are so fed up with things that getting out of the chair is too demanding. Stay home and we will never know what you are thinking.

Making your vote understood

First of all the good news about this slate is that it is diverse; every element of our little political spectrum is represented through these four candidates. No group, no person, no cause is left out.

Which candidate gets the most votes will tell us a lot about which direction we collectively lean toward. Just because you get to pick three of the four doesn't mean you have to pick three. By choosing less than three you are actually providing a good indicator which direction the town should head. Even the degree of separation between the total votes for each candidate is helpful. Overwhelming support for one candidate versus other candidates means more than just first, second, and third place.

In the Arena

It is always preferable that more people choose to enter the arena. Do vitriolic, inaccurate, and sustained personal attacks encourage people to step forward? Do hyperbolic assessments of a town in crisis, pending lawsuits, and financial ruin help add to our candidate pool? Is unprofessional, immature, and red-faced screaming at town meetings helpful or even necessary? Most commissioners can take it. But what about the impact on their families?

Does this mean I have no points of intense disagreement with any of the candidates? Of course not. I have made my priorities quite specific. Our water supply and structured growth should be the priorities of this town government. Much of the rest is not necessarily even a governmental issue. Many other things matter but none in my opinion exceeds these two. Many very close and personal friends disagree with me. I may not change their minds but they share with me the enjoyment of the debate, and, we walk away ready for the next issue. In the future, we might even agree on something.

So ... Will I endorse anyone?

No. Because in a small town it's not the people it's the issues. You know what your priorities are. You know which issues are paramount just to you. Remember, there most likely is no candidate with whom you will always be in agreement. Sometimes you will oppose them and other times you may need a surprising ally.

Finally, consider this. We often admonish our kids to drive as if we are in the back seat. When it comes to voting and public discourse, remember your kids are watching. Do your duty and do it honorably.

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Montgomery County Board of Education

The Montgomery County Board of Education is the official educational policy-making body in the county. The Board consists of seven county residents elected by voters for a four-year term and a student elected by secondary school students for a one year term. Board members are elected county-wide but run At-large or from the board district in which they reside. The Board is responsible for the direction and operation of the public school system.

Statement by Steve Abrams Rockville (District 2)

Candidate, Montgomery County Board of Education

I am a candidate for the position I held from 1992 to 1996. I also served as an at large member from 1998 to 2002. Previously I served 5 terms as a member of the Rockville City Council. Both of my daughters attended and graduated from MCPS. I am an attorney, businessman and former federal government employee.

I was a member of the Board that selected Superintendent Weast and a strong supporter of his vision and effort. However, the Board of Education needs to be more than just a rubber stamp. The Leave No Child Behind federal legislation was not crafted for a system like Montgomery County's excellent public schools. I believe we need to implement the accountability standards and necessary data collection in a more efficient and more humane fashion. We need to reinstate lower cost administrative support to allow teachers to focus more on teaching and less on secretarial functions.

We need to continue focusing on raising the competency levels of all students and having high expectations for every child. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the early childhood and elementary school initiatives in targeted schools and continue to promote the teacher training/teacher evaluation and peer review programs initiated collaboratively by MCPS and MCEA. I want to continue to reintroduce rigor to the middle school curriculum.

Most of all I want to help make the other Board members be better Board members by asking the tough questions and getting them to think outside the box.

Statement by Sharon W. Cox Germantown (At Large)

President, Montgomery County Board of Education

As Board President, policy committee chair, and Board member, I've worked to improve instruction and opportunity for students of all skill and ability levels. I have a proven record of independent thinking, leadership and working collaboratively. A parent myself, my focus is on children's cognitive, emotional, and behavioral needs and outcomes.

I have worked to raise student achievement with high standards, better supervision, and supports for quality instruction for every child. Examples include: curriculum, assessments, and teacher training providing acceleration or intervention tailored to students' learning needs and styles; providing clear information about student achievement; guaranteeing none are penalized by poor performance when practicing new concepts and skills.

Wide-ranging, positive results include: 70% of all Kindergartners are reading simple text, compared to 39% three years ago; in schools most at-risk for failure, minority second graders' decreased the reading achievement gap by more than 5% in one year; two-thirds of high school students are in honors and Advanced Placement courses; 80% of our seniors took the SAT, achieving the highest average score ever of 1102.

If re-elected, I will maintain successful reforms and work to: expand Career & Technology programs, connecting students' learning to their futures; improve middle school outcomes using data, research, and best practices; identify better strategies to support disabled students and English language learners; improve communications with parents and community.

For four years I have been honored to represent your interest in quality public education. I ask for your vote to continue to work for every child's future.

Statement by Valerie Ervin Silver Spring (District 4)

Candidate, Montgomery County Board of Education

I believe that public schools are at the heart of a democratic society.

Our school system is highly regarded in the region and around the country. We cannot rest until we have done all that we can to make it a system that works for every child. I will be the kind of leader who asks hard questions and doesn't accept the status quo.

I want to make sure that a vision of excellence for every child informs every decision we make about education in Montgomery County.

I will be the leader that believes every child can learn at the highest levels.

I will work to see this belief communicated daily in the form of high expectations for every single child.

Teachers and parents say their # 1 concern is smaller class size. I will work with the community toward this goal. I will also work to alleviate overcrowding and reduce our dependency on portables.

I will have the courage to balance the influence of standardized testing with creativity and love of learning in the classroom.

My vision includes partnerships with faith, civic, community, and business organizations that will use their expertise and experience to support and expand opportunities in local schools.

Finally, I will work to allocate resources equitably. I will advocate for resources that can best guarantee a high quality of instruction in the classroom in every school.

We must have the political will to educate every child to her or his full potential. I have that will.

Statement of Sheldon Fishman Silver Spring (District 4)

Candidate, Montgomery County Board of Education

I am running for Montgomery County School Board because I see a real need on the board for independent and responsive leadership to tackle the complex challenges facing our schools. I bring with me over 20 years as a PTA leader, education advocate, educator, manager, and father of four MCPS graduates, and I offer a common-sense plan to prepare ALL our students to compete in the global economy—and to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. My plan centers on four goals.

First, strengthen the board's oversight of spending and programs. MCPS has produced yet another implementation fiasco by rolling out an incomplete, untested, and confusing new grading policy. This approach wastes resources, exhausts the community's goodwill, and compromises our children's education. Let new initiatives like this be systematically tested and independently evaluated before they are implemented throughout the county.

Second, efficiently assess and PROMPTLY report the progress of each student to help teachers tailor challenging instruction to individual needs, instead of resorting to lock-step instruction.

Third, boost achievement among disadvantaged groups with early childhood programs, incentives to keep experienced teachers in struggling schools, and an all-out war on negative stereotypes.

Fourth, unlike my opponent, who wants to eliminate gifted and talented identification and teach all students at the same pace, I want to give parents and students a wider range of learning options. Because one size does not fit all.

Political pressures are pushing MCPS toward one-size-fits-all classrooms. But I believe we can do better. Sheldon Fishman fishmans@radix.net

Statement of Walter N. Lange Gaithersburg (District 2)

Member, Montgomery County Board of Education

I hope to be re-elected to the Board of Education so I can continue to work for better opportunities for our children, and for accountability for our programs and for how we spend our tax dollars. By most reports our school system has been doing well. But I am not satisfied. Too many students are not succeeding. We must do better.

I have dedicated more than 15 years to leadership in educational issues in Montgomery County including 4 years on the Board of Education. My record shows my commitment to program improvements, fiscal responsibility, improved supports for special education programs, and planning for adequate facilities.

I make a point of visiting schools to speak with – and listen to – students, staff and parents. I want to know how our programs affect the children and families directly. I served as a Naval officer for four years. With more than 25 years of engineering and project management in both the private sector and the federal government I understand large systems. Residents of Montgomery County since 1978, my wife, Carol, and I have three children – all MCPS graduates.

My solid record on the Board has been recognized with endorsements by County Council members Steve Silverman, Mike Knapp, Mike Subin, and Tom Perez. I am supported by Senators Rob Garagiola, P.J. Hogan, Ida Ruben, Leonard Teitelbaum, Jennie Forehand, Sharon Grosfeld. And Delegates Brian Feldman, Charlie Barkley, Nancy King, Joan Stern, Kumar Barve, Herman Taylor.

I am endorsed by the Montgomery County Education Association. lange-for-boe@earthlink.net

Statement of Tommy Le Kensington (At Large) **Candidate, Montgomery County Board of Education**

As a longtime community volunteer and activist, I want to represent the real voices of our community at the School Board table. My qualifications include thirty years as a technical/vocational teacher, an engineering instructor, an engineering supervisor, an engineering program manager, a program auditor, and a field inspector. For the last twenty of those years, I have been active as a volunteer in many sectors of the county including having served on numerous advisory groups and committees. Working with these groups to promote the Career and Educational Vocational Technology for both MCPS and Montgomery College, the public libraries, and the funding of construction for new schools, libraries, and the improvement of existing facilities, I have gained the insight to recognize the problems confronting our children and their teachers: (a) the school crowding condition, (b) the achievement gaps between various ethnic minority students' populations in the elementary grades, (c) the inadequate support from the MCPS central office in providing assistance to our disabled children, our students with learning disabilities, and our students from low-income families, and (d) the teachers' burnout syndrome due to their increased burdens. Real solutions must be brought forth to resolve these problems. With the combination of my business acumen and budgeting knowledge, and my community-based knowledge and political savvy, I have the necessary skills to implement these effective solutions. I look forward to having the opportunity to give back to my community what it has given to my children.

www.TommyLe4Boe.org

Congressional Candidate Forum



Congressman Roscoe Bartlett
Republican Candidate, Maryland
Sixth Congressional District

I was elected to Congress by the voters as a Conservative who promised to support policies to make the federal government more effective and efficient while upholding the Constitution by working for lower taxes, less spending, and fewer regulations.

I am asking voters to re-elect me based upon my consistent record of keeping these promises documented by organizations such as Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), and Concerned Women for America (CWA).

Our country is a Republic, not a democracy. I carry a copy of our Constitution as my guidebook and work to uphold all of it because it is the Rule of Law that defines what the federal government can do. I oppose federal government involvement in activities not approved in the Constitution under Article I, Section I or any of its 27 Amendments because they violate the Constitution.

Ensuring National security by maintaining a strong military is the most important and sole function of the federal government because if we get that wrong, nothing else might matter. Supported by the National Defense Political Action Committee, I will continue to work to strengthen our military to win the war against terrorism without eroding American's civil liberties.

I will continue my efforts to educate and to work for federal budget honesty and eliminating the deficit to reduce the transfer of debt to younger generations.

Supported by both the American Conservative Union (ACU) and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), I will fight for my bill to restore Americans' First Amendment political speech rights now restricted in the name of campaign reform.

I will continue my efforts to educate and work for energy policies that recognize that oil won't last forever and dependence upon Middle Eastern oil endangers our future national security and economic prosperity.



Kenneth T. Bosley
Democratic Candidate, Maryland
Sixth Congressional District

I'm Kenneth T. Bosley (website: www.BosleyForCongress.com). I'm running for Congress because I believe our current congressman, Roscoe Bartlett, has not fulfilled his obligations to his constituents. A rich developer, he consistently favors big business/special interest groups while neglecting the rest of us.

The war in Iraq as well as U.S. nation-building efforts elsewhere are a result of self-serving endeavors of big businesses/special interest groups. Mr. Bartlett has strong ties with cult leader and convicted felon North Korean Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Bartlett carried Moon's imperial robes up to the platform for Moon's coronation crowning ceremony at which Moon declared himself the Messiah. Moon awarded Bartlett the cult's "Ambassadors for Peace" gold medal.

People should vote for me because I base my decision-making on the principles of what is fair and what is right. I have done this while working as an aerospace engineer, a farmer, and classroom teacher and as an Air Force officer serving overseas in harms way during the Korean War era. (Bartlett was a draft dodger.)

As a dairy farmer with my father and brothers for fifty years, I have seen the middleclass being 'milked out'.

The high cost of fuel; the loss of jobs in our district coupled with the failure by our congressman to bring back to our district its fair share on our tax dollars; the high cost for health care coupled with the lack of health insurance many are facing; and the low interest rates paid on savings accounts are serious problems we face. Mr. Bartlett consistently shows a lack of concern and help for us. His decision-making while serving as our congressman has not been based on the principles of what's fair and what's right for the majority of his constituents. I firmly believe that, if elected, I can do better – and WE can do better.

Mr. Bartlett needs to hear two words from the hard-working people of the 6th Congressional District on November 2nd: "You're fired."



Chuck Floyd
Republican Candidate, Maryland
Eighth Congressional District

I am Chuck Floyd and it will be an honor for me to represent you, as your next Congressman here in the 8th District. I am proud that I am not a career partisan politician.

I grew up on a family farm on the Eastern Shore where 5 things were important to me – family, education, sports, faith, and hard work.

I am a retired US Army officer, a small business owner, and a former diplomat working for Colin Powell at the US Department of State.

During my 20 years of service, I served in hospitals, joint commands, and combat units. I volunteered to serve in the Middle East on the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping force in the Sinai Desert of Egypt. I have traveled to the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and throughout the Middle East. I know what must be accomplished for peace and I will make this one of my top priorities when elected to Congress.

I am very strong when it comes to our military and our national security. My opponent wants the United Nations to protect us and is very weak on national security. He has voted against our troops over and over again. I am a warrior when it comes to protecting our nation, our citizens, and my family.

As a father I am concerned about education. In fact when it comes to education, we, as parents, must ensure our children have the educational opportunities to learn and succeed. Governor Ehrlich and President Bush have increased educational funding by 36%. My opponent pushed the Thornton Plan in Maryland and left it with unfunded mandates totaling \$1.3 billion.

When my opponent ran two years ago, he promised effective constituent services. But by his own admission, he has not accomplished anything. Due to his lack of leadership, \$20 million cut the National Institute of Standards and Technology budget and many people lost their jobs. Please visit www.floydforcongress.com



Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Democratic Candidate, Maryland
Eighth Congressional District

Dear Friend:

It is a great privilege to represent you in the United States Congress. I have done my best to work effectively for the values and priorities of our community.

Our nation faces a host of critical issues at home and abroad. To meet the challenges of the 21st century, we must make investments that expand opportunities for all Americans. That requires keeping our promise to fully fund the "No Child Left Behind" education initiative so it becomes more than a political slogan; it means ensuring that no American family live in fear that they cannot provide their loved ones with essential health care; it requires building more livable and vibrant communities through smart growth and by making long overdue investments in all modes of transportation; it means being good stewards of our air, water and the natural treasures of the earth, and developing a sustainable energy policy; it means establishing sound fiscal policies that do not saddle our children with huge debts.

The tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 demand that we take necessary measures to protect against terrorist attacks. We must maintain a strong national defense, and we should recognize that we need more than military power alone to make our country secure. Many of our goals are better achieved through international cooperation. As we promote democracy and human rights around the world, we must also safeguard our freedoms, rights and liberties here at home.

I ask for the opportunity to continue to work together on these and many other critical issues. I was honored to receive the "Outstanding New Member of Congress Award" from the non-partisan Committee on Education Funding for my leadership on national education issues, and to have been endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for my leadership on veterans' issues and by the League of Conservation Voters for my record on protecting our rural areas and the environment.

I ask for your support on November 2nd.



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Mystery History

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

Located in Ijamsville, Gabriel's Inn exudes French provincial charm. Good thing, since before the present owners purchased it, the name of this restaurant was Gabriel's French Provincial Inn. Before that, however, it wasn't even a restaurant, the structure housed a sanitarium, more specifically, one for the "care and treatment of Nervous and Mental Disease of Women," as founding doctor, George H. Riggs dubbed it. By definition, a sanitarium is "a quiet resort, as in the mountains, where people go to rest and regain health" (Webster's dictionary, my personal favorite). Who needs Calgon anyways?

Maybe we should start at the very beginning. In the early 1800s, mines were opened by the Duvall brothers to dig for slate that was very popular because of its unusual blue-green color. These quarries were located on the seventeen and a half acres of the Inn. In the early 1830s, the village of "Ijams Mill and Bantz Slate Quarries" became the town of Ijamsville after

Plummer Ijams gave a right-of-way to the B & O Railroad and after a post office was established in town. During the 1860s, Ijamsville was a bustling small town. One local farmer was known to have said, "At the local village store we raised wheat, tobacco, and corn, and on Saturday night, we raised hell."

In 1862, three structures were built on the quarry property to house the miners and their families. In 1870, the mines closed and the property appears to have remained abandoned until 1896 when Dr. Riggs opened his sanitarium. He combined the three structures into one large structure with breezeways and porches between them. As with many physicians of the era, he didn't specialize, he was simply the local doctor. Dr. Riggs treated over one thousand patients from every state in the Union, and he delivered one thousand four babies, some of whom (they've grown by now) still live in the area. In 1939, Doctors Hosea and Julia McAdoo purchased the practice from Dr. Riggs.

Finally, in 1968, Monsieur Guy Gabriel arrived on the scene, turning

the sanitarium into a restaurant and bed and breakfast. There were still five patients residing on the grounds who were allowed to stay and live out the remainders of their lives. Guy Gabriel even paid for the burial and tombstone of at least one of the patients. M. Gabriel raised his family on the property. Even his mother, who

spoke no English, lived there. She would prepare the breakfasts for the overnight guests. Guy also raised his own produce and meats which he used in the preparation of meals for the restaurant.

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Gabriel's Inn



Innkeeper Sean Delawder from Gabriel's Inn by the stairway where ghost sightings have been reported.

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In December of 1998, Sean and Shirl DeLawder purchased the property from the Gabriel estate. Sean, who had a degree from the Culinary Institute of Baltimore, had decided he wanted to own and operate a restaurant after the experience of opening a café in Baltimore, where he happened to meet his wife, Shirl, who worked in the field of training people with disabilities. In describing what he was looking for, he told Shirl, "When I see it, I'll know." When they arrived one day to look at the Inn that was for sale, Sean said, "This is it," and Shirl said, "Oh, no." The structure was in disrepair.

Little by little, they are slowly restoring the estate, but they are happy with their purchase. "It's a place where we can live where we work." Like the Gabriels, the DeLawders are raising their family on the property. Also like the Gabriels, the DeLawders decided to keep the French tradition alive. They offer French cuisine served in the French style of a full seven courses. The DeLawders also offer catering and

personal chef services. While the restaurant is open Friday through Sunday evenings to the general public (reservations are encouraged, walk-ins welcome), Gabriel's Inn also hosts larger events including general banquets, corporate functions, and receptions. For weddings, they offer total event planning, as well.

For the month of October, the DeLawders are hosting Ghost Dinners. On Fridays and Sundays in October, the patrons are invited to dinner, a tour of the grounds, and to hear the stories of the resident ghosts. Of course, there is no guarantee you'll see a ghost, and the ghosts don't make themselves known only in October. There have never been bad experiences with the ghosts, and the DeLawders say they have never caused them any problems—they just live there.

Ghosts or not, the DeLawders strive to give patrons a wonderful dining experience. They cook to order if patrons have special needs, and as Shirl puts it, "We want the guests to enjoy the meal and atmosphere as if they were having dinner at our home in Provence."

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Center Stage

The Reluctant Artist

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

The question had to be asked. Is Jim Evans really an artist? Is he really and truly—is he bona fide? Is he a suitor? (That was a literary reference to the movie, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*, by the way—it can be found at the local library or videothèque.) This is *The Monocacy Monocle*, and we have set the bar high. Poor guy, the question was posed before the tea was even served—and the answer was unexpected.

Jim Evans is my neighbor. When I was first told about him four years ago, before I had a chance to meet him, I was told he was a cabinetmaker. Well, if he's a cabinetmaker, Mozart was just a piano player. It wasn't until a few months ago that I saw some photographs of work he had done a few years ago of a private library with coffered ceilings and carved details (ahem, no cabinets). So when I asked Jim about his bona fideness, I was expecting something

like an award from Woodcarvers of America, the Incredible Cabinetmakers Guild, or something along those lines.

Me: So, Jim, have you won any awards or anything good like that? I prefer lemon with my tea, thank you.

Jim: Well, I don't know that I have any awards, but one of my paintings placed in a show put on by Andy Warhol. Would you like sugar or honey?

Fortunately, I wasn't drinking my tea yet—sputtering tea would have been highly unladylike. Painting? Andy Warhol? Hold the phone—better yet, hold the paintbrush. This was going to be a fun interview.

Jim Evans, Real Artist, sold his first painting when he was in kindergarten. He was raised in Kensington in an intense craftsman-like environment. His father was a professional photographer and an accomplished woodworker and machinist. His education had a strong background in art. Of his two and a half years in college, he spent one semester at Pratt, a prominent art school in New York. Then he spent one year in New York painting.

The 1970s was a sort of Golden

Age for artists in New York. A young artist could actually make a living from his art. Jim's paintings were shown in galleries like O.K. Harris, and, of course, there was Mr. Warhol. He put on a show for underground painters—almost all of whom are still painting today. Jim says, "It was a hallmark event for all those artists and it put a lot of people on the map." From that show, Jim received many commissions and went into private work instead of creating bodies of work for galleries—a should have. "I should have stayed in New York and painted and showed." Instead (this happens to me all the time), he was asked to help deliver a sailboat to the Bahamas and spent the next six months of his life delivering millionaires' sailboats to the Caribbean.

He washed ashore in Key West where he met the late Mel Fisher. Fisher hired Jim as a salvage diver for his then-fledgling salvage firm. Jim worked for him for four to five months. A year after he left, Fisher's salvage firm became an overnight success and hit the jackpot. By this time, Jim was an England. He started off working on an archeological dig of a Roman town in Wales, but after six months started what would be an eighteen-month apprenticeship with Herbert, Reed and Sons, the company that did all the carving for the Washington Cathedral. He then spent a year learning basic carpentry in Silver Spring by working for the award-winning builders, Ebner Brothers, a unique post-World War II company

that built many of the houses in the area and some of the fine homes of Potomac of the sixties and seventies.

In the early 1980s, Jim formed his first company. It was to be a fine arts contracting company, but Jim felt it was "too ambiguous and hopelessly impractical," plus it wasn't paying the bills. He made the shift towards high-end woodworking which "manifested his artistic desires." He created authentic period interiors incorporating carving, gilding, and painting. He had clients all over Europe—France, England—and the Middle East. In the 1990s, Jim started painting again. He has created altar pieces and has been invited to numerous shows including two of the National Symphony decorator houses.

His current project which he began in 2000 is his own home. The style is "a direct result of trips to California." He is transposing the arts and crafts style cottages to this area while injecting a little bit of Europe—a combination of styles. There is a lot of stonework and an incredible portico. The immediate interior will have coffered ceilings and carved moldings, and the great room will be a showcase for carving.

Like a figure on an M.C. Escher print, he has scampered across the canvas of his life metamorphosing from one type of artist to another, changing, yet unchanging, but when an old friend asked him what his latest masterpiece was, he replied, "My son, Jamie."

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Jim Evans displays one of his altar pieces.

Equestrian News

How to Pick a Good Thoroughbred

By Debby Lynn
Special to *The Monocacy Monocle*

Whether you wish to bet on a racehorse, buy a thoroughbred, or just find out more about the one you own or ride, it's fun to know a bit about his breeding.

Since speed is a heritable trait, and speed is what earns purses, tracking the performance of thoroughbred sires is serious business. There exists an accepted method of mathematical analysis called dosage profiling, which is used to determine the likelihood of a particular horse winning a race. It can also be some indication of the horse's usefulness as a sport horse.

Start with a list of stallions which have produced the most winners. There are close to two hundred of these "World's Best Racehorses" lists. The list was compiled by a Ph.D. mathematician and changes as new horses come along. These horses are designated as Chef-de-Races.

The type of horse which runs distance well is different than the type of horse which makes a good sprinter. The Chef-de-Races are divided into five different categories according to whether they are bred for speed or distance. If you are trying to bet on a racehorse and know the distance he is to run, you can find out how many of his relatives ran well over that particular distance.

Your horse is assigned dosage points in each of these five categories based on how many times his pedigree contains one of the Chef-de-Races, and how many generations back the superhorse is. Your horse gets a lot more points if War Admiral is his sire than if War Admiral is his great-great grandsire. Sadly, Sea Biscuit, the little horse that could, was a gelding, so even though he beat War Admiral, he never got to be a Chef-de-Race.

The next time you go to Pimlico to bet the ponies, you can make an informed decision. For example, if you know you're going to bet on a four-furlong sprint race, you can look up the dosage profile of all the entrants and see who has the most points in the speed column. The

speediest sires are designated as "Brilliant." But what if the race is long? You don't want to bet on a horse that fades. Look for one with points in the distance-runner column, designated as "Professional."

A good place to look at a given horse's dosage profile and race record is <http://www.dmtc.com> Click on the "horsemen" top bar, then "pedigree database." The information is free.

There's a lot more to a champion horse than you can define mathematically. Seabiscuit certainly proved that heart counts. It's why they still run horse races, but perhaps a little horseman's knowledge will make it more fun to pick your horse.



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Safe and Fun Halloween Parties

We have two great Halloween Parties for kids on schedule that will make Trick or Treating fun and very safe. In Barnesville, the Monocacy Lions Club sponsors their annual Halloween Party for kids at St. Mary's Pavilion. The fun starts around 7:00 p.m. and it includes refreshments and games.

The Poolesville Baptist Church is sponsoring their big Halloween party for kids in the community. There will be plenty of games and more candy than they could get going door to door! This party if for the little kids so scary costumes should be avoided in favor of fun and happy ones.

Open House for the American Legion

American Legion #247 will have a public open house at Owens Park on November 4, 7p.m. to 9 p.m. They will welcome visitors and prospective new members with refreshments. Why not stop in and find out more about the American Legion and their public service programs.

Family Style Ham and Oyster Dinner

The Auxiliary of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Located in Beallsville, Maryland, Will sponsor their annual "Family Style" Ham and Oyster Dinner, November 7, 2004 from Noon until 6:00 p.m. The event will be held in the UMCVFD Firehouse located at 19801 Beallsville Road near the intersections of Route 28 and Route 109, Beallsville. The price this year is \$13.00 for adults, 12 and older, and \$7.00 for children (6 years and under free). Carry-out dinner is available for \$1.00 extra. Fancy table with baked goods and crafts will be available for sale, and a cash raffle, with the first prize \$500.00.

Getting in Shape to Music

Jennifer Sambataro and Kathy Bassett will celebrate the 35th anniversary of Jazzercise by offering free classes at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville from October 23 to October 30.

If you are thinking about getting in shape but have just been putting it off, this is a great way to find out if Jazzercise is for you.

Enormous Annual Indoor Yard Sale

Don't miss The Barnesville Basement to benefit the Barnesville School. Bargains Galore! Rain or shine—October 23, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and October 24, 1:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Items donated by Barnesville School parent body include gently used, brand name children's and adult clothing, toys, books, sports equipment, electronics, furniture, and much, much more! Come early for the best selection! Corner of Barnesville and Peach Tree Roads, Barnesville 301-972-0341 www.barnesville-school.com.

Poolesville Library Events

October 25, 7:30 p.m., Book Discussion Group—*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Copies are available for a six-week loan period. Sound recorded versions on available on request. New readers are always welcome.

October 26, 7:00 p.m., Pre-school Family Storytime—Stories, finger plays, and music. Pre-registration is

not required. Ages six and under may attend with parent, guardian or caregiver. Some activities in Spanish will be offered.

October 28, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Three to Six Storytime—Stories, finger plays, and music for ages 3 to 6 with parent, guardian or caregiver. Pre-registration is not required.

November 4, 10:30 a.m.—Cuddle-ups. *Jolly Jelly* stories, fingerplays and music. Pre-registration is not required. Babies 0-23 months may attend with parent, guardian or caregiver.

Poolesville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Bazaar

Please join us for the first annual PACC Holiday Bazaar! November 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Poolesville Baptist Church. The event will be advertised plus each vendor is asked to invite their own customers and clients to join us for a visit. Please spread the word! Questions? Feel free to call Dawn at 301-916-3039 or toysfromdawn@aol.com



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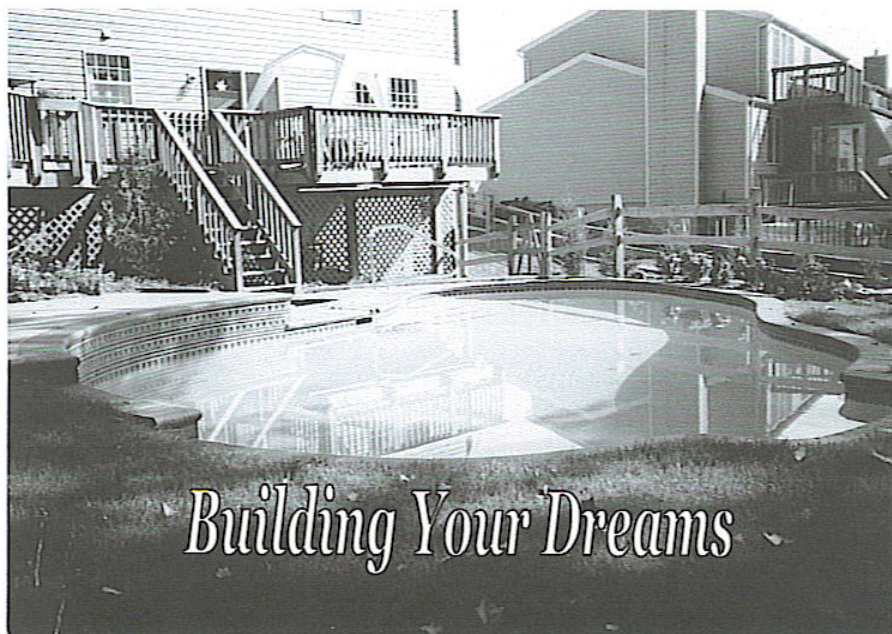
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Youth Sports

Boys' Soccer

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

With most of the season finished, boys' varsity soccer is gearing up for the playoffs. There is one more season game at Quince Orchard High School, October 25, before playoffs begin. Although the resulting win-loss ratio of the season doesn't meet the beginning expectations of first-year varsity coach, Mark Agnew, he would not find that to be a disappointment. "Soccer is a funny game," he says, "it's not always the team that plays the best that wins." Many of their losses could just have easily been wins, and at least one of their wins should have been a loss, if one were to go by which team dominated the game. He can barely believe the game in which five shots on goal by Poolesville hit the goal post and bounced out of the goal. Even so, Coach Agnew is "pleased with the progress of the team and how they're playing soccer," but do the losses bother him? "Yes, the losses bother me," he replies with chagrin, "they eat me alive. I don't sleep well after we lose."

What many people don't realize is that Poolesville High School is the smallest high school in Montgomery County being the only 1A school, and this county is probably the toughest in the whole state of Maryland. When Poolesville plays its regular season games, the team is playing against the top 2A, 3A, and 4A schools in the state. "The boys are playing well and holding their own. They're not backing down, and they're in every game."

Coach Agnew is "still extremely optimistic about where the team is right now. We are continuously moving in a positive direction." The competition the boys have been seeing thus far in the season is better than anything they'll see when they play the other 1A schools in the state during the playoffs. When they finally go to the playoffs, it will be nothing but smaller schools for competition. So how will the boys do at states? "We're going to win states."

Maybe the coach will get some sleep, as well.



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