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New Police Commander Addresses Town Crime Issues

By Rande Davis

The new Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) Commander of the 5th District, Captain Thomas



MCPD District Commander, Captain Thomas Didone, addresses a Poolesville town meeting.

Didone, attended a Poolesville town meeting on May 21, 2007 to update town residents on crime status in town, to explain his leadership and policing philosophy, and to respond to concerns from the commissioners and attendees.

Captain Didone, a second-generation police officer, is a twenty-year veteran with MCPD and previously had been with the U.S. Capitol Police and Arlington County Police Departments. He is a life-long resident of the county with a Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement from the University of Maryland.

Among his accomplishments, he cites the educational and prevention programs he developed on alcohol-enforcement-related topics and lessons learned from the Washington, D.C. sniper investigation. He was the Acting Assistant Chief of Police during the investigation of the sniper murders.

Captain Didone presents a no-non-

sense, direct style of communication which stresses a "command line of communication" versus what might be labeled "open line of communication" (don't expect to get his cell phone number any time soon). Emphasizing core-policing traditions, he espouses close working partnerships with town officials, confidence in his "beat team" in Poolesville that also includes Education Field Officer Kelly Pavlik, and pro-actively asserting law enforcement at the earliest stages to prevent more serious criminal behavior later.

Captain Didone labeled the efforts by the town commissioners in pressing the policing concerns of the community as "phenomenal," and underscored his support for the community especially considering that fifteen to twenty percent of the MCPD live in Poolesville. While maintaining that the degree of crime in Poolesville is relatively low, he pointed out that the town has more

police patrols per capita than anywhere else in the county. During critical times, the town has two officers on patrol, particularly since the department needs to maintain adequate "back up" support should an officer need further assistance.

In comparing 2006 to 2005, overall crime incidences have decreased from 104 to 60. While problems of graffiti vandalism have the sharpest degree of increase (from 6 to 17), larceny from vehicles/vehicle part has been reduced from 59 to 17. Pointing to recent vandalism at Stevens Park, the police have increased their surveillance of the area, and while not catching anyone in the act of the vandalism, he stated that they do have very strong suspects and are working to solve that problem soon.

He described most of our crime concerns as being perpetrated by

District 15's Brian Feldman Elected Chairman of Montgomery County House Delegation

By John Clayton



Delegate Brian J. Feldman, center, flanked by State Senator Rob Garagiola and various members of their respective families.

The Montgomery County House Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly unanimously elected Delegate Brian J. Feldman (Democrat-District 15) as its Chairman and reelected Delegate Susan C. Lee (D-16) as its Vice Chairman at the MC House Delegation's annual organizational meeting.

District 15, Delegate Feldman's district, covers almost the entire western portion of Montgomery County, including a large percentage of the Agricultural Reserve, and closely resembles the *Monocacy Monocle's* primary reporting area. Delegate Lee's District 16 is more down county and covers much of Bethesda and Chevy Chase.

Mr. Feldman is now serving in his second term in the House of Delegates, and he currently chairs the House Subcommittee on Banking, Economic Development, Science and Technology, and is the house chair of the legislature's Joint Committee on Technology Oversight. Mr. Feldman

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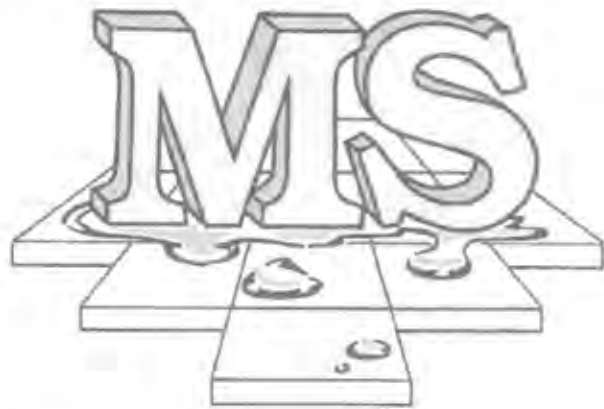
Billie Bradshaw, chair of the Whole School Magnet Program, presents the Poolesville High School Scholarship for Teaching to Rebecca Stream.



Doctor Tim Pike and his sons Alex and Conner put the finishing touches on an antique clock that will sit in front of Dr. Pike's office on Fisher Avenue.



Front row: St. Thomas More Academy students Gus Perseghin and Joseph Nicastro. Second row: Principal Kay Palkovic, fourth grade teacher Mariana Nestianu, and Mark Hudson, executive director of the Historical Society of Frederick County. (Photograph courtesy of Poolesville On-line.)



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At Your Service Wade Yost: Poolesville Town Manager

By Rande Davis

If Poolesville's town manager, Wade Yost, were on a sports team, he would be called the "go to guy." When commissioners need answers to questions, often their first step is to "go to" Wade. Residents needing help or information can get a lot of help from staff, but when staff is uncertain, they'll go to Wade. In fact, in many instances, when we report on town news and need clarification or details, Wade is also our "go to" guy.

His personal style of leadership is not what many come to expect from a bureaucrat. His open and approachable demeanor seems perfectly balanced with the character of the town. Working your way up the ladder is a time-honored path to success. It is a path that Wade has followed.

In May of 1994, Wade left his construction employment to work for the town in its water/wastewater operation, operating the various systems and maintaining the equipment. In that position, he also acted as the primary emergency response person. During heavy drought periods while residents went to sleep wondering if they would be able to water their lawns the next day, Wade and other staff would find themselves working through the night closing valves to maintain adequate water pressure so that everyone would wake up with water to make coffee.

After two years of proven knowledge and work ethics, an opening developed as the Director of Water Sewer, and after further proving himself by becoming Maryland State certified as a class 1 treatment plant operator and a Class 5 Wastewater Treatment operator, Poolesville turned to Wade for promotion. Three years later, he took another big step up the ladder when he was appointed as Director of Public Works. In this capacity, he called upon his experience in construction to expand his expertise further to include implementation of a well security system, creating field maintenance programs for athletic parks, learning the town process for purchases and maintaining budgets, and preparing and implementing

capital improvement projects. It was in this position that he used his experience leading navy and marine field medical personnel in building rapport with state and county officials. It is not unusual at times when other small towns ask for help from the Maryland Department of the Environment that state leadership tell them to "go to" Wade. "One of the benefits in the state is its networking opportunities, and I like being helpful to others around the state."

When Jim Alsobrook left the position as town manager, the commissioners launched what was to become an extensive search to replace him. While others applied, sometimes with more degrees, the fit just didn't seem right, and after reviewing a number of prospects, they turned to the hard-working and proven town management leader who had been intimately involved in operating and maintaining the full spectrum of infrastructure in the town, had proven to be a respected leader of those under his supervision, and had moved smoothly into various administrative roles from purchasing to budgeting.

A 3.9 grade point average graduate from Montgomery College in Physical Science (think heavy into chemistry and math), he continues to take classes at the University of Maryland toward the ultimate goal of a degree in Public Administration.

Of course, even a "go to" guy has someone he goes to and, in his case, he has turned to the same person for the past twenty-five years—his wife, Theresa. Leadership requires a decisive personality, and after meeting Theresa in Potomac, he on his motorcycle and she in her 1965 Ford Mustang, he exhibited his decisiveness early when she accepted his proposal just two months after that first meeting.

At the time, Wade was at Bethesda Medical Hospital completing his commitment to the navy, which he joined two weeks after graduating from high school in northern California. As a periodontal surgery technician, he didn't quite appreciate that learning the intricacies of pulling teeth just might prove providential in a world that includes local politics. His favorite military deployment was working with the marines at Camp Lejeune with a Rapid Deployment Team. His group was tasked with setting up a 200-bed field medical operation, which is a study in logistics in its own right.

Theresa and Wade have raised



Poolesville Town Manager, Wade Yost, is the man behind the Town Commissioners.

three children, Brian (twenty-one years old) is scheduled to graduate from navy boot camp on June 8 and will be studying electronics while in the service. Son Jake (eighteen years old) is at West Virginia University where he plans to complete a degree in engineering. The youngest, Kate (fifteen years old) is finishing her sophomore year at Poolesville High

School where she enjoys being part of the softball and field hockey teams.

In personal time, Wade pursues an abiding love of motorcycles and weightlifting. He greatly enjoyed years of coaching youth sports where he had been involved while the kids were younger. He has coached in UMAC baseball, wrestling, football, and girls' softball.

For the readers of the *Monocle*, we have one more

thing we will go to Wade Yost for in the future. He has agreed to assist our readers by writing periodically on various town matters that we hope will help bring clarity to issues that, at times, may seem confusing. Over this summer, you can look for reports on town water and wastewater issues, and getting an accurate idea as to the costs of the new town hall.



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Cooking

Strawberries and Cheesecake Forever

By Dominique Agnew

It's that time of the year again. Just drive by Homestead Farm on any weekend, and you'll see them, they're out there. No matter how hot it is, people will be milling about picking strawberries. Inevitably, they'll pick too many. What will they do with them all? The solution lies below — an amazing cheesecake.

This dessert, adapted from a few recipes, is lighter and fluffier than the typical cheesecake due to the addition of sour cream to the batter. It could be that the best part is the crust. Yes, there are graham cracker crumbs (easily made with a food processor), but when they are combined with brown sugar, unsalted butter, and lime juice, the result is incredible. Top this cheesecake with fresh strawberries, other fresh fruit, or a compôte of berries.

12 servings

Crust

2 c. graham cracker crumbs
 ¼ c. (packed) brown sugar
 5 T. unsalted butter, melted
 2 tsp. fresh lime juice

Filling

4 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
 1 ¾ c. sugar
 3 T. grated lime peel
 1 c. sour cream
 3 T. fresh lime juice
 2 tsp. vanilla extract
 4 large eggs

Topping

1½ c. sour cream
 ¼ c. sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract

For crust: Preheat oven to 350°F. Blend graham cracker crumbs and sugar in processor. With machine running, add melted butter and lime juice; blend until crumbs are evenly moistened. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and 2 inches up sides of 10-inch-diameter springform pan with 2 ¾-inch-high sides. Freeze crust 15 minutes. Bake crust until set, about 10 minutes. Cool completely. Maintain oven temperature.

For Filling: Using electric mixer, beat first three ingredients in large bowl until fluffy and smooth. Add sour cream, lime juice, and vanilla, beat just to blend. Add eggs one at a time, beating just to blend after each addition.

Pour filling into crust. Place springform pan on rimmed baking sheet. Bake cheesecake until top appears set, puffed, and golden at edges but still moves slightly all over when shaken, about 55 minutes. Cool cake 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare topping: Mix sour cream, sugar, and vanilla in medium bowl.

Spoon topping over hot cake, spreading to edge of pan and covering completely. Bake 10 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Run sharp knife around sides to loosen. Place hot cheesecake directly in refrigerator; chill uncovered overnight.

Berry Compôte

1 lb. prepared berries
 ¼ c. sugar
 ½ c. water
 1 T. cornstarch

Cook berries, sugar, and water in a saucepan over low heat until the sugar dissolves and juices run. Remove fruit from sauce. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch with a little cold water, then stir into sauce in pan. Bring sauce to a boil, stirring constantly. Return fruit to pan and allow to cool. Serve with chilled cheesecake.

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Letter to the Editor

I read with concern articles in our local newspapers regarding our solid waste service. I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the matter. I feel eminently qualified to comment on such matters in view of my twenty years of experience licensing and regulating solid waste—trash and recycling—collection companies for Montgomery County. Although I have been retired from my former position for a few years, I continue my habit of observing the collectors.

I have noticed our town's current collection people perform admirably. For example, I know that they should always pick up litter that they cause. I believe they go beyond that because I have observed them in the rain kneeling on one knee to pick up a couple of small pieces of paper that they may or may not have spilled. I could not believe that the collectors would be so dedicated to providing their customers such a high service. I know that probably does not happen in every instance, but some of the blame for perceived unsatisfactory service rests with citizens who do not contain their trash properly when they put it out for collection. If we are now receiving service sufficiently unsatis-

factory to warrant changing collectors, maybe we should consider all possible causes.

If the service is satisfactory, but the collector's contract is about to expire, which I understand is the current case, one may argue that prices are too high. My view is that I get more than my money's worth for my service. I believe that the commissioners have done a very commendable job keeping the price to customers low for the high degree of service that the contractor provides.

I quite agree that when contracts are about to expire, one course may be to solicit bids for

a new contract. Obviously, the lowest qualified bidder (emphasis on qualified) should then be awarded that bid. Administratively, there is little worse than awarding a collection contract to an unqualified collector. That is a terrible experience. In the past, I understand the contract with Titus Trash has been extended. Unless the current agreement precludes another extension, I would like to see serious consideration given to that course of action.

Sincerely,

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Big Board

Clarksburg Celebrates 255th Anniversary

Come and enjoy Clarksburg Day on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the heart of old town. The town of Clarksburg will be celebrating its 255th anniversary with a fun-filled community event. Enjoy a day with family and neighbors. Live entertainment, mini parade, vendors, pet show, variety show, free trolley rides, historical displays, and more.

Crunch Time for Relay for Life

This is it! For nearly six months, organizers for Poolesville Relay for Life have been holding events and raising funds to benefit the American Cancer Society. The time for the big event is now here. On Saturday, June 2, RFL holds its first annual Pig Pick'n Carnival for a Cure at the UMCVFD pavilion in Beallsville. It will be an all-you-can-eat Pig Roast and BBQ chicken buffet. Enjoy live music and bring the kids for moon bounce, games, clowns, face painting, snow cones, cotton candy, and more. The cost of \$25.00 per adult allows proceeds to be donated to the ACS.

Just in case you don't get your fill at the carnival, Bassett's will donate ten percent of food sales from patrons coming in on June 5. On June 9 and 10, the grand finale will be at the Poolesville Athletic field and features an overnight walkathon sponsored by donors helping to make this event so successful.

Summer Fun Kicks Off with Whalen Commons Concert

The first of a series of summer music concerts begins Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. Starting of the summer series is the Back Stage Band, featuring classic music from the golden decade of rock: 1963 to 1973.

Concerts in the Country

The Hyattstown Mill Arts Project hosts a twenty-five year retrospective of Concerts in the Country on June 9 at 7:30 p.m.—a celebration of community and place. Featured will be a video by Rupert Chappelle: Magical History Tours, Artfarm, Creation Myths, After the Flood, with theatre, puppetry, story-telling, music, art, and environmental installations. Also Ric and Marcia Wagner and Stream Ohrstrom will play the mill by making music on original sound-making installations that electronically amplify the rafters and walls—and maybe the printing press. Marianne Ross presents The

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Never Cry Wolf (1983)

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Celebrating Our Diversity

Saturday, June 16 is a time for to join together in celebration of the wonderful diversity in our community. It will be a festival to celebrate differences and encourage achievement, as well. Presenters already signed up for the festival to be held on Whalen Commons in Poolesville include Korean drummers, local poets, motivational speakers, and author/historian/Poolesville native Nina Clarke. There are also about ten registered vendors offering jewelry, cosmetics, and ethnic foods such as samples from Asia Dynasty restaurant. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and food to create a picnic atmosphere.

The event is being held under the auspices of the Sugarland Ethnohistory Project and organizer, Phymeon Lyles, has as the mission to encourage young people to realize their full potential. "I'm looking for [the event to be] something to motivate the kids to get them to do something with [themselves]."


Gabriella Williams, a Poolesville High School student, will be reading her award-winning poem, "Color Me," at the diversity event. True to the original concept of the day, a Youth Recognition Ceremony is planned. Organizers hope there will be enough interest in the celebration to make it an annual event. All area residents should feel equally welcome to the event. For those interested in participating either as a vendor, performer, or committee volunteer should call 240-855-7284.

Oil Paintings, Sculptures Grace Arts Barn Gallery The City of Gaithersburg proudly presents oil paintings of the "Tuesday Art Group" and "Unity in Diversity," a series of stone and wood sculptures by Shanthi Chandra-Sekar at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road. The exhibit runs through July 22, 2007, with an artist's reception on June 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Tuesday Art Group, comprised of eighteen members from throughout Maryland, meet weekly through the winter to paint, eat, talk, and laugh. In the studio, they work on a variety of subjects, including still life set-ups from their photographs. The group also travels together to paint landscapes. Plane air excursions have taken them to Maine, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone National Park. They began with a love of art and painting, and have stayed together for friendship and camaraderie. For viewing hours and more information, please call Andi Rosati, Arts Barn Director, at 301-258-6394 or visit the city's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn.

Clarksburg United Methodist Church will hold a Community Yard Sale on Saturday June 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. A variety of household goods, children's clothing and knickknacks will be for sale. Clarksburg United Methodist Church is located at 23425 Spire Street, near the intersection of Routes 121 and 355 in Clarksburg, Maryland. The church is near exit 18 (Clarksburg/ Boyds) of I-270. The church website is <https://clarksburgumc.com>.

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Garden

An Annual Event

By Maureen O'Connell

Some gardeners believe that annuals do not belong in serious gardens. Zinnias, marigolds, petunias, and the like are quotidian and boring. Their reliability and long bloom time can be monotonous. That can be true if a garden is planted entirely with annuals, especially if they are lined up in neat rows like little tin soldiers. But, with careful selection, they can be ideal performers in a perennial border. Many perennials bloom for three to four weeks, so one should choose plants with varied bloom times. Even with careful planning though, you can still be left with a border endangered with summer lag.

The variety of annuals available today at garden centers is overwhelming. Every year, plant hybridizers bring to market new, and hopefully, better plants—more colors, different textures, heat and drought tolerance, and disease resistance. The choices are well beyond what was in your grandmother's garden. Depending upon the type of garden you want to have—cottage style, formal, English garden, or

meadow look—not all annuals are appropriate. Everyone has different color preferences for their garden, and each color combination connotes a different feeling. As our summers are usually very hot and humid, I find the hot, bright reds, oranges, and yellows not very soothing. I prefer soft, cooling, pastel shades of pink, apricot, rose, white, lavender, and blue. I don't need the colors of a pep rally. The harsh, ruffian red, sunset orange, and neon pink colors seem to shout at you. Did you ever notice that bright colors predominate in public park plantings? They speak very loudly to large groups of people. My garden is my retreat, so no shouting is allowed.

In combing our border of perennials and annuals, we first look for agreeable color accompaniments. Certain colors look better next to certain other colors. We should also look for traits in annuals that are a bit short in the perennial world. Are the flowers' habits spiky, mounding, trailing, cascading, spreading, or upright? For example, while there are several spiky perennials, such as *Lythrum* and *Liatris*, nothing can beat dark blue *Salvia farinacea* in this regard. *Salvia nemorosa* 'Caradonna' is another good example. Its elegant, purplish black flower stems need no support, and bloom

all summer. Both of these plants are also deer resistant. In our area, salvia is usually considered an annual, but mine have come back every year. They are especially good for our summers, as they ignore the heat, and continue making flowers well into the fall.

Last summer, I planted an annual that was new to me—summer snapdragon (*Angelonia augustifolia*). This genus of nearly thirty tender species is sub-shrub—it gets bushy and full, but its sturdy stems rarely reach over two feet. It also offers a long running display of flowers that are small and very abundant in shades of lavender, blue, violet, white, and pink. This year, there is a new member of this species, *Angelonia Serena*. It features compact, well-branched plants that do well without pinching and deadheading. This heat- and humidity-loving plant would be an excellent choice for containers or in front of a sunny border.

Another annual that does extremely well in our area is lantana. With full sun, it blooms abundantly day in and day out all summer. It is also a big magnet for butterflies. A new version this year is Lavender Swirl.

Over the past years, I have grown to dislike zinnias. The tall ones needed staking; the short ones were short-lived, and they all got powdery mildew. Several years ago, a new variety of zinnia came on the market—Profusion Zinnias. The medium-height plants—twelve to eighteen inches—promised to be easy-care, drought- and heat-resistant, and nearly immune to powdery mildew. They originally came in cherry and orange. This year two more colors were added—Profusion Fire (bright scarlet-orange), and Profusion Apricot (shades of orange to apricot). They are a good choice for hot locations in full sun, and would look good in a tall Cretan clay pot in front of a border.

Last spring, while attending the American Horticultural Society's "New Plants for 2007 Weekend" at their headquarters at River Farm in Alexandria, Virginia, I was impressed by a new zinnia—an All American Selections Winner for 2006—named 'Zowie! Yellow Flame.' It blooms June through September, growing thirty to thirty-six inches in height. Bright yellow-tipped petals start off magenta-pink, and they then turn to scarlet-rose around a dramatic red and yellow cone. A mass planting of these eye-catchers would look smashing paired with blue or purple flow-

ering plants. This has become a very popular plant; White Flower Farm is already sold out of its stock.

Begonias have been around for a long time. Tuberous Begonias produce spectacular flowers in a wide range of colors. Unfortunately, I have found that they do not fare well in the hot temperatures and humidity of our summers. The genus does offer some outstanding plants for foliage that do well in our area, especially the Rex Begonias. They need bright, indirect light, well-drained soil, and warm temperatures. Look for these new ones this year: 'Charlotte Chiffon,' 'Hilo Holiday,' and 'Houston Fiesta.'

Petunias are another summer annual that seem to have been around for a long time. Over the years, they went up and down in popularity. The old standard type of petunias had large, deep-throated blooms on loose, rangy, not very pretty plants. If not deadheaded and pinched back, they soon became very leggy, unsightly plants. Fairly recently, the Wave Petunia series entered the flower market, and quickly made a huge impact on the plant world. Gardeners began to grow petunias again. This floribunda type petunia has a cascading/prostrate habit and is covered in blooms all summer. This year, there is a new addition to the Wave series. Look for Sassy Wave and Tidal Wave. They take on a shrub-like form, spread sideways first, and then they grow upright. There is no need for pinching or pruning.

Touch-me-not or Busy Lizzies is a funny name for the very pretty and delicate-looking plant impatiens. There are more than eight hundred species of annuals and perennials in this genus. A new one this year is Impatiens Fanfare. While many impatiens slow down in midsummer, the Fanfare varieties have exceptional heat tolerance. They are free-flowering, vigorous, well-branched plants with a trailing habit. They would look good spilling out of baskets, window boxes, containers, and borders.

I love my perennial plants, but annuals deserve a spot in their borders. If you have established perennial borders, you know—or hope—what is going to return to the garden every spring. With annuals, you get a shot at adding new players every year to your garden play. Go out and see what is new in the garden centers, and bring home some new annuals to add a little spice to your 2007 garden.

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tion near the Poolesville Elementary School, standing grandly at their entrance is a tall, old-fashioned town clock. This welcome addition might have some hidden purposes. Could it be they are fed up with those of us who always go to dental appointments late? On the other hand, maybe it is to slow down speeders thinking time is flying by. Maybe it's their way of saying that time is on their side. We don't know for sure, but we are sure that time has run out on our fun.

Order Your Sub Sandwiches Now

Subway of Poolesville will be remodeling sometime within the first two weeks of June. The store's owner, Kay, hasn't been able to fully pin the contractor down on specific dates but hopes to schedule the time around her son's graduation from Poolesville High School this year. The process may take up to five days, but we think the contractor should take at least two extra days. Why? Because this woman works seven days a week, and we think she deserves a break. This will probably be the only one she gets all summer.

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Mystery History

St. Mary's Church:

200 Years of Little

Known Facts

ByRande Davis

On June 10, 2007, St. Mary's Church in Barnesville will celebrate two hundred years of caring, faith, and devotion. From its very beginning, it has been a serene refuge for its parishioners and neighbors alike fostering an ecumenical spirit generations before the ecumenical movement took hold in the 1960s.

Resting serenely in the shadow of Sugarloaf Mountain, it has been the church home to thousands of area residents over the decades and a place where most of us have at least visited at one time or another—for weddings, funerals, and festivals. Its pavilion has been a de facto community center used by a full spectrum of service organizations and groups. It is a most familiar place, yet, mysterious as well. On this celebratory occasion, the *Monocle* is pleased to share with our readers many intriguing facts that you may not know so that you may come to know more about this holy place and its very important role in the

life and history of upper Montgomery County.

Even before the first church building



The statue of Our Lady of Fatima in procession at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville.

was erected, St. John's Church in Frederick, under the guidance of Jesuit missionaries, established a mission chapel in "Barnestown" in 1741.

Zachariah Knott, the donor of the land, participated in meetings in Philadelphia debating British taxes and rule. These meetings eventually led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Daniel Boone and his wife, while traveling to Ohio, attended Mass at St. Mary's.

Fr. John Dubois, pastor at St. John's

in Frederick, first proposed that a church be built to Archbishop Carroll. Its present location was his third choice, but area faithful voted for Barnesville.

Father Dubois also established Mount St. Mary's and was the spiritual director to Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. Later, as the Bishop of New York City, Father Dubois ordained John Neumann. Since these two American saints were directed and influenced by Father Dubois, they are depicted with him over the entrance to the present church.

To all those ever involved in a church building project, it may not be comforting to realize that the church built in 1807 was not considered fully completed until 1869.

The pastoral nature of the cemetery holds the secret of a cholera outbreak during the building of the C&O canal. So many died at one time, mass burials, unmarked graves were used with one of the larger mass graves at St. Mary's.

Many Confederate soldiers, including rebel spy Rose O'Neill Greenhough, known as Rebel Rose, are buried there.

The Confederate Maj. William Mosby, known as the Gray Ghost, was nearly captured as he planned to attend Mass at St. Mary's.

The original church building was destroyed in a tragic fire on July 14, 1900. The estimated cost of the loss was \$2,000.

William T. Hilton's construction company (he was the grandfather of William Hilton of Hilton's Funeral Home) built the church that now stands on the property. It was dedicated in 1901 and had a cost of \$9,000.

The very popular summer Chicken Dinner and festival held at St. Mary's has been held continuously for 130 years. Their famous barbeque chicken has replaced the original home-cooked fried chicken. A highlight of the festival is its jousting contest, especially appropriate for Maryland since jousting is the state's official sport.

The church had thirteen mission priests until 1869, when Fr. Joseph Birch became its first resident priest. Twenty-

nine priests have had part of their calling at St. Mary's with the typical tenure of 6.5 years—typical only if you do not include the forty years of service by Fr. George Reid. For four decades, Father Reid led Mass at St. Mary's; he was profiled in the May 18 issue of the *Monocle*.

The brick rectory just to the left of the church was built in 1932 at a cost of \$10,000.

The pavilion was built in phases with Father Reid overseeing the final improvements that included a heating system, adding windows, a chimney, porch, and enlarging the kitchen.

Before the pavilion, there was only a portable wooden dance floor stored in a nearby shed.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII directed that each diocese would have a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, in honor of the small town in Portugal where shepherd children witnessed appearances of the Blessed Mother. St. Mary's was selected in the Washington Diocese and today has an indoor and outdoor shrine. The indoor shrine has a cut stone that came from the area in Fatima. A Jewish man, Bernard Siegel, in honor of his wife, Norma, gave the outdoor shrine.

On loan from the World Apostolate of Fatima, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima was dedicated this past May 11 on the hundredth anniversary of the miraculous vision.

The interesting pieces of the mosaic that make up the St. Mary's family and its history are only intriguing glimpses into its past. The whole in this case is much greater than the sum of its parts. For two hundred years, St. Mary's has fed the souls of countless residents, cared for the needs of the community, and has been a grand witness of constant faith—through times of discovery, times of civil war and world war, times of abundance, and times of economic depression. Through all times, she has been there for all, and all of us laud the parishioners for their contributions to its grand legacy.

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Local News

Relay for Life

By Alicia Angew

The word "hope" glowed throughout the night on the bleachers. From the track, relay-walkers could see the glowing letters which symbolized what they were working for. Hope is the message of the teams of Relay for Life. Last year, in the first Relay for Life event in Poolesville, over 615 people participated on 58 teams and raised \$166,000 for the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

The second annual Relay for Life event will be held at Poolesville High School beginning on June 9 and continuing overnight into June 10. Teams take turns running or walking laps around the track overnight. Each team tries to keep one member on the track at all times. Each team also has its own fundraiser so everyone can walk around and try different things. Relay for Life is a fun yet poignant event where you can hang out with friends and enjoy yourself, and at the same time raise money to help find a cure for cancer. The Relay begins with the opening ceremony. This year, James McCullom will be honored. James McCollum has been named Honorary Chairperson of Relay for Life in Poolesville. He is a Poolesville High School senior who was diagnosed with Osteo Sarcoma on February 21, 2007.

Local News

Interfaith Dinner Raises \$5,000 for Uighur Refugees

On Saturday, May 12, St. Nicholas Episcopal Church and the Islamic Society of Germantown (ISG) came together to hold an interfaith fundraising dinner for the humanitarian assistance of five Uighur (Chinese-Muslim) refugees who were recently released to a refugee camp in Albania from the U.S. detention camp at Guantanamo Bay. The dinner was an unqualified success, raising \$5,000 for the refugees and cementing bonds of friendship and trust between congregations of two different faiths, at a time when such qualities are sorely needed.

The five refugees for whom the funds were raised are members of a predominantly Muslim-Chinese ethnic minority known as Uighurs, one of several Turkic peoples living in

Less than one thousand kids a year are diagnosed with this form of cancer. He will be recognized during the opening ceremony at 2:15 p.m.

The first lap is called the survivors' lap and honors the survivors of cancer. Then everyone joins in to circle the track. When dusk arrives, the Luminaria Ceremony begins, where those who have lost their lives to cancer are remembered. Candles are placed in the bags and lit to shine throughout the night. Last year, they were placed around the track. The paper bags each represent a cancer victim and his or her story. "Wherever you see darkness, there is an extraordinary opportunity for the light to burn brighter" — from the first issue of the Poolesville Relay for Life newsletter, "Walk Talk."

This year, a Silent Auction will also be held from 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Each team will donate an item. For information about the auction, contact lesacassell@yahoo.com. Another new event is Karaoke Hour. On the main stage following the opening ceremony, teams can sing or lip sync to their favorite songs. They'll be dressed up in funny costumes to entertain everyone.

Come out to support James and other cancer victims. Form your own team or join other teams. Contact Chrissie.Harney@verizon.net for more information. You can also visit www.PoolesvilleRelay.org to learn more about Relay for Life, "and with your help, win the fight against cancer."

Central Asia. Fleeing from persecution in China through Afghanistan at the time the war against the Taliban and Al-Qaeda began in late 2001, these men were captured and transferred to the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay as suspected enemy combatants. Tribunals later determined that they were not enemy combatants after all, but rather innocent refugees who had been rounded up by Pakistani bounty hunters and turned over to coalition forces in exchange for a \$5,000 bounty. In May of 2006, days before their attorneys were to appear before a federal judge to appeal for the men's release as refugees to the United States, the government announced that the men had been transferred to Albania, where they have resided in a refugee camp for the last year. The \$5,000 raised at the dinner will enable

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Local News

Four Scouts Earn Ad Altare Dei Emblems

Four Scouts from Troop and Venture Crew 496 in Poolesville have earned their Ad Altare Dei (Latin meaning: To the Altar of God) Catholic religious emblems. These emblems (medals) were presented to scouts who earned them in the Archdiocese of Washington in conjunction with the Catholic Committee on Scouting and Camp Fire at a ceremony on Sunday, May 20, at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel, Maryland.

Henry Giovannetti, Michael Rhodas, Ryan Sartschev, and Kevin Wolf, the proud recipients of the emblems, all agreed that it was well worth the six months of time and effort to earn these medals.

The Ad Altare Dei program entails reading and discussing scripture, in-depth discussion on the seven sacraments, going on a religious retreat, conducting interviews, and engaging in numerous service activities. These young men said that their favorite activity was the retreat they attended at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and Grotto in Emmitsburg last fall.

A seminarian took them on a tour of the seminary and talked about the program seminarians go through to become priests. The boys also toured the grotto and the numerous churches and chapels at the Mount and attended a mass at the glass chapel.

Another favorite activity for the scouts was interviewing Fr. Paul Herbert, the pastor of Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church in Poolesville, where the scouts are members of the parish. They also enjoyed helping the Odd Fellows last December with their annual Christmas Party.

The scouts expressed their gratitude to Mr. Stephen Wolf, who served as Program Counselor and conducted the program, Mrs. Glenice Rhodas, assistant counselor, and Mr. Bill Hixson, who served as the religious Scoutmaster and met with the scouts several times to review their progress and understanding of the program material.

Henry, Michael, Ryan, and Kevin said they are ready to begin working on the next Catholic Scouting Emblem, Pope Pius XII.



Stephen Wolf, Program Counselor, Kevin Wolf, Ryan Sartschev, Henry Giovannetti, and Michael Rhodas.

School News

2007 Awards Night at PHS

On May 22, students at Poolesville High School were honored for their commitment to academic excellence, talent in the arts, athleticism, and service to others. While the list of recipients is quite long and distinguished, the *Monocle* would like to recognize those seniors who earned scholarships toward furthering their education.

Jillienne Caw received the Lindsey Joelle Miller Memorial Scholarship; Lisa Catterton, the Mary Davidson Memorial Award; Joseph Cabahug and Catherine Jones, the Montgomery College Scholars; Allison Myers, the Montgomery College Board of Trustees Academic Potential Scholarship; John Jackson and Aria Remondi, the Sarah E. Auer Memorial Scholarship; Meghan Rose and Kevin Campbell, the PHS Booster Club, Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship; Engin Ege and Jason Boulder, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Poolesville Lodge #97 Scholarships in Memory of Edgar Grubb and Gorman Butler; Amy Van Meter and Aaron Lempert, the Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows, Poolesville Lodge #97 Community Service Awards; Susan Montone and James Cardenas, the Wes Ferris Memorial Scholarship; Gisèle Agnew, the Poolesville Women's Club of Upper Montgomery County Scholarship; Lisa Catterton, Amy Van Meter, and Kimberly McNealy, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship; Jacob Ritchie, the Sarah Cohen Memorial Scholarship; Engin Ege, the Monocacy Lions Club Earl Shreve Memorial Scholarship; Melanie Wong, the Monocacy Lions Club Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship; Ashley Williams, the Judith M. Ford Memorial Scholarship; Erica Neville and Chelsea Lewis, the Friendly Thrift Shop Award; Rebecca Stream, the Poolesville High School Scholarship for Teaching; and Katherine Kerr, the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award.

Congratulations to all these seniors on meriting the above scholarships. Congratulations to all the students who displayed academic rigor and excellence in the arts, athletics, and who showed commitment in service to others.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

It's that time of year when residents begin taking on home improvement projects. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to be wary of any repairman or contractor who comes to your door offering to make home improvements.

Many elderly homeowners are targeted by scam artists who use high-pressure tactics to sell unneeded and overpriced contracts for "home improvements." Often these scam artists charge more than their quoted prices or their work does not live up to their promises. When the senior refuses to pay for shoddy or incomplete work, the contractor or an affiliated lender threatens foreclosure on the senior's home. Consumers will save time, money, and aggravation by following some basic good sense guidelines: Use a reputable contractor. Contact the Better Business Bureau or ask for references and check with customers to find out if they were satisfied. Get

competitive bids on all work and be wary of any bid that seems too good to be true. Don't accept high-pressure offers or offers that force you to make a quick decision. Beware of the contractor who comes to your door with a business card containing only a phone number and no address, or the one who is staying temporarily in a local motel. Never say yes to someone who wants money up front before the job is done or wants you to withdraw a large amount of money from your bank. Check to see the work is complete and done correctly before paying. Find out when and how payment and/or billing will take place before work begins.

May 5. Residential burglary. 20700 block of Big Woods Road, Dickerson. Forced entry to a residence, property taken.

May 6. Church burglary. Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 21000 block of Beallsville Road. Forced entry to the building, property taken.

May 12. Residential burglary. 24500 block of Old Hundred Rd, Comus. Forced entry to a residence, property taken.

Past

June 2, 1930. Six people were killed in a fire that broke out in a house next to Glen Echo Park. The wife and five children of William Moxley perished in the fire which might have started in an overheated iron. Mr. Moxley, who escaped the flames, was an employee of Glen Echo Park, and the place was ordered closed out of respect for the family.

June 4, 1963. A crudely-made Molotov cocktail was thrown through the window of a church, usually attended by black people, on Route 109 at Sellman. Police said that a gallon jug of gasoline was thrown into the church and burned a three foot wide hole in the floor. The blaze, which had burned itself out, was discovered by a church trustee who had gone to the church to get some chairs for a supper.

June 9, 1931. A Boyds man was arrested on a charge of larceny. He was alleged to have stolen clothing, household goods, and jewelry valued at twenty-four dollars from the home of Lester Carter at Barnesville.

June 9, 1915. Charles Dove, of Middlebrook, was whipped in the

yard of the jailhouse at Rockville. He had been convicted earlier that day of wife-beating and had been sentenced by Judge Arthur Mace to receive fifteen lashes upon his bare back.

June 12, 1909. Edward Martin, age 13, was arrested at Washington's Union Station. Young Martin, who lived in Brooklyn, New York, told the police that he had been separated from his father for three years and that he had been loaned to a farmer living near Ellicott Mills. He did not like living there so he went to Poolesville to work on the farm of Mr. Offutt.

June 13, 1938. Four people, three of them children, drowned in the Potomac River at Seneca. A party of eleven had set out from shore when the rowboat capsized in the middle of the river in view of the horrified families.

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Tidbits

Poolesville's Cindy Simpson to Be Ordained

On June 9, at the Washington National Cathedral's Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Cynthia "Cindy" Simpson, the former assistant rector of St. Peter's Parish Episcopal Church in Poolesville, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. The ordination will be performed by the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Simpson left St. Peter's Parish to pursue a career as an Episcopalian priest, and her ordination as a deacon is a significant step in that process.

Michael Rhodas Attains Boy Scouting's Highest Rank, Eagle Scout



Eagle Scout Michael Rhodas.

Michael is Venture Crew's first Eagle Scout.

Michael Rhodas of Venture Crew 496 became Poolesville's latest Eagle Scout on April 27, 2007, after successfully passing his Eagle Board of Review.

Michael's Eagle project was organizing a blood drive with the American Red Cross in December 2005. The Red Cross deemed the project very successful, as they collected forty-four pints of blood, potentially saving 132 lives. Michael and his volunteers recruited nineteen first-time blood donors, some of whom continue to donate blood on a regular basis. Michael is also a member of BSA Troop 496 and has earned forty-five merit badges (twenty-one are required for the rank of Eagle Scout). He's also a member of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouting's elite society of honor campers.

Michael is the son of John and Glenice Rhodas of Poolesville. His brother, Zachary, is also an Eagle Scout. A formal Eagle Court of Honor will be held to honor Michael's achievement later in the year.

Lara Turner - Ryan Saylor to Wed



Lara Turner and Ryan Saylor.

Lara Turner, Poolesville High School Class of 2000, and Ryan Saylor of Hamilton, Ohio will wed on June 23, 2007 in Hamilton where

the couple resides. Miss Turner graduated magna cum laude from Chowan University and is currently employed with General Electric. Mr. Saylor is an Iraqi War veteran, having served nine years in the United States Navy. He is working in an oncology medical practice.

The mother and stepfather of the bride are Ellen and Ed Williams of Poolesville and the groom's parents are Jim and Brenda Saylor of Hamilton.

Poolesville Day Plans: Bigger, Better, Longer

The Poolesville Day Committee is finalizing a number of plans for the big day, Saturday, September 8, 2007 that will make for the most exciting Poolesville Day ever. The committee's marketing coordinators, Bridget Burke and Richard Rose, are actively recruiting new food, craft, arts, and jewelry vendors (or other vendors) to bring more variety than in previous years.

The entertainment schedule will have a great mix of bands and musicians with a special performance by the Poolesville High School Choral group set for the old town center area near Healthworks. This is part of the plan to expand the entertainment value of the day to extend from each end of Fisher Avenue. Jim Brown reports that the popular basketball three-on-three tournament is being lined up, and a return of the antique car display is also on tap. A similar special display of motorcycles is also being set up.

The committee is finalizing plans to have an Armed Forces band perform in the mid-afternoon as a very special, "bring everyone back together" grand finale. More details will be given later this month.

A word of caution for those considering a vendor or booth or participating in the parade: the deadline for the best rate is June 30, and for paraders, do not take the chance of forgetting to register for the parade over the summer. It would be best to do it now. Forms for the parade and vendor applications are available by going to www.poolesvilleday.com.

Giarratano Given Special Recognition for Extra Effort

Ralph Hitchens, chair of Rebuilding Together, wants our readers to know that Chris Giarratano was named Rebuilding Together/Montgomery County's "House Captain of the Year" at the RT/MC awards dinner on May 23, 2007. Taking on a larger project than is usual for Rebuilding

Together, Chris worked tirelessly to mobilize volunteers and persuade Trex Corp. and T.W. Perry to donate more than seventy-five percent of the \$20,000 worth of Trex needed to replace the pool deck at Camp Friendship, which supports children suffering from cancer. The work (which also included cleaning and staining two buildings) was accomplished over the course of four weekends, and the Carol Jean Cancer Foundation will now be able to meet the accreditation and safety requirements to stay in business.

Family Bikes for Cause

Poolesville's Beliveau family (Bob, Cathy, Mary, Michael, and Kevin) have participated in a 184-mile bike ride of the C&O canal to raise funds for San Mar Girl's Home in Washington County for six years. This year San Mar has set up a secure donations page so you can use your credit card to donate and get a printable receipt for tax purposes. You can also send a check and enter your name and address online to get a receipt. Over the years, the Beliveau family has biked more than 4,000 miles for San Mar Home, and you can join their cause by going to <https://www.tgbt.org/donateOnline.aspx> to make a donation.

PHS Senior Kirk Jackson Commits to Maryland

Kirk Jackson of the Poolesville High School Class of 2007 has signed a National Letter of Intent committing to the University of Maryland College Park in swimming and diving for the 2007-2008 season.

Kirk's swimming specialty is freestyle, and in particular the 200 meter freestyle. In his senior year season he set a Washington metropolitan area record in that event. He has also been successful in the 100 meter butterfly, taking first place in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) swim meet. Additional top finishes included a second place in the MCPS meet and a first and a third place finish in the Washington Metro championships. Kirk also excelled at the Junior Nationals in Florida last March with his club team, RMSC, where he anchored a first place finish in the 400 Meter Medley.

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Local News

Town of Poolesville

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Town commissioners took two last steps to finalize matters emanating from the resignation of former Commissioner Roy Johnson. First, they awarded Mr. Johnson a plaque stating the town's appreciation for his dedicated service and attached to the plaque was the gavel he used during his time as president of the commission. They also awarded him an American flag in a triangular display case also commemorating his service and expressing appreciation for his work. Mr. Johnson was not on hand to receive the gifts in person, and they will be delivered by Town Manager Wade Yost. Secondly, the commissioners elected Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski as vice president with a unanimous vote. The position of president was not up for election since Eddie Kuhlman was elected president following last November's elections for a two-year term that will be completed in 2009.

By unanimous vote, the commissioners also confirmed language that would require Winchester Homes to bear the cost to four property owners

adjacent to their development should the wells on those properties become dysfunctional due to the use of a new well drilled for the development. They also added a fifth property to that list.

In addition, through a unanimous vote, the commissioners voted to extend the current water allocation list with only minor changes regarding clarification of authority. Town Manager Wade Yost reported that action on those with four or less taps may begin as early as this summer.

The Public Improvements Agreement between the town and Brightwell Crossing also was passed. Highlights of this agreement specify the responsibility of the developer regarding public improvements which include such items as street grading, trees, sidewalks, storm drainage, storm water management, water and sewer extensions, etc. It further specifies other infrastructure costs to be borne by the developer including permanent markers, seeding, and metal fence with gate around the perimeter of an adjoining cemetery. The developer will also contribute \$221,250 to the town which could be used to construct a town sanitary sewer plant expansion or construction of the well pump house or used to fund private inflow and infiltration (I&I) repairs and/or other sewer infra-

structure as directed by the town.

The commission voted to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for trash collection with the deadline for such proposals by June 11, 2007. The Titus Trash Company currently holds the contract. All commissioners previously voiced their appreciation and confidence in the quality of service extended by Titus Trash. The purpose of the RFP issued was a precautionary step to protect the interests of the taxpayers of the town and not intended to be construed as any level of dissatisfaction with Titus Trash on the part of any commissioner.

A brief report on the Planning

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Local History

Battle at Martinsburg

By Jack Toomey

The northwest part of Montgomery County did not see any major action during the Civil War although there were several skirmishes including some in the downtown section of Poolesville. Some daring and thrilling cavalry raids were made into Montgomery County by rebel forces, and in 1864, the Confederate Army marched through downtown Poolesville on their escape into Virginia after their attack on Washington—but something that has been overlooked in the county's history is an incident that is called the Battle of Martinsburg.

Since Clement Beall was appointed Sheriff in 1777, it has been the duty of the Montgomery Sheriff to serve legal papers, to carry out evictions, and to attach personal property to satisfy debts owed. In 1922, James Elkins, a farmer living in Martinsburg, about five miles from Poolesville, was having financial difficulties. His creditors were demanding payment for farm equipment and seed, and Elkins did not have the money to pay them. His creditors went to the courthouse in Rockville where they obtained the necessary legal papers which allowed the Sheriff to seize property from Elkins and then sell the property at auction to satisfy the debts owed. Sometimes these auctions were held on the courthouse steps and big crowds attended, some to get a good deal, others out of curiosity, while some came just for the excitement of the event.

On March 17, 1922, Sheriff Alvie Moxley and his chief deputy, J. Stanley Gingell, set off for Martinsburg in their automobile. For good measure, they took along a former deputy, Melvin Etchinson. The ride to Martinsburg was probably uneventful while Moxley and Gingell discussed the best way to serve the papers on Mr. Elkins and to seize his property. Apparently, Elkins had a history with the officers and had given them trouble in the past. By noon, the officers had reached the long dirt driveway into the farm. Their machine kicked up a cloud of dust as it neared the farmhouse which alerted the Elkins family to their approach. The officers knocked on the door, and Mrs. Helen Elkins answered the door and asked Sheriff Moxley about his business. Moxley replied that he was there in an official capacity to attach certain personal property of the family in order to satisfy liens placed by creditors. Mrs. Elkins then summoned Margaret and Elizabeth, her daughters, who were in the rear of the house. As Sheriff Moxley tried to enter the

house he was knocked to the ground by a blow to the jaw that had been delivered by Helen. She then yelled for Margaret, who was about five years old, to run out into the fields to get Mr. Elkins and his three sons. Gingell, apparently amused at the plight of his boss, began to laugh and for good measure, Helen felled Gingell with a blow to the face. Mr. Etchinson, wanting no part of Mrs. Elkins, ran for the auto. Seeing Elkins and his sons racing for the house, Sheriff Moxley pinned the documents to the side of the house which satisfied the legal requirement. He jumped into the car with Gingell and they made for Poolesville. Arriving in town, they tried to enlist the aid of townsfolk for added manpower, but they had no luck.

Defeated, they returned to Rockville and went to their offices. Gingell was nursing a bruised eye and it was said that his comrades and townsfolk lined up for the next few days to see his black eye and to josh with him. Finally, Gingell had enough and locked the door to his office.

Deputy Gingell later left the Sheriff's Department and became a private investigator. He was killed in the explosion of a house in Poolesville in 1931. Sheriff Moxley was appointed as the Chief of Police of Montgomery County, lived eighty-seven years, and died in 1963.

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School News

St. Thomas More Academy Students Receive Top Award from The Historical Society of Frederick County

St. Thomas More Academy (STMA) students Joseph Nicastrò and Augustus Perseghin received a top award from the Historical Society of Frederick County on Thursday, May 17 for their participation in this year's Harry L. Decker Historical Essay Contest.

The students were recognized at a program that was held in the Historical Society Museum on East Church Street Thursday evening. Both students received the top prize of \$100 and were two of the six total top winners of the contest. Each winning essay was read by the student author for attendees of the award presentation.

STMA student Joseph Nicastrò wrote about Henry Ballenger who operated a ferry in Frederick in the 1700s which contributed to the growth of the county and provided an easier

way for residents to travel into Frederick to live and work. Local Ballenger Creek is named after Henry Ballenger in honor of his contributions. Augustus Perseghin presented his essay on Frederick Augustus Heisely which was inspired by their shared name. Although much of his life is a mystery, he is known as "the man who built the clock that was in the steeple of Trinity Chapel on West Church Street." The clock is presently at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. and is still operating despite being almost two hundred years old.

The Historical Society of Frederick County is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the county's rich heritage. The Harry L. Decker Historical Essay Contest is just one effort to support their goals by encouraging students in fourth grade to research and write an essay about lesser known Frederick County historical figures such as Henry Ballenger, Joseph Brunner, and Emory Coblentz. The contest was open to all fourth grade students in Frederick County. The Harry L. Decker Historical Essay Contest honors the significant contributions of Frederick County Historian Harry L. Decker.

them to leave the refugee camp and start a new life in Albania.

While the humanitarian fundraising was the central purpose of this dinner, it produced a side benefit that was equally important: interfaith understanding. The program began with a welcome from Ken Howard, the rector of St. Nicholas Church, the hosting congregation, followed by blessing prayers offered by Father Ken and his Muslim counterpart, Ammar Najjar, the imam of the Islamic Society of Germantown. Then the congregations shared in a potluck meal prepared and brought by individual families. At their tables, members of both congregations shared stories of their religious and cultural traditions. The evening ended on an uplifting note, with each congregation offering evening prayers in their respective traditions.

School News

New Leadership for Seneca Academy and the Circle School at Seneca

The Board of Trustees at Seneca Academy and the Circle School at Seneca in Darnestown announced the appointment of Elizabeth Brooke Carroll, Ph.D., as the new Head of School effective July 1, 2007. Carroll, the current Director of Residential Life at Sandy Spring Friends School in Silver Spring, Maryland, is only the second Head of School in Seneca Academy and the Circle School's twenty-three-year history. She follows current head and founder, Jodi Thurmond.

Carroll brings more than twenty years of educational and professional leadership to Seneca Academy, working with children and adolescents in schools, outdoor educational programs, and youth organizations. "I am de-

lighted to welcome Brooke and her family to Seneca. She and I share very similar educational philosophies, and I'm confident she will be an outstanding administrator," said founder and current Head of School Jodi Thurmond.

Carroll's accomplishments include assisting in the design and start-up of a residential charter school in Massachusetts as the Associate Head of School and Residential Director. She is currently on the Board of Trustees for the Thornton Friends School in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Carroll's educational background includes a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor's in Psychology from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

She assumes leadership of a school that began as a preschool in a church, and now includes pre-kindergarten through grade eight, a physical structure built on 6.5 acres, and a National Wildlife Association's National School Yard Habitat designation.



Seneca Academy founder, Jodi Thurmond (left) welcomes Elizabeth Brooke Carroll as the new Head of School.

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will replace Delegate Charles Barkley of District 39 (North Potomac, part of Germantown, and Montgomery Village) as head of the county house delegation. The Montgomery County Delegation, with eight senators and twenty-four delegates, is the state's largest delegation.

In a telephone call with the *Monocle*, Mr. Feldman discussed his new position, and observed that with the state facing a 1.5 billion dollar ("that's with a B") structural deficit, he feels that the house delegation's "task will be to make sure the county is treated fairly." As the state's largest house delegation, "I like to think of us on the cusp of having more political juice and clout" as important spending decisions are made. In addition to the growth of the county's delegation, he also mentioned the statewide election of Montgomery County candidates for state comptroller and state attorney general, Peter Franchot and Douglas Gansler, respectively, as signs that the county is finally flexing its muscles at the state level.

The *Monocle* asked Mr. Feldman to educate us a little about the position, and he responded that this was rather common, as most people know less about state government than the federal or even their local governments. He said the position would involve serving as spokesman for the county house delegation with the governor and the house

speaker, and that his ability to maintain good relationships with those and other individuals would, as for any politician, help him to be more effective on behalf of the county. He said he would also be in close contact with County Executive Ike Leggett to ensure close coordination on issues in Annapolis that affect the county.

Delegate Feldman said he would be in a better position to benefit District 15, particularly as he would chair discussions of bond bill strategies, which could help bring funds back to the local communities in his district. He cited as recent examples the bonds that were approved in support of both the Barnesville and Poolesville town hall restorations.

Mr. Feldman also described a number of administrative tasks associ-

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ated with the chairman position, such as determining seating and office assignments. The county house delegation also functions as a mini-legislature all its own, meeting periodically in Rockville and Annapolis to review county legislation, and he would be responsible for making assignments, presiding over bill hearings, and keeping the delegation informed of his communications with the governor and the house leadership. Above all, he said that it is important that the delegation remains a unified delegation, and he would work towards that end.

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School News

A Red Carpet Affair

By Alicia Agnew

Whenever we see the celebrities come out, they're on red carpets. We admire their amazing good looks and covet their glamorous dresses. Each one of them is attempting to be the best in the most unique fashion. In high school, prom seems like a red carpet event. On May 18, Poolesville High School held its gala at the Lynfield Event Complex just north of Frederick off of Route 15. The theme was, you guessed it, "A Red Carpet Affair." Prom would be nothing without its crowing glory, the royal court. This year's queen and king were Gisèle Agnew and Aaron (A.J.) Lempert. The princesses were Alix Kress and Marissa Shapiro; and the princes: Kurk Jackson and Herman Kamboyce. After prom, like every year, the post-prom is held, so all the partiers posted down from Frederick to our very own Poolesville High School. Determined to best previous post-prom parties, the gym was decked in blue—blue tablecloths, blue walls, and bubbles

everywhere. Decorative mermaids and fishes sparkled away. This theme had nothing to do with red carpets but instead was "Under the Sea." A climbing wall was outside, waiting to test the climbing skills of any who dared to attempt the mighty heights. There were many other activities including virtual surfer, a money machine, a DDR (Dance Dance Revolution), and a Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Along with freebies and raffles, partiers just wiled away the night until they went home early in the morning.



Princess Alix Kress, Queen Gisèle Agnew, Princess Marissa Shapiro.

PHS Prom King Aaron (A.J.) Lempert.



Local News

Poolesville's Rear Adm. Gary Hartz Retires

Rande Davis

After a thirty-six year career, Rear Adm. Gary J. Hartz of Poolesville is retiring from the Public Health Service. In a formal retirement ceremony held May 18, 2007 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, Acting Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Services, Rear Adm. Kenneth P. Moritsugu recognized Rear Admiral Hartz for his dedication, professionalism, and leadership in service to the people of the United States. Rear Admiral Moritsugu, through a special certificate, also recognized Mrs. Janet Hartz for her support and sacrifice in contributing to the outstanding and successful career of her husband.

A native of North Dakota, Rear Admiral Hartz received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota and a Master of Science degree from Stanford University in civil engineering: construction engineering and management. He also completed postgraduate studies at Syracuse University and the John F. Kennedy School of



Acting Surgeon General, USPHS, RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu presents a retirement certificate to RADM Gary J. Hartz during a special retirement ceremony at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Government at Harvard University.

In 1986, Rear Admiral Hartz received the department of Health and Human Service Federal Engineer of the Year Award presented by the National Society of Professional Engineers, and in 2006, he was awarded the prestigious Villforth Leadership Award from the PHS Commissioned Officers Association as an individual who has demonstrated exemplary professional conduct and commitment to the national service.

In January of 1996, in recognition of his leadership responsibilities and professional competence, Engineer Officer Hartz was promoted to the position of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral) in the PHS Commissioned Corps.

In 1998, Rear Admiral Hartz was named Acting Director, Office of Public Health, one of the two organizational units of the Indian Health Service (IHS) headquarters operation with a wide range of activities related to health leadership, policy development, and advocacy for American Indian and Alaska Native public health issues. In that management capacity, he shared in the responsibility for management of a national health care delivery program responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community care for approximately 1.8 million of the nation's 3.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Among numerous honors, Rear Adm. Gary Hartz is the recipient of two PHS Hazardous Duty Awards, two Isolated Hardship Awards, two Outstanding Service Medals, the Surgeon General's Award for Exemplary Service, and the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award that can be granted to a Public Health Service Commissioned Officer.

Rear Admiral Hartz has also serviced his community as a Poolesville town commissioner for two terms (1984 to 1992) and also served as the chairman of its planning commission. He and his wife are very active at Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville.

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Youth Sports

Lindoefer, Heffner Lead Clarksburg Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Teams to First Wins

By Jeff Stuart



The Clarksburg High School girls' lacrosse team.

They ride separate buses to the same away game destinations. Once there, they are each other's biggest and sometimes only fans. So it was fitting that the players on both the Clarksburg Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse teams won their first games of the season, and in Clarksburg Lacrosse History, on the same day, April 25, at home, in the Clarksburg Football Stadium before a supportive crowd. In the first game of the doubleheader, the boys defeated Northwood, 15-6, and in the second, the girls defeated the Gladiators, 5-2.

In the first game, played under sunny skies and in mild temperatures, the Coyotes scored very early on a first period goal by Charlie Lindoefer. He scored two in the period. Michael Kemerer also scored twice. Zach Hills, Bryce Apple, and Michael Dixon also scored. The Coyotes led 7-2 after period one. Julian Shapiro and Danny Sullivan scored for the Gladiators.

Lindoefer and Hills each scored two more in the second period. Apple added his second of the game. Chris Gangins scored for Northwood. Clarks-

burg took a 12-3 lead into half time.

The two teams played even during the second half, but the outcome was never in doubt. Shapiro and Bryce Abel scored third period goals for Northwood. Andy Civeti scored for the Coyotes.

Apple and Kemerer each scored their third of the game. Lindoefer led all scorers for the game with four. Northwood's Shapiro scored the only goal of the fourth quarter.

By the time the second game started, the clouds had gathered and the temperature had dropped. The girls' game was a hard-fought battle and a much more competitive game. For the first several minutes, the Gladiators were constantly on the attack, but several great saves by Junior Goalie Alyssa Roff, a couple from very close range, kept Northwood off the score board and the Coyotes' captain, Kelly Heffner, number 24, finally opened the scoring with 12:48 remaining in the half. The Coyotes took that 1-0 lead into half time.

The Gladiators took the second half face off and quickly tied the game on a goal by Tzipora Wagner, but ninth grader Madison Defrank put Clarksburg ahead for good at 16:26. Elyse Lapham, another freshman, scored the first of her two goals with about nine minutes left, streaking in from the left side of the goal unchecked. After Lyle Andrews scored for the Indians to cut the lead to 3-2, Lapham scored again at 5:29 to give the Coyotes more breathing room. Heffner, who had the first half's only goal, closed out the scoring with less than three minutes left to seal the outcome. The Lady Coyotes hugged and high-fived in celebration. Hefner is a junior transfer from Gaithersburg.

"Kelly has lots of playing experience," said Coach McCabe. "She isn't the most vocal leader, but she is the one that the girls look for offensively and defensively. In practice, she runs through all the drills giving one hundred percent and expects the same in return from her teammates. She knows that practice is where we are going to become better and connect as a team.

She is extremely coachable, mature, and models captain behavior."

For Girls' Head Coach Lauren McCabe and Boys' Head Coach Curtiss Belcher, it is only one step, but it was a big step—and a day to remember.

Youth Sports

Can't Slow This Mustang Down

By Curtis A. Osborne

Don Henley says in his song "the boys of summer...no one on the road, no one on the beach." Well, where are they, Don? For sports fans, the boys of summer are in stadiums and parks all across the country, playing America's pastime of baseball. The sweet gentle breezes from the spring have turned into hot humid temperatures. Baseball



The Mustangs of Carroll Manor.

is in full throttle, and another lazy, hazy summer is underway.

Locally, high school and college baseball is about to wrap up. For professional baseball, it is in the midst of a long marathon. The beauty of baseball is its timelessness—an indispensable part of the game. In far-flung locales such as Frederick, Hagerstown, Woodbridge, and Bowie, local minor league teams are playing on their civic fields of dreams, in hopes of one day making it up to the big show. In D.C., new manager Manny Acta and his young Washington Nationals are competing for fan loyalty, and trying to avoid last place in the National League East; and forty-five minutes up Interstate 95, Sam Perlozzo and his Baltimore Orioles are trying to tame the beast and compete with and conquer the empires of the Yankees and Red Sox. So far this season, the Orioles are contending and off to a fast start.

Another team off to a fast start is the Carroll Manor Mustangs, a U-10 recreation team playing in the Tri-County Pony League. Through week's end, the Mustangs' record stands at 7-3, and they have been outscoring their opponents by a wide margin. Even with their few losses, the team continues to gel, score runs, and improve

from game to game, inning to inning.

Coached by Blake Patterson, a former college baseball player at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), the Mustangs have shown outstanding production in pitching, timely hitting, fielding, and base stealing. It is a testimony to the coaches on the team. Blake has been coaching for four seasons, along with his assistant coaches Jim Mackintosh, John Harrell, and Laurie Greene. Blake has a very unique perspective on the game, at least unique in today's youth sports environment. He tries to make it fun and educational for the kids, which in turn will breed winning. "I just love

the game and hope that I share those feelings with as many kids as possible," says Blake. "I want kids to have fun and feel that they are a part of a team, regardless of their level of skill." To that end, he helped create a team-oriented, team-first

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approach that permeates throughout the team and to the parents as well. "I love to see good players reaching out and trying to make less talented kids better so that that their team will benefit."

Blake is a great instructor, stressing fundamentals, sportsmanship, and the proper approach and respect to the game. "I believe that there should be winners and losers, but winning can't be the primary objective at this age. Too many kids get disenchanted before they ever realize what their potential may be."

This season's Mustangs are a great group of youngsters. The team name used to be the Cobras and after a tough loss in the playoffs, they decided to change it. Blake describes the team this way, "The kids are a fun group—very young, but very energetic and enthusiastic. We are led by captains Connor Greene, Tyler Edge, and our nine-year-old captain Robbie Mackintosh—lots of good athletes." Of course, every good team has to have nicknames. "We have Wiz, Zorilla, Nails, T-bone, Bulldog,

Kyle Ryan, and more names to come." Even though all of the kids are good athletes and baseball players, the one that everyone takes notice of is Connor Greene. His nickname should be "Lights Out" because when he pitches, he shuts down the other team. As a batter, he always makes contact. "Connor has lived and breathed baseball since he could walk," says Blake, "and he has a lot of natural talent." He is the souped-up engine that makes this Mustang go.

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ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**"New Police Commander"
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unsupervised youths with too much time on their hands. He advised the town to continue its focus on providing more for the kids to do and press for more parental supervision. For drug-related incidents, he listed four events, all involving marijuana and related paraphernalia. Still, overall, such drug-related problems did decrease from twelve such incidents in 2005 versus five for 2006.

When asked about establishing a Neighborhood Watch program, he expressed his belief that such programs are more effective in dysfunctional communities rather than communities such as Poolesville. One of his concerns was that volunteers lose interest quickly in areas of low crime. "You have better than a Neighborhood Watch program, you have people who care."

The MCPD recently surveyed traffic volume and speeds using two "stealth pads" which record traffic flows and speeds without being visible to the driver. The result was that the primary area of excess speed was after Tom Fox Road for people

leaving town in the morning.

Commission president, Eddie Kullman, inquired about support for speed cameras, and Captain Didone did not believe we would be able to obtain the services. Selection of camera locations is chosen by four criteria: speeding, accident data, pedestrian traffic, and roadway design. By this formula, he did not think that the county would place a camera especially since the accident data and pedestrian traffic would not be high enough to reach the threshold where speed cameras could be placed. As to a question on speeding by commuters using White's Ferry rather than local residents, the data shows that eighty percent of all tickets issued were to Poolesville drivers.

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Youth Sports

Season Wrap

By Jeff Stuart

At practice on Wednesday, May 2, in preparation for the final game of the season at Wheaton on Friday, when I asked tenth grader Moses Lahey, co-captain of the Clarksburg Coed Volleyball team, if he was having fun this first season, he assured me he was. "You might think a losing season with only one win would be a real downer," Moses said, "but we come to practice every day with good spirits, picking each other up, and in most games, we are pretty competitive."

Co-captain Lena Kem, a junior, agrees. "Even though we lose," she said, "we still put up a pretty good fight. We take all our practices seriously, and it's not much of a distraction. We are having fun."

"They want to be here," said Coach Tippet. "I have tried to give them days off as a reward or to just relax, but they want to practice."

Moses, like the rest of the boys on the team, had no experience in organized volleyball before this year. He joined the team because Coach Tippet was his physical education teacher who saw athletic promise.

Lena, like many of the girls on the team, has played before. She was on the Watkins Mill JV girls' team the last two years, and on the Clarksburg girls' team last fall. This is her first year playing coed. "I wanted to play coed to stay in shape and gain more game experience," she said.

Their first win came on April 25, at Clarksburg against the Northwood Gladiators.

"We were down by seven or eight points in the first game," said Moses. "We closed it to 23-22 before losing. We lost the first two games, but came back to win the last three. It was exciting." The actual game scores from that first win were 23-25, 15-25, 25-23, 25-18, 15-11.

"Damascus is very good," said Tippet, "but other than that, we have been competitive in most games—and we scored more points against Damascus than most teams do. Our leaders are Lena and Moses, Jen Nguyen, and Cody Raum. The boys have never played before but are athletic. They are learning from the girls, and the team is getting better."

When asked to recall season highlights, sophomore Raum said, "Matt Setiaman made a great block against Damascus's Ryan Mustaff, and Jarvis Snead made a great dig using his foot against B-CC." Setiaman and Snead are both junior middle blockers and outside hitters. Mustaff is an outstanding outside hitter for Damascus. "He is their best player," said Coach Tippet.

The Northwood match was the season highlight for Nguyen. "It showed we have the potential to win," said Jen, an eleventh grader who had JV experience at both Damascus and Watkins Mill before joining the Coyotes. She played on the Clarksburg girls' varsity last fall.

While the team continued to practice serving and passing and setting, there was a minor distraction. Manager Brian Jones was discovered sitting atop the bleachers with a yellow boundary cone on his head and the players, girls and boys, hurled volleyballs at him trying to knock the cone off his head. "I was just goofing around today," said Jones, who was also the manager on the football and track teams last fall.

Motivational speaker Zig Zigar said, "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start in order to be great." On Friday, May 4, the Clarksburg coed volleyball squad finished their first season with their second win and their first win away from home, beating Wheaton, 25-19, 25-14, 25-10. "It was a good win," said Coach Tippet. For her and assistant coaches, Dawn Dickinson and Denise Demosky, it is something to build on. "Dawn and Denise have been absolutely vital to the progress we have made this year," said Tippet.

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Clarksburg Day
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Community Yard Sale
Forest Grove UMC Church
Rte 28, Dickerson
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Poolesville Baptist Church

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Yard Sale
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