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# The Monocacy MONOCLE

Keeping An Eye On Local News

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## Monocacy Voters Show Up and Get Counted in Recent Elections

The election is over, and the Monocacy Region displayed its own particular political preferences with results that were not necessarily representative of either the county or the state at large. However, a persistent and not unexpected pattern predominated, as Republican candidates were more successful in our immediate area than they were countywide.

Turnout in the upper Montgomery County portion of our readership area (Poolesville, Barnesville, Hyattstown, and Clarksburg) was consistent at about 76% of registered voters, as compared to around 71% of registered voters statewide. Frederick County turnout was 77%, and neighboring Frederick County precincts Buckeystown/Carroll Manor and Tuscarora had voter turnouts of 81% and 79%, respectively.

Senator John Kerry carried 56% of the vote statewide, and about 66% of the vote in Montgomery County, but he did not do nearly as well in our local up county districts. In fact, President George W. Bush won all five of the Montgomery County precincts that comprise our immediate area. In Barnesville (Monocacy ES) and Clarksburg, the Bush-Cheney ticket pulled in just over 50% of the vote. In the two Poolesville precincts, the Republican presidential ticket cruised

in at over 57%. Southeast of Poolesville, in the Jones Lane ES precinct, Bush-Cheney still managed 52%, but further down county into North Potomac and Germantown, pro-Kerry voters asserted themselves as they did in the county as a whole.

Frederick County went for Bush-Cheney at almost 60%, and the Republican national ticket carried Carroll Manor (57%) and Tuscarora (56%) at about the same pace.

In the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Barbara Mikulski and E.J. Pipkin, a similar pattern emerged. Democratic Senator Mikulski won the state handily (65%) and did even better in Montgomery County (72%), but her campaign was received more coolly in our area, where Montgomery

County precinct totals ranged from 53% to 57%. In Frederick County, the senator received just over 50% of the vote, with similar majorities in Carroll Manor and Tuscarora.

The three incumbent congressmen in Monocacy area districts all won reelection with ease, again with strong local support for the Republican candidates in two losing efforts.

Chris Van Hollen of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District won reelection with 75% of the vote District-wide, trouncing his challenger, Chuck Floyd, with ease. Mr. Floyd performed significantly better in the Monocacy area precincts, pulling in as much as 48% of the vote, but he didn't win any of them.

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Democrats and Republicans vie for space at Poolesville Elementary School's polling site.

## The Frederick Children's Chorus

The voices of children raised in song—what can be more pure? The voices of over two hundred children singing harmoniously are purity perfected—they are also the voices of the Frederick Children's Chorus, founded and directed by Judith DuBose.

It may seem like an incredibly daunting task to take two hundred children and produce two concerts per year with parts perfectly memo-

rized, but take fifteen children and add twenty years, and you realize it is doable, although amazing. Yes, this is the twentieth anniversary of the Frederick Children's Chorus.

So, how did it begin? Did Judy wake up one morning and say, "Hmm, I think I'll found the best children's chorus ever"? Actually, at the time, she was directing a chorus of adults for the Frederick Choral Arts Society and experienced some frustration at

their lack of singing skill. Many of them were musicians, but it just didn't translate directly to singing. Also, at about the same time, Judy was singing with the famed Paul Hill Chorale, something she did off and on for fifteen years, when they performed *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff which requires a children's chorus. Also singing in the Paul Hill Chorale

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**Election continued —**

In the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett coasted home over challenger Kenneth T. Bosley with 67% of the vote in, with the Northern Montgomery County portions (parts of Hyattstown, Damascus, and surrounding areas) voting 60% in his favor. Frederick County voted 63% for Bartlett, with only slightly lower majorities in the Monocacy region — 61% in Carroll Manor and 57% in Tuscarora.

Incumbent Democratic Congressman Albert Wynn represents the Maryland 4<sup>th</sup> District, and a portion of that district resides in the Monocacy area west of Interstate 270 in Clarksburg. The district is predominantly in Prince George's County, from the southernmost tip of the District of Columbia and across eastern upper Montgomery County, eventually ending in Clarksburg. The district is composed of many more Prince Georges County residents than Montgomery County residents. Running against Silver Spring resident John McKinnis, the Republican Party Candidate, Congressman Wynn won 75% of the vote in the 4<sup>th</sup> District, and 86% of PG County voters. Congressman Wynn won 59%

of the Montgomery County vote but lost the Clarksburg precinct to Mr. McKinnis (53%). Only a third of Mr. Wynn's total support came from Montgomery County, and only one-half of one percent of his total support came from Clarksburg.

In the Poolesville Commissioners' race, the only non-incumbent candidate, C. Lincoln Hoewing, won a seat in convincing fashion, appearing on 89% of the 1459 ballots cast. Jerome Klobukowski followed with 61%, and Paul "Eddie" Kuhlman captured 53% to retain the last of the three seats in contention. Andrew W. Johnson, appearing on 50% of the ballots, failed to retain his seat on the commission.

In one other Montgomery County contest of local interest, Poolesville resident, Daniel Patrick Connell, the Libertarian Party candidate for Circuit Court, ran well behind the four incumbent judges and failed in his attempt to win a judgeship outside of the normal judicial nominating process. As with the last time the legal establishment was challenged by an outsider, local attorneys campaigned for the incumbents at most if not all polling precincts.

by John Clayton

**Children's Chorus continued —**

was Jan Gregoryk (she would found the Children's Chorus of Washington years later) who taught a children's chorus in Potomac. It was her chorus that joined the Paul Hill Chorale for the performance of *Carmina Burana*. Mrs. DuBose heard the voices of children that were "perfectly in tune and beautifully focused." These two events led to a reason to work with kids. "I saw a need in the community to elevate the offerings for the children" is what she really said.

As it was, it would not be the first time she worked with children because she had been a teacher prior to her epiphany. It must be in her blood, both of her parents were music teachers and there was always music in the home. She remembers "going to sleep listening to music" — rehearsals of barbershop quartets, community choruses, and follies. After earning her degree in Vocal Choral from Westchester University, Pennsylvania, she taught in the elementary schools of Frederick County until 1979 as a music teacher. Her daughters were born in 1979 and 1981, but she continued teaching out of her home,

giving voice lessons—like she had as a child, her daughters went to sleep listening to music—and, of course, she founded the Frederick Children's Chorus.

To achieve the beautiful sound she had heard from Jan Gregoryk's chorus, Judy went to the source. She began attending conferences and master classes taught by Doreen Rao, composer and teacher. Using this training, Mrs. DuBose teaches her singers to produce a "focused, pure head tone sound." The children are taught to sing in a healthy manner. They learn vocal techniques that allow them to sing with lots of head tone, and when they finish a rehearsal or a performance, their vocal chords are not stressed or tired.

The Chorus is composed of four different choruses: the Training Chorus, for beginners; the Intermediate Chorus, a step up from the Training Chorus; the Concert Chorus, mostly fifth through eighth graders and the focus of the chorus; and finally, the Chamber Singers, high school students who have outgrown the Concert Chorus and are ready for more, namely, a repertoire usually found performed by college and

professional choirs. While singers in the two preparatory choruses prepare for the Concert Chorus, the Concert Chorus and the Chamber Singers are the showcase. They travel to adjudicated competitions (most recently two years ago in New Orleans) and consistently receive superior ratings, and they are invited to perform as featured groups at professional conferences—a pedestal for other choruses to emulate—and for local charities and organizations.

Even after twenty years, the chorus continues to grow, but not necessarily in numbers. The Chorus began offering sight-reading classes to its members through its educational initiative a few years ago when the need was perceived. Also, seniors in the Chamber Singers who may be considering a career in music can serve internships to train and conduct the Training Chorus. Members of the Chamber Singers are also involved in the day-to-day operations of the organization.

For the twentieth anniversary celebration, the *Here's to the Holidays* concert will bring back many old favorites the choruses have performed over the years. In conjunction,

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the Frederick Chamber Singers are celebrating their tenth anniversary. Ten years ago, when the Children's Chorus was celebrating its ten-year anniversary, all of the alumni were invited back to perform the first Messiah Sing Along. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Messiah Sing Along, as well.

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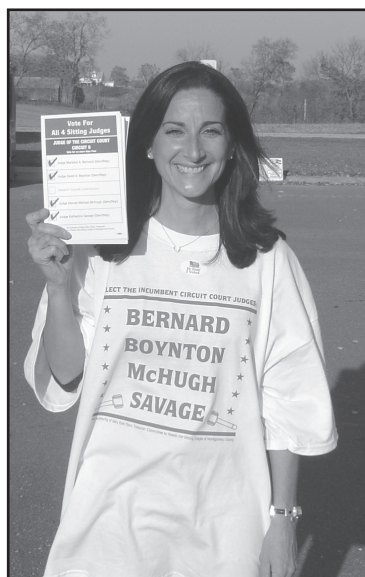
The Frederick Children's Chorus will perform December 18, 2004 at Thomas Johnson High School at 7:30, details are on their website: [www.fredcc.org](http://www.fredcc.org) (or call 301-845-2451), and the Chamber Singers invite you to sing along at the Messiah Sing Along December 22, 2004 at the Weinberg Center. For ticket information, contact the Weinberg Center for the Arts at 301-228-2828.

by Dominique Agnew



Family Album

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Audrey Creighton campaigns at Monocacy Elementary School.



Carol Oberdorfer leads the Democrats.



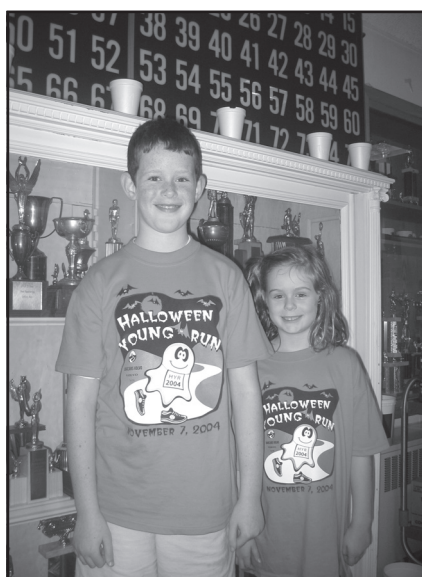
Barbara Davidson checks on the Republican booth.



Busy volunteers keep cooking at the UMCVFD Ham and Oyster Dinner.

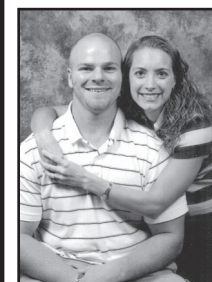


Steve Rollibard addresses members of the American Legion and guests at a Veteran's Day presentation at Whalen Commons. Commander Bill Poole (right) opened the ceremony with a tribute to the founding members of the local Legion.



Thomas and Shirley Anne Wolz proudly display their hard earned T-shirts after participating in the 15th Annual Halloween Young Rung on November 7, 2004.

Burch, Paoletti Engaged



Angela Victoria Burch and John Dixon Paoletti announce their engagement. Angela is the daughter of Diane Zisman of Poolesville and Joe Burch of Columbia and step-daughter to Harry Zisman of Poolesville. John is the son of Nona and Paul Paoletti of Poolesville. An August 12, 2005 wedding is planned in Ellicott City, Maryland.



## The Arena

### New Poolesville Town Commission Takes Charge

The Poolesville Town Commission met on November 8 and moved quickly to establish their priorities for the town in their first meeting since the November election. The commissioners set water supply issues and Master Plan approval as their top initial priorities.

The only newcomer to the Town Commission, Link Hoewing, was sworn in at the outset of the meeting. Mr. Hoewing was the top vote getter in this year's election, receiving 89% of all votes cast. Mr. Hoewing replaced Andy Johnson who failed in his reelection bid.

The new commission signaled their collective intent to improve on cooperation by smoothly electing Eddie Kuhlman as its president and Roy Johnson as its vice president. Mr. Kuhlman had been in the position of "acting president" as the previous commission failed to come together on an official election of officers.

Recognizing the issue of water supply as its top priority, Commissioner Roy Johnson, with the assistance of the town manager, Wade Yost, presented his recently completed study entitled "An Analysis of Water Production by Watershed with Recommendations for Redundancy." This seventeen-page document is a comprehensive study of the daily

water usage currently allowed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from the town's four watersheds, history of water usage in recent years, and projected options for supply and redundancy especially in consideration of possible growth of the town.

The objective of the presentation was to provide the commissioners and residents an analysis of the overall water usage of the town in relation to existing sources compared to the level permitted by the state.

The proposal outlined the advantages and potential sources of supply for having redundancy in water supply over and above past average usage when considering a possible increase in population from 5500 residents to 6500. A primary focus of the study was to isolate and determine levels of redundant resources in the event of failure by any of the existing wells prior to making final decisions on growth to the town.

Advancing from the present policy requirements that allow a total 1,346,000 gallons per day usage, the analysis recommends augmenting water supply with redundant sources to 1,510,560 gallons per day.

Commissioner Johnson offered this document as a necessary analysis before the commissioners finalize a master plan. The commissioners closed their first meeting by setting as an objective the final approval of a master plan no later than the first of the year.



New Poolesville Town Commission: (left to right) Tom Dillingham, Link Hoewing, President Eddie Kuhlman, Vice President Roy Johnson, and Jerry Klobukowski.

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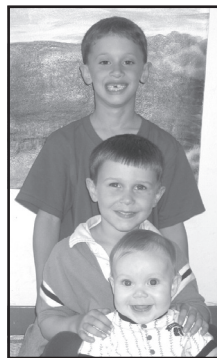
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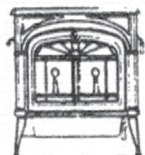
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## Profiles

### Oh, Deer!

By Dominique Agnew

"Mom, Turner's in the kitchen trying to get into the refrigerator again!" Turner, of course, is the deer—specifically, a doe. Sure, Turner would

be more typically a boy's name, but she was found at Turner Automotive in Potomac, hence, her name.

The kitchen in question belongs to Jerry Karn of Barnesville. The doe in question seems to be her own person, or rather, animal. Mr. Karn just happened to have gone to Turner Automotive for parts on the morning

the doe had been found under a car. Jerry brought her home in a computer paper box. "She was no bigger than a cat," says Kim Wilson, Jerry's daughter who helped take care of her. They fed her calf milk replacement given to them by a local dairy farmer.

Fortunately, the Karn-Wilson family had some experience with raising a deer. In 1982, a small buck had been brought to the veterinary practice of Kim's mother, now deceased. He had been struck by a car, and the driver, a neighbor of the Karns, had taken the buck to the vet. Kim's mother set the broken bones of the two rear legs and the fractured pelvis. The buck spent his time between the Karns', the vet, and the home of the driver until his death.

Back to Turner Karn. In a way, she is part of the family. She plays with the kids. "If the kids run, she runs," but there's one cat with whom she doesn't agree. Kim says "she'll stomp and snort" at the cat, but she gets along with the other cats and the dog. A few weeks ago when the

family had an outdoor party, Turner was right there, mingling with the guests. As for her being in the house, "she'll tear up the houseplants."

These days, she comes back to the house usually once a day, but sometimes not for two days. When she does visit, she'll bump the slider a bit and make a beeping sound. It is almost guaranteed that she'll breed this fall and then have her own family unit. Kim knows of others who have raised abandoned fawns, and one woman who had a doe come back for three years.

Kim swears that deer must be the easiest of all farm animals to domesticate. "The cool thing is you can raise them, and then they go away."



Turner cruises the Karn-Wilson crib.



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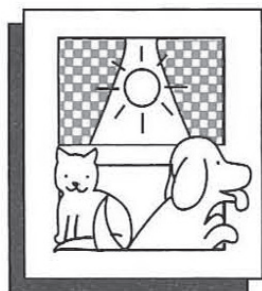
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## Tributes

### Poolesville Family Awaits Arrival of Dad and Husband from Afghanistan

By Pamela Greene, Special to the Monocacy Monocle

One Poolesville family has an extra special reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving—their husband and dad, Army Lt. Colonel Stephen Silvey, MD, is coming home from a six month assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Family and friends are walking around with big smiles getting prepared for the big moment when he arrives in town, which should be around November 19. Friends of the Silveys, who plan to tie yellow ribbons and hang American flags on Selby Drive, will be doing some baking and may even send over a turkey dinner with some fixin's for the family's Thanksgiving celebration.

Dr. Silvey has been in the military since 1993. Since graduating he has served for the staff at the U.S. Army Hospital in Heidelberg Germany, as chief of intensive care at the 212 MASH in Bosnia in 1995, and as Deputy Task Force Surgeon in Kosovo for over 9,000 troops. He has also done tours of duty in Africa and

other countries. In 2003, he was the recipient of the prestigious Excellence in Operational Medicine Award from the Army Chapter of the American College of Physicians. During his time off in Kabul, he was able to set up a children's sister city program for a small town in the U.S. called Cabool (originally spelled "Kabul") in which the American children have sent letters, photos and gifts to kids in their sister city.

After some time off with his wife Lynn and three daughters, Dr. Silvey, will return to the Critical Care Unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

There are many men and women from our area who are serving our country or have previously served in the military. We must take time to acknowledge each and every one of them as often as we can. There is a sign in Selby's that has a list of all of the active and in-active military.



Army Lt. Colonel Stephen Silvey, MD in Kabul, Afghanistan.

### Locks of Love from Barnesville's Marjory Jones

Marjory Jones of Barnesville decided that, even though she liked her hair long, it might be put to better use for children in need.

Early this November, Marjory had over ten inches of her hair cut off, all for a very worthy organization called Locks of Love. This organization collects hair from donors to make hair prosthetics for children under the age of 18 who have suffered medical hair loss such as alopecia areata, radiation treatment, or severe burns. The prosthetics are custom fit and styled for each child.

Marjory is a junior at St. John's at Prospect Hall in Frederick. She is a member of the National Honor Society, varsity basketball, varsity lacrosse, and she is also on a national-bound ice hockey team. A friend of Marjory's, Willoughby Garrett, also of Barnesville and a student at Poolesville High School, had planned to donate her hair a few years ago, and

planted the seed for Marjory. Marjory found that Locks of Love was a way she could help a child regain self-confidence and feel more like a normal child.

Locks of Love accepts a minimum of ten inches of hair length. The hair cannot be bleached or chemically damaged, and it must be in a ponytail or braid. For more information about Locks of Love please visit their website at [www.locksoflove.org/donate\\_hair.php](http://www.locksoflove.org/donate_hair.php).



Marjory Jones after her big decision.



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### PHS Midnight Players

*Jane Eyre*

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### November 19

Knights of Columbus  
German Dinner Fest  
St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville  
\$8.00 for adults,  
\$5.00 for Seniors,  
\$3.00 Children 6-12, under 6 free  
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

### November 19 - 20

Black Rock Center of the Arts  
Science Safari for Kids  
Germantown Commons  
1:00 p.m.

### November 20

St. Peters Parish Christmas Attic  
and Bake Sale  
9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Humane Society Giant Yard Sale

VFW Country Club  
Route 40 at end of Golden Mile,  
Frederick  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### November 29

Poolesville Library Book  
Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m.,  
*The Greatest Generation* by Tom  
Brokaw.  
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welcome.

### November 30

Snakes and Reptiles  
at the Poolesville Library  
7:30 p.m.

### December 2 and December 3

John Poole Middle School  
Production of:  
*Sleeping Beauty and the Beast*  
7:00 p.m.

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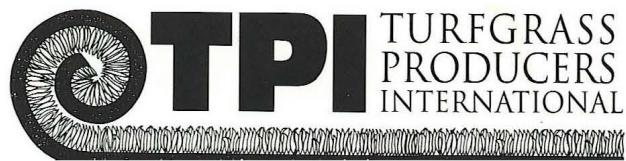
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## School News

### The Midnight Players Ready Their Fall Performance

Poolesville High School's drama club, The Midnight Players, is getting ready to bring its rendition of *Jane Eyre* to the community. *Jane Eyre* is based on the novel by Charlotte Bronte, as adopted for the stage by Robert Johanson. It is the engrossing story of an orphan, Jane Eyre, as she travels from her childhood home with the heartless Aunt Reed to Lowood School, and finally to the mansion of the enigmatic Edward Rochester. The play is a moving story for all times

and a dramatic portrayal of one the world's great literary heroines.

Over fifty students will participate in the production. Amy Lott and Stacie Payne will alternate playing the title role. Sam Cooper and Alex Kreiser will share the part of Edward Rochester.

Gail Howard, director of the Midnight Players, has brought the community very enjoyable and entertaining performances by the high school's students over the past years. Community participation is usually very high and with this year's fall performance scheduled just before Thanksgiving ticket sales are expected to be very strong, with all

seats reserved. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the school's box office from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday and thirty minutes before each performance. Tickets can be ordered online at [Gail\\_H\\_Howard@fc.mcps.k12.md.us](mailto:Gail_H_Howard@fc.mcps.k12.md.us). Tickets ordered online must be paid for and picked up thirty minutes before each performance. The performance schedule is: November 18 at 7:30 p.m., November 19 at 7:30 p.m., and November 20 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### PHS Senior Wins Washington Post Music and Dance Scholarship

By Rande Davis

Poolesville senior Sandra Wolf-Meei Cameron is one of just three Montgomery County Public School students who have been awarded a scholarship from the *Washington Post*. The \$1,500 scholarship was awarded at the newspaper's Third Annual Music and Dance Scholarship Awards Program. Sandra is a virtuoso violinist who commutes to the Julliard School of Music in New York. She was the featured artist in *The Monocle's* September 24, 2004 article "Violin Prodigy in Poolesville."



PHS' Drama Club, The Midnight Players, rehearse for the upcoming performance of Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*.

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## Horizons

### *The Bodmers Start Building Their Dream*

By Rande Davis

As long as anyone in Poolesville can remember, there has always been an automobile service station on the western side of the four corners in downtown. While other surrounding buildings have burned down, the service station, now occupied by Chevron and Total Automotive and Diesel, has stood for many years as a car repair icon.

Tad and Lynne Bodmer took over the car and truck repair business from her dad, life-long Poolesville resident Charlie Glass. The letters in Mr. Bodmer's first name were used to create the company name, Total Automotive and Diesel. While Chevron will continue to pump gasoline and offer a convenience mart, the Bodmers have big plans on the horizon to move the repair business.

For many years the location has hailed passing motorists with the flying red horse symbol of a Mobil Station. For thirty-five years Charlie Glass owned and ran the gas station, service center, and towing business. (He still provides towing services.)

Four and a half years ago, Charlie and his wife Doris, decided it was time to retire so they could enjoy their vacation home at Kent Island, and in Charlie's case, to play a lot of golf. Doris has enjoyed the extra time with her family since she retired from thirty-five years of service with the

Poolesville Post Office. Doris was honored this year for her forty years of volunteer service with the Women's Auxiliary of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department.

Total Automotive is a family business with Lynne as the President and chief administrator. She grew up working around the car service center and she often pumped gas herself. She handles the behind-the-scenes responsibilities for the business. Tad is the primary automobile technician (ASE certified) for the company. Their employees include ASE technicians Paul Colbert and Fred Mannix. John Cochran is their Service Estimator.

The Bodmer family goes back through many generations of Poolesville history. Lynne and Tad are life-long residents and graduates of Poolesville High School. They married in 1988 and they have two girls, Jocelyn (9 years old) and Mollie (7 years old).

Total Automotive will move to their new location next to McDonalds in the spring and since Tad has past experience working with excavation equipment, he personally handled the demolition of the old Fyffe Car Wash. The new business will be an eight-bay, full service automobile, truck, and diesel repair center. The new building will also house the company's administrative offices, and will have additional office space available for rent. The design will be similar to an equestrian barn, an aesthetic appeal that the Bodmers felt was important in pursuing their new dream.



Lynne Bodmer and daughters Jocelyn and Mollie watch Tad Bodmer demolish the old Fyffe Carwash.

## The Pulse

### *Poolesville's Noah's Ark: Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary*

By Rande Davis

For the animal lover in all of us, high on our list of the good guys are the A.S.P.C.A and the Montgomery County Humane Society, but you might not be aware of another group that provides essential rescue and health care services for abandoned or lost farm animals. We are fully aware of the pet caregivers. What happens to abandoned horses or lost cows? (Yes, cows do get lost once in a while.)

Poolesville's Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary, located on the 410-acre old Fletchall Farm, off of Willard Road and Offutt Road, is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization founded in 1996 that is the caretaker of over two hundred abandoned farm animals.

This modern day Noah's Ark has as its mission the health care and feeding of threatened farm animals of all sizes—from chickens and ducks to horses and cows. The mission of Poplar Springs is to provide the sanctuary on a lifelong, permanent basis. Since the organization lacks the funds and staff to adequately ensure and enforce proper care of these animals beyond their fences, the animals are not sold, adopted, or given away.

Behind most heartfelt blessings you will often find a saint. Our story

is no different. Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary is the lifelong mission of Terry Cummings and her husband, Dave Hoerauf. Both come from Hyattsville, Maryland, and both attended the University of Maryland. Terry studied Animal Science, and Dave pursued Zoology. Their self-sacrifice, dedication, and concern are matched by a small staff of paid employees along with a greatly appreciated group of volunteers.

Except for a brief three-day respite to the ocean once a year, you will find Terry and Dave on the farm 24/7. The funding for this worthy enterprise is solely through donations, sponsorship of animals (ranging from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per month), and revenue from group tours of the farm.

The holiday season brings a couple of other ways for the general public to contribute. The farm offers a family tour and Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on Saturday, November 20, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. People wishing to join in should bring a vegan dish or dessert (for eight) and a requested donation of \$10.00 per person. Children under sixteen years of age are free. Another way is to make contributions to the John Poole Middle School Leo Club as they collect foodstuffs, old vegetables, and animal feed donations in the coming weeks throughout the area.

To contact the organization for tours, upcoming events, or donations, you can call 301-428-8128 or log on to [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org).



Poplar Springs Sanctuary's goat greeting committee enthralls both young and old alike.



## On the Screen

### Home and Away

By Ray Clark

Special to the Monocacy Monocle

#### HOME

New on DVD. *Super Size Me*.

Documentary. Stars Morgan Spurlock, who also wrote and directed.

This film hit the streets with a lot of promise. "Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for a month." But, you know what? That's pretty much it. Spurlock eats, drinks, and pukes McDonald's for a month. Guess what he looks and feels like after thirty days? This is basically a one gimmick film.

Yes, it is interspersed with food facts. Did you know that there is one vending machine for every ninety-seven people in America? Unfortunately, these fun facts aren't enough to lift this project off the grill.

I suppose what really fries my McCookies, though, is that this film doesn't offer any real solutions. Yeah, "McDonald's sells junk food." How

cliche is that? "Most health providers recommend that we rarely, if ever, eat fast foods." No headline there. Where is the real hope for the tons of overweight bodies paraded past Spurlock's camera? We're even told that trying to educate our children to eat properly is a losing proposition.

So, is there any redeeming value to *Super Size Me*? Many credit the film with stirring up enough embarrassment on the part of McBig Wigs, to make super sizing a thing of the past. Other than that, there are a few interesting facts, some eye-catching clown (Ronald Mac) art, a couple of laughs, and several big YUCK's. But I suppose that it's all worth it if it helps even a few people to "turnover" their eating habits. (Somebody McStop me!)

Morality Check: Do we really need to see Morgan get his preliminary rectal exam? His vegan girlfriend's graphic description of his sexual dysfunction seems a bit much. Also contains bad language and a woman's breasts. PG-13?

#### AWAY

In theaters. *Motorcycle Diaries*. Stars Gael Garcia Bernal and Rodrigo de la Serna. Executive producer Robert

Redford. Spanish with white subtitles.

On the 4th of January, 1952, two good friends hopped onto an overpacked '39 Norton 500 motorcycle, affectionately known as "The Mighty One". They were leaving the only home they had ever known in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to ride across South America.

Gregarious Alberto was a 29-year-old biochemist. 23-year-old Ernesto had one semester of med school remaining. The adventure that started out as a rite of manhood would change the way they viewed their world forever. This was especially true for Ernesto—Ernesto Guevara—later to become known as "Che", the Cuban revolutionary, who remains a hero to Cubans and champion to oppressed Latinos everywhere.

Their first stop was to visit Ernesto's rich girlfriend. From there, their journey sees the chasm between the rich, and the poor and indigent, grow deeper and wider.

The countryside, seen for the most part from dirt roads, is magnificent! The majestic Andes Mountains, Machu Picchu, and the Amazon are

all wonderfully presented, and in sharp contrast to the impoverished cities.

"Living" snapshots, overdubs of letters home, and a haunting score help to open our hearts to the honest, truly caring soul of Ernesto. Guevara's family hopes that this film will give westerners an understanding of Che that goes beyond his iconic persona.

This film is a real find. At this writing, the closest place that you can find it, is at the Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema on Woodmont Avenue.

Morality Check: Lots of twenty-something male potty-mouthed language, sometimes blasphemous. Some sex talk, implied unmarried sex, but no skin...and no violence. Rated R

#### AN OLD FAVORITE

*The Sting*. Stars Robert Redford, Paul Newman, Robert Shaw, Eileen Brennan, Harold Gould, and Ray Walston. Directed by George Roy Hill.

A smalltime con man (Redford) enlists the help of a has-been big con player (Newman), to avenge a dear

— See Home and Away on page 11



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## On the Screen

Home and Away continued from page 10 friend's murder by a ruthless crime boss (Shaw). What ensues is a series of very funny twists and turns. The poker scene is a classic.

*The Sting* won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director. Hill also directed Newman and Redford in the Best Picture-nominated "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," four years earlier.

Of course, who can forget the wonderful Marvin Hamlisch arrangements of Scott Joplin's period tunes? Thirties Ragtime ruled once again in the mid-seventies.

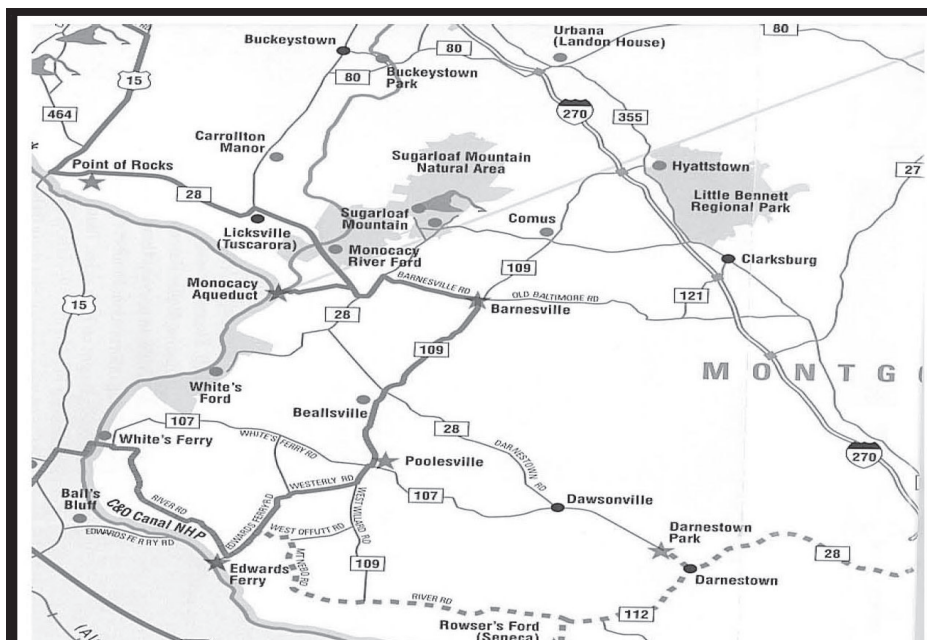
Nobody didn't like *The Sting*, right? Well, I just found out that my wife didn't care for it. Then, there are my parents. I begged them to go see it at the theater in 1973. They didn't like it. And my twelve-year-old son just walked out on it after twenty minutes.

So, an impromptu one-day survey was in order. The only people, aside from my whacked-out family, who didn't have great things to say about *The Sting* were those too young to have heard of it ("The Stink"?), and those too old to remember. There you have it. Two generations with whom to share this delightful film.

Morality Check: Bad and blasphemous language, an unmarried couple in bed together, a betassled vaudeville dancer, and murder. Add these to the fact that the film is built around lies and thievery. PG

Pick of the Litter: *Motorcycle Diaries*

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## Mystery History

By Jack Toomey  
Special to The Monocacy Monocle

Fog blanketed the tiny farming town of Dickerson, Maryland on the morning of September 24, 1942. As often happens in the fall, the warm waters of the nearby Potomac and Monocacy Rivers clashed with the cool morning air to form a fog that would burn off by 9:00 a.m. All night long, wartime freight traffic had rushed through the town on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad mainline which connected Washington to the

cars, and a dining car. Its passengers included soldiers and sailors returning from leave, businessmen traveling to Washington, and schoolboys returning to their private schools for the fall semester. At about 7:25 a.m., the train from Cleveland stalled on the eastbound grade just west of the Dickerson train station. The problem was determined to be a failure of an air compressor. J. M. Gilbert, a flagman, was sent to the rear of the train, through fog, to warn any other eastbound trains. Of course there were no radios on trains in those days

signal was given to start the train. A few seconds later, the Cleveland train was struck in the rear by the Ambassador which was traveling approximately fifty-five miles an hour. The fuel tanks on the diesel locomotives ruptured, and fire soon engulfed the last car of the Cleveland train. At the same time, the passing freight train was derailed by falling cars, and heavy pipe from several of the cars fell on top of the passenger trains.

The first rescue unit to reach the scene was a fire engine from nearby Frederick County. The fireman in charge, Joel Willard, found that the accident had happened in what the railroad called "Smith's Cut." Local people called it the "Orangestone Cut" presumably because of the orange tint of the rock wall. Fire was quickly spreading to the rear car of the Cleveland train which was filled with passengers. Calls went out for assistance. The governor of Maryland ordered the Office of Civil Defense, the Maryland State Police, and all state police ambulances to respond to the scene. In addition, the Montgomery County Fire Department, the

Frederick County Fire Department, and the Montgomery County Police sent all available members to the scene. A hospital train and powerful spotlights were sent to the scene from Washington. Of course, the main line to Washington was blocked, and wartime traffic had to be diverted to other rail lines.

Eventually fourteen bodies were recovered. All had been passengers or crewmen in the last car of the Cleveland train. The dead included flagman Gilbert, a Pullman porter, a fifteen-year-old boy returning to military school, and the rest were residents of Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Among the injured was James M. Straub, the president of the Fort Pitt Bridge Company of Pittsburgh. Mr. Straub was saved by another passenger who dragged him away from the flaming wreckage. The Reverend James Bifield, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville, came to the scene and administered the last rites of the Catholic Church to a fatally injured man who was trapped under the wreckage.

— See Train Accident on page 13.



Workers remove cargo from a box car as a passenger car continues to smolder.

cities in the west. As morning came, so came the passenger trains from the west scheduled to arrive in Washington for the start of the business day. Citizens of Dickerson would read in their morning paper that the German army had surrounded Stalingrad, American marines were fighting for control of Guadalcanal, and that one Dewey Brown, while walking on the streets of Frederick, had lost nine hundred dollars through a hole in his pants pocket.

The Cleveland Night Express, train 18, rushed through Point of Rocks at 7:18 a.m., two minutes ahead of schedule. The passenger train consisted of a steam locomotive, a baggage car, a baggage and mail car, two coaches, four Pullman sleeping

and all signaling was done by human or mechanical means.

In the meantime, the Ambassador, train number 20 from Detroit, passed through Point of Rocks at 7:28 a.m. The Detroit train consisted of a diesel locomotive, one baggage car, three coaches, and six Pullman sleeping cars. The engineer of the train from Detroit was Raymond E. McLelland.

While the Cleveland Night Express lay stalled west of Dickerson and the Ambassador began its climb out of the Potomac Valley, a freight train with a steam locomotive and fortythree loaded cars topped the hill at Barnesville.

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Train Accident continued from page 12—  
While Father Bifield prayed over the man, flames crept towards both of them. Photos taken at the time show large crowds of local residents gathered on the hills overlooking the accident site and also assisting in clearing the wreckage.

By Friday, September 25, States Attorney Ben G. Wilkinson had convened hearings into the matter at Rockville. The majority of the questioning was directed at the actions of the engineer of the Ambassador, Raymond McClelland. McClelland testified that he had passed a green signal (a signal on the railroad that gave him permission to proceed) two miles from the accident scene. He then stated that he came upon a yellow signal (a signal that urges caution). He applied the brakes and saw the flares that had been placed on the track. He then saw a red signal (stop signal) just as the train passed it because the smoke from the flares had previously obscured it. He also testified that he followed the Cleveland train "every other day" under the same conditions.

Investigators determined that the accident occurred 3,177 feet west of the Dickerson station. They also

determined that the Ambassador had passed over the Monocacy River bridge at sixty-six miles an hour and at the point of impact was traveling fifty-five miles an hour. The maximum speed limit in that area was seventy miles an hour for passenger trains. Investigators also tested the signals and found them to be in good working order. Further interviews with Engineer McClelland revealed his admission that he had neglected to see the yellow signal and had proceeded at normal speeds until he saw the burning flares, and then he had attempted to brake, but his speed was too great to avoid a collision.

On November 4, 1942 the ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission) released its report. They ruled that the accident was caused by the failure of the stalled train to give adequate flag protection to the rear and the failure of Engineer McClelland to operate his train in accordance with signal indications. In other words, they ruled that McClelland had passed both a yellow and red signal without using due care.

At the conclusion of the inquiry, conducted by States Attorney Wilkinson, evidence was presented to

the grand jury sitting at Rockville. McClelland was indicted on thirteen counts of manslaughter (apparently because one body was never identified). He stood trial in Rockville and was convicted on all counts. On December 4, 1942, he was sentenced to two and half years in prison by Judges Stedman Prescott and Charles Woodward. At the time of sentencing, Judge Woodward said, "if a man violates the rules of a railroad and kills someone he is guilty of manslaughter...you have killed a number of people and destroyed millions of dollars of property...this sentence can only be a warning to engineers all over the country. Yours is a sad case, but you have brought a lot of sadness to others.

Today, several commuter trains, Amtrak's Capitol Limited, and countless freight trains rush through this section of track every day. Few, if any, notice that the walls of Smiths Cut still show the scars of the tragedy that happened there sixty-two years ago.

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### Holiday Gifts for the Gardener

By Maureen O'Connell  
Contributing Writer

The holiday season will soon be here with the ensuing quest to find the right gift for family and friends. The older I get the less enthusiastic I become to face the hordes of shoppers and long lines in the shopping malls. What should be relaxing and fun turns into a chore. I am a big fan of Internet and catalogue shopping. Once you have your list compiled, you can order many items in an afternoon's time. I might venture to the malls once, maybe twice, but that is it. Most of the gifts that I have suggested here can be bought via the Internet, catalogues and local garden centers.

The other day Max, Sam and I strolled through the garden to get some gift ideas. As we walked (or they ran) along, we discussed what a gardener would need or enjoy to maintain and furnish a garden similar to ours. We put together the following list, some practical, some must-haves and some whimsical. I hope that this will be of help to you.

I am not a fanatical gadget person, but I do like to have the essential tools for the job at hand. I have acquired many tools over the years. Last year I found at a Home and Garden Show in London a handmade trowel and hoe with beautiful ash handles. Not all my tools are new. They are an idiosyncratic collection, some of which are worn and ancient. However, since they are all good quality, they still function well. With our heavy soil, you must have tools that are strong enough to be used without fear of breakage. I recommend stainless steel for that reason. A gardener needs digging tools, hoes, rakes, edgers, trowels, cultivators, pruners and loppers. I recommend that you buy good quality tools that will give you many years of service. My must-have tool that I always carry with me in the garden is the Swiss-made Felco #2 pruner. If you really want to look like a pro, carry your Felco in a leather holster that you can clip on your belt.

If you are going to work with the soil, you need good quality garden gloves. I have three different types. "Foxgloves" were designed by a landscape architect to give you a more sensitive-feeling glove. While many gloves are thick and uncomfortable, these fit snugly like a cotton

dress glove and are very comfortable. I like them for handling small seeds and delicate seedlings. Next, you need mud gloves. When you are working in the garden in the often-wet months of March and April, you need a sturdy rubber-type glove for the dirt, mud and anything wet and slimy. They also provide a good grip on tools. For heavy duty pruning of thorny roses and shrubs, I have an elbow length pair of goatskin gloves that gives you good protection from scratches.

You might not consider a watering can as an exciting gift, but that depends upon the brand. English made Haws watering cans are the finest throughout the world. They were first manufactured in England in 1886 and are available in galvanized steel, copper, brass and plastic. I keep a large copper one on the patio. It is more than a watering can; its design makes an architectural statement.

If you want to impress your gardening friends with your organizational skills, put this all together as one present. Buy a large good quality canvas tote. LL Bean carries them or garden shops have ones that have many pockets to hold tools. Fill the bag with a selection of tools and gloves. I also keep in my bag organic

garden twine from Nutsence of Dundee, Scotland. This green jute twine is nearly invisible in use. It is great for securing errant rambling rose canes, floppy oriental lilies and "no sense of direction" clematis vines. The twine comes 500 feet in a can that feeds from a hole in the center of the lid, so it remains tangle free.

If you have some friends who love to garden, but they are having a hard time bending to weed and lower and rise oneself from the ground to plant, there is a nifty little gadget that would be helpful. It is a dual-purpose kneeler/sitter. You can flip it to one side and kneel on foam pads, and then use the spring-loaded arms to support you when you stand. Flip it the other way and weed from your little bench. I recently saw them at Brookstone.

Last year for Mother's Day, Max and Sam gave me a very useful garden gift – a heavy-duty garden utility cart. It can handle rocky, hilly or uneven terrain. I use it to haul fertilizer, mulch, plants, garden clippings and the many dog toys that Sam leaves strewn across the lawn.

A vibrant garden must have a bird population. I love sharing the

— See Garden on page 15.

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## Garden continued —

garden with the cardinals, blue jays, robins, finches, woodpeckers, and yes the squirrels. To attract and keep these wonderful creatures, you must make your garden bird user-friendly. There are interesting and artistic bird houses, birdbaths and feeders on the market that would make wonderful gifts.

The music of wind chimes adds an ethereal mood to the garden area. I have three in different parts of the garden, and they all have a different tone. The important thing is to make sure it has a good tonal quality. You do not want tinny noise to shatter a garden's sense of peace.

You do not have to spend a fortune for a bespoke bronze sculpture to add an artistic touch to your garden. A small stone bird, rabbit or duck family would add interest at a reasonable price. (Flamingoes and leprechauns need not apply.) Smith and Hawken carry a nice selection of affordable garden whimsy.

During the cold days of winter, when the garden is a distant thought, keep your interest alive and expand your garden knowledge with some good books. I keep a stash on my bedside table. I draw up elaborate

plans for more gardens. That is easy to do while nestled under a thick down duvet. You do not focus on the backbreaking work come May when all the new plants and shrubs for your new gardens arrive. They never seem as many on the order form. I'll recommend three books that I think will appeal to many gardeners. *The Book of Outdoor Gardening* (Smith and Hawken) is a good comprehensive guide to plants and garden culture. I love the quote on the face page, "The more you garden, the more you grow." If you have been following my articles, you must know by now that I love David Austin roses. *David Austin's English Roses* (David Austin) tells you all about English roses — their ancestry, how they were bred and their uses in the garden and home. For anyone who wants to start planting some of David's roses, this is a good starting point. *100 English Roses for the American Garden* (Claire Martin, Workman Publishing, New York) describes a large collection of roses that are suitable for our climate. They can be ordered from David Austin Roses (1-800-328-8893.)

Our winters can be long and dreary. Bring a touch of the garden indoors by filling the house with

flowering plants. They are a very thoughtful and appropriate gift for an elderly person who is not able to get outside as much in the cold weather. How about an orchid? Many people think that they are impossible to grow outside of a greenhouse. Some are, but there are varieties that will flourish, bloom and re-bloom in the average household environment.

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Transport your favorite gardener out of the depths of winter with a basket of jasmine. I have a hanging basket in the kitchen, and in the winter, the sweet perfume of the delicate white flowers will scent the entire first floor.

If you can't decide on a specific gift, how about a gift certificate from a garden catalogue or local garden center? Leave the decision making to

them.

Now I have an idea for the wow present for your Number One Gardener. Present him or her with two airline tickets to London to attend the Chelsea Flower Show the first week of May. It is held annually at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea since 1913. Originally known as the Great Spring Show (Brit modesty), it was first held in the Kensington area of London in 1862. I was there in 2001 and I highly recommend it. There are over 600 exhibitors featuring show gardens, chic gardens, courtyard gardens, cottage gardens, city gardens, and more that 100 floral exhibitions. Garden designers from all over the world compete for space at the most famous of flower shows. Put a bit of Brit garden ideas into your Monocacy Country Garden.

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## Focus on Business

### Back to the Simpler Way of Life: Carl Hobbs

By Rande Davis

Who among us approaching fifty years old hasn't dreamed of creating their own business after a long career of working for someone else? Carl Hobbs did it. Are you an adherent to the "smaller is better" and "turn to the simpler way of life" way of thinking? Carl Hobbs is.

So who is Carl Hobbs anyway? Carl Hobbs is a resident of Boyds who opened Poolesville Small Engine and Trailer Repairs last April. His decision to change careers at about the time his children became adults and to move on to less stressful employment is at the cutting edge of the entrepreneurial movement of the past decade. (Of course, being at the "cutting edge" can be important when you are in the lawnmower repair business.) He finds moving from big automobiles and trucks to small engines and horse trailers the perfect adjustment from the faster-paced life of an auto repair shop.

Carl and his wife Darlene have spent the past thirty years living life, raising kids, and working together at Quattro Auto Repair in Silver Spring and Bethesda. Quattro is a family business founded by Darlene's father and the family tradition continues

with son Justin, 24, recently becoming the assistant manager.

Carl is Montgomery County through and through. His roots are from a family history of firefighters (his dad was chief at Sandy Spring), fire marshals, and 4-H-ers. Carl has devoted a great deal of his personal volunteer time over the years to being a volunteer firefighter. His special love is for the Montgomery Country Agricultural Center. He is a past member of its Board of Directors and currently remains responsible for lining up the entertainment for the week's festivities at the fair every year.

From his youthful days as a member of the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club, he fondly remembers the days of raising a steer from 450 to 500 pounds to around 1250 pounds. "Being in 4-H is a wonderful educational opportunity to learn responsi-

bility and the facts of life about the food chain but it is not for everyone. My daughter Jennifer and wife, Darlene became attached to her steer as if it were a dog. That can present some real challenges." There is a special gleam of pride in Carl's eyes when he mentions that his daughter, now 20 years old, is a sophomore at Hood College.

This former high school wrestler doesn't have to wrestle with keeping his lawnmower repair business busy in the winter. While he will spend time fixing up small push mowers during the colder days, he has his trailer repair and snowplowing business to keep him busy. If it gets really slow we think it would be a great idea for him to audition musical acts for the fair in the parking lot of the Poolesville Hardware store. That might just pep things up in Poolesville on a cold, winter afternoon.



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## Equestrian News

### Time to Winterize Your Barn

By Debby Lynn

Special to the Monocacy Monocle

Just as the last fly is buzzing to death on the windowsill, there's a chill in the morning air. It's time to think about preparing our barns for winter.

The first consideration is water. Water is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer. As your horse's diet shifts from lush grass to dried hay, he depends on drinking water to keep his gut contents moist enough to avoid impactions. He needs to drink at least ten gallons per day to stay hydrated and properly digest his food.

If he's lucky, your horse has a freeze-proof automatic water dispenser in his paddock. If he lives like the rest of us, he has a big Rubbermaid trough, subject to freezing. The first order of business, then, is getting out your tank heater. If your trough is non-metal, you'll need a cage. It clips on the heater, and prevents the heater from melting holes in your expensive trough. If your perfect little equestrian property is still in the planning stages, plan for water and electricity in close proximity to turnout areas. A frost-free hydrant along the fence line, with an outdoor electrical plug on a nearby post will seem like heaven on cold mornings, compared with dragging half frozen hoses out to the paddock, and stringing extension cords out to the tank heater.

If you do need to run extension cords, get a really hefty one — twelve gauge is best. That's the same gauge as your household wiring. Try not to use anything less than fourteen gauge. (Wire gauging seems back-

wards— the smaller the gauge, the fatter the wire.) Don't use any extension cord if the ground prong is broken off.

Remember to disconnect your hoses from the hydrant. They stay freeze-proof by allowing the water left in the above-ground pipe to drain down below the frost line. If your water-filled hose is attached, the pipe may not drain properly, and you may end up with a frozen water hydrant.

If your barn is cozy, the bucket in your horse's stall will stay thawed. If it freezes, try a bucket with a built in heater. You'll need a plug fairly near the stall.

The next bit of winterizing to consider is replacing summer's grass with hay. Horses use forage material to keep warm. They have a large cecum, just aft of their stomachs, which helps them digest fibrous material. The cecum is basically a large fermentation vat which breaks down and digests coarse fibers. The fermentation process produces chemical heat. Horses literally have an internal heat unit. But you have to keep it stoked. Putting a round bale in your paddock will provide your horse with plenty of fuel, and will considerably increase his fondness for you as well. Be sure to get one made with horse-quality hay. Most horses won't eat "cow bales."

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### Benefit for the Knights of Columbus

This is an Oktoberfest in November! If you missed your chance last month, then be sure to come St. Mary's Pavilion on November 19 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Your taste for bratwurst, German sausages, potato salad and, of course, sauerkraut will benefit the Knights of Columbus. It's priced right, too, at only \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors, \$3.00 for the kids up to twelve and for those under six its free.

### Science Safari for Kids at Black Rock Center

Mark your calendar for November 20 if you want to spark your child's interest in science. At 1:00 p.m., Mark Offutt will present his *Science Safari for Kids*. Mr. Offutt is a chemistry teacher who amazes the kids with some naturally weird and odd tricks of nature. The kids will get some solid science in between the tricks. This is a fast paced event of only forty-five minutes so don't be late. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

### Local Artists Exhibit at Black Rock Center

Then mark your calendar for December 1 to return to Black Rock for a display of local artists Susan Due Percy, of Barnesville and Brenda Townsend, from Arlington. Expect to view ceramics, charcoals and some clay pieces from Susan, and watercolors, oils, and digital prints from Brenda. The exhibits will be between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Book Discussion Group

Poolesville Library Book Discussion Group, November 29, 7:30 p.m., *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. Synopsis: NBC's most famous anchor-men celebrates the greatest generation in history — Americans born in the 1920s who came of age during the Great Depression, fought in World War II, and went on to build America. World War II Veterans and their families are welcome to attend and contribute their memories. Copies will be available for a x loan period at the Check Out Desk. Sound recorded versions can be obtained upon request. New readers are always welcome.

### Snakes and Reptiles at the Poolesville Library

Kids (and admit it, you too) love getting close up views of snakes, lizards, and other reptiles. We hear they're even going to have a large python to touch. This special library event is on November 30 and starts at 7:30 p.m.

### Start Your Christmas Shopping Early

The local John Poole General Store and Museum will move their gifts to the McLean, Virginia Community Center to join the Annual McLean Project for the Arts Museum Shops Holiday Collection on Thanksgiving weekend, November 26, 27, and 28, 2004.

The McLean Project for the Arts will host a prestigious group of area museum shops at the McLean Community Center for the 12th annual MPA Museum Shops Holiday Collection. Times are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The McLean Community Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue off Route 123 in McLean. Free parking available. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students age 13 and over. Children 12 and under admitted free. Admission fees are tax deductible as proceeds will benefit the McLean Project for the Arts.

This unique and popular event is designed to help simplify holiday shopping and provide shoppers with

a variety of high-quality gift items not found in shopping malls. Many of the region's best-known museums will participate in this year's Museum Shops Holiday Collection, including several unique shops that are new to the event this year—Frank Lloyd Wright's Failing Water among them. For more information call 703-790-1953.

### Christmas Decorations and Bake Sale

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville is holding their annual Christmas Attic and Bake Sale, on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is your best chance for one-of-a-kind Christmas items and decorations and baked goods. They will also be taking orders for poinsettias and wreaths for delivery before Christmas.

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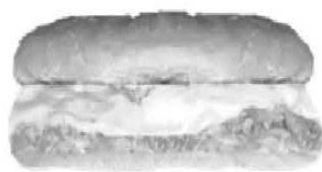
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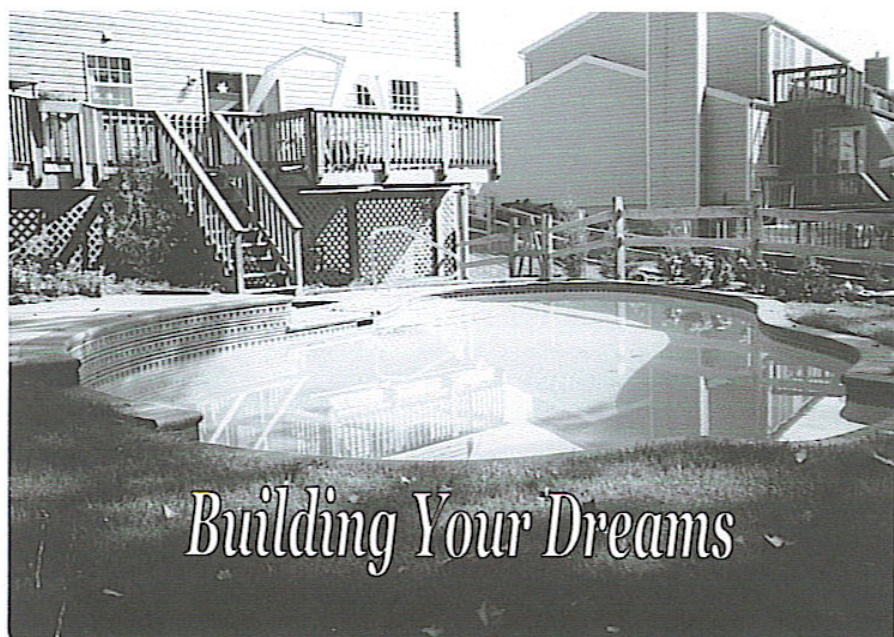
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### Fall PHS Sports Roundup

The Poolesville High School boys' varsity soccer team won the regional championships for the first time in almost ten years on November 9, by beating their evil nemesis Oakland Mills 2-0 in an exciting but bitterly cold game. Coach Mark Agnew approached the playoffs with great confidence, and the intense and focused play by the team justified his confidence. Amazingly, through three victorious playoff games, Poolesville has held its opponents scoreless. They now move to the state semi-finals against Beall High School which is scheduled to be played at Essex Community College.

The undefeated Poolesville Falcons' football team continued its impressive march toward state competition by demolishing B-CC 36-7 on Friday, November 5. While favored to win against W.E.B. DuBois on November 12, *The Monocle* will go to press prior to the finalization of that game. (Watch for our next issue for a special season wrap-up on Falcon football).

Coach Grubb's varsity field hockey team has moved through the playoffs by beating Baltimore's Pocomoke 5-0 in a match that was impressive, not only for its offense, but for the defensive as well. The Falcon girls have a region-wide reputation for stick action that is not

only disciplined, but unusually strong. This comes from emphasizing and practicing and mastering the fundamentals of the sport. On November 10, the girls held on to beat Kent County High School 1-0. This victory will take them to the state championships.

The girls' volleyball team overwhelmed Tuscarora High School in regional playoffs at Poolesville, efficiently taking three games in a row at 25-16, 25-11, and 25-9. The team, coached by Fran Duvall, is 12-2 for the year and has already beaten bigger schools such as Wheaton, Churchill, Northwest, and Blair.

Girls' volleyball is led by seniors Maureen Duvall, Jackie Reid, Jaclyn Rosenburg, and Ashley Steele. Setter Duvall commands every aspect of the game with her height, power, poise, skill, and knowledgeable experience that allows her to fake setups only to drill the ball sharply over the net. Coach Duvall's team now enthusiastically heads to the state championship finals.

#### **Poolesville JV Boys' High School Soccer**

*Special Report on Up-and-Coming Teams at PHS*

While there is always emphasis on the varsity sports, junior varsity sports have also been strong for the

Poolesville Falcons. The following report provides a look at the future for soccer at Poolesville.

First-year coach Ted Gardiner led the JV Boys to a winning season despite injuries and a tough schedule against larger high schools.

Things looked a little rocky for the team when they didn't fare so well in two preseason scrimmages and they had injuries to key players including Sophomore striker James Cardenas. However, Coach Gardiner and the JV boys made adjustments and surged into the season on a high note, winning their first two games. In an early contest against Northwest, Tim Spear led the way with both the tying goal with little time left, and then the winning goal in overtime. Poolesville's stingy defense was key in these games and throughout the season, with Dan Camillo anchoring the center, and Chris Hagberg, Zach Hannon, and James Walker playing solidly on the outside.

Many times throughout the season the opponent would have two or three highly skilled players, Poolesville would use their more evenly distributed talent and solid team play to put together a win. Except for a loss to talent-laden B-CC, Poolesville played tough and close in all of the mid-season contests. One of the high points of the season included a win over strong Watkins Mill, spurred by goals from Brian Karn and Allan Stephens. A win over Wheaton was assured with a half-volley goal by Arash Azizi.

One of the measures of the team's success is the steady improvement in three contests against Seneca Valley: first, a preseason loss (0-6) that wasn't really close. Next, came a close loss (2-3) at the beginning of the season. Finally, a hard-fought tie near the end of the season (0-0).

In the season finale, it all came together against Northwest. Showing how far the team had progressed, Poolesville totally dominated a Northwest team (4-0) that they had squeaked by in overtime earlier in the season (4-3). The midfield tandem of workhorse Trey McHale and co-captains Jason Kramek and Karl Mihm controlled the center. Forward Matt Weber scored a very nice header off a corner kick.

Matt Robillard made many outstanding saves as goalkeeper and kept Poolesville in the game by himself on several occasions. Larry Latour was the most versatile player, showing talent at striker, midfield, and fullback. Pat Kriese played very well at the striker position. The talented Wences Shaw-Cortez excelled at stopper and also was selected by his teammates to receive the Sportsmanship award.

Coach Gardiner was very excited about the progress of the JV boys. He praised the boys' work habits: "I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of the players in order to become one of the top JV teams in the county. I am very excited about the future of Falcon soccer."

#### **The Not-So-Youth Sports Roundup**

Victory for the Poolesville "Men Over 35" soccer team is not measured in wins and losses; it's measured by who shows up and finishes the game. The twenty-man roster reads a bit as a "who's who" of area dads, coaches, Sunday school teachers, and scout leaders. Practicing one night a week and playing in an eight-game season in which they finished 2-4-2 provide the guys with a lot of fun and exercise.

Now in its fourth season, the team requires a large roster since the players have such busy lives, and putting together a team of eleven players in and of itself can be a struggle. The group practices at West Willard Road on Tuesday evenings, and they often scrimmage against their own kids.

*Monocle* readers will recognize many of the names on the team: Bob Beliveau, Willy Bonarriva, Tom Brennan, Omar Cardenas, Gary Comfort, Ray Cwik, Todd Dahlen, Greg Dillon, Peter Green, Bill Hannon, Bruce Kirby, Randall Kuldell, Chipp Kuldell, Bernie Mihm, Steve Morgan, Gerald Perham, Neal Seagle, John Weber, Mike Wills, Steve Wolf, and Lance Wolin.

Remember, if you see them with pained looks on their faces, they are in fact in real pain, so you can give them a little sympathy, but don't hug them too hard because it hurts. The group is always looking for recruits, and anyone wanting to join them can contact any of the players they may know or call Randy Kuldell at 301-349-5342. *Pam Green contributed to this article.*



Poolesville's Maureen Duvall (28) sets the ball. PHS girls went on to beat Tuscarora 3-0.



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