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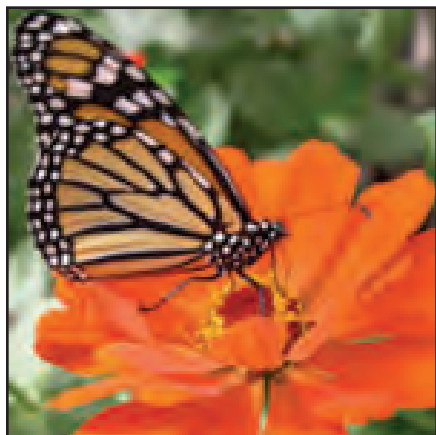
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Hilary Schwab

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Richard Malley

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Burglars Smash In Front Door to Gain Entrance to Domino's Pizza

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Domino's Pizza was broken into during the early morning hours of July 23, 2005.

The owner, Joe Angulo, first got the call from ADT at 2:30 a.m. informing him that his alarm had just gone off. Since his alarm had falsely gone off during power outages on two other occasions, he was not particularly concerned. He has been doing business in Poolesville since October of 2001, and as with most people, his confidence in the safety of the town led him to believe it had to have been another electricity problem. Besides, he preferred not to be assessed a charge for another false alarm.

When he arrived early the next morning, he was appalled to find out that someone had actually smashed in the glass front door, jimmied his

inside office door, and broken into the front compartment of his safe.

"The glass had been scattered quite wide indicating that it must have taken quite a strong blow. Since no rock was found, I think they probably brought some kind of iron bar with them. The jimmy marks on my office look like a crow bar or large screwdriver," said Mr. Angulo.

The petty cash he left available to start business the next day had been left in the front part of the safe which was accessible to the burglars. "You can be sure I will keep the cash in the security section of the safe from now on," stated Mr. Angulo.

While it is far too early to determine investigation results, it seems there

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Joe Angulo, owner of Domino's Pizza standing by the newly repaired front door

The Artist Within

By Dominique Agnew

The Poolesville Public Library is the grooviest of locations in Poolesville for many reasons: there are excellent books to read, nice people work there, people of note frequent it, and one can find really fascinating books to read. Also, interestingly, the walls of the Poolesville Library display the stunning oil paintings of local Poolesville artist, Carla Andersen. Periodically, the paintings on display change because one is sold or Carla just wishes to display a different scene. As of this writing, a beautiful depiction of Sugarloaf Mountain has just replaced the old Poolesville Town Hall. Those two paintings sum up Carla's favorite subjects for her paintings: landscapes and old buildings, especially old houses.

Carla was born and raised on a farm

in New York State and credits none other than paint-by-number paintings for her introduction to oils. After she would finish the paint-by-number, she would turn it over and paint her own scene on the back. She also credits her high school art teacher with giving her a good foundation in her artwork. "My high school art teacher was the best," she enthuses.

If only college had been so wonderful. She attended the State University College of New York at Oswego,

New York as an art major for one year. That was enough. In an effort to teach abstract art, "the teacher would come in, put on a record, and leave. I was a bit frustrated."

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"Lilypons Water Gardens" 18x24 Oil

Carla Andersen

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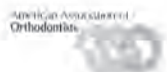
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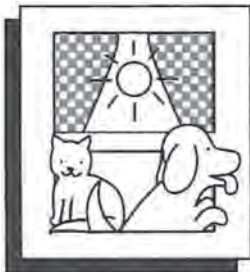
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Editorial

Lead Follow or Get Out of the Way

By Rande Davis

Every town and hamlet in our region shares the distinction of having just nearly every aspect of "managing the quality of our life" handled by volunteers. Most of the governmental decision-makers are volunteers. We have so many non-profit civic organizations working hard to help the community that *The Monocle*, even after a year and a half, still hasn't come close to covering them all in our "Pulse" section. We named that section of the paper Pulse since we consider such non-profit groups the life-blood of the community.

From all the area churches to WUMCO, and from government councils to the scouts, nearly everyone in our area is involved in one voluntary organization of another.

Through all the examples of responsible civic duty there still remains a small petty group of people who like to raze from the peanut gallery. Few of those who do volunteer seldom

demean other volunteers for their efforts. They understand the constraints on time and energy and understand most of all the importance of those who step up to plate to take on the necessary tasks on hand.

While help is sometimes short at hand, none of these groups are short of self-criticism. The leadership provides direction, motivation, organization, and decision-making to the task. The volunteer workers come forward in varying degrees at various times to complete specific goals. Criticism from those on the outside looking in is seldom productive. Of course, criticism is important for improvement whether in business, government, and sporting teams or even in a non-profit organization. Both volunteer leaders and workers provide each other with more than enough constructive criticism as they go about their workload. When all is said and done a simple thank you is almost always the preferred reward of volunteers.

That is why the criticism from the peanut gallery crowd who are never visible in voluntary commu-

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Tributes

Living Life to the Fullest

By Marcie Gross

I received a fascinating history lesson the other day when I had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Robert Hanson of Mt. Prospect Farm in Travilah. I sat in awe (while taking notes as fast and legibly as possible) and listened to this man, 80ish years young tell me the most captivating stories of his life (thus far), his travels, and his many accomplishments. Allow me to share them with you.

The Hanson family is certainly no stranger to this area. Did you know that there were seven presidents before George Washington? John Hanson (a very distant relative of Robert's on his father's side) was the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled from November 1781 to November 1782. At the time, Hanson was deemed Frederick County's most famous son. He established: the great Seal of the United States; Thanksgiving Day as the fourth Thursday in November; and the U.S. Treasury.

What is now Robert's home – the

Mt. Prospect Farm in Travilah used to be owned by Captain John Dufief during the War Between the States. Dufief offered President Lincoln use of his farm for encampment of Union soldiers. The Illinois 8th Calvary camped there for one to two years. Captain Dufief eventually sold the land to the Ward family, and Robert's family bought the farm from them in the 1940s. Part of the farm was the Dufief Grain Mill and traces of the Mill Race can still be found along Muddy Branch. Robert's parents were Bill and Tip Hanson. The Hanson family gave land to the Montgomery County Public Schools for Travilah School and Bill was the first chairman of the school. Robert remembers the original one-room school house – Travilah named after the Postmaster at the time. His father was also one of the charter members of the Montgomery County Farmers Club which Robert is a member of today. But I digress. During the 1940s and 1950s, the Mt. Prospect Farm was one of the top cattle herds in the U.S. and the farm was the center for many years of the

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Commentary

I Read the News Today, Oh Boy

By John Clayton

(Editor's Note: The following represents the views of its author and does not necessarily represent the views of Monocacy Press LLC or any of its principals.)

I was trying to write something about local issues, but my thoughts about Clarksburg setbacks and county housing permits were sidetracked by a review of the morning's large local daily metropolitan newspaper.

On the front page, President George W. Bush spoke out about the "intelligent design" of the universe as a "scientific" alternative to the science of evolution. (Apparently creationism is no longer a politically correct or effective term.) Various scientific groups have stated that issues of religious faith, not being subject to scientific scrutiny, really aren't science at all. This doesn't seem to bother the most powerful man in the world,

who thinks it is important that school children are given the opportunity to choose between the science of evolution and what are basically Bush's personal religious views. Let's give him some credit though—in Saudi Arabia you probably only get one choice.

I personally do not find it difficult to accept the incredible complexity and logic (and evidence) of the evolutionary process. My personal religious faith includes a supreme being (God) behind the creation of our majestic and incomprehensibly large universe. I would also surmise that any such being who could create something as immense and diverse as the entire universe would also be comfortable with it growing, changing, creating life and evolving into virtually unimaginable complexity. I remain secure in my belief that God thus created life on Earth and perhaps elsewhere. Why is the intelligent creator versus the evolutionary process an either-or proposition? Are we also supposed to believe that the afterlife (heaven) is in the sky, just beyond the clouds? Why is the President of the United States even involved in this?

Maybe when you become president you get visited by the Minister of Magic, who explains why things are the way

they are but no one will believe you if you tell them, so you come up with your own theory. That would explain a lot.

Upon further reading of today's paper, I saw that John Robert's road to his Senate confirmation hearings and John Bolton's recess appointment to the U.N. seem to have pushed Karl Rove's problems out of the news hole. Since apparently you can only be fired from this administration if you commit a crime, Rove should be okay until the Special Prosecutor releases his report, and who knows, perhaps even after that. This will allow him to continue to raise funds for Maryland Republicans, although I personally will find it difficult to vote for Michael Steele if he doesn't show a little more discretion in his choice of friends.

With regard to John Roberts, I note that the President has selected a highly qualified conservative of considerable intellectual firepower who has often represented conservative positions. I am shocked. His advocacy for conservative causes suggests he does not think the federal government should be too active in protecting the rights of mi-

norities, of women seeking abortions, privacy, or apparently environmental protections that don't involve interstate commerce, particularly for frogs. Unless some type of smoking gun is uncovered, it does not appear that the Senate Democrats will go to the mattresses on this one, which will leave various advocacy groups hopping mad, and probably for good reason.

Almost-Ambassador Bolton appears to be secure in his recess appointment until 2007, but once again, I am perplexed by our president's strategy. I have heard and believe I understand the conservative's perception of the United Nations, which I understand thusly: a pack of small, annoying countries who hate Israel and the United States and frequently pass resolutions condemning the actions of one or both. They ignore our parking laws and don't always pay their tickets. The UN is weak and ineffective, and it needs to be reformed. Right. So let's send a weak and ineffective (and belligerent) ambassador who walked into a Republican majority in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and couldn't walk out with their

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Potomac Hunt. In addition, it holds the first agricultural farm pond in the U.S. through the Soil Conservation Corp. where Robert learned to fish. At one time they farmed over 2000 acres of ground!

From his middle teens, Robert was involved in 4H. He raised State Beef Champion steer and Berkshire pigs. He exported the pigs to South America. In 1945, he was the very first National President of the Rural Youth of the USA and was on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors (he is also on the Board today.) Also in 1945, Robert was one of the pioneers who formed the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Robert still remains an All Star in 4H. His youngest son, Timothy is still active with the Fair as Treasurer.

The Hanson family was also responsible for developing the Potomac Hunt from the Old Riding and Hunt Club in Washington in the early 30s. Robert's wife of 55 years, Jo Anne is an avid fox hunter and remains an active member in the Hunt. Robert started fox hunting in 1932 on his pony, Bunny, who incidentally used to be a circus horse for the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus.

In the 1950s, Robert was a Chairman of the YMCA in Bethesda-Chevy Chase when the land was bought for construction of the buildings and he also helped found the YMCA in Montgomery Village. Robert and his Dad served on the Board of the Metropolitan YMCA for all of Maryland and Virginia for a total of 60 years, but never together.

Robert served in the Korean War as a Lieutenant of the United States Air Force in the Intelligence Division. He was stationed in Japan. But wait... there's more. Robert is responsible for getting the land for the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Bethesda. He was Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 8 of Chevy Chase, MD for ten years, and in 1971 took 40 boys from our area, ages 14-17 to the 13th World Jamboree on the slopes of Mt. Fuji in Japan.

An avid gardener, Robert was Past President of the Men's Garden Club of Montgomery County. They meet once a month. Robert is of course still active in that club as well. He enjoys gardening vegetables and flowers.

Robert's interests don't stop there. Did I mention he helped to establish the Rockville Civic Center? He has

model railroads on a garden railroad on his farm. He also collects antique cars and loves to tinker with them. Among his treasures are a 1915 Brass Radiator Model T, a 1938 Custom-bodied Lincoln, and a 1940 original Woody Wagon that belonged to the Boy Scout troop. Robert even has carriages that date back 100 years. He says he likes to drive the horses on the farm. Robert even remembers riding horseback to the Landon School, his high school in Bethesda.

Together, Robert and Jo Anne host classes from Travilah Elementary School in the springtime to visit their working farm (one of the last working farms close to Washington). They raise Aberdeen Angus Beef Cattle. Boy Scouts from all over the area have been welcome to camp on the farm for the past 60 years. Between all that they've accomplished and contributed to the community, Robert and Jo Ann raised three sons: John, Charles, and Timothy – now grown with families (four granddaughters and a grandson).

Robert obviously still keeps busy and lives life to the fullest. Each time I tried to contact him for an interview he was either out mowing the fields or working in the garden, but with a smile on his face, not unlike the smile he left on mine after our conversation.

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are a number of promising leads for the police to review. Located next to a small residential area, there are neighbors who have been interviewed. The BB&T bank, located directly in front of the store has their security cameras overlooking their front door.

Mr. Angelo, his wife, and their two young children reside outside of Poolesville but through his three years of involvement in the town, he naturally had the same reaction as almost all of his customers who witnessed the plastic-covered front door. "Almost everyone who came in assumed it must have been an accident and they were shocked to find out it had been a burglary," stated Mr. Angelo. This burglary may not have quite shattered the confidence residents have in the security of the town but it sure has resulted in the realization that they can no longer take it for granted.

In the Garden

My Muse is on Vacation

By Maureen O'Connell

What is a gardener to do? My Muse is on vacation and my garden is no inspiration or joy to visit. Summer 2005 has not been kind to my garden. She burst onto the stage in May with grand hopes for the coming season. She flourished beyond expectations in June, struggled in July and died, for the most part, in August. The weather was wet, hot and humid; the Japanese beetle assault started earlier, and my absence from the garden for a month did not help the picture. It is now mid-August, and I usually have two more months of flowering plants to look forward to. That will not be the case this year.

My roses were hit the hardest. I hate to admit that most of my much-praised David Austin roses are now leafless stalks with a scattering of yellow, black-spotted leaves that valiantly try to hang on to their former glory. I returned from London in early July

and was astonished by their condition. Even my three Knockout Roses ended up as food for the voracious J. Beetles. Surprisingly, the Hybrid Tea roses, planted in semi-shade, fared the best. There was little black-spot, powdery mildew and beetle damage. To remove the dead wood, I pruned the David Austins by almost half. By losing so much foliage, I don't know how well they will grow back next year.

To further confuse the logic of this growing season, some plants did better than ever. My Oriental Lilies, Casa Blanca and Stargazer, must have been sipping steroids all summer, as they grew to six to seven feet tall. Lilies are very hardy plants and are not attractive to beetles. But, this year their hardiness and growth were off the scale. With such heavy growth they were difficult to stake, so I cut massive bouquets of them, which scented the entire downstairs. My hostas and ferns also loved the weather this summer. By the end of July, they are often withered and brown. Not this year — they are deep green-colored and lush with growth. Their neighbors, the Hellobores, doubled in size so that Max and Sam must go around them, not

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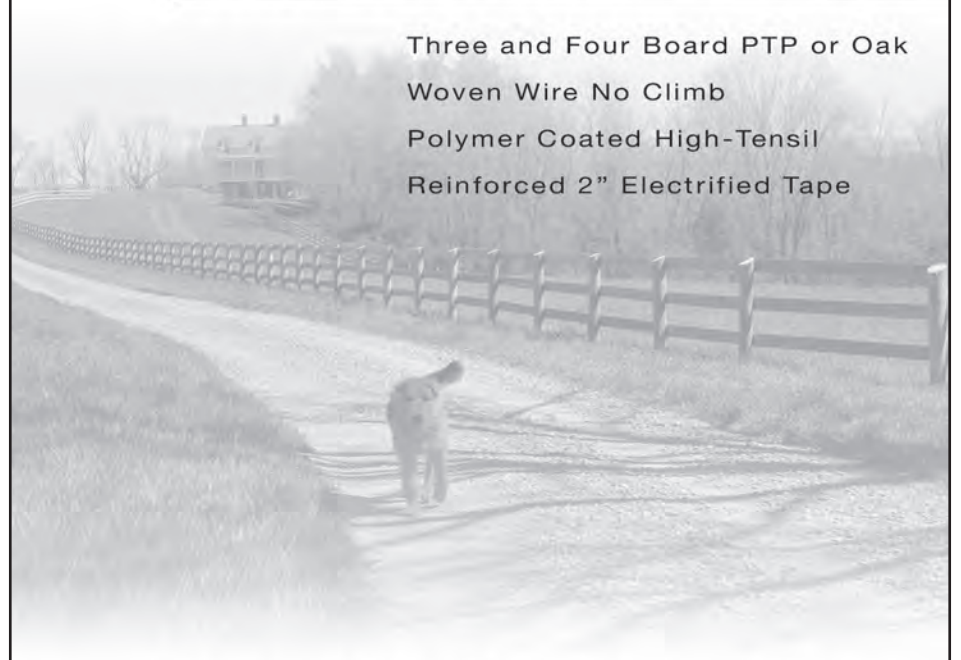


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She and her husband moved to Laurel, Maryland soon after. Carla continued painting. She read art magazines and art books to teach herself and to improve. In 1981, she took a class at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel at the end of which was a show, "probably my first real live show." During the 1980s, she was showing little by little, but she reflects, "I didn't think I was good enough." The year 1991 changed all that. In 1991, she was selected by the Clinical Center Galleries of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to do a solo exhibition (she had been part of a group exhibition there in 1989); she was accepted into the 56th Annual National Exhibition in Cooperstown, New York where she also won the Popular Vote Award; and she had an exhibition at Glen Echo, Maryland for the National Park Service's 75th Anniversary Show. That's not all, still during 1991, she was selected to be in a publication entitled, "Artists of the Mid-Atlantic." This was a result of the show at NIH. "It's funny how one thing will follow another," she muses.

Things did follow one another. To begin with, the thoughts that maybe she wasn't good enough were dispersed. "Just getting into the Cooperstown show told me I was good enough." It was a stroke of luck that led to the exhibition for the National Park Service which then led to greener pastures. It was specified in the call for artists (Carla found it in the newspaper) that the work be about the National Parks, and Carla "just happened" to have a painting of Great Falls Tavern. Actually, she had two—and she would end up doing five different paintings of Great Falls Tavern. People loved it so much, they would commission her to paint more—a not-so-unusual occurrence for her. The result of the 75th Anniversary Show was an invitation to the Labor Day Show at the Glen Echo Park Gallery which she has done every year since. "It is always a good show." At Glen Echo, she can only show two works, and they always sell. "I wish I could enter more than two," Carla says.

Carla has since shown her art in many venues across Maryland, Virginia, and New York. She even has pieces hanging in private collections in Ireland and Norway. It was a big accomplishment for her when NIH bought one of her paintings, "my first

big corporate buyer." Her most recent shows were in 2001: a show featuring the houses of Poolesville at NIH, and "Historical Sites in the Medley District" at the John Poole House in Poolesville. "I love old houses," she says. "I should do a series on old barns," but she mentions the cliché, "every artist does old barns." When she decides on a historic house as a subject, she'll collect articles and books on it to get "a little history."

More recently, though, her work has involved many commissions, the last one being a house on Soper Street in Poolesville. It wasn't a historic house, but the owner had just moved and would miss the house, so the daughter requested that Carla paint it. Sometimes people send her pictures, and she paints from them. At other times, she'll take the pictures.

"If I take photographs, I'll take quite a few," she adds. She finds the differing effects of light on the landscapes fascinating, and she's particularly keen on windows (in 1995, she had a

led her to admire those artists who do portraits.

Despite the success and accolades, Carla is still striving for improvement. She has just recently begun repainting scenes she had first painted twenty years ago. "I'd like to do some of the old paintings to see if I can't do them better." In her opinion, better means fewer brush strokes. "It is a struggle for me not to do too much. I tend to overwork my work," she says and compares her ideal with the work of Impressionist painters. "I admire the Impressionists," she continues, her favorite being French Impressionist Berthe Morisot, her inspiration.

Looking at Carla's paintings, it is so difficult to imagine that she might have felt she wasn't good enough. Her attention to detail and the finer nuances of the image she captures are a testimony to her talent. It is no wonder she receives many commissions and has people asking her to paint the same scene repeatedly—but she loves it. "I love to paint, and I love doing commissions." She remains content to be where she is success-wise, as she puts it, "I like being a slightly little fish in a little pond."



show at NIH entitled "Windows of Gettysburg") always trying to leave at least one window open. "I hate air conditioning," she states.

Another thing she dislikes is portraits, "I am not fond of portraits." She tried doing a few, including some family members, but she prefers her landscapes. "With a house, nobody complains back." The experience has

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through them to get to the other side of the garden.

It was a good year also for impatiens, both potted in containers and those in the garden soil. I believe it is the rose food, Rose-Tone, that I feed them that spur their growth. My herbs, Rosemary, Thyme, Tarragon, Basil, Dill, Cilantro, Italian Parsley, Mint, Sage and Lavender also enjoyed the wet humid weather. I have never seen such prolific growth on one season. Now is the time to start harvesting them for winter use. I prefer freezing to drying, although some herbs, such as basil, do not freeze well. The leaves turn an unattractive black color. Use basil fresh now, or make some pesto. I prefer the fat laden version of four cups of basil leaves and two cups of olive oil, pine nuts and parmesan cheese. If you want to cut back on calories, try this recipe. Drop six cloves of garlic into a food processor bowl and finely mince. Add two cups of basil leaves, packed, washed, dried and stemmed, one-fourth cup of toasted pine nuts, one-fourth cup grated parmesan, and process until smooth. Slowly drizzle in two tablespoons of olive oil. The classic pesto would have approximately eleven grams of fat with ninety percent of the calories coming from fat. The low fat version has only four grams of fat per portion. I must confess that I make both versions. It depends on how virtuous I feel in a particular day as to what recipe I will follow. Some days are "forget calories days." I freeze the pesto in ice cube trays. Two cubes are enough to toss with pasta or a pound of steamed shrimp for two people. In January a steaming bowl of linguini tossed with pesto and shrimp tastes great and takes minutes to make.

My July "disaster garden" has left significant holes in my garden vista. I shall dig up and discard the ratty looking victims of summer, but not my roses; they will be given a second chance next year. I will then plant some fall-flowering plants. I have mentioned many times that gardens exist in a constant evolutionary state. By mid-August, many gardeners lose interest in their gardens, which now can look quite disheveled. The color and brilliance of the mid-June garden is a memory. Normal people admire sugar maples or watch football games in the fall, but I am reluctant to let the garden die too soon. Delay the inevitable and preserve beauty. I see no reason to throw in the trowel on Labor Day, especially when some of the best of Monocacy's weather is yet to come.

I want to stretch out the vibrant flowering season of the garden. But what actors will arrive on stage now? Of course, there is always the chrysanthemum, which seems to be the poster child of the fall garden. When I visit garden centers from mid-August until October, I get the feeling that the only flower to grow in the fall is the chrysanthemum. There are some exquisite varieties, but they are not the only actors who can play this role. Over the past ten or so years, this plant or its cut flowers have become the mainstay of the supermarket florists. Don't misunderstand me, I am fond of this garden plant, but I don't care to see it bloom in July or even August. It is a fall plant; its goes with football games, orange and purple, apple cider, Halloween and trail rides with chili. Chrysanthemums are hard to classify taxonomically and even seasonally; it is not quite a perennial, and it is not an annual, and many of the varieties begin to flower by late July. Enough

said about the mum, let's consider it as one of autumn's plants rather than the exclusive one. The spikes of September-flowering false dragonhead (*Physostegia virginiana* "Vivid" look quite dramatic with the mum *Leucathemum* "Highland White Dream", which sports masses of very-showy semi-double white blooms well into October. I must warn you, though, that this dragon can become quite a thug; it likes to take over everything in its path. That's the compromise.

A favorite for many gardeners is *Sedum* "Autumn Joy." As showy as *Sedum* is, I have a problem with its growth habit, much like the above dragon. It too flops over and smothers everything. I put up with this minor foible, as usually it is the only plant still blooming. The fall Wayside Garden catalogue offers two new *Sedum* varieties that look quite unusual. *Sedum Spectabilis* "Samuel Oliphant" shows tri-colored leaves of deep green speckled with creamy-white and hot neon-pink edges. Popping from each leaf are five inch clusters of light-pink blooms. They begin to flower at summer's end, when there is little else blooming. Butterflies love this plant and it supposedly is tolerant of heat, humidity and drought. The second *Sedum* is called "Black Jack" which has dark purple leaves and brilliant pink blooms, that promise to gleam in a sunny garden. If you don't have any *Sedum* plants in your garden, or you want to expand your collection, order these two plants now. They can nicely fill in any awkward holes.

I was so taken by another Wayside plant offering, that I immediately ordered three. *Hosta plantaginea* "Venus" is a sport of the dramatic *Hosta plantaginea* "Aphrodite." It boasts leathery foliage and sweetly scented flowers of a twice double-form with a

petal count of twenty-four to twenty-eight. "Venus" was originally home at the Beijing Botanic Gardens. This would be a lovely eye-catching specimen for a light to medium shaded garden.

I was never a fan of *Alcea rosea*, the common hollyhock. When I was growing up in Pennsylvania, I remember by grandmother's and neighbors gardens ablaze with hollyhocks. They always looked a little too old fashioned and prosaic. My opinion of them changed when I saw them growing everywhere on the *le de Ré*. So I ordered Wayside Garden's Old Barnyard Hollyhock Mix. These tall plants will bloom all summer in shades of pink, red, yellow, white, dark maroon, and soft pastels. I selected a dull spot on the side of my gray barn, where I hope they will add a brilliant touch of color.

I am not going to get depressed about the "state of my garden." As I have said many times, gardens are constantly evolving. To me that is the interesting and sometimes frustrating challenge of gardening. The plants and the micro-climate in which they exist are different from one day to another. Life in the garden goes on. There is always hope for a better-planned, less bug infested and less diseased garden next year. We must savor the rare moments when "all is right with the world," or at least the gardener's world.

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nity leadership or even as occasional workers is so very grating on the nerves. The hecklers are proud that they are smarter than every else. Just to prove it, they are never so foolish as to actually step forward as volunteer themselves.

Most of the time such criticism bounces off and is mostly harmless. When the criticism goes public and those being attacked are not given a forum to respond, it is even more irritating.

Lately, the volunteers of the Poolesville Day Committee have come under incredulous and hyperbolic criticism. The newly established Economic Development Committee has been attacked even before they have begun their work. The stones that have been thrown typically come from those with no recommendations or better ideas. Their MO is to just oppose.

In that regard The *Monocle* wants to applaud every voluntary leader and worker for your efforts. You should know the community is all very grateful for your efforts. We understand that if we truly think we can improve

what you have done, we will let know by pitching.

For the others, who treat civic duty as a spectator sport, the volunteers should ignore them, pity them for their self-absorption, and pledge to one another not to respect an attack unless it comes from others, who like them, do volunteer work and by doing the best they can. Now, let's say altogether: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way."

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approval. I would think that if an organization as unruly as the UN needs to be snapped into shape you would want to send a strong and capable candidate who was well respected by the government and the people, not just by the president. That's just me.

On a more serious note, the front page also revealed the story of how Americans participated in the beating death of an Iraqi general. I will not belabor the details in our gentle little newspaper, but I suggest you familiarize yourself with the story and ask if this is how our founding fathers expected us to behave—even against the bad guys. One has to draw the line, and this is not a line that should have been moved at all. Things happen in war, but when these things are condoned even tacitly by our political or military leaders, the line will move far and wide. As it already has.

In other news, the Nationals and Orioles have slipped away from the I-95 World Series.

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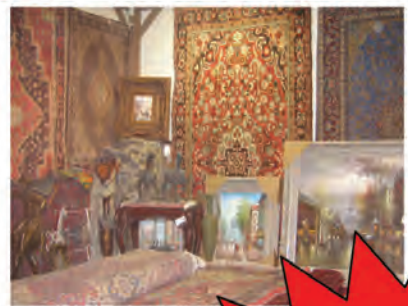
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Reaching for The Stars

ROX24 Rocks Poolesville

By Dominique Agnew

ROX24 of Poolesville recently performed at Whalen Common during the summertime concert series sponsored by the town. The successful performance delighted the crowd that had gathered on one of the most perfect days of the year, July 3 (not too hot, not too humid), with a selection of songs covering a wide range of genres. Maybe there are a lot of bands out there who do this kind of music. What can be so special about another rock band? For one, the band is fronted by two females—just a little unusual but not terribly—Heart did that in the 1970s. Okay, the two females are sisters—right, Heart, again. Well, here's the clincher, these females are twelve and fourteen years old, and not only do they front the band, but they also play multiple instruments, sing lead or harmony while playing, and compose.

The leaders of ROX24, sisters, are fourteen-year-old Megan Guise and twelve-year-old April Guise. Their father, Dale Guise, is another member

of the band (one of the guys) and the *raison d'être* for its creation. Dale had spent many years in the 1980s playing guitar and singing in rock bands trying to make it until, as he says, "Reality set in." Reality didn't necessarily take him completely away from the music scene. He has worked in the high-tech industry for nearly twenty years. About five years ago, he got back into playing music again for fun, setting up a room in the basement for practicing. As a result, Megan and April became interested in the instruments and in making music, as well. "They would play the drums and sing in the microphones," Dale says.

As it was, both girls had already been studying the piano for some time, Megan for seven years, and April since she was six years old. Their father started teaching them to play guitar and quickly realized the enormity of their talent. "It suddenly dawned on me that the girls could play in a band," Dale says. The idea came to him in the late spring of 2004 to form a band with the girls and come up with a twelve-song set to play at Poolesville Day that coming September to give the girls the experience of performing before a live audience. Dale would play guitar or bass guitar, Megan would play guitar or keyboards, April (who had taken drum lessons for a little while when

she was younger found she didn't benefit from them entirely, "I can listen and figure it out for myself," she says) could play drums, but preferred bass guitar. "April literally learned bass in a weekend. She was a natural at it," Dale confides. Dale "dubbed it as a project."

On drums, Dale enlisted the support of Pat Hanscom whom he'd known for a couple of years. At first, Pat says, "I kind of laughed," but he agreed to play with the Guises to humor Dale. When he came to the first rehearsal, "his jaw dropped," says Dale, and Pat says he "was blown away."

The group had about six or seven rehearsals before Poolesville Day and was ready. They performed their twelve-song set twice to enthusiastic crowds. Dale says, "It was pretty amazing, the girls did well." They realized they could do this. Although they were a little busy in the winter with numerous schedules, in preparation for their July 3 performance they added another ten to twelve songs. "These girls probably practice more than any other band I've played with," Pat says. The girls continue with their piano lessons, and they have also been taking voice lessons. Dale remarked that April has a great voice and loves to sing, but Megan, who also sings beautifully, needed

a little encouragement to sing. Now the girls trade off on singing lead and harmony. Megan says that sometimes she becomes a little nervous before performance, but after a few songs, she enjoys herself. "I think it's really fun," she says. "It's fun to perform; it's fun to experience performing in front of people."

The Whalen Common gig was two full sets of a mix of modern rock such as songs by Good Charlotte and Papa Roach, classic rock with the likes of Steppenwolf, and newer pop songs mixed with older ones: "A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton and Bette Midler's "Wind beneath My Wings." They will be performing at the Montgomery County Fair on August 12 where they will have a half-hour set. Of course, the big day isn't too far on the calendar: Poolesville Day. Whereas last year they were placed on the fringes of the Poolesville Day booths, this year they will be more in the center of the happenings. Not only will they perform rock standards that have become part of their repertoire, they will add two or three original songs that they've composed together. Sometimes they compose separately, and sometimes they sit in the family room and "work it out." The group will also have CDs available for sale. In the fall, they plan to start promoting things more seriously to "make

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The summer's great historical event is the Montgomery County Fair from August 12 through August 20. The fair is open daily from 8:00 a.m. through midnight and always has a terrific midway, 4-H agricultural and craft displays, and nightly entertainment. A new twist is family movie night which will offer a showing of a popular feature film each night. Selections include Shrek 1 and 2, Harry Potter, and Shark Tales.

Demolition Derby and Monster truck events are on Friday and Saturday nights. See www.mcagfair.com for information on other entertainment. General admission is \$7.00.

34th Annual Labor Day Art Show

Glen Echo Park will be featuring its 34th annual Labor Day art show on September 3, 4, and 5 in the park's

Spanish ballroom. The historic Dentzel Carousel will be operating during the art show

The Oom-PahPah of the Marching Bands

Gaithersburg will celebrate Labor Day with its traditional parade of marching bands, horses, balloons, clowns, dance groups, and much more. The center of the parade is East Diamond and Russell Avenue. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. and for more details and information call 301-258-6350 or click on gaithersburgmd.gov.

Got an Old Bike You Don't Want?

Bob's Bikes in Poolesville is a collection area for used, unwanted bikes to be sent to needy people all over the world. Through the organization "Bike's for the World" the Washington Area Bicyclist Association puts old bikes to great use. While it may have been just relaxing exercise or entertainment to you, it can a major resource and necessity in third world

countries. You can click on www.bikesfortheworld.org or just go up and talk to friendly Bob to find out how you can help out.

Practice Your Square Dancing

The Poolesville Baptist Church is sponsoring a square dance on Saturday, August 27 starting at 6:00 p.m. and going to 8:30 p.m. There will be drinks and refreshments available and it is stressed that experience in square dancing is not necessary. With the big Barn Dance coming up on October 1, this may be a great way to get some practice in early.

First Saturday Gallery Walk

Enjoy an evening of exhibit openings, guest artists, and live entertainment designed to showcase the best of Downtown Frederick. This event is held the first Saturday of each month. More than 60 shops, galleries, and restaurants participate. The walk usually runs from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information call 301 698 8118.

Just For A Few Laughs

There is a new place, Comedy Comes to Germantown, at 13016 Middlebrook Road, in Germantown that has live comedy offering the hottest shows every Sunday evening. They have comediennees from HBO, Showtime, Comedy Central, and BET. For more on this call 301 515 2353.

Unique Dulcimer Concert Coming Up

Poolesville music lovers will have an opportunity to hear an instrument not often heard in modern times. Odd Fellows Lodge 97 is presenting a Hammered-Dulcimer concert on Sept 17, at St. Peter's Church. Mr. Sam Rosetta, noted builder, player, and teacher of hammered dulcimer will perform a variety of selections. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and there is no official cover cost but donations to support Odd Fellows community-projects will be cheerfully and thankfully received. Refreshments after the concert.

Remembrances

Mary Conlon Ware: WWII Veteran and Entertainer Passes Away

By Rande Davis

Mrs. Mary Conlon Ware, most recently a resident at Buckingham's Choice, passed away on July 13, 2005. Mrs. Ware, eighty-three years of age, was married to Rear Admiral Bruce R. Ware III, and was the mother of Connie Ware Webster of Indiana, Ann Ware Campbell of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Bruce R. Ware IV of Severn, Maryland.

Mrs. Ware devoted herself to her family and country as a life-long military wife, and she also was a commissioned officer in the U. S. Navy during World War II. She joined the Navy after graduating from Wilson College in Washington, D.C. As an assistant secretary control officer, she worked with the Chief and Deputy Chief of Fleet Maintenance, keeping them advised of important communication.

In that position, she also held top-secret clearance, helping to route incoming and outgoing dispatches



Lt. Mary Conlon Ware

to officers in the need to know. Mrs. Ware was also a fun-loving, spirited person who used her natural soprano voice to voluntarily entertain the troops stationed in the Washington, D.C. area during the war.

As a delightful remembrance of her warm and joyous personality, the family lovingly enjoys sharing the

story of how she and Admiral Ware first met.

During her military career she was assigned at the newly opened Pentagon. One day, right after the hallway had been freshly waxed, she was having some light amusement by running and "sliding" down the hall. She inadvertently slid right into Bruce Ware causing a collision that must have seemed very fateful to them as they were married just thirty days later.

Mrs. Ware spent the next thirty-six years raising her family and helping her husband rise to the rank of Rear Admiral. Admiral Ware, a veteran of Pearl Harbor, served in the Pacific Campaign with distinction, being awarded two Bronze stars for meritorious service.

Among the many friends and family in this area who will fondly miss Mrs. Ware are Laura Jamison, her sister, and Dots Elgin. She was the very proud grandmother of five children as well as the great grandmother of another five.

Mrs. Ware will join her husband in their final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery

Graham Lamson, Woodworker and Furniture Maker Passes Away Unexpectedly

Dickerson's Graham Lamson unexpectedly passed away at Frederick Memorial Hospital on July 29, 2005. Mr. Lamson, 51, graduated from Walter Johnson High School and attended both Montgomery College and Towson State University. Mr. Graham resided for many years on Mt Ephraim Road assisting his mother, Margaret, who just recently passed away.

For many years, the Roberson Plumbing Company employed Mr. Lamson. He was a talented wood-working enthusiast who studied the craft at North Bennett Street School in Boston, Massachusetts. His involvement in several woodworking associations included the Washington Area Woodworking Guild, Society of Period Furniture Makers and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Mr. Lamson was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church where he and his mother volunteered as assistants to the church's treasurer. Mr. Lamson's brother Timothy Lamson and his wife Bonnie reside in Adamstown. Donations to St. Peter's Building Fund can be made in his memory.

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Day Tripper

The Garden of Wheaton

By Dominique Agnew

The nine-year-old kept yelling, "Don't touch me! Don't you dare touch me! I'm telling you not to touch me," while the imp-grinned, mischievous seven-year-old kept his finger a bare inch from the skin of his brother. What does this have to do with Wheaton, you may ask. Why, nothing, of course, this scenario (frequently interjected with fervent screams of "Stop!") played itself out on our way to wonderful Wheaton — and its environs.

Our first stop was not exactly in Wheaton, but it was close enough — plus it was one of those places we frequently passed on the way to somewhere only to say, "We have to go there sometime." This day was sometime. Our arrival at the National Capital Trolley Museum on Bonifant Road was heralded with cries of: "Yay, trains," and "Hey, this is not a train." No sirree, trolleys ain't trains, but they have their own sense of whimsy and nostalgia.

In 1969, the National Capital Trolley Museum was built and a portion of the track laid. The museum itself has that unique 1960s ambience. Inside, there is a gift shop/book store and various displays about trolleys and their history. One purchases the extremely reasonably-priced tickets at the gift shop for the trolley ride

that runs every half hour. Periodically, there are planned activities for children, but the one that took place during our visit was geared towards the preschool years.

The trolley ride itself was extremely pleasant (what a surprise to see so much woodland near Wheaton's suburbs — and a deer — oh, my!). About halfway through, our gentle conductor stopped the trolley to give us a little trolley-history lesson. The trolley on which we rode had been constructed in the 1950s (with all those excellent 1950s curved corners) for a Canadian transportation system. The track on which the trolley rode had been constructed by volunteers of the National Capital Trolley Museum "which explains the bumpy ride," Mr. Conductor added. A picnic lunch in the dogwood grove, and we were on our way to Wheaton!

Ten minutes later, not twenty as the chauffeur (moi) had erroneously guessed, marked our arrival at Brookside Gardens, the main destination of this little Daytripper. Brookside Gardens is truly enjoyable at any time of the year for any and all ages, but running through Sunday, September 18 is the special show on butterflies, *Wings of Fancy*. Having been listed in the *Monocle's* Big Board column, we knew it was the place to be (and our little imp had thoroughly enjoyed his field trip there at the end of the butterfly unit in school).

We purchased tickets in the gift shop (Brookside Gardens itself is a free attraction) and walked through an outdoor native butterfly garden (filled with flowers and butterflies) to the exterior entrance of the South Conservatory. Entry and exit are carefully monitored to ensure all the exotic butterflies imported from Costa Rica remain within the exhibit. All ages enjoyed watching the butterflies flutter by and learning about the different stages of a butterfly's life. It was interesting to learn that some species of butterflies prefer very ripe fruit to flowers and numerous dishes of succulent grapes, strawberries, and bananas were scattered throughout at little persons' eye levels to entice the butterflies.

The fifty acres of gardens were a little too much for us to admire in one trip, but of particular notice were the boxwood gardens, the rose gardens, and Phil and Rhoda Dendron's Fairy Folk Garden designed especially for children with lots of wee folk, fairy dust, and the like hidden amongst the foliage.

After Brookside Gardens, we returned to Georgia Avenue and headed south to the not-too-distant Wheaton Regional Library. We all love a good library, but Wheaton Regional Library also has a most excellent used book store. The cavernous room was filled from top to bottom (so many books, so little time). Readers who have taken part in the Montgomery County Public Library's summer reading program, can redeem their coupons here for two dollars' worth of books.

We then returned northbound on Georgia Avenue for one block to enjoy the carousel and the train ride at Wheaton Regional Park (of which Brookside Gardens is a part). Unfortunately for us, the power was out, and both were closed. Even worse, the screams of dozens of children being tortured could be heard floating on the air through the forest. Upon investigation, we found, not a dungeon, but a very groovy playground. Strewn amongst the dappled shade of the forest are pavilions, picnic tables, grills, and benches.

Besides Brookside Gardens and the Carousel and Train area, expansive Wheaton Regional Park has much to offer: Brookside Nature Center,

Rubini Athletic Complex (including the Wheaton Ice Arena, indoor tennis, and inline skating), and Wheaton Riding Stables. For more information, contact the Park Manager's office at 301-680-3803 or visit www.mc-mnccp.org/parks/facilities/regional_parks/wheaton/index.shtm.

Brookside Gardens itself has too many activities to list including classes, excursions, lectures and exhibits, but one event that looks interesting is the "Garden of Lights" Winter Garden Walk. This display features more than six hundred thousand twinkling lights in various shapes and forms and will run from November 19, 2005 through January 8, 2006. For more information on Brookside Gardens and its many activities, visit www.brooksidegardens.org or call 301-962-1400.

Future events for the National Capital Trolley Museum include the Holly Trolley Festival in December. Hours for the museum are Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and additional hours in the summer on Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, visit the website www.dctrolley.org or call 301-384-6088.

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something happen at a bigger level."

Dale's wife and mother of the girls, Yale (maybe they planned the Dale and Yale thing), is thrilled by what has happened. Not only does she think they are great, she thinks the improvement of the family dynamics is great. "Music brings them closer," she adds, "there's always music around the house." Dale concurs, "It has really helped me spend a lot more time with my kids." He smiles, "It's all good."

Under the guise (I had to use it somewhere!) of ROX24, the girls "are shooting for the stars."

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Police Blotter Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

Residential Burglary between July 7 and July 9 at the 25400 block of Old Hundred Road, Dickerson. Entry made to a home, no force, property taken.

Church Burglary between July 13 and 16 at Dawsonville Mennonite Church, 16500 Whites Ferry Road. Forced entry, property taken.

Attempted Rape July 25 about 11:58 p.m., 5000 block of Mountville Road, Adamstown. Frederick County deputies responded to a home where a female told them that she had returned home from work and upon entering her residence she found things out of place. When she entered her bedroom, she was confronted by an acquaintance who was naked. The man ran from the residence and was apprehended a short distance away. Todd M. White, also of Mountville Road, was charged with attempted first degree rape, attempted first degree sexual offense, burglary, and

other assorted offenses.

Commercial Burglary at Domino's Pizza, 19639 Fisher Ave, Poolesville between 2:35 and 2:40 a.m. on July 25. Forced entry, property taken.

August 2. Maryland State Police are investigating a fatal accident that occurred on August 2nd around 3:00 pm. Police said that sixty-four year old Norris Carter, of Adamstown, was traveling north on Route 85 near Adamstown Road when his car struck two power poles and rolled over. Carter was thrown from the car and pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Past

August 10, 1891 A melee broke out at a camp meeting a short distance from Barnesville, Maryland. On the last day of the meeting, a shooting affray occurred, one man lost his life, and three others were seriously wounded.

August 19, 1957 Marvin Atwell of Blandford Street, Rockville struck his head and drowned when he dived into Seneca Creek from the canal aqueduct at Seneca. Atwell was at the creek with a group of friends when the accident happened.

August 21, 1955 The debris-

clogged Potomac River crested at Washington at 17.6 feet which was the fourth highest level in recorded history. Severe flooding was reported upstream at Seneca, Maryland and near Poolesville.

August 23, 1942 Two men were killed when the training plane they were flying struck the landing gear of another plane in midair and crashed on the Lawson King farm between Rockville and Gaithersburg. The occupants of the other plane landed safely.

August 24, 1933 Three men were rescued from the top of a willow tree near Frederick, Maryland when their automobile encountered high water and they had to abandon it and climb the tree. Paul Sample, secretary to Senator Van Nuys, of Indiana, Will Beardslee, special assistant to the Attorney General, and O. T. Englehart of the Veterans Administration were recovering from their harrowing experience.

August 31, 1933 Fire of an undetermined origin practically destroyed the home of Eaton Poole on his farm two miles from Poolesville, Maryland. Damage was estimated at five thousand dollars. It was said to be the third mysterious fire in that region in two weeks.



Local History Incident at Dawsonville

By Jack Toomey

The crossroads of Route 28 and Whites Ferry Road are a minor inconvenience to commuters as they travel down-county. Sometimes during rush hour it is necessary to wait at the stop sign for a minute until traffic clears, but who has ever paid any attention to the large stone house that sits at the intersection of these roads? In 1911, a great deal of attention was paid to this house because one of the most sensational murders of the era happened there.

This stone house was built around 1850 by Nathan Allnut at about the time of his marriage to Eleanor White and was surrounded by several hundred acres. Nine children were born in this house, and there is no doubt that some of them had a front row seat to the movements of both the Union and Confederate Armies that passed this place. The Allnutts' ninth child, Richard, was born in 1867.

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Nathan Allnutt became a prosperous farmer and a well-known man in Montgomery County. After his death in 1903, his wife, Margaret White Allnutt, and her companion, Jane Rawlings, remained in the house. A daughter, Valeria Viers, had returned to the house to live after the premature death of her husband who had accidentally drowned after falling into a creek on their farm near Rockville. A few servants and farmhands lived in outbuildings on the farm. Unbeknownst to others in the tiny farming community of Dawsonville, there had been squabbling between Richard and his mother about the division of property after the death of his father. On the morning of March 14, 1911, at about 10:30 a.m., Richard went to the big stone house with the intention of talking to his mother. The discussion about family property soon became heated. To make matters worse, Richard, who had married three months before, asked to bring his wife to live in his mother's house. Mrs. Allnutt had rejected this idea

before, and Richard had taken up residence at the home of his brother, Lawrence. As the argument became more emotional, Richard picked up a pitchfork and struck his mother who was eighty years old over the head. His widowed sister, Mrs. Viers, heard the commotion and came to the aid of her mother. Richard then turned and reigned blows with the pitchfork upon Mrs. Viers's head. Allnutt then turned to his mother and struck her several more times fracturing her skull. Miss Rollins, the other resident of the house, also tried to intervene and was struck several times and seriously injured. Two farmhands who were in a nearby barn heard screams and rushed into the house causing Richard to drop the pitchfork. A washerwoman who had witnessed the attack ran to the store of Lawrence Allnutt and screamed, "Mister Dick is killing all of them!" Lawrence then ran to the big house and found Richard standing over the bodies of the three women. Another farmhand went to summon the sheriff, and soon afterwards Sheriff William Viet and his deputy, Richard Cissell, arrived at the house. They arrested Richard at the home of Lawrence Allnutt.

In the meantime, Dr. Upton Norse of Dawsonville and Dr. Charles Norse of Darnestown were sent to the house and tried to care for the injured women. Mrs. Viers and Mrs. Allnutt were taken to their bedrooms, and it was thought that neither woman would survive her injuries. Mrs. Viers died at about 8:00 pm that night. Mrs. Allnutt and Miss Rawlings eventually survived their injuries but were incapacitated the rest of their lives.

Richard was taken to Rockville and placed in the county jail. The next day the states attorney, the justice of the peace, and Sheriff Vielt returned to Dawsonville and held an inquest at the home as was the custom of the day. In a short time, they concluded that Richard Allnutt had murdered his sister and critically injured his mother and Miss Rawlings. Feelings ran high in the county over this outrage. Sheriff Vielt had to deputize trusted men of the community to keep guard at the jail to prevent a lynching. After some time passed, feelings cooled but not gossip and jealousy. It was alleged that Richard was receiving special privileges at the jail. It was reported that Richard's wife came to the jail every Sunday morning and stayed until Monday night bringing delicacies from her house in Dawsonville. Others reported that after Richard's arrest, family members brought furniture to the jail and set up a room for him.

The trial of Richard Allnutt began on December 6, 1911. The defense, made up of the most skilled members of the Rockville bar, put on a defense of insanity. Dr. Hill, a Baltimore alienist, testified that Richard suffered from paranoia. Dr. Herring of the State Lunacy Board testified that Richard was sane. Relatives were also allowed to testify about Richard's sanity. On December 12, 1911, the jury found Richard Allnutt guilty of second degree murder and he was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

What became of Richard Allnutt is not known. After serving his prison sentence, he disappeared and was not heard from again. Mrs. Viers is buried in Monocacy Cemetery.

Today the big stone house still sits at the intersection of these busy roads. Few who pass by there every day are aware of the horror that happened behind those walls in 1911.

Posse

by Jack Toomey

No one seems to know what caused all the trouble. All that is known is that Richard Gilliam sometimes stayed at his brother's farm near Poolesville, and he would come into town and make a pest of himself. He would bother those passing by, ask for handouts, and make bizarre threats. Finally, the courts committed him to the Springfield Hospital for the Insane at Sykesville, Maryland.

During the summer of 1925, Gilliam escaped from the hospital and made his way back to Poolesville. Citizens who saw him reported his presence to the police. An officer was sent to Poolesville to look for him without success. Eventually, he was returned to the hospital but escaped again.

On March 2 and 3, 1926, Gilliam went on a rampage across the countryside. He broke into several farmhouses in Poolesville and Martinsburg and acquired a shotgun. He even came into town brandishing the shotgun, threatening citizens, and firing the gun into the air. Terrorized citizens again notified the police. In the meantime, the men of Poolesville and Martinsburg armed themselves with whatever weapons they could find and formed a posse to look for this deranged man. Ten Montgomery County Police officers, the entire force at that time, were sent to Poolesville and met with the posse of armed men. Police Chief William Aud devised a plan to capture Gilliam, and the posse set off into the woods and fields between Poolesville and Martinsburg on horseback, motorcycles, and on foot. On the afternoon of March 4, 1926, Gilliam was spotted and surrounded. He took refuge in an outhouse and threatened to shoot whoever came near. Deputies Gott, Dennett, and Oxley rushed to the outhouse. Police officers Jones, Burdine, Bodmer, Snyder, and Oldfield surrounded the small building. When Gilliam opened the door, his shotgun was pointed at the officers and men. No one knows who actually fired the shot, but Gilliam was shot and wounded. He was carried to the home of Dr. E. W. White where he was treated before being transferred to a hospital in Washington.

He was eventually released from Springfield hospital and apparently never got into serious trouble again. Richard Gilliam died in Frederick County in 1975.

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A Man of the Little People

By Marcie Gross

During the past three years, he has kissed a pig, slept on the roof, had his head shaved, and dressed as "Shaguya" Twain to sing to an eager audience. Who would do such, let's just say, out of the ordinary things just because a reading goal was met? Well, it's Mr. Bill Poole, principal of Monocacy Elementary School, of course.

A local boy at heart, Bill grew up in Dickerson with his Mom, Dad, and two brothers, Ron and Joe. He has great summertime childhood memories of playing outside all day, whether it was in the creek or on the baseball field. When it was time to go to college, Bill went to the University of Maryland at College Park and received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Education. He followed that by getting his Masters of Science and Administration at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. After teaching for 17 years, Bill got into the administration end of the school system. He came to Monocacy Elementary School to start the 2001-02 school year and couldn't be happier to be back home to his community.

"The community hasn't changed a bit. It is still full of great people," says Poole. He continues, "It's like stepping back to a simpler time. People take the time to say hi, be helpful, and look out for each other." Bill shares the same sentiments about Monocacy



Bill Poole, principal of Monocacy Elementary School,

Elementary students. He says, "You just can't beat the phenomenal kids here. They are well-mannered and respectful. It's a principal's dream!" Students and parents at the school share the same feelings for their "Mr. Poole." Mietzi Prasada-Rao, incoming fifth grader says, "He's such a nice person. I like when we read the books (for the Principal's reading challenge) and he'll do a stunt like he promised to do." Katy O'Donnell, parent of two Monocacy Bobcats says, "My favorite thing about Mr. Poole is that he will put an apron on to help out in the caf-

eteria and meets the buses daily – he doesn't always take himself seriously, but takes his job seriously."

This year, Monocacy will continue to be involved in the Baldrige process which deals with the School Improvement Plan and Poole looks forward to the new pieces being added this year. Monocacy staff will strive for better communication with the parents and get input from the students. They will continue to reach out and make sure to get lots of viewpoints. The students will know that they are valued and their views are considered.

In the small amount of time that Bill does not walk the halls of Monocacy, he enjoys his home life with his wife, Leslee. Together they love to kayak, ride bikes, and play golf. Bill likes playing basketball and still tries to manage fitting in a game with the guys one night a week. He loves to read – especially mysteries and historical fiction books. Bill and Leslee are proud of their two daughters, Shannon and Katie. Shannon, a Frostburg University graduate is starting a job in Therapeutic Recreation in Rockville and Katie is a senior this year at Furman College studying Math and Spanish.

Bill Poole is certainly a man of the "little people." He sits with the stu-

dents during assemblies and knows all of the kids by name. He'll stop in classrooms to say hi and read books to classes. You can tell that he doesn't just do this as a job, he does it because he genuinely enjoys every minute of it. Bill Poole puts the "pal" in principal and Monocacy and this community are sure lucky to have him.

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Profiles

The Relic Hunter

By Jack Toomey

You probably have seen one of them out in a field or in the woods. Relic hunters, constantly swinging their metal detectors and stooping to dig, are a breed that is dedicated to their hobby, but do you ever wonder if they find anything?

As most residents know, Poolesville and the surrounding area played a major role in the Civil War. There were no battles of any consequence here, but thousands of soldiers made Poolesville their home during parts of the war, and at the sites of their camps, they left behind relics that have been found and collected for decades.

Greg Shores is a retired police officer who moved to Poolesville thirty years ago. He always had an interest in the Civil War, had read extensively about it, and had visited nearby battlefields, but had never thought about searching for relics. One day in 1990, his neighbor, Jim Kirby, mentioned that he should try relic hunting and lent Greg a spare metal detector. Greg promptly went to an undeveloped field behind Poolesville High School and found his first relic, a bullet. A few months later, he bought his own machine and soon became fairly adept at finding relics. Following Kirby's advice, Shores researched likely campsites by reading regimental histories and diaries, looking for areas near water, hillsides, and areas near the Potomac River, as well as parcels of land in Poolesville. Being a friendly sort, he never had too much trouble getting permission to hunt from property owners. Greg said, "I'd rather be a welcome hunter than a run-off trespasser." He has ventured as far as Central Virginia and the Gettysburg area in search of relics but considers the Poolesville area the best place to find the things that soldiers left behind.

In his younger days, Shores would often relic-hunt three times a week, spending the entire day in the woods, taking with him food and water. Now he finds it difficult to get out more than two or three times a month. He rarely is completely shut out but laments that it is getting more difficult to find relics as property is developed. Before the building of the Westerly subdivision, it was not unheard of for

residents to find coat buttons, buckles, and knapsack parts lying on top of the ground or in the brush, since the area of Poolesville High and Westerly was the site of a major Civil War camp. Now most of the campsites are either well-hunted or gone forever.



Greg Shores

Relic hunting can be exciting, and yet there are frightening and humorous moments. Once he was out in a field overlooking the Potomac River when he noticed two vicious dogs approaching. He hid in some underbrush until the dogs moved on. On another location, he was miles from the nearest human, or so he thought, when he heard a horn blowing. Then a fox raced across the field near him followed by a pack of dogs. Right behind the dogs were men on horses who stopped and asked Shores where the fox had gone! Sometimes cows and horses wander up behind him and stare as he works.

Shores has a very interesting collection of relics. One of his most prized finds is a watch chain with links embossed with the image of Lincoln. He found a 1790 Mexican coin within the town limits, two bayonets, and a six-pound cannon ball at the site of an artillery unit camp near the river. Unfired bullets are his most common finds, in addition to coat buttons and parts of knapsacks, although he occasionally finds personal items. While most of the items were left by Union Army soldiers, Greg does have a few Confederate relics. Strangely, one of the most common non-Civil War things that he finds is animal tags dating back to the 1930s. Perhaps his most exciting day was in the early 1990s when a piece of property was being cleared for a new subdivision, a friendly bulldozer operator agreed to

scrape off the first few inches of soil for Shores and a few of his friends. As they followed the bulldozer, they filled their pockets with relics.

Shores says that his greatest satisfaction is when he gets a signal from his machine, bends down and digs a small hole, and "finds something that you know that a soldier last held in his hand over a hundred and forty years ago."

Most of his favorite spots are gone. They are covered with homes, stores, or parking lots, but Greg still has the urge to go out into the woods and fields. When the first killing frost comes, the poison ivy recedes, and the snakes go into hiding, you might see him somewhere out there looking for links to our country's past.

Reporter's note: A metal detector can be very expensive, and it takes some time to learn how to use one. Relic hunting on private property is illegal without the permission of the property owner. Relic hunting on federal property, on which most battlefields are located, is also illegal and carries stiff penalties.



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Local News

Local Young Lady Competes For Miss Teen Baltimore/Washington, D.C. Title

Lauren Michelle Neville of Poolesville was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2005 Miss Teen Baltimore/Washington, D.C. pageant competition that will take place on August 14, 2005. Lauren learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections on Monday afternoon. Lauren submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's Baltimore/Washington, D.C. Pageant Coordinator.

Lauren will be competing, for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes, and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Lauren will be competing in the Miss Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Lauren will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Baltimore/Washington, D.C. judging panel. Personality is



Lauren Michelle Neville

the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Lauren were to win the title of Miss Teen Baltimore/Washington, D.C., she would represent Baltimore/Washington, D.C. and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

There is no cost to Lauren for participating in the pageant competition. Community

businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Lauren by becoming official sponsors. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Lauren to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Baltimore/Washington, D.C. Pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Lauren may contact her pageant coordinator, Patty Neidert at 1-800-569-2487.

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The Horizon

It Will Be a Hot Time in the Old Town

By Rande Davis

Have you noticed there seems to be a renewed interest and participation in community events this year? The return of the Fourth of July celebration on Hughes Road drew an estimated 5,000 people. The festivity offered barbeque, classic rock music, wall climbing and the simple relaxation of watching the sunset just before fireworks that reportedly lasted three minutes longer than those in D.C.

Throughout the summer, the music in the park program at Whalen Commons has drawn greater crowds than ever before with the size of the audiences ranging from seventy-five up to two hundred twenty-five. The community has come together at Whalen Commons almost every Sunday evening to enjoy entertainment and music ranging from bluegrass to Dixieland jazz. One Sunday evening six area churches got together in a shared service of song, prayer, praise and hot dogs. Talk about a new testament to community spirit!

As the summer winds down community get-togethers are on an upswing.

Poolesville Day on September 10, the crown jewel of our community celebrations, will be our first post-summer event. The festival is coming together with a promise of the best parade ever, more music, more food, and just plain more fun for everyone. Taking the baton from many previous volunteers, this year's Poolesville Day Committee has another super-successful celebration on the horizon.

Then on September 16, the Annual Monocacy Lions Charity Golf Tournament will be held at the Poolesville Golf Course. This is the most important fundraiser of the year for the Lions Club and a fun-filled way for golfer to help out regardless of handicap. Since the format is a scramble (where each player plays the team's best shot) even beginning golfers can have a great time. The day's event kicks off at 12:00 p.m. with a putting contest. Tee time is at one o'clock. Throughout the day there will be special contests such as the longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the pin, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one opportunity. (Before you dismiss this out of hand, you should know that last year

a player won the ten grand.) The full package includes door prizes; awards, a beverage cart, and a chicken dinner, provided with a round of golf and cart for just \$90.00. Corporate and business hole-sponsors are also being sought. If you are interested, contact Ed Rothenberg at 301-529-7455.

Then just two weeks after the golf tournament, the Historic Medley District, Inc. (with the full help of the Lions) will bring back one of our region's most time-honored cultural events. The Great Barn Dance makes its comeback on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

The Historic Medley District, Inc. (curators of the John Poole General Store, the Seneca Schoolhouse Museum, among other things.) has sponsored many barn dances over the years but it has been a long time since the last one. The Barn Dance is another good reason to get together with friends and neighbors for an evening of great barbeque, traditional rural music, song, and group dancing. If you are inexperienced in the ways of a barn dance, relax because the band's caller explains and calls the steps so that everyone in the group can easily join in the fun. (Even those with two left boots can do this!)

Arrangements for the event are still in the planning stages but this much we can report: Chip Smallwood, renowned throughout the area for his terrific barbeque, will be preparing the main entrée for that night. Topping off the menu will be some of the best homemade desserts you will find anywhere. Final pricing has not yet been set, but the tradition calls for family friendly charges. To top it off, remember that this event will be support two of our most important community service organizations.

So dust off your cowboy hat, polish the boots just a bit, and stretch your legs as this is going to be one great night. Incidentally, if you have been meaning to host a party for friends for a while and just haven't gotten around to it, this is a perfect time to make a group of your friends your guests for the evening. (It will be less expensive and a lot easier than hosting your own party). To make sure you do not miss out on this community festivity, mark your calendars now for October 1, 2005. Watch for more details in future issues of the *Monocle* and other papers, or read the flyer that will be placed at many of the area businesses. You can also all call 310-972-8588 or 301-972-8763 to order tickets or just to get more details.

Fitness

Spice Up Your Exercise with Variety and Lose Weight Faster

By Terrie Daniels

Those of us who live in Poolesville and the surrounding area have a wonderful resource available to help us stay healthy. It's our community and all that it has to offer. Just think about our shaded streets and wide sidewalks where we can walk or run, the beautiful trails that run through our parks, and even the paved path that encircles Whalen Commons on Fisher Avenue.

Then, of course, there is our community pool that offers something for every member of the family, including lap lanes for those who want to exercise. There are tennis courts, golf courses, baseball fields – all of which give us an opportunity, especially when the weather is nice, to complement whatever training we might do in a health club or fitness center.

We call it cross-training, and such aerobic activities are extremely important for weight loss and fitness to keep metabolism boosted and to burn the most calories possible during and after each workout.

Regular exercise with both weight and aerobic training is important to staying healthy and keeping weight down, but cross-training with other activities like walking, running, swimming, or biking helps to avoid the weight loss plateaus that can occur every two weeks or so unless changes in your exercise routine are made. That's because in as little as ten to fifteen days, the body adapts to the current workout routine. Once it adapts, fewer calories are burned and the metabolism begins to slow down. That's why it's a good idea to change your mode of exercise every two weeks and to even make changes within your routine, for example, change from walking or biking on a flat surface, like Poolesville's streets or the C&O

Canal Towpath, to a course with some hills—even Sugarloaf Mountain. Some types of cardio-respiratory exercise to choose from include:

- Walking (all speeds)
- Outdoor bicycling
- Jogging (indoors/outdoors)
- Sprinting
- Swimming
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Treadmill (all levels)
- Stationary bicycling
- Stair Climbing
- Aerobic class
- Rowing
- Elliptical Training
- Any different, fast, continuous, moving sports activity.

Here are some walking/running routes that you can try in town, along with distances that we've checked out for you:

One mile walk/run –Start on Wootton Ave. at Fisher. Walk towards Poolesville High School. Turn left on Hughes, then right on Westerly. Turn right on Hoskinson, back to Wootton.

2.3 mile walk/run –After completing the 1 mile walk above, turn left on Wootton, right on West Willard, right on Fisher, back to Wootton.

4.5 mile walk/run – After completing above, turn left on Wootton, follow to Spates Hill and turn left. Follow Spates Hill back to Wootton, turn right on Collier, left on Soper, right on Wootton, back to Fisher.

1 mile bonus – Take Fisher past Poolesville Elementary, turn right on Cattail, left on Dr. Walling, left on Selby, right on Dr. Walling, back to Cattail.

Remember, exercise is important for good health, but adding variety to your exercise routine adds more than fun. It actually makes your exercise more effective and speeds up your ability to lose weight.

Terrie Daniels, a certified personal trainer, owns and operates the Healthworks Fitness Center in Poolesville, which has just celebrated its tenth anniversary.

You should be advertising in the Monocacy Monocle. Call Rande Davis at 301-349-0070 for more information. The Monocacy Monocle P.O. Box 175 Poolesville, MD 20837



Sports

Unleash the Dragon

By Curtis A Osborne

Your child decides that he or she wants to participate in a particular sport, and you agree. Upon signing them up, you find out that there is a shortage of coaches and by default, or by being "volunteered," you are now the coach of a rambunctious group of kids. At the moment that it sinks in, you are scratching your head trying to figure out what just happened and how you got yourself into the predicament. How exactly did you get roped into coaching? All types of thoughts run through your mind—I don't have the time, where do I begin, what did I just do? And to add insult to injury, you have just agreed to coach a team in a sport that you know absolutely nothing about. Does this situation sound remotely familiar to anyone?

This is the same predicament that befell Tom Nixon, soccer commissioner of CMAA and coach of the U13 Dragons soccer team. When his wife Lori signed up their son Tommy, "I asked when his practice was to begin," says Thomas. "She said that she didn't know since I was the coach and I needed to determine that. At that time, CMAA needed some coaches, so I was volunteered to coach." Thus began the odyssey of the Dragons. Obviously it has worked out well for Tom and the team. They have gone 22-1-1 recently with two straight undefeated regular seasons.

To reach the level that his team is at now, Tom had to start from scratch. He started coaching in the spring of 1999. "I never played soccer before I started coaching. I have learned it all by watching, reading and taking courses." He also gets a lot of drills from websites or from just creating them himself. This has been a very effective way to build a program. Tom became licensed as a soccer coach in the spring of 2000, so he takes it seriously. The Dragons play a team-oriented style of play that is very solid and fundamental. And it is a true family affair because both of his sons Tommy and Gramm play on the team. Like most coach-fathers in this situation, he has learned to walk a fine line. "Coaching my boys is tough," Tom says. "They have been told they will not get special treatment. They are a part of the team—no less and no

more. However this can be difficult when "coach" can't be there because "dad" needs to step in."

The model for the Dragons program so far has been a complete success. It begins with a great group of kids of varying skill level and parents that are knowledgeable and understanding. Tom has a positive coaching philosophy that builds only on the positive aspect of the kids. "We never get down on the kids," says Tom. "We always look for the good and we have words that are not allowed to be spoken like "can't" or "never." Aside from the positive words of encouragement, he challenges the team to strive for new heights. He also works on several technical aspects of the game too, including concentrating on areas of improvement. "We work on skills first by using drills, then small-sided games, followed by full team pressure." Several of the kids have played together for a long time, since Tom began coaching the team, so there is a comradery and familiarity there. They enjoy playing with one another and challenging one another. Some have even played together during the indoor season, which complements their talents and skills. Asked about the difference between the indoor and outdoor game, Tom says, "Indoor soccer is different than outdoor soccer in that the speed of the match is much faster. Also, you use the walls as an added player. The angles for shots and passes are faster and harder. Substitutions are on the fly, much like hockey. Some kids prefer to play indoor as opposed to outdoor because of the speed." Playing indoor soccer can certainly enhance the skill and development of a player.

Due to the success of the Dragons and the way they sometimes dominate their other Division 1 opponents, they have decided to become move from a pure recreation level to a club level team. With that, they will be moving into the BBSL, Baltimore Beltway Soccer League, a league of highly competitive select soccer teams. They will travel and play other great teams in the region that are serious about the game of soccer. Everything is very controlled in the league and all of the kids are "carded" or registered soccer players and they follow FIFA rules. The kids have to commit to a

full year. Though this may be different than the recreation approach the team had before, Tom thinks the Dragons are ready. "The players and team are good because they learned to believe in their dreams and we make every aspect of soccer fun in achieving those dreams."

The back-to-back undefeated seasons are a great testament to the great Dragons program that Tom and his assistant Dave Diehl have put together. It is a blueprint for success that will help other CMAA teams achieve lofty goals. "There are a lot of things that I have learned to date that will help other teams as they get stronger and need more competition." I am sure the blueprint will be followed very closely.

The Mighty Piranhas

By Rande Davis

The team's coaches face a challenge unlike any other team sport. To begin with, the team consists of both boys and girls, has two hundred and ten participants, and just to complicate it a bit, the ages range from under eight years old to eighteen. The first challenge is to get this diverse and cumbersome group thinking like a team.



Fierce competition foments freestyle frivolity.

Many of the competitive events are based individual performance, but the team's victory comes from a combined score at the end of the day. There are also many events that are based on four participants working as a team to gain victory. If you haven't guessed the sport by now it may be because you haven't been involved with a swim team before.

In this town, it sometimes seems as though everyone is involved in the Poolesville Piranhas swim team. If you have driven by Whalen Com-

mons on a Saturday morning in July and noticed a large group of people celebrating then you have spotted the Piranhas in one of their post-event gatherings.

Tim Auer, the head coach, uses his summer break from college to help guide and motivate his coaching assistants and their swimmers. Parental involvement is very large (and mandatory) but typical of parents in this area. It's not unusual for a to find senior swimmers who have been on the team since before they were eight years old.

The group is broken up in five groups: eight and under, nine-ten, eleven-twelve, thirteen-fourteen, and fifteen to eighteen.

This year's top achievers by age group were William Stamm and Laura Jones (8 and under), Christopher Carney and Julia Smith (9-10), Joe Pepper and Elizabeth Pepper (11-12), Justin Smith and Laura Thomas (13-14) Kirk Jackson and Samantha Hatfield (15-18).

Coach Auer reviewed early results by the team and enthusiastically reported that for the team, "there was a net total drop in time of 211.61 seconds, more than fifty percent of the swimmers improved at least one of their best times, and that as a group there was 108 individual improved times."

In a season filled with new team records and outstanding performances, a highlight came on July 23 when the eight and under team took first place in the Division C championship competition with the highest combined score of all the other swim teams. The girl's 100-meter medley relay team (Stephanie Kasner, Lauren James, Whitney Carmack, and Haley Wilson) set a new Montgomery County Swim League record with a time of just 1:23.59.

The season just ended but their website (www.poolesvilleswimteam.us) demonstrates the love of the sport with boldly promoting the upcoming 2006 season just twenty-four hours at the close of the 2005 year. The *Monocle* shouts out a great hoorah to Tim, his coaches, the parents, and especially the swimmers for having a wonderful season.