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Bishop John Chane and Reverend Cindy Simpson at her recent ordination. See Local News on Page 19.



Ms. Gabriel "Brie" Williams reads an original poem during the opening ceremonies of Diversity Day. More pictures on Page 15.x

Plans for Two-Story Town Hall Scratched

By Rande Davis

The Commissioners of Poolesville have been wrestling with the consequences of bids to build the new Town Hall coming in much higher than budgeted estimates. The two-story town hall to be built on the Stringer property on Beallsville Street in Poolesville faces Whalen Commons west of the Gazebo past the Stringer, cedar-sided home.

Two bids were opened and accepted for consideration. The lowest bid came from Schaefer Construction of Maryland (\$1,671,837.26) with Rainbow Construction of Virginia bidding \$1,697,000.00. The two bids would have raised the cost of the building beyond the targeted \$1,265,796.00. A third bid submitted was \$45,000 below the lowest Schaefer bid but was received three minutes late and consequently disallowed for consideration. A fourth bidder determined that he would not be able to submit a competitive bid and withdrew from the process.

During the work session on May 29 following the opening of the bids, consideration was given to changing to a modular construction and/or removing the second story from the building plan. From the work session, the commissioners decided to investigate cost savings that would come from the proposed new changes in construction. Commission President, Eddie Kuhlman, and town manager, Wade Yost, met with a modular homebuilder to discuss the modification plans. While voicing optimism of significantly reducing cost, a hard estimate could not be determined since that process requires contracting with an approved construction company before the modular builder would provide the detailed estimate.

An approach to modifying the plans without a new Request for Proposal (RFP) could proceed through

Schaefer Construction (the lowest bidder) on the basis of a "change of order" but new architectural drawings with the new specifications would still have to be supplied at an additional cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The "change of order" suggestion, put forward by Kuhlman and supported by Brown, had the advantage of saving the town the cost of a new RFP, estimated to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Additionally, the "change of order" would require much less than the 90 to 120 days estimated to issue a new RFP. Commissioner Brown expressed the point that, based on the bids, the commissioners should be able to determine a reasonable cost per square foot of the new one-story building, take out other costs associated with the two-story plan (i.e. elevator), and then the commissioners "should be able to determine a realistic and fair dollar of what a new proposal would be without having the cost and time delay in a new RFP."

As the discussion opened up for consideration of a new RFP or a "change of order" approach, Commissioner Yeatts espoused the opinion that the changes were too radical for a simple "change of order," and that the two designs were really like comparing apples to oranges. Yeatts stated that he was concerned about simply accepting a "change of order" proposal from the winning bidder of the two-story design for a new, one-story design as not being adequate, preferring a new RFP as being "at least honest and open for the smaller facility."

Commissioner Link Hoewing also voted to issue a new RFP for three stated reasons: First, the idea of selecting one bidder and essentially negotiating changes with them alone in order to speed things up is not necessary, "especially since in reality they have made a lot of progress." Secondly, because of his past experience in negotiating construction, he wasn't comfortable being in a situation that might overemphasize modifications that could be more in the builder's

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MES Principal Cynthia Duranko Keeps Her Promise

By Rande Davis



Monocacy Elementary School principal Cynthia Durenko shows them how it's done.

When Cynthia Duranko replaced Bill Poole as principal of Monocacy Elementary School last fall, she made a promise to the kids. She promised she would continue the Principal's Challenge. Begun a number of years ago, the students come up with a challenge for the principal to attempt if they collectively read a certain number of minutes. Previous challenges have included Mr. Poole sleeping on the roof of the school, and last year, he wrestled a wrestling coach.

This year, the students came up with an extreme challenge for Ms. Duranko. The students met the goal, and on June 13, she delivered on her promise.

Ms. Duranko challenged the students to collectively read over 45,000 minutes from books of their choice, and if they met their goal, she agreed to drive an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) through an obstacle course. As the program kicked off this spring, the students were confident, and the results support their confidence. Over 120 students participated recording 51,110 minutes of reading time—beating the

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Former Principal Bill Poole returns to Monocacy Elementary School as guest speaker for 2007 fifth grade promotion ceremony.

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Garth Seely's LAND crew adding some landscaping to the front of the old Poolesville Town Hall. Front, Cade Seely; back, Foster Holmquist, Matthew Gimbrere, Gavin Hockenberry, Brian Habib, and Emily Grubb.

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PHS Senior James McCollum, Honorary Chairperson of Relay for Life in Poolesville, who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, cuts the ribbon to start the first lap by a cancer survivor.

Daytripper

Westward Ho!

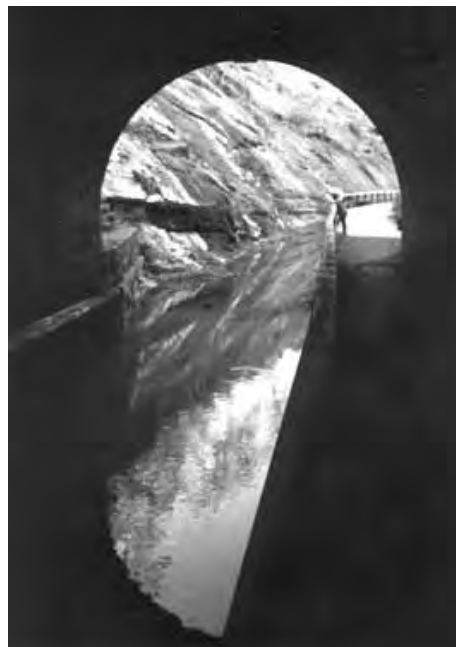
By Dominique Agnew

The drive out to Cumberland, Maryland is scenically fantastic. Following Interstate 70 west to I-68 west, one travels over mountains, across lush verdant valleys, through mountain passes, and if you want to go under a mountain, that can be arranged. Finally, after nearly two hours of pastoral driving, you crest a mountain, and suddenly come upon the valley that cradles the beautiful city of Cumberland in its palm with the lifeline of the Potomac River traversing it.

Although Cumberland has only been an official town since 1787, it has been an established community for millennia. In the last two hundred years, Cumberland was an important establishment first for those trading with American Indians, then for the push west, then during the great growth brought about by industrialization. Prior to that, one can only surmise who lived there, but artifacts found in the area date back thousands of years.

While the railroad was a significant catalyst in the expansion west and for the industrial revolution and transportation in general during the mid- to late-1800s, there was also another important mode of transportation between Cumberland and Washington, D.C.—the C & O Canal. Originally destined to end in Ohio, the canal ended in a large basin in the center of Cumberland which passed under a railroad bridge from which the canal boats could be loaded, this despite there being huge competition between the railroad and the canal boats. Finally, a devastating storm in the 1920s caused irreparable damage to the canal, and a way of life for canal boat families was lost.

Cumberland is fast on its way to becoming a happening tourist attraction. The once canal-railroad town, after an economic slowdown that many experienced in the late 1900s, has seen a surge of tourists that has changed the culture into one catering to visitors and the arts. In recent years, the mostly-filled-in basin, now in an area called Canal Place, has been renovated to accommodate festivals and live music performances. Interestingly, during the renovation, when much of the basin was excavated, the skeletons of canal boats were found at the bottom—a sort of canal boat cemetery.



The Pawpaw tunnel.

The boats were studied in detail, and then re-interred. Fortunately, the information gleaned was used to build a replica of a canal boat located at the C & O Canal National Historical Park Visitor Center. There are also artifacts on display, photographs, and audio recordings of former canal boat family members reminiscing about life on the canal.

In the same building as the Visitor Center is the Western Maryland Railway Station. From this station, visitors can ride authentic trains pulled by diesel or steam engines to Frostburg and back. The train ride provides an amazing and unique adventure: it passes through the Narrows, a mile-long, thousand-foot deep gorge between two mountains; onto a half-mile curve with excellent views of the valley on Helmstetter's Horseshoe Curve; into the 914-foot Brush Tunnel that cuts through Piney Mountain, to name a few. As the seasons change, so do the excursions and their schedules. There is fine dining to be had, and if you're in the mood for mayhem, you can add a murder mystery to your meal. Of course, every child should ride on the North Pole Express or the Santa Express. For all excursions, reservations are recommended, and in October, they are required.

Other attractions in Cumberland include: two beautiful churches with their spires reaching to the heavens, Allegany County Museum, F. Brooke Whiting Museum of Art, George Washington's Headquarters (yes, he slept there, too), Gordon-Roberts House, Heritage Coaches (horse-

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Commentary

The Future and Don't Try to Predict It

By John Clayton

Some time ago, I had just finished interviewing a local elected official, and he or she remarked my yellow (and yellowed) "NO TECHWAY" bumper sticker on my pickup truck. We had already discussed the fact that there was no longer any significant political effort on either side of the Potomac River to revive the issue of an additional bridge (also known as the Techway) across the Potomac into Montgomery County, and that even if there was political will, there was no money as there are many other transportation projects dear to both Virginia and Maryland that are already soaking up funds. In short, we agreed that my bumper sticker was a little anachronistic, and I should probably move on. It wasn't quite "Remember the Maine," but it was at least "Kerry-Edwards." I resolved to get out a scraper and clean up my act, such as it is, at some future time. The task is on my list, and I'm sure I would have gotten to it eventually.

Then, several weeks ago, I was driving down I-270 and listening to the radio. I was listening to Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and his counterpart from Fairfax County, Virginia on WTOP News Radio discussing, well, I don't really remember what they were discussing. I was trying to be a good informed citizen by listening to something locally topical, mainly because I had forgotten to bring my Ipod, but also because Ike Leggett usually has something to say.

What he said just about made me drive off the road. As I remember, he basically agreed that discussions on a second Montgomery County crossing should resume. The Virginia gentleman, not surprisingly, was okay with this. I really couldn't believe my ears because this was not the Ike Leggett that I remembered from the campaign.

People are a little touchy about this idea of a bridge into the Agricultural Reserve. Mr. Leggett said that he didn't mean this would go into the Ag Reserve. Oh, really? Let's think about this. If the targeted land isn't protected in the Ag Reserve, then it is probably developed and has people living on it—probably many more

people than live in the Ag Reserve. Don't tell me this discussion doesn't immediately put more pressure on open land in the county—it does.

He further said on the show, (courtesy of WTOPNews.com), "No one disagrees that we should have another crossing."

No one? How much do you want to bet?

There has been a lot of backpedaling by Mr. Leggett and his office since that show, but I'm still a little nervous about taking off that bumper sticker. Some issues never really go away, they just keep creeping back, regardless of how you thought the future was obviously going to play out.

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Health

Lyme Disease

By Peter H. Eeg DVM, CVLM

Editor's note: This article on Lyme disease is presented due to the prevalence of the disease in our area. Ray Hoewing of Poolesville Online, Jay Schwartzman of Poolesville Beer and Wine, and the Monocle's own Maureen O'Connell are all dealing with the challenges of this disease.

Lyme disease caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* is one of the most common tick-transmitted zoonotic (transmissible from animals to people) infections in the world. In areas where the disease is prevalent such as this region of the country, the infection rate in dogs can be as high as ninety percent. When a dog contracts the disease, five percent will show acute (immediate) clinical signs. Up to seventy-four percent of the dogs infected will show clinical signs within one to five years. The disease can remain sub-clinical (not showing signs) but cause persistent low grade damage to the joints leading to permanent arthritic damage.

The disease is most commonly seen in dogs, although cats, horses, and people are also at risk. The dominant clinical signs in dogs are recurrent acute arthritis with pain and lameness, sometimes with fever, loss of appetite, depression, and behavior changes. These signs may only last for three or four days then disappear for a period of time before recurring again. The infection continues to cause underlying damage to the joints and promotes arthritic damage and changes that become permanent over time.

The disease can also produce cardiac damage, including complete heart block, neurological complications of the central nervous system, or muscle control and kidney damage leading to complete kidney failure—a rare but one hundred percent fatal form of the disease.

Lyme disease is transmitted by one of four types of ticks found in the Delmarva region. Potomac and Poolesville, Maryland have significantly higher incidences than surrounding areas by as much as twenty percent. The tick must feed for twenty-four to forty-eight hours before transmission of the disease organism takes place. Many of the ticks are so small that they are never seen until it is too late. The most common type of tick is the deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*. This is also the smallest tick, with males often being no larger than the base of a

needle. The tick eggs hatch during the spring into larva and become infected by feeding on white-footed mice which are persistently infected, but never show signs of the disease. These larvae change into a tiny nymph stage that also can feed on the mice, dogs, and other potential hosts. These nymphs live and feed all summer and fall, living through the winter to the next spring, where they change into adults in the second year. The adult females and males continue to feed until they mate. An adult female tick can lay up to two thousand eggs in one season. Therefore, it is possible for dogs and other animals to be exposed to infected forms of ticks during the entire spring, summer, fall, and even winter during mild years where the temperature rises above fifty-five degrees Fahrenheit.

Diagnosing Lyme disease must be done using various blood tests. The most sensitive test is a 4Dx ELISA bench test (IDEXX Laboratories, Westbrook, Maine). This test is carried by most veterinary hospitals and clinics and can be run right at the time of examination. If this test is positive, a confirmation of how severe the disease is can be done using a blood sample that is sent out to IDEXX Laboratories. This test usually takes three to five days to get results.

Treatment can be begun as soon as a diagnosis is made. Typically, your veterinarian will give your animal medication for the pain and discomfort along with an antibiotic. Treatment usually consists of a twenty-eight-day cycle. The earlier the disease is identified, the better the chances of eliminating the infection. Dogs and other animals that have gone undetected for long periods of time may become chronic carriers or chronically infected.

Prevention is available via a vaccination that is recommended twice yearly in highly endemic areas like Potomac and Poolesville. Topical anti-tick medications are also highly recommended. It is important that the anti-tick medication be applied every twenty-eight days during seasons with high tick populations.

Over the counter permethrin-type topical medications are only eighty-seven percent effective in removing or preventing tick bites. The use of Frontline®, Advantix®, or a Preventic® collar, used correctly every twenty-eight days, has been shown to be up to one hundred percent effective in preventing tick transmission of Lyme disease.

For more information or to determine your pet's risk factors, contact your veterinarian.

Reach for the Stars Called by the Beat



Matt Conley

Throughout history and across various cultures, the importance of the drum cannot be overlooked—as a means of communication or as a musical instrument, to inspire soldiers to march, to drive fear into the enemy, or during peace times, to embellish music for dancing and marching in parades. For Matt Conley of Poolesville, it has served as the foundation for musical experiences that have shaped his life and will shape his future.

Matt Conley, who just graduated from St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., began playing percussion when he was in the fourth grade at St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg and continued while he was in middle school at St. Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown. He progressed very quickly and, at the end of sixth grade, through the persuasion of Bob and Cathy Ouellette, neighbors in Poolesville whom Matt knew

from Boy Scouts as well, he joined the Loudoun Border Guards Fife and Drum Corps. This was where he learned the most. "That's when I got good," he says. The LBG Fife and Drum Corps has had up to twenty members (their numbers swell in the summer when college students return home to join them) under the direction of Anne and Cormac Quinn, and they play for parades and events all over the northeast. Every summer, the Corps travels to the New York-Connecticut area, the home for fife and drum corps. They usually attend the Deep River Ancient Muster and the Civil War Troopers Muster.

The LBG Fife and Drum Corps is a paid marching group, but the pay it receives is enough to cover the costs of transportation only. This tight-knit group of about twelve regular musicians consists of, not surprisingly, fifes (the precursor to the flute) and drums. There are usually five fifes, five snare drums, and two bass drums. Matt had started on the bass drum, now he plays the snare drum. In May, the LBG Fife and Drum Corps performed at the World Cup Polo match in Leesburg, Virginia. It was a command performance in the president's tent, and it was supposed to have been in front of Queen Elizabeth II,

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Garden

A Garden in June

By Maureen O'Connell

**June is bustin' out all over
All over the meadow and the hill
Flowers bustin' out on bushes
And the roughen river pushes
Every little wheel that wheels
beside the mill.**

"Carousel"

(Rodgers & Hammerstein)

May might be considered the fairest month, and in Camelot the lusty month, but I think Oscar Hammerstein got it right about June. A garden lives through four seasons or cycles—winter, spring, summer, and fall—and within each there are different segments. For the summer garden, I believe that June is the most beautiful and prolific month. The spring flowers are dying back and giving way to the blooms of early summer. My roses are at their peak, especially in the first week of June. The days are warm and sunny, and evenings are cool, so the fresh, new plants are not overstressed. Most of the plant pests have not yet arrived on the scene. The humidity is usually low enough that fungal diseases are not a problem. If you have done your early spring homework, maintaining a beautiful and disease-free garden in June is easy. It is a pleasure to be working outside. One must enjoy this while one can, since in our area, it is not much fun gardening in the heat and humidity of July and the dog days of August.

With this said, I must admit that this spring and early summer were a bit out of the ordinary. The gnats have arrived very early. Unless you get out to your garden by 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., you are bombarded with hordes of pesky gnats. Even my Buzz Off insect repellent baseball cap and shirt are no defense. Blackspot, that heinous, defoliating scourge of roses, appeared almost overnight when my roses broke into leaf. Even my David Austin rose, Glamis Castle, which is reputed to have great disease resistance, was completely covered with blackspot by the first week of June. To save it, I had to take drastic action—I pruned it back to the ground. Now after spraying it with a fungicide, it is slowly showing new growth. This blackspot attack is half my fault; I did not follow my own advice and spray all my roses before they showed signs of the disease. You can't cure it, but

you can prevent it. So, keep your fungicide spray handy, and stop diseases before they appear. Let's now look at a checklist for the end-of-June garden.

Most of the foliage of the spring bulbs should now be ready to be gently pulled up and discarded. Fill in the gaps with annuals. Next year when you are planting bulbs, try to plant them amongst daylilies. The newly emerging fronds of the lilies will cover up the dying bulb foliage, and soon the lily flowers will add some new color.

Japanese beetles aren't here yet, but the aphids are everywhere. If you see white, powdery soot with black lines on the underside of tree leaves, it is the work of aphids. A newly-planted river birch that I have in the back yard was covered with them. I sprayed with an insecticide. I then found a new product that will give trees and shrubs year-long protection. It is manufactured by Bayer under the name Merit Twelve Month Insect Protection for Trees and Shrubs. It is very easy to use—no spraying. Just mix with water and pour around the trunks and bases of trees and shrubs. It controls such pests as aphids, Japanese beetles, borers, and scales.

Now is a good time to apply the second dose of summer fertilizer to roses, hostas, lilies, and other perennials. You should also fertilize your daffodils for next year's growth and bloom. For my roses, I use Espoma Rose Tone and a general 5-10-5 for the other plants.

Some perennials, such as delphiniums, foxgloves, and dianthus have just finished their first bloom cycle. For a second bloom, cut them back now to about six inches above the ground. Fertilize and water well.

Roses have also finished their first wave of blooms. They will be much stronger and more apt to freely flower again if you keep them well dead-headed (that words sounds funny and I don't even know if it is a word, but you know what I mean).

Climbing roses and clematis need a little bit of help from you now. They have a tendency to want to grow vertically, so you have to coax them to grow horizontally. Encourage the little vines to meander along a fence or trellis with some dark green garden twine.

Don't ever put away your pruning shears; pruning is a constant chore.

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Mystery History

Hanover Farm: Off the Beaten Path, Awaiting a New Day

By Rande Davis with Joan Davis Holmberg

Many of the area's grand historical homes that still stand as a testament to a bygone time are quite visible to the casual traveler through our country roads. Others are more off the beaten path. While some are vibrant dwellings with new loving owners maintaining and caring for the property, others are vacant, almost ghost-like, frozen in time, awaiting a new purpose and a new day. One such property is known by various names: Hanover Farm, Charlene Manor, at times informally as the Hempstone Farm

Located near the corner of Route 28 and Route 109 in Beallsville, The Hanover farmhouse is too far from the main road to be seen. It is only partially visible to those golfers of the Members Club at Four Streams as they drive to their clubhouse. The house and property derived Hanover as its original name from a land grant in 1722 when the property was deeded to Dr. Patrick Hepburn, a prosperous Maryland landowner. He chose the name in honor of the English monarch, King George I of the House of Hanover of Great Britain.

Around 1790, the son of Dr. Hepburn, Samuel Hepburn, sold some of the land to two brothers, Christian Townley Hempstone and William Hempstone. The brothers' father, William Mathias Hempstone, had purchased land in Frederick County in 1761. It wasn't until 1776 that parts of Frederick County became today's Montgomery County. William Hempstone was with the Maryland Militia and served his country in the American

Revolutionary War.

Between 1801 and 1804, William Hempstone constructed the brick manor house. An 1804 tax assessment owned by William and Suzanna Hempstone recorded that they owned 525 acres. At his death in 1828, the courts divided the property among eight surviving children. Nathaniel Hempstone, the eldest son and a bachelor all of his life, inherited the home, and following his death, the property was inherited by Nathaniel's younger brother, Armistead. Armistead and his wife, Harriet reared a large family of eight children.

In 1874, Caroline Hempstone married Charles Greenberry Griffith who lived nearby and was the son of the Honorable Thomas Howard Griffith, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. Charles and Caroline practiced a family and farming tradition of a large family, having nine children themselves. He became a successful farmer and miller, and eventually followed his father's footsteps by being elected to the Maryland legislature in 1905 and 1919.

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Charles and Mabel Davis, the fifth (and last generation) to own Hanover Farm



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Focus on Business

The Joys of Clay Art

By Ann Brown

Editor's Note: Ann Brown is a public school teacher who shares her joy of clay art through summer classes. The Monocle asked her to share with our readers her thoughts about working with clay as an art form.

Clay is magnificent stuff, but when you really start working in it, you learn that there are certain liabilities: pots rarely turn out quite the way you expected, and even when you build something truly beautiful, getting it through all the stages of firing and glazing and re-firing is a hazardous venture at best. Yet one is drawn back again and again. There's something about shaping clay, forming something by hand—whether a pot on a wheel or a project by hand—that is profoundly satisfying. It touches a special place inside like nothing else.

Teaching clay is very similar—lots of ups and downs. During the school year, I teach in a public high school and while I still love clay, I sometimes come home at night not loving teenagers. That's one of the reasons summer classes are so great, kids are there because they want to be, not because they got dumped in a class for an art credit. Plus there are no grades. It's the experience that counts—which is the way art ought to be at any age.

This will be my third year of offering Clay Art, and I feel like I'm finally getting a handle on it. The first year was almost the last. In my very first class, I had three brave

little girls signed up who really put their hearts and souls into their projects—which I promptly disintegrated in the kiln—not all their projects, just the ones they liked the best. To a ceramics person, my error was understandable. There was a kiln malfunction /communication problem. However, what good is that to the kids whose never-to-be-repeated projects sit before them in scraps and shards? It was awful; I cringe at the memory. Thank goodness the following year I was able to have my own kiln and things went much better: no disasters. You can be sure I checked and double-checked every step of the way. This year I have two kilns on site; life is good.

ClayArt works because we have fun in our classes. During breaks in clay-making, kids get to play with the bunnies or feed the baby alpacas, or swing in the hammock at snack time. If it gets too hot, there's always the hose to spray on each other.

The other good part about teaching in the summer that I discovered unexpectedly is working with adults. I had no idea what fun it could be! They think, they listen, they are very motivated and have ideas and inspirations; and, best of all, they clean up all by themselves. My favorites are the ones who arrive nervous and unconfident, saying, "I always wanted to work in clay," or "I took a class in high school, but everything broke," and who leave with pots and bowls and platters in hand, terribly proud, realizing they can make anything. It's just a matter of learning the steps. For me, giving people access to that creative experience, the creativity inside themselves, be it child or adult, is what teaching's all about.

Local History

Calamity at Edwards Ferry The Tragic Death of Albert Belote

By Jack Toomey

The summer of 1907 was typical for the Washington area. High temperatures and stifling humidity drove many Washingtonians out of their houses and apartments to the bathing beaches on the Chesapeake Bay while others sought refuge in the cooling waters of the Potomac River. One hundred years ago, the heat and the alluring waters of the C&O Canal caused heartbreak and tragedy for one Washington family.

Albert Belote, who was nineteen years old, had just graduated from Central High School where he was an officer in the Corps of Cadets. In those days, annual marching competitions were held at American League Park which was the home field of the Washington baseball club. On occasion, President Theodore Roosevelt attended these competitions and awarded prizes to the winning schools. Albert's parents and sister were always in attendance and looked on with pride when the president spoke to young

Albert. He had taken a job with the United States Delivery Service and was highly regarded because of his initiative and the speed with which he zipped around the city making deliveries.

On July 21, Albert and a friend, Benjamin Moffatt, who were both seeking the cool air of the country, took the train to Barnesville and then made their way to the home of Moffatt's parents who lived just outside of Poolesville. Most likely the dust on the road to Poolesville caused the boys to be overheated and thirsty. Arriving in Poolesville, the boys greeted Benjamin's parents and quickly made plans to go for a swim in the C&O Canal at Edward's Ferry. Since Benjamin's parents did not live far from the canal, Albert, Benjamin, and a friend named Wright walked down the road to Edward's Ferry and quickly were splashing about in the cool water. In 1907, the canal was still in business but boat traffic was sparse and it is doubtful that the boys had to avoid any of the canal boats that occasionally approached the lock at Edward's Ferry.

After a few minutes of diving and splashing about, Belote announced that he was going to dive

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Remembrance

Kay Moore: Reflections on a Life of Giving

By Rande Davis

Mrs. Kathleen "Kay" B. Moore, age 87, passed away at her home in Boyds on May 26, 2007. She was the wife of the late John W. Moore and the mother of John W. Moore, Jr. of Boyds and Kathy Moore Viessmann of Dickerson.

Born in 1919 in Alpharetta, Georgia, she was one of sixteen siblings born to Robert Lee and Melinda Bowen. As the fourteenth of sixteen children (eight boys, eight girls), Kay found herself raised in a crowded home of a loving family. Perhaps this atmosphere led her to a life, as described by Rev. Charles Hoffacker at her funeral at St. Peter's Church, as being highly regarded for her love of fellowship, hospitality, and kindness. She always seemed most at home in a crowded room filled with friends and family.

With so many siblings, she often reflected on the joys of having siblings who assumed near parental responsibilities and in fact, had a special, almost mother-daughter relationship with her older sister, Ellen Coleman whom she loved so dearly.

This daughter of a successful peanut farmer near Atlanta attended Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee for two years. When World War II broke out, she was one of the "g-girls" who answered the government's urgent need for administrative help, left her family in rural Georgia, and went to Washington and took an administrative position with the War Department (later to be known as the Pentagon).

Her working years were in secretarial/administrative positions at NOVA in Bethesda and NIH in Poolesville. A career highlight was as an administrative assistant to Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer when he wrote his book, "Wedemeyer Reports!" Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer, a Medal of Freedom Award recipient from President Ronald Reagan, was a key war planner during World War II, and also became the Allied Chief of Staff to Chinese Nationalist President Chiang Kai-shek.

As a young woman, dancing became one of her most passionate pastimes and she became so accomplished as to become a dance instructor with Arthur Murray dancing studios. In fact, she met her husband at a church dance, and they enjoyed dancing at Glen Echo, as well as joining many friends from her church and the Lions Club at weekly dances throughout the area.

When her children were teens, she used her interest in dancing to help area teens learn how to dance. Joined by Poolesville High School biology/history teacher, Alex Cicheskie, they gave dance lessons to high school students at the school and then she organized many dances which were held at an old World War II military building at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. She is fondly remembered by many residents for the kindness and extensive time she gave them in their youth as a chaperone and driver. When other working mothers needed help babysitting their child, many turned to her. She also gave much of her personal time helping those older that were in need—even taking some disabled seniors into her home for extended personal care. Winsome Brown of Dickerson recalls how Kay helped one of her cousins realize a personal dream to go to England even though that cousin was disabled, in leg irons, and barely mobile.

This woman from a large family naturally gravitated to groups becoming an active member and leader in many area organizations such as the Women's Club of Upper Montgomery County, Sugarloaf Questors (an antiquing and antiquity club), the Monocacy Garden Club, the Historic Medley District, the American Legion Auxiliary, and various bridge clubs. Her personal favorite was the Women of St. Peter's and the ironic aspect of her joining this group was that it was somewhat by mistake. Boo Painter recalls that Kay, who was raised a Baptist and had attended the Methodist Church, joined a local women's club called the Fellowship Circle and, although started by St. Peter's Church, was, at the time, a non-aligned social club for women. The club eventually, though, became the Women of St. Peter's and Kay became one of the group's most active and devoted members—cooking, baking, and hosting many, many events. She was a person truly energized by friendship, kindness, and finding ways to generously help others.

"Plans for Tow-Story Town Hall Scratched" Continued From Page 1.

interest than in the town's interest. Finally, he isn't convinced that a new RFP won't result in better terms. "I think this [a new RFP] sends a strong message that we are serious about holding the price down, and we might just get bids better than we expect."

When the discussion opened up for public comment, resident Tom Kettler, citing his professional building background (President of Kettler Forlines at Brightwell Crossing), adamantly warned against the complications that would arise from a "change of order." He endorsed a new RFP since removing an entire floor is "not just tweaking a design and that the fiduciary responsibility for the commissioners would be better met, even while costing more upfront...and the better path to follow." He also renewed a suggestion of adding a public restroom facility that could be accessed either from inside the building or from outside for residents attending events at Whalen Commons. Commissioners Yeatts, Hoewing, Brown, and Klobukowski voiced agreement on the need for such a facility for park patrons.

In the end, with a vote of 3-2 in favor of a new RFP, Commissioners Klobukowski, Yeatts, and Hoewing, expressed confidence that the best way to move forward was with a new RFP for the single-story town hall, while Commissioners Kuhlman and Brown had preferred to work with Schaefer Construction, winner of the two-story bid, on a change of order basis for the new design. —

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Local News

Relay for Life Has Great Success but Suffers Vandalism

By all accounts, the 2007 Relay for Life fundraising program to help with cancer relief was a tremendous success. The June 9 opening ceremonies set the stage for a grand finale to the efforts that began in January and continued through scores of separate fundraising events throughout the spring.

The first lap of the twenty-one hour relay was by cancer survivors followed by cancer caregivers. Then each fundraising team decked out in their identifying T-shirts made one lap all together before breaking out into the relay that would go on through the night.

The participants universally spoke about how glad they were to

have participated and how much fun the relay events turn out to be. One of the more dramatic points comes at the lighting of the candles in the evening. Called luminaries, each candle in a bag individually placed around the running track is sponsored, and lit in the memory of or in support of a person who has had to deal with the challenge of cancer.

Although closing ceremonies were postponed due to concern over the weather, the Poolesville Relay for Life had a remarkable achievement by raising \$145,000 and counting.

One frustration was that, while some many people gave up their Saturday to help the cause, some vandals in town stole four street banners used to promote the event to the general public. "These banners cost approximately \$400 to \$500 apiece and four of them were stolen. All we are interested in is getting them back," stated Chontelle Hockenberry.

Local News

Teen Caught Vandalizing Community Sign

Teenagers who destroyed a community sign at the corner of Hughes Road and Budd Road were caught within thirty minutes for the vandalism. When they decided to destroy the sign marking the location of a historical African-American community, Sugarland Forest, they did not realize that even on what appeared to be an isolated road, a citizen heard the noise and immediately investigated. Caroline Taylor was working in her backyard when the smashing of the sign caused her to seek out the reason for the noise, and as she did so, she saw the teenager's car speeding away.

What surprised her the most was that as she was looking at the damage, the teens came back to inspect their "work." As they left the area, she got in her car and followed them. She also called the police, and when

she spotted the truck in Poolesville still with the driver but with the other teens no longer there, Officer Yi of the Montgomery County police department responding within twelve minutes of the call was able to make an arrest.

Mrs. Taylor told the *Monocle*, "The residents in this area are very pleased with the quick action by the police and want to thank Officer Yi, especially, for his help." This incident is a good example of residents working with police helping to stem the vandalism problems within the community.

An offer by Mrs. Taylor to meet with all the youths and their parents to try to resolve the situation through apologies, restitution, and community service has not been accepted by any of the teenagers or the parents. The other teenagers involved have not come forward and are allowing the driver to take the full blame for their actions since he has reportedly not identified the others at this time. His court case is pending.



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Remembrance

Benoni Allnutt

Benoni Dawson Allnutt, 90, a farmer in upper Montgomery County for six decades, died June 12 at the Nightingale House senior care facility in Gaithersburg. Mr. Allnutt, a man widely beloved in the community for his wonderful and robust sense of humor, suffered a stroke in April.

Mr. Allnutt was born on his family's Homestead Farm property near



Sarah and Benoni Allnutt

Poolesville. His father bought the 350 acres in the late nineteenth century from another branch of the family; it now has 230 acres. Mr. Allnutt graduated from Poolesville High School in 1933 and briefly attended the University of Cincinnati before being called back to run the farm for his ailing father. At the time, Homestead Farm was a farm with cattle, wheat, hogs, and corn. Under his guid-

ance, the farm, by the 1960s, began to supply vegetables for a cannery in Gaithersburg. When that business left the area, Mr. Allnutt began selling produce to the public from a truck he drove into Washington. As his farm's reputation grew, he was able to conduct business solely from the produce stand on Homestead Farm. He introduced an educational component to the business in the 1960s by allowing elementary school students to visit and learn about agriculture.

Mr. Allnutt made his own sausage and apple sauce, and he was credited by local publications with having created a powerful homemade Bloody Mary mix.

His oldest son and namesake, who took over the business in the early 1990s, had introduced pick-your-own strawberries and fruit trees to the farm. Mr. Allnutt was the last surviving charter member of the Monocacy Lions Club and membership in community organizations also included the Upper

Montgomery County Farmers Club and Darnestown Presbyterian church. His wife of two years, Lucille Johnson Allnutt, died in 1949. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Sarah Thomas Allnutt of Gaithersburg; five children from his second marriage, Benoni "Ben" Allnutt Jr. of Poolesville, Tom Allnutt of Glenwood, Bob Allnutt of Gaithersburg, and Anne Allnutt and Caroline Allnutt, both of Silver Spring; and eight grandchildren.

And what exactly do the poms do? Well, for starters, they perform at every home football and basketball games. The team will also compete at pom competitions at Damascus and Northwest high school in the fall. They will then compete in the MCPS Pom Competition in January. The poms practice three afternoons a week, and before competitions they also practice Saturdays. They practice in the Poolesville Baptist Church across the street from PHS courtesy of Reverend Fitzgerald. This year, the poms will be able to compete in brand new uniforms.

How do judges determine the best group of girls waving puffballs? Coach Hoponick says they are judged on personality, technique, and memory, the latter being most important. Personality consists of the team's confidence and facial expressions—so smile! The girls must also master different techniques.

Local News

Town of Poolesville Releases First Water Tap Allocations

By Rande Davis

The commissioners of Poolesville voted unanimously to allocate nineteen water and sewer taps to seven property owners, for the town hall, and ninety-eight taps to Winchester Homes, Inc. The decision was based on improved water and sewer capacity, improved water/sewer facility efficiencies, and reduced in-flow and infiltration (I&I) as a result of recent work accomplished by town engineers.

The water and sewer allocation decisions were from the established allocation list from September 20, 2004, and in conjunction with state agencies it was determined that suitable water and sewer resources are now available. The individual property owners gaining the taps were: Hernandez/Powell (four taps – Budd Rd.), Kohlhoss/Haverhill (four taps – Corner of Norris Rd. and Wootton), Quito/Schulman (four taps – Fisher Ave.), D. J. Willard (two taps – near Westerly Ave.), and one tap each for C. Jamison (CBD –Elgin Rd.), C. Jamison (Norris Road), Masden/Fost (Fisher Ave.), Koeser/Herspirger (Beall St.), and Town Hall.

The taps are subject to compliance with the Poolesville Zoning Ordinance, Poolesville Subdivision Regulations, and the Montgomery County Building permit requirements. Such per-

mits must be submitted within twelve months from the date of issuance for those with single lots, and within twenty-four months for multiple taps; the planning commission has full approval authority. The approval of building site plans by the planning commission and the town of Poolesville Commissioners will be required prior to breaking ground.

The resolution to award ninety-eight taps to Winchester Homes, Inc. by unanimous vote on a May 17, 2006 Preliminary Plan of Subdivision was approved by the planning commission but subject to the Public Improvements agreement signed by the developer and town officials. The payment from Winchester Homes, Inc. to the Town of Poolesville for water and sewer allocations will come after the approval of subdivision engineering, final approval by the Planning Commission of the site plan, and final approval and recordation of the Record of Plots for the homes following a thirty-day appeal period allowed by Maryland law.

Mike Conley of Winchester Homes, Inc. made a last-minute request to be awarded a tap for their model home based on the announcement that an additional tap is available under current allocation supply. The Commissioners of Poolesville, however, with President Kuhlman stating that the request, while having merit, is premature, denied the request at this time but allowed for the possibility to review that decision at a later, more timely, date.

They learn ballet and jazz movements and all are capable of executing left, right, and center splits. Memory is the most important of the three ingredients because the team must know exactly what, when, and where they are performing.

Coach Hoponick finds that coaching the poms has been a blast and that the team is a very "cohesive, fun" group. She recognizes that seniors are an integral part of the team because of their abilities and leadership. Next time you watch the poms perform, appreciate how much effort they put into practice to make their movements as fluid and perfect as possible. Many hours of hard practices go into making a routine look effortless. Remember the technique: smile!

PHS Cheerleaders

If the poms don't make you smile, the PHS cheerleaders will cheer a smile

out of you, they certainly cheered smiles out of county judges—giving them a reason to smile themselves. This year, they won the division III County Cheerleading competition.

Like the poms, they regularly support their school at games. They perform at all home football and basketball games as well as a few away games. They don't stop there but raise the crowd at field hockey and soccer games as well.

This past year, seven seniors left the fifteen-girl team. After tryouts in May, Coach Loughney feels that the new team will work very well together, and the girls are also very supportive of each other. They plan to attend a camp in August at the University of Delaware.

Coach Loughney has been a cheerleader since third grade through middle school and high school. When the opportunity came to coach the Poolesville team, she jumped at the chance. She loves coaching the cheerleaders because "they have great personalities and are always fun!"

Youth Sports

Two PHS Teams to Cheer About

By Alicia Agnew

The Poms

Just recently, the Poolesville High School poms held tryouts to determine the coming year's team. Out of twenty-one aspirants, twelve were chosen to be on the team. Tryouts were held by running clinics for three successive days. The girls had to learn different routines and then perform them. This summer, the girls will attend a pom camp at the University of Maryland. Coach Hoponick believes that the camp is a great opportunity for the team to get to know each other and have fun while forging bonds. Practice will begin August 15 to prepare for the season.

Local News

Am Kolel's New Sanctuary

By Dominique Agnew

Perhaps you've seen the beautiful green and gold sign at its entrance. From Route 28, not much of Sanctuary is visible, and from Sanctuary, not much of the hustle and bustle of Route 28 can be seen. Drive up the drive, and peace and serenity are what you'll find at Am Kolel's new retreat in Beallsville. Encompassing nearly thirty acres, Sanctuary, covered with fruit trees, vegetable gardens, flower gardens, woodland trails, streams, wildlife, meditation gardens, a labyrinth, and outdoor chapels, has a rich history as a place of religious contemplation. Under new ownership, the Sanctuary and Retreat Center—aptly named—will serve the Jewish community in myriad ways.

Originally a farm and farmhouse so typical of the area at the beginning of the twentieth century, Sanctuary began its religious roots when it became a convent in the 1950s. Until the 1970s, the nuns made numerous improvements to the property. They built a chapel, the guest house, an outdoor chapel, and planted many gardens. The ten pine trees they planted near the outdoor chapel to represent the Ten Commandments, are now forty-foot-tall pine trees that still represent the Ten Commandments. Says Rabbi David Shneyer, founder of Am Kolel, "The nuns created so much." For the next twenty years, the property was a monastery to the Crossier Monks who continued the gardening traditions begun by the nuns. Until the purchase of the property by Am Kolel Judaic Resource and Renewal Center in 2006, Sanctuary changed hands two more times but was always used for purposes of religious or spiritual renewal.

As a retreat center under the auspices of Am Kolel, it is first necessary to understand what this organization is about. In 1990, Rabbi David Shneyer had already been part of a self-run community called Kehilah Hadasha for numerous years. Kehilah Hadasha was limited in size, and Rabbi Shneyer had received many requests for something to meet the needs of the greater Jewish community. Am Kolel was founded in response to this need. Since then, Am Kolel has had offices in homes and then in office space, until 2006 when Sanctuary became its home.

Am Kolel, as an organization, tries to bring programs to Jews who find themselves isolated geographically and too far from synagogues, or for those who find



Mat Tonti and Rabbi David Shneyer.

that because they married out of their faith, that they are not comfortable in the traditional settings. Hence, the name of Am Kolel which means: An Inclusive People.

With its offices now completely at the Sanctuary, Am Kolel has begun to offer services and activities there. Some of these programs were already in existence and are now taking place at Sanctuary, and some are new to Am Kolel due to the flexibility afforded by Sanctuary. There are workshops, open Shabbes (the Eastern European way of saying the Sabbath day), festivals such as the Jewish Folk Arts Festival, speakers and special guests, and, of course, retreats.

New to Sanctuary will be an educational outreach program geared towards children but focusing on including families, so that children learn and establish with their families the traditions of Judaism. Heading up this new program is Mat Tonti, youth director. Beginning with a one-week summer camp this July and then continuing with regular programs for youth in the fall, Mat will open Cheder, the name for the traditional Jewish one-room schoolhouse of centuries past. While the programs will be geared towards those of the Jewish faith, they will be open to other faiths as well, as Am Kolel has always fostered inclusiveness and has tried to create ties and understanding between people of all faiths.

Mat grew up with a lot of tradition but was not very observant in his youth. In reconnecting with his Jewish faith and heritage, he has found it to be a guiding force that he wishes to share with others. "It's been beneficial to me because it puts life in a whole framework," he says. Life is bigger, tradition is bigger, and God is bigger than everything. Religion, he says, is designed to connect us to something greater than ourselves and to make people be better neighbors. With the toil of our busy lives and the mundane

activities that creep in, we need something else.

He hopes that gathering families through the children's activities will build traditions in the home and in the community. Unlike the old model where children are dropped off and picked up at the door, Mat looks forward to teaching children and their families through arts, nature, and hands-on activities and making it a family event.

One of the hands-on activities, not limited just to students and their families but open to all who may need a few hours away, is the vegetable garden. Covering a huge expanse and planted with a multitude of vegetables, the harvests from the garden are donated to Shepherd's Kitchen Table.

Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Present

May 31, Econo Lodge, Francis Scott Key Parkway, Frederick. A Frederick County deputy spotted an illegally-parked car outside a motel room. He learned that the car had been stolen from BWI Airport in Baltimore. The deputy investigated and found out that the occupant of the motel room, Larnell T. Minor of Poolesville, was wanted in Montgomery County on a charge of a sex offender failing to notify authorities of a change of address. Minor was also charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana as well as auto theft.

Maryland State Police arrested Charles Williams, 30, of no fixed address and charged him with several burglaries in Frederick County. While in custody, Williams admitted that he had committed some of the residential burglaries that have recently happened in the Dickerson area.

Meanwhile, Montgomery police reported no significant criminal activity in the patrol beat that covers Poolesville, Barnesville, Dickerson, and Boyds.

Past

June 22, 1924 Sheriff Plummer made an investigation into the facts of an altercation that happened on the golf course of the Chevy Chase Country Club. Senator Joseph Robinson of Arkansas and Dr. Mitchell of Chevy Chase were playing in different foursomes when an argument developed over the location of a golf ball. Witnesses said that no blows were struck.

Sanctuary is a fantastic place for retreats with its natural setting and easy access, but at the same time, Sanctuary is a place for retreat—retreat from the pressures and stress of daily living. All are welcome to rent the facilities for retreats, all are also welcome to visit Sanctuary to connect with the land and to find peace, tranquility, and a spiritual balance.

For more information about upcoming events or to visit or stay at Sanctuary, visit www.sanctuaryretreatcenter.com or call 301-349-2799. For more information about the youth programs, summer camp, and Cheder, contact Mat Tonti directly on his cell phone at 240-994-8646, or the above number for Sanctuary. To learn what Am Kolel is all about and the resources it provides, visit www.amkolel.org or call Sanctuary.

June 23, 1905 John Messinger was arrested by Frederick Deputy Sheriff Darner on a charge of stealing a harness from the barn of Mr. Hoffman near Araby Church.

June 26, 1945 Three Montgomery County teenagers were killed when their speeding car crashed into a power pole at the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Viers Mill Road in Rockville. Witnesses said that the accident happened about 1:15 a.m. and that the death car was seen speeding down Route 240 (the present day Maryland Route 355) at a high speed shortly before the accident. The driver, who survived the accident, was home on leave from the army.

July 1, 1923 Montgomery County authorities were seeking five men in the death of Eppa Reed whose body was found floating in the Potomac River above Great Falls. It was said that Reed had been visiting a bootlegger and had been robbed and murdered.

July 5, 1955 Two circus workers were arrested by Frederick police after they broke into a restaurant on North Market Street. They had been armed with a realistic toy gun. Police said that the men had been linked to a series of robberies in Ohio, Washington, and Virginia.

July 8, 1902 Charles Dyson died at the Emergency Hospital in Washington after being run over by a Baltimore and Ohio express train at Rockville. Dyson, who lived at Quince Orchard, left his home for Rockville to make purchases. It was said that Dyson apparently fell asleep on the railroad tracks.

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Pulse

Boyd's Negro School Getting Ready for the Future

By Kristen Milton

It's been a bumpy road, but thanks to the donation of a Boyds resident, those hoping for improved accessibility at the historic Boyds Negro School should find the way clear by fall.

Efforts to increase the visibility of the restored one-room schoolhouse, used by African American students from 1895 to 1936 and now owned by the Boyds Historical Society, were dealt a blow in late 2006 with the discovery of termite damage and rot under the sagging floor. That was followed in March by the Maryland Historic Trust's rejection of the historical society's plan to install a permanent outdoor ramp at the site. The decision was somewhat frustrating, acknowledged Elaine Fors-MacKellar, president of

the Boyds Historical Society, since the county had already approved the plans. The school has two steps leading to the front door which have sometimes challenged elderly and handicapped visitors. "[The school] really is a unique resource," said Fors-MacKellar. "We just want to improve accessibility for all our functions."

The Trust recommended use of a temporary ramp, which would not interfere with the appearance of the building. That's where Russ Holt came in. "I've driven by the school dozens of times but have never been inside, obviously, because it's not wheelchair accessible," said Holt, a nine-year resident of Boyds confined to a wheelchair since an injury in 1986, "but it's going to be." Holt said his company, Access Information, owns several portable handicapped ramps. Convincing the board of directors to donate one—an eleven-foot aluminum riser—to the Boyds Negro School was not difficult, he said. In fact, Holt said he had first offered the device last year, but the society chose to pursue a permanent ramp.

Fors-MacKellar said the donated ramp will be stored at the school

site although historic restrictions prohibit any kind of shed or building for housing it. Many specifics remain to be determined as the society works with the county to obtain a new building permit for the site. Changing from a permanent to a temporary ramp means designs for a new porch and door must be reworked, she said.

Meanwhile the historical society's first priority is to complete repairs on the school floor. Thanks to fundraisers and donations from both groups and individuals, the original cost estimates of seven to ten thousand dollars have shrunk to a more manageable amount. "We're trying to do this sort of on a shoestring, but people are committed, and things will get done," Fors-MacKellar said.

Once work is complete, the society hopes more people will visit the tiny school to learn about the history of education in the county—the room has been restored to circa 1900 appearance—and also to make use of the society archives stored there. Field trips, classes, and community events are all anticipated. Fors-MacKellar would like to see the school staffed on a regular ba-

sis, perhaps one weekend a month, for drop-in visitors but admits that might put a strain on the volunteerism of the society's half-dozen members.

Once the school is again ready to receive guests, Holt said the message conveyed by the small building will be magnified by the use of the temporary ramp. "The Boyds Negro School shows the past with segregation but it also shows how far we've come," he said. "People in wheelchairs have been segregated too...I hope people see the ramp and think people with disabilities struggled to get their education too."

If the ramp is eventually approved and employed, Holt said, "I hope I'm the first one on it."

For more information on the Boyds Negro School see www.boydshistory.org

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Erica Lee and Erin Lee of the Korean Drums Musical team.



Erica Lee and Erin Lee of the Korean Drums Musical team.



Greg Slater, principal of Northern Virginia Christian Academy, provided motivational insights for the young people in attendance.



Rev. Jace Broadhurst of Poolesville Baptist Church provides opening remarks.



Mathew Fields, Erica Lee, Erin Lee, and Kayla Pak.

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iDance 2007!

The 24/7 Dance Studio will hold its five-year anniversary dance recital at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. The shows are scheduled for Friday, June 22 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 23 at 2:00 pm. Featuring dancers from all over Frederick County dancing in a variety of styles, over five hundred students will showcase their talents. Tickets are \$14.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-228-2828. For more information about 24/7, visit www.24-7dancestudio.com.

Poolesville's July Fourth Extravaganza!

Back and better than ever, the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department will again host Fourth of July fireworks and activities. Located at the Polo Grounds on Hughes Road, there will be better food, drink, and activities, and, best of all, these will be the most fantastic fireworks ever. Rain date is July 5.

Frederick's Baker Park Hosts Independence Day Celebration

Come celebrate the largest Independence Day Celebration in Frederick County! Festivities begin at noon with opening ceremonies at the Baker Park band shell. Performing on the main stage is classic rock

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As You Like It

Rosalind, Touchstone, Jacques and the rest join together in the Forest of Arden for an evening of romance and laughs in one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. The City Hall Concert Pavilion at 31 South Summit Avenue will be the site of two free performances of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* as the City of Gaithersburg hosts the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company (CSC) on Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14 at 8:00 p.m. The rain date if both performances are cancelled due to inclement weather is Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to bring a blanket and a picnic to make the experience even more enjoyable. The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company was founded in 2002 by a group of artists with the idea that performances of Shakespeare should be exciting, energetic and entertaining. Since that time, CSC has grown to become a regional center of energy and excellence in the performance of Shakespeare and other classic plays. For more information on the July performances in Gaithersburg please call the Gaithersburg Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture at 301-258-6350 or visit the city's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Gaithersburg Sportsfest 2007.

Youth between the ages of five and fourteen are invited to participate in soccer, football, baseball, basketball, and volleyball challenges on Saturday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue. The event is free and all challenge participants will receive prizes and a t-shirt. Hosted by "Gaithersburg Sports!" a program of the City of Gaithersburg, the fun-filled event will include face painting and a moon bounce. Food will also be available for purchase. Activities will take place both indoors and out. Outgrown last year's equipment? Sportsfest 2007 will feature an equipment exchange. Bring in your no-longer-needed-but-still-usable equipment and exchange it for

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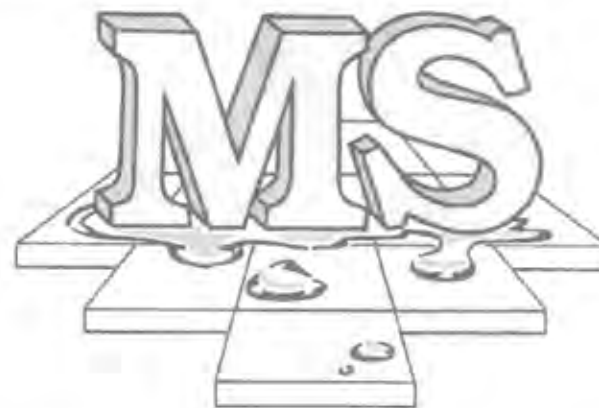
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"Westward Ho!" Continued From Page 3.

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Just outside of Cumberland is the Pawpaw Tunnel located about a fifteen minute drive from Canal Place along the towpath. The tunnel is at mile 156 and can be accessed from Route 51 near Pawpaw, West Virginia. After walking on the canal path for a short stroll, you come to the Pawpaw Tunnel. It doesn't look too long, so you enter. You walk, and you walk, then you step in a puddle. You wish to yourself that you had read the article in the *Monocacy Monocle* in which it is stated: Bring a flashlight for the walk through the Pawpaw Tunnel. Then, fortuitously, you remember that you did read the article (hence you find yourself at the tunnel), and you did bring a flashlight, so you pull it out and you recommence walking. After a while, you realize the tunnel is longer than it looks. A little longer than a half mile and encompassing the canal wide enough for one canal boat

and the railed pathway, the semicircular bricked tunnel is a fine example of the engineering achievements of nineteenth century America, one of the wonders of the world at that time, albeit at the cost of many lives lost to sickness and explosives accidents. Here and there are weep holes in the walls, and at the time of the last renovation, one hole was left open so visitors can see how thick the brick lining on the interior really is.

Coming up is the Canal Fest from July 6 to July 7. This year, the tenth anniversary of Canal Fest, there will be free live music performances all weekend long at Canal Place. For those who would rather make a weekend or longer trip out of this possible day trip, there are numerous lodging possibilities in historic buildings in downtown Cumberland or just outside of the town in its naturally beautiful surroundings. Within a short drive of Cumberland are Deep Creek Lake and Frostburg. To make reservations for the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, call 800-TRAIN50 or visit www.wmsr.com.

"Hanover Farm!" Continued From Page 6.

After Charles Griffith died in 1931, his daughter Harriet purchased the home from the other heirs of his estate and renamed the property Charlene Manor in honor of her parents, Charles and Caroline. Harriet sold Charlene Manor to her nephew, Charles Davis in the mid-1930s. He and his wife, Mabel raised their two children, in the house. Mr. Davis, who was a great, great grandson of William Hempstone (the builder of the farm house) was a successful dairy farmer until his retirement in 1963. For over 160 years, the Hanover/Char-

lene Manor/Hempstone Farm was owned and farmed by five generations of the same family. Upon retirement, Charles Davis sold the home to Edward and Mary Stock who reinstated the original Hanover name to the property, and restored many features of the historic home. In 1980, the home was accepted onto the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, the two-hundred-year-old farmhouse is hidden behind a large fence on the grounds of the golf course. Instead of the dairy cows which grazed in the pastures it overlooks, golfers fill the fairways on the spectacularly beautiful golf course, unaware of the proud and grand past




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Local News

Cindy Simpson Ordained at the Cathedral

By John Clayton

Cynthia Adelle "Cindy" Simpson, formerly the assistant rector at St. Peter's Parish Episcopal Church in Poolesville, and a current resident of Poolesville, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at the Washington National Cathedral on June 9, 2007. This is a critical step in process of becoming an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church.

The presiding and ordaining bishop was the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, Bishop of the Washington Diocese. Eight other deacons were ordained along with Ms. Simpson in front of a sizeable crowd that included a significant contingent from the Poolesville area. The Reverend Steve Hayward of Brooksville, Maine, former rector at St. Peter's, was also in attendance. The Reverend Simpson was presented by St. Peter's parishioners Dr. Alf Andreassen and Barbara Andreassen, St. Peter's interim rector, the Reverend Charles Hoffacker, and the Reverend Karen Johnson.

In Bishop Chane's sermon, he opened with several anecdotes concerning his experiences as a seminarian in the vastly different world of the early 1970s. He included accounts of clashes with his own bishop as he became involved in the social and political turmoil

of those times which he contrasted with our present time. He exhorted the newly-ordained deacons to be aggressive and forthright in their leadership, and not to try to be all things to all people, but to stand up for what they and their church believe. It was not enough to perform acts of charity, but that they would be expected to fight for justice.

Ms. Simpson is originally from Alexandria, Virginia. She received her undergraduate education at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and received her Master's of Divinity degree in 1985 from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She was ordained a Baptist minister in 1987 and eventually came to St. Peter's in 1999. She subsequently decided to pursue a career as a priest in the Episcopal Church, where, as she told the *Monocle*, the breadth and variety of opportunities for women clergy are more open-ended. Ms. Simpson left St. Peter's in 2006 to pursue her goal, and added a year of Anglican Studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia to her qualifications.

The Reverend Simpson will be the Chaplain for the Christ Episcopal School at Christ Church in Rockville this coming fall and hopes to be ordained a priest in 2008.



The Reverend Simpson with her parents, O.C. and Mary Simpson (kneeling and seated in front), her son Jackson (standing behind Mrs. Simpson) and many friends.

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"Matt Conley" Continued From Page 5.

but she didn't show up—her loss.

By the time Matt reached the ninth grade and high school, he was an accomplished percussionist and was immediately accepted into the top band. The following year, he helped his music director at St. John's, Ken Hammann, start a jazz band. During that first year, the jazz band learned how to read and play jazz music, performing periodically for alumni groups. Their second year, they were invited to play at the Blues Alley in D.C. Of course, Matt says it's "cool to say [they] played at Blues Alley," but more impressively, "It was neat to be on the same stage as a whole bunch of famous people have been."

This past year, his senior year, also found him in another musical group at St. John's, Grace Notes, a newly-formed a cappella chorus. After an a cappella group from Stanford University, the Stanford Harmonics, performed at St. John's, many of the students showed great interest in having an a cappella group at the school, so Matt's former religion teacher turned chorus teacher, Meg Russell, started Grace Notes. The roughly fifteen singers sing anything from "In My Life" by the Beatles to the African spiritual "Go Down Moses" to the national anthem. These two groups, the jazz band and Grace Notes, performed in competition at Disney World this spring along with the St. John's wind ensemble (with which Matt has played all four years). Matt says that according to Ken Hammann, they performed with and against the "best of the best of the nation," and the three groups received superior and excellent ratings.

So Matt plays drums and he sings. Well, we're not finished yet. Matt has been playing the guitar—on the side—as an accompanist for the choir at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church. He began playing in middle school where the music teacher was a professional gui-

tarist who offered lessons. Matt began expanding upon what he had learned from the teacher by constantly learning new chords and picking out his favorite popular songs. He also received some guidance from his father who also plays guitar and is the music director at OLOP.

Matt is also involved in the musical productions at St. John's and was cast in the lead role for "High School Musical" for this spring. In the beginning, Matt was having trouble hitting some of the high notes for the songs, and some of the keys were lowered to accommodate his voice, but in preparation for the production, he received training from the choreographer's husband, actor Jordan Price, and, to his amazement, he was able to hit all the notes in the original keys. Matt also has a high regard for the theater director at St. John's, Tim Emerson. "He has helped me a lot through high school," says Matt. "I personally see him as a kind of mentor."

Matt has decided to follow in the footsteps of his many mentors and pursue a degree in music education. He will be attending Towson University where he also hopes to be involved in musical groups and drama productions. In choosing Towson, he said they had the most organized audition, and when he had to sight read a piece on the xylophone for them (which didn't go very well), they told him to stop. He feels he's ready to be told he's not good, as opposed to the usual "nice try."

As they have for many years, the LBG Fife and Drum Corps performed at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg, Virginia over Father's Day weekend. Friday night they beat a tattoo, then Saturday, they marched in a parade through Main Street.

To catch Matt and the LBG Fife and Drum Corps in performance, they will give a concert at Ida Lee Park at 7:00 p.m. on July 4. As they have done for several years, they will perform this popular concert before the crowds waiting for the Leesburg Fireworks to begin.

"Garden in June" Continued From Page 6.

here and there. If someone is smothering his neighbor, cut him back. If he looks too tall and leggy, cut him back. Don't like the shape of that shrub, cut him back.

If you have any Oriental or Asiatic lilies about to bloom, and if you also have a pesky deer population with a taste for your garden's flowers, buy some Liquid Fence. It really works. It is that smelly stuff that discourages deer from taking a big bite out of your lily buds. I spray them about once a week.

If you have a vegetable garden, I hope you followed my advice and

covered the plot with garden fiber. It is wonderful; there are no weeds. You can actually find your vegetables! If you did not put it down, try Preen, the granular weed control. It works very well. Remember, your garden might look okay now, but wait until mid-July, and you might have more weeds than vegetables. We all know what I am talking about.

Don't forget to keep a sharp eye out for patio containers. In hot weather, they dry out very quickly. They will also profit from a biweekly dose of fertilizer.

I can't seem to remember any lyricists who have celebrated the months of July and August in song. But, we still have June. "Because it's June... June, June. Just because it's June, June, June!"

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June 25

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June 30

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July 14

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**"MES Principal Cynthia Duranko Keeps Her Promise"
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requirement by over 6,000 minutes.

Ms. Duranko decided to use the opportunity to educate the students on safety requirements and recommendations when driving an ATV. At a school-wide assembly prior to her drive through the obstacle course, the students were ushered into the all-purpose room to hear about the safety rules of driving an ATV that also included a presentation on the proper equipment necessary to maximize safety.

After the assembly, Ms. Duranko donned her full-gear ATV driver's outfit which included safety helmet, extra pads for her legs and back, gloves, and full-body suit, and prepared to meet the students outside at the temporary obstacle course set up for the event.

The field had a series of blue cones that she was to circumvent, sand-filled bags about the size of baseball bases designed to give her a slight jar, plus a daring ramp she hoped to drive over into a pile of hay. As she roared onto the field on a blue ATV supplied by Criswell Power Sports of Germantown, the

students cheered wildly and applauded even more robustly as she made her way around the obstacle course.

At the end, the time for her to drive over the ramp raised the tension level. On the first pass, she drove up to the ramp just to check it out and look around to become familiar with her final challenge. Then she made her way around the field to gain momentum before hitting the ramp. On the second pass, she seemed to have second thoughts and stopped short of actually going over. Then, with the students cheering her on, she picked up the momentum, made her way around the course one last time, and successfully drove up and over the ramp safely.

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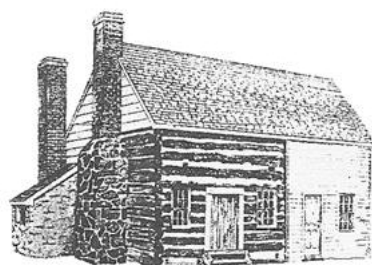


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Tidbits

Amy Fitzwater and Mark Shiloh Wed



Fitzwater/Shiloh

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The bride, a 2001 graduate of

Poolesville High School, earned a B.A. degree in history from Rollins University. She is pursuing a Master's degree at George Mason University. The groom holds a Bachelor's degree in information systems and business from the University of Richmond and has completed one year of graduate studies toward a Master's degree. He manages real estate and is renovating the house where the couple will reside in Warrenton.

Brian Yost Completes Basic Training with U.S. Navy

Brian Yost, a 2006 graduate of Poolesville High School graduated Naval Boot Camp with honors this past May. He was the Recruit Petty Officer in Charge of his division and won the USO shipmate award out of over 690 recruits. He graduated from Great Lakes Recruit Naval Station and will attend advanced electronics school in Great Lakes until February.



Brian Yost

Brian is the son of Wade and Theresa Yost of Poolesville.

Mary Ann Powell Publishes First Book

Mary Ann Powell, career information coordinator at Poolesville High School for twenty-eight years, has published her first book, *Emerson*, about Loafing Hills Horse Farm located at the foothills of Sugarloaf Mountain. It is a novel based on fact and Powell's experiences with horses over the past twenty-five years.

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UMCVFD is grateful for the generosity of the Hughes Road soccer grounds property owner, Michael Rubin, the Capitol Polo Club, Commissioners of Poolesville, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jamison's Real Estate, and Selby's Market.

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3438. The name of the business will be placed on the sign for everyone to see as they enter the fireworks spectator area. "Every dollar buys a better show," said Jeffery Eck, Chairman of the Fireworks Committee.

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**"Calamity at Edwards Ferry
The Tragic Death of Albert Delote"
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into the water and swim to the other side of the canal. To the horror of his friends, Belote surfaced after his dive, began flailing in the water, and yelled for help. His friend Benjamin jumped into the water and grabbed Albert's hands and began towing him back to the canal bank. Then suddenly, Albert thrust his arms around Benjamin's neck causing both boys to sink beneath the surface of the water. When they reached the bottom, Belote loosened his grip on Moffat's neck allowing Moffat to rise to the surface. In the meantime, young Wright had secured a pole from the lock tender and had thrust it out towards Moffat who grabbed it and was dragged to shore. Because he had swallowed a great deal of water, Moffat wasn't ready to dive back in to look for his friend. When he did, he could find no trace of him. Other people, who were in the area, came running to the scene and made repeated dives into the water. Finally, a stranger located the body of Albert Belote on the bottom of the canal. Using resuscitation methods very similar to those used today, Moffat, Wright, and passersby attempted to breathe life back into the limp body of Belote. There was no use. Albert Belote was dead.

Someone was dispatched to the Moffat home and the terrible news was delivered. It is not known how Belote's father, Albert S. Belote, was notified, but soon enough, he made arrangements to have his son's body brought back to the city for burial. Most of Albert's classmates from Central High School attended the services and accompanied their pal to Rock

Creek Cemetery.

Unfortunately, the story of Albert Belote's death does not end here. In the weeks after the drowning at Edwards Ferry, townsfolk in Poolesville were astonished to see a disheveled man wandering the streets mumbling nonsense. At night, they were frightened to hear the voice of a man wailing in anguish. Eventually, someone sent for the sheriff who came from Rockville. In a short time, he located the disturbed man. It was Albert S. Belote, the father of the drowned boy. He was taken to Rockville and put on a train in a straightjacket and accompanied to Washington by a deputy. He was handed over to the police on a charge of insanity. A year later, Mr. Belote, who had been released from an asylum, burst into the office of the Superintendent of the Post Office and was in the act of beating him when the police arrived. He was given a lenient sentence because, ironically, he had saved the lives of some people who had fallen through the ice at the Tidal Basin. In 1910, after being warned by a judge to stay away from his wife, he attacked her at the family home. Albert S. Belote, who at one time had been sent to Panama by the president on a diplomatic mission, now overcome with grief because of his son's death, was adjudged to be a hopeless alcoholic and insane person, and he was sent to a secure insane asylum.

Today, the waters of the canal are gone. The underbrush and kudzu have claimed the spot where a hundred years ago, Albert Belote, a promising and intelligent young man, lost his life.



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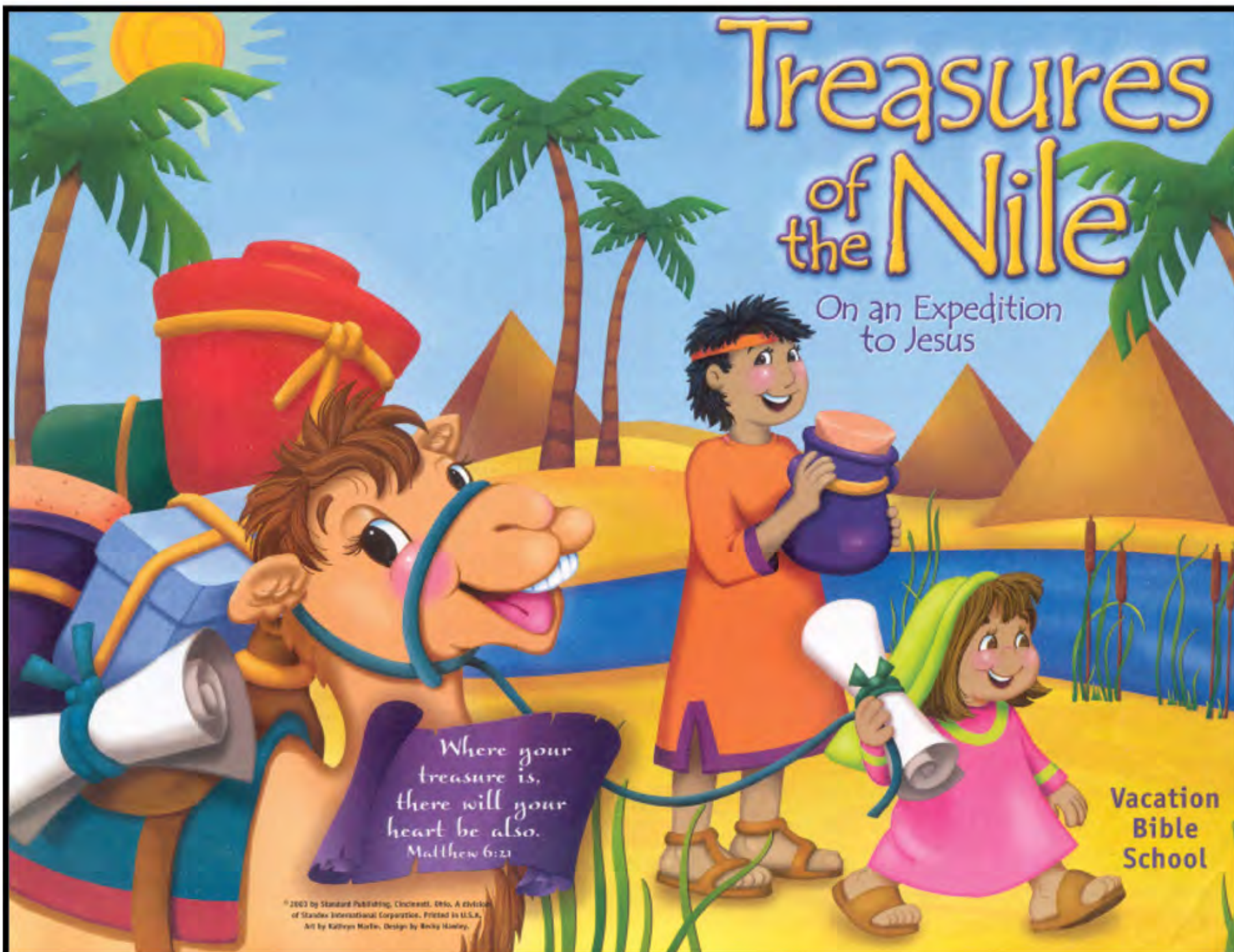
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Skits, music, crafts, waterplay and games are awaiting four year olds to rising fifth graders.

Since our church is under construction this summer, we are holding our Vacation Bible School at the Poolesville Baptist Family Life Center located at 17550 West Willard Road (across from Poolesville High School).

A donation of \$15/child or \$30 /family is kindly requested. Come and join in the fun. Space is limited.

For more information call St. Peter's Church at 301-349-2073.