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*Barbara Zemskova beat her Einstein HS opponent in two sets. Read all about it in Youth Sports on Page 16.*



*He's out there for our safety. Read about Sergeant Kwaloff in Local News on Page 6.*



*Once again, Local History takes us to a mysterious location, on Page 7.*



*Mack Brenholtz performing as part of the beginning of the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra at Poolesville Day. Read more on Page 20. (Photograph by Hilary Schwab Photography.)*

## Town Awaits Compliance Report from MDE on Water Supply

By Rande Davis

After nearly two years of testing the town water supply for suspected elevated levels of alpha emitting radionuclides, town officials expect that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will give full compliance relating to the safety of the water supply.

Radionuclides are naturally-occurring compounds in the aquifer which decay and emit radiation. Examples include radon, radium, uranium, and thorium. The level of allowable alpha radionuclides in the water supply by the MDE must be under 15 pCi/L (Pico Curies per liter) based on an average of four quarterly samples. Should contamination exceed that amount, then treatment would be required. This past spring, well number four was determined to be compliant,

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*The well house for Town of Poolesville wells number nine and number ten.*



*Ben Daughtry listens to Montgomery County Council President George Leventhal.*

## Ribbon Is Cut For New Medical Center

By John Clayton

The Mercy Health Clinic, a non-profit free health facility, opened its expanded facility with a rededication ceremony on September 20 at their new location at 7-1 Metropolitan Court in Gaithersburg. The ceremony was moderated by the clinic's Board of Directors Vice Chairman Ben Daughtry, and was attended by over a hundred people, including a number of politicians and other local luminaries.

The facility had been in Germantown for almost seven years in space

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*Taking a break from the games, yard sale, and music, a group awaits the start of the cake walk at the United Memorial Methodist Church's annual Lord's Acre festival.*



*Patsy and Tom Dillingham (left) join Angelo Bizzaro for barbequed chicken at the annual Rural Women's Republican Club's fundraising dinner to benefit their high school scholarship program.*



*PHS Varsity cheerleaders take it to a new level as the Falcons defeat Boonsboro*



*Poolesville High School Athletic Director Fred Swick joins Virginia Ellen Perkins at the dedication of the stadium press box in honor of her late son, Jake Perkins, for the contributions he made to high school sports.*

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## Equestrian

### Ten Tips for Weight Reduction in the Overweight Horse

Compiled by the doctors of Monocacy Equine Veterinary Associates and the American Association of Equine Practitioners

As a horse owner, you play an important role in controlling your equine companion's weight. Sound nutrition management, a regular exercise program, and veterinary care are key to keeping your horse fit and healthy. Maintaining the ideal weight is not always easy, however.

When implementing a weight loss program for the overweight horse, it's important to do it gradually and under the supervision of an equine veterinarian. Follow these guidelines:

Be patient. Weight reduction should be a slow, steady process so as not to stress the horse or create metabolic upsets.

Make changes in both the type and amount of feed gradually. Reduce rations by no more than ten percent over a seven-to-ten-day period.

1. Track your horse's progress by using a weight tape. When the horse's weight plateaus, gradually cut back its ration again.
2. Step up the horse's exercise regimen. Gradually build time and intensity as the horse's fitness improves.
3. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water so the horse's digestive and other systems function as efficiently as possible and rid the body of metabolic and other wastes.

4. Select feeds that provide plenty of high quality fiber but are low in total energy. Measure feeds by weight rather than by volume to determine appropriate rations.

5. Select feeds that are lower in fat since fat is an energy-dense nutrient source.

6. Switch or reduce the amount of alfalfa hay feed. Replace with a mature grass hay to reduce caloric intake.

7. Feed separate from other horses so the overweight horse doesn't have a chance to eat his portion and his neighbor's too. In extreme cases of obesity, caloric intake may also need to be controlled by limiting pasture intake.

10. Balance the horse's diet based on age and activity level. Make sure the horse's vitamin, mineral, and protein requirements continue to be met.

Once your horse has reached its ideal body condition, maintaining the proper weight is a gentle balancing act. You will probably need to readjust your horse's ration to stabilize its weight. Exercise will continue to be a key component in keeping the horse fit. Because obesity can affect a horse's health, communicate regularly with your veterinarian. Schedule regular check-ups, especially during the weight reduction process.

For more information about caring for the obese horse, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Overweight Horse" brochure, provided by the American Association of Equine Practitioners in partnership with Educational Partners Bayer Animal Health and Purina Mills, Inc., or visit the AAEP's horse health website, [www.myHorseMatters.com](http://www.myHorseMatters.com).

## Business Briefs

### Solar Power: Local Company Responds to Demand

Standard Solar of Rockville merged with LBA Renewable Energy last year and is now installing residential solar electric systems and hot water systems at an ever-increasing rate. Customers range from middle-income families to wealthy homeowners, people wanting to do the right thing and make an investment in the future. "You get thirty years of power at a fixed price," says Lee Bristol, Standard Solar's vice president and general manager. An average home, getting half of its power from solar electricity, displaces approximately 164 tons of greenhouse gases over the photovoltaic (PV) system's lifetime.

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companies meet peak power demand.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors, Monocacy Monocle:

My name is Bob Bachman. I reside in the Elizabeth's Delight subdivision off Elgin Road in Poolesville, Maryland. I would like to correct some aspects of your story entitled "Commissioners Approve Deed Change" from the September 14 issue and to provide some new information on the safety of the entrance to Brightwell Crossing. At that commissioners meeting, I expressed my concerns about the safety of the entrance into Brightwell Crossing (as currently designed). The current design does not have a left-hand turn lane for cars headed south on Route 109 that want to turn into the new subdivision. I stated that there was an extremely short stopping distance between the turn at the historic Elijah Church and the proposed entrance into Brightwell Crossing, and that it did not appear safe for cars coming out of the turn heading south if there were cars stopped to turn into the subdivision. I based my statement by using the current site plan available on the Brightwell Crossing subdivision to determine where the entrance would be

and how close it was to the Route 109 curve. I urged the commissioners to be sure these traffic safety issues were thoroughly evaluated from the town, county, and state transportation and safety perspectives. Another resident, Kim Stypeck, was at that meeting, and she also expressed her concern about the safety of the Elgin Road entrance to the subdivision. The commissioners asked the Planning Commission to consider the safety of the entrance at their next meeting.

My comments to the commissioners did not introduce or comment on the proposal to consider using a roundabout/traffic circle at the intersection of Elgin Road and Route 109. That proposal was made by Mr. Sneed. Subsequently, I attended the September Poolesville Planning Commission meeting and again expressed my concerns that the Elgin Road entrance to Brightwell Crossing was not safe for vehicles turning left into the new subdivision, and I asked the Planning Commission to reconsider the current subdivision entrance plan. The Planning Commission asked Mr. Kettler to organize a meeting of the town man-

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## Commentary

### It's the Little Things That Can Matter the Most

By Rande Davis

Even in our quiet corner of the world, it amazes me how we at the *Monocle* can come up with a headline article issue after issue. Just when nothing seems to be there, a story will emerge. The big story certainly can make our job easier. Yet, three stories came to my attention in recent weeks that underscores an adage we all know: "It's the little things that matter most." In telling these three stories, it will be best to leave it up to you as to whether or not they matter. Most likely none of them would have been a headline.

The first story is about a woman who faced some real temptation. One evening, when leaving Selby's Market, she tripped over something in the waning light of dusk. In a hurry, she almost didn't bother to check it out. When she did look back, she saw a brown, bulky bag with a label on it. As she picked it up, she was shocked to discover \$3,000.00 in cash. She admits

to having some real temptation—no one seemed to be around to see her pick it up. No one would ever know if she just kept the money and went home. The little devil on her shoulder was giving her lots of ideas. Then, this religious woman got really worried. Maybe, just maybe, God was testing her. What to do? In the end, she had only one choice. Reading the name on the label, she found the number listed in the phone book somewhere in Montgomery County.

She called the number and got a woman who seemed very stressed and didn't want to talk at all. She asked for the gentleman's name on the label and was told he was not able to talk to anyone at the moment. Our finder simply asked if he had lost something recently. That got the woman's attention, and when the gentleman came on the line, she explained the reason for her call. It was discovered that he had recently had to borrow some money from a friend because of a very difficult personal situation and lost the money on the way home. She made the arrangements to return his money.

In the end, she did get a little reward, but the real reward would be with her the rest of her life.

Another story came from Poolesville Day. A patron went into the Corner Café looking to escape the intense heat of the afternoon. As soon as the person walked

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through the door, the owner took one look at the person, stopped what he was doing on a very busy day, rushed over with an ice bag, placed it on the person's forehead, and told him to sit down and rest. The elderly person didn't realize just how overheated he had become, but the shop owner had recognized the serious signs of trouble and had responded very quickly. Even on a busy day, sometimes even the customers have to wait. It's just a little thing that mattered to the owner.

The last story was one I experienced. I pulled over to talk to my daughter on the cell phone while going out Cattail Road. There was a spot near a driveway entrance that looked safe. As I was on the phone,

a woman drove into the driveway and traveled back to the farmhouse which was a long distance away—the house cannot be seen from the road. As I sat talking, a few minutes later, a car came from the house and a gentleman got out of his car. I thought maybe I was blocking his way, and I apologized to him only to find that out he had driven to the road just to see if I was okay or if I needed help. Assisting a driver in need was just a little thing that mattered to him.

Headline news? We don't think so, but we just thought you should hear about these little stories that often can really mean the most.

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# Cooking Winter Squash Soup with Bacon: Amazing—Guaranteed

By Dominique Agnew

The air has begun to cool; the leaves are turning; autumn is upon us. While some may look to the pumpkins in the local fields and see harvest decorations and jack o' lanterns, my eyes see pumpkin soup, pumpkin pie, and pumpkin bread—in that order—and if there's anything left over, into the freezer it goes. Many of my recipes

are for pumpkin this or that, but I've found that any winter squash, butternut or acorn, can be satisfactorily substituted for pumpkin—especially in the soup.

This recipe for winter squash soup, adapted from a Bon Appétit recipe, is phenomenal. It's easy to prepare, takes less than an hour from start to finish, and with a good bread on the side, makes a complete meal

by itself or a wonderful early course in a holiday meal. Like many soups, it also gets better with age, so it's a perfect recipe to prepare a few days in advance when getting ready for festivities.

Add olive oil to bacon in pot, and add onions, celery, and carrots. Cook vegetables on medium high heat for eight to ten minutes. Add stock, pumpkin/squash, and leaves of thyme sprigs. Simmer for twenty minutes. After soup has cooled a little, pass through blender in batches. Add half and half and nutmeg to purée. Correct seasoning. Serve soup hot. Add grated cheeses on top after ladling into individual bowls.

\*There are many ways to cook winter squash and pumpkin. The manner in which it's cooked doesn't really matter. For those who have never cooked fresh squash/pumpkin, do not peel it first. Cut your pumpkin into large pieces. Remove seeds and stringy stuff. Place in a large pot with some water (maybe an inch), bring water to boil, then cook covered, keeping the water boiling. When the flesh is tender, let cool, and then the peel comes off very easily, and the flesh can be packed into a measuring cup. Also, when I freeze pumpkin, I simply freeze the cooked pumpkin in two-cup batches since most recipes are in those increments.

- ½ pound bacon
- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 medium/large onions, chopped in one-inch pieces
- 2 stalks celery, chopped in one-inch pieces
- 2 medium/large carrots, chopped in one-inch pieces
- 8 cups stock, chicken or water from cooking squash
- 4 cups cooked winter squash or pumpkin
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 cup half and half
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- grated cheeses to use as topping like cheddar, parmesan, and the like

In a large, heavy pot, brown bacon. Meanwhile, in another large pot, cook squash/pumpkin in some water (or pressure cook) until flesh is very tender.\* When bacon is browned, pour off grease.



The presentation of the pumpkin soup is also important.




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**Local News**

**Police Use Education And Enforcement in Battle Against Teen Alcohol Abuse**

By Jack Toomey

A graduation party is underway in a rural field north of Poolesville. Some uninvited guests are asked to leave only to return a few hours later wearing masks. They severely beat a partygoer and then fire shots into the air. When the police arrive, they find a large quantity of empty beer cans in the field. Later in the summer, the police are called to a street near Damascus. Officers learn that a large party is underway inside a house where alcohol is being consumed by teenagers. The officers ask to come in but are refused by the parents. Looking in a window, they see a sixteen-year-old girl passed out and covered in her own vomit. Finally, the police get into the house and revive the young girl. The parents are given civil citations carrying fines over twenty-



*Sargeant Tim Kwaloff of the Alcohol Initiative Section of the Montgomery County Police Department.*

five thousand dollars. A few weeks later, teenagers, all of whom had been drinking, show up at the Upper County Emergency Center, commandeer a wheelchair, and push an intoxicated friend through the front door, and then run away.

All of these incidents are indicative of the problem of teenage drink-

ing in Montgomery County that is being addressed by the Alcohol Initiative Section of the Montgomery County Police. The unit, which has been in existence for about fifteen years, is under the command of Sgt. Tim Kwaloff. The unit works exclusively in the evenings when the prevalence of drunk driving, sale of alcohol to minors, and consumption of alcohol by teenagers, are most likely to occur. Sargeant Kwaloff said, "Our main goal is teaching. We spend a lot of time [teaching] in the schools." Every year the squad presents a unit of instruction to tenth graders in every public high school in the county. They bring along special goggles that teenagers wear and then attempt to do simple tasks like kicking a ball. The goggles give the student an idea of how it feels to be intoxicated. They also bring a small tractor to the school and teenagers who have learner's permits are permitted to drive it in the school parking lot while wearing the goggles. The officers also show videos, occasionally bring guests who have been horribly maimed in alcohol-related crashes, and talk about scenes that they have witnessed.

Sargeant Kwaloff, who grew up in Montgomery County, attended Churchill High School, and earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, told a *Monocle* reporter that over eighteen hundred citations were issued last year to teenagers for the illegal possession of alcohol. Typically, his unit will be tipped off by a concerned neighbor about a party where teenagers are drinking alcohol. The officers will respond and

either arrest or issue citations to those in possession of alcohol and call the parents and request that they come to the party site and pick up their teenagers. In 2006, the Montgomery County Police issued eighteen hundred citations for underage drinking. Twice a year, the county police join with other county law enforcement agencies and form task forces to combat alcohol abuse. The next task force is over the holiday period when they will concentrate on drunk driving and holiday parties. Next spring, the task force will again be in action during prom season.

The Alcohol Initiative Section also gives presentations at Parent Teacher Association meetings and meets with community groups. Besides concentrating on teenage parties and drunk driving, the officers conduct surveillances of beer and wine stores that are suspected of selling alcohol to minors. They also enforce quality of life offenses such as people drinking and urinating in public.

Sargeant Kwaloff remarked that many parents have no idea where their teenagers go at night. He said that parents should be alert for the timeworn excuse that some teenagers use where they claim to be spending the night at a friend's house. Kwaloff said that he could not count the number of times that parents had been called to pick up their teenager from a party and claimed that the teen was supposedly spending the night with a friend somewhere else. He also said that parents should know the parents of the host and call ahead of time to make sure that an adult will be present and is aware of the sleepover.

Kwaloff also said that he would advise parents to be suspicious of teenagers who are occasionally sick in the morning without explanation. The prevalence of false identification cards is also epidemic. He remarked that his unit seizes two or three fake IDs at every party where they are called.

Kwaloff mentioned that the problem of alcohol abuse by teenagers is much bigger than most are aware. He said, "It is a bigger problem than we know of, we only know about the parties that we hear about. How many parties are there that neighbors don't call about?" When talking about the Poolesville and northwest part of the county, he said, "I think that the citizens of Poolesville believe in handling [things] themselves instead of calling

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## Local History

### Hanged on Sugarloaf

by Jack Toomey

Sergeant Harry Volkman was appointed to the police force in Washington, D.C. in 1861, just as the chaos of the Civil War engulfed the city. He had an eventful career that spanned almost forty years. Volkman suffered many broken bones and even lost an eye serving the city. Arresting horse thieves and quelling fights were a daily routine for Volkman. One night, he was working the midnight shift when he heard the unmistakable sound of a dynamite blast. Volkman ran in the direction of the explosion and found that thieves had broken into the Georgetown post office and then dynamited the safe. In 1891, he and his men surrounded a house of prostitution and arrested fourteen people.

Volkman was respected by his men, and one of his officers recalled a heavy snowstorm where the officer had taken refuge in a doorway instead of patrolling his beat. When the officer returned to the station house, Volkman noticed that the man had no snow on his police hat like the rest of the men. Instead of taking severe disciplinary action, the sergeant made light of it in front of the officers but later made the officer work an additional day. However, no criminal that he had arrested, no case that he had investigated, or administrative problem he had faced, prepared him for the events of April 17, 1879.

Most of the residents of Point of Rocks, Maryland were at an Easter Ball on the evening of April 13, 1879. A young married woman, living in Licksville, Frederick County, was ill and did not attend the ball. At about 11:00 p.m., a man entered the house by a window and went to the woman's bedroom and sexually assaulted her. James Carroll was apparently a man with a bad reputation in those parts, and the woman had recognized him. Word of the crime quickly reached the dance hall, and a posse was promptly organized. All roads leading out of Frederick County were scoured, but the man was not found while he somehow made his way to Washington, D.C. In the meantime, the victim's husband wrote a letter

to the Frederick County States Attorney saying, "I write to say that James Carroll committed an outrage on the person of my wife last night during my absence from home... Carroll had on when he left here an old slouch hat without a band, new pair of pantaloons, and a run-down pair of shoes. He is of medium size, and has a rather repulsive-looking countenance. Use every effort in your power to have him arrested, for besides the outrage, he has left my wife in a very precarious condition from severe choking and fright."

Three days later, Volkman, who was apparently acquainted with Carroll, saw him walking on the towpath of the C&O Canal under the old aqueduct bridge. Spotting Volkman, Carroll turned and ran, but the officer chased after him and caught him. Volkman took the man to the Georgetown police station where the husband of the Frederick woman was summoned. He identified James Carroll as the man who frequently hung around Point of Rocks. Carroll then admitted his identity and was questioned by Volkman and another officer. Carroll soon confessed that he had attacked the woman. Carroll agreed to go to Frederick County to face the charges, and Volkman and another officer were put in charge of transporting Carroll back to Frederick.

On the afternoon of April 17, 1879, Carroll was handcuffed and bound, hand and foot, and put on the 4:35 train bound for Frederick with Volkman and Officer Harper assigned to guard him. Their trip was uneventful as the train passed through Montgomery County, but as the train passed through the rural countryside, a large group was gathering in Point of Rocks. Just before the train reached Point of Rocks, another train was heading towards Washington. Its passengers and crew saw a crowd of men loitering around the station and a number of horses hitched to the post. As the train carrying Volkman and his prisoner neared the station, the engineer had to bring the train to a halt because a large group of men were blocking the tracks. About fifteen men boarded the train and walked through the cars until they found Carroll. The men overpowered Volkman and Harper, some pointing pistols at the officers, and placed a rope around Carroll's

neck. They then flung the end of rope to the men standing outside and Carroll was dragged out of the train and into the custody of the mob. Volkman and Harper were guarded by a few of the armed men until the hapless Carroll was placed on a horse, and the mob of men rode off in the direction of Montgomery County. The officers attempted to chase the group of men who had kidnapped Carroll, but they were forced back at gunpoint. Volkman then continued on to Frederick where he made his report about the incident and returned to Washington on the next available train. He noted that most of the men had worn masks and that he did not recognize any of them.

The men on horseback rode onward as darkness fell over southern Frederick County. The throng spotted the outline of Sugarloaf Mountain in the distance and when they reached the bottom of the mountain, they rode up a trail until they reached a place called Snake Hollow which was a plateau that overlooked the farmland below. Someone threw the rope over the limb of a tree and Carroll was suspended from the tree until he died. Carroll's body was cut down from

the tree the next morning by Coroner Wallace and Constable Rine of Frederick and taken to a stable where it lay until the next morning. A coroner's jury was impaneled the next morning consisting of some of the leading men of the city. At the same time Carroll was being buried in the city's potter's field, the States Attorney was critical of the decision to transport Carroll by way of Point of Rocks and said that he should have been taken through Baltimore. The coroner's jury heard evidence and eventually came to the conclusion that those responsible for the murder of James Carroll were unknown. Volkman and Harper returned to Washington and met with Chief Morgan. They told him what had happened, and the chief held the officers blameless.

Strangely, a package was delivered to the Georgetown police station several days after the lynching. Sergeant Volkman opened the package and realized that it contained his handcuffs—the same handcuffs that were on the wrists of James Carroll on the night that he was murdered. Volkman never used the handcuffs again, and they hung on a notch in the station until he retired from the force.



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## Focus on Business

# Markhoff's Haunted Forest

By Rande Davis

The screams filling the cool, night air off of Martinsburg Road are real enough. The fear racing through the rapidly beating hearts is real enough. This time, however, the pandemonium is just for fun. This time, the screams are screams of enjoyment at the highly-acclaimed Markhoff's Haunted Forest.

In 1993, Adam Markhoff needed to raise money to start Calleva Outdoors, a high adventure youth camp in Dickerson, when he came up with the notion of holding a fundraising event around Halloween. Rather than the traditional haunted house why not a haunted forest, he surmised. Little did he know just how successful this seemingly simple idea would become.

Now in its fifteenth year, Markhoff's Haunted Forest (MHF) has made it into the major leagues of the haunted house phenomenon, a specialty industry that rakes in hundreds of millions of dollars on a national level. Ranked within the top thirteen nationally, each year MHF

gets bigger and scarier, making adjustments to better serve the crowds and, more importantly, frighten the pants off of them. The first night fifteen years ago drew barely forty people. To help promote the haunted forest, they developed a haunted bus to visit locations throughout the area. That bus is now part of the many other attractions to entertain the visitors waiting their turn to walk alone through the dark, ominous, wooded paths of walking cadavers, chainsaw-toting ghouls, and other professionally costumed actors hoping to catch you off guard.

Calleva Outdoor Adventures was created to teach youth about the beautiful outdoors, to help develop a love of nature, and to gain an appreciation for the outdoors. The organization accomplishes this through adventure camps specializing in team-building activities. Throughout the past twelve years, Calleva has taught tens of thousands of young people, aged six to eighteen, the valuable love of the outdoors and the care of our natural environment.

As a primary fundraising event to support Calleva, MHF has emerged on its own to become one of the most anticipated special events for youth in the entire metropolitan region. Learning from years of development, MHF built a second trail of haunted thrills to help reduce the time for visitors waiting to make the trek and to give visitors another reason to come back a second time.

While the haunted forest takes thirty minutes to walk through, the evening is filled with many other activities set up to entertain the crowd. The famous Calleva climbing wall is there, of course. So too, is a "death jump," and bat flight zip line. With fun foods and hot cider around a roaring bonfire, the waiting crowd can have a ball as they hear the screams of those already on their walk among the dead.

While the haunted forest is not recommended for those under ten, there are hay and pony rides, and music and entertainment to keep others quite happy as the braver souls test themselves against the forces of evil and fear.

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**Local News**

**Family and Friends Gather to Honor Victim**

By Jack Toomey

On September 25, family members and friends of Matthew Coulson gathered at the intersection of Route 109 and Elgin Road in remembrance of the man who lost his life at that location a year before. On September 25, 2006, Coulson was killed in a collision with another vehicle.

Monika Coulson, wife of the victim, and their son, Besmir, came from their new home in Colorado. Moana Coulson, Matthew's mother, came from Iowa, his sister, Rebecca, came from Boston, while Monika's father, Kadri Kadi, flew from Albania for the

ceremony. The small group gathered around a magnolia tree and plaque that they had erected. The tree was gently set into the ground while soft music played, and the group bowed their heads in recollection. Moana Coulson sang one of Matthew's favorite hymns. Moana Coulson said, "Monika and Matt loved magnolia trees, and Monika thought that it would be an appropriate idea." Monika Coulson remarked, "He was sweet, loving, and a successful father."

Many of the out-of-town visitors were staying with long-time family friend Jill Knudson of Dickerson. Knudson said, "After the accident, the community pulled together in support of the family. I have enjoyed having everyone here even under these sad circumstances."

Coulson was born in Laporte City, Iowa and had lived in Poolesville with his wife and son for about three years at the time of his death. He was a systems administrator with the FCC.



Family and friends of Matthew Coulson gather around the freshly planted tree: His son, Bessmir Coulson, his widow, Monika Coulson, his mother Moana Coulson, his father Kadri Kadi, and his sister Rebecca Pinhero.



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## Big Board

### An Appreciation of the Ag Reserve

Perry Kapsch will be hosting her own artist reception presenting "An Appreciation of the Ag Reserve" on October 6 and 7 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Glen Echo Park on Macarthur Boulevard. Kapsch spent more than thirty years in land conservation and historic preservation in the Ag Reserve with organizations such as the Historic Medley, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, the Maryland Environmental Trust, and the Sugarloaf Countryside Conservancy. She has now turned her attention to the full-time enjoyment of the Ag Reserve's magnificent countryside as an inspiration for painting and book illustration. She will host an artists' reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening at the same location. Samples of her work are available at [www.perrykapsch.com](http://www.perrykapsch.com).

### Benefit for the MOOseum

The Waters House at Pleasant Fields (12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown) will host a benefit for the King Barn Dairy MOOseum on October 6. The wine and cheese gathering will feature a silent auction from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The featured "Moosic" entertainment for the evening is the New Southern Cowtippers. The MOOseum has an exhibit running through October 31 that explores some of the multi-generational farming families of Montgomery County through oral histories, photographs, documents, and other artifacts. The exhibit is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tours can be arranged by calling 301-528-6530.

### Third Annual Apple Fest

Dickerson United Methodist Church, 20331 Dickerson Church Road, Dickerson.

Saturday, October 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Apples, pony rides, candy apples, apple sauce, hay rides, apples, dime pitch, apple cider, apples, and fresh cut French fries. Enter your apple dish in the contest! Entry fee is \$10.00. Judging begins at 5:00 p.m. Crafters wanted!

For more information please call Pastor Alan Angelman, 301-349-5416, or Betty King, 301-874-3967.

### "One of the Seven Wonders of the Artistic Universe"

As quoted by the Washington Post about "Essential Graham." Martha Graham's timeless choreography lives on—and beautifully so, thanks to this seventeen-member touring ensemble from the Martha Graham Dance Company of New York. See them at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on October 10 at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$15.00 to \$27.00. For more information, visit [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org) or call 301-600-2828.

### The 72 Film Fest

Regional filmmakers had only seventy-two hours to write, direct, and edit a short film. All of their 2007 entries make their world premiere at this event. Awards, in-

cluding Audience Favorite, will be presented at the end of the screenings, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, and \$7.00 for seniors and students. For more information, visit [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org) or call 301-600-2828. The Grape Stomp '07:

### Vino Lovers' Delight

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards has scheduled its first annual grape stomp, and this two-day event is one you won't want to miss. The weekend festival will have the usual wine tasting tent and tours of the vineyard and winery, of course, but the grape-stomping contest with prizes will be the highlight. In fact, SUV's Grape Stomp '07 is the only one in the state of Maryland this year.

Scheduled for October 13 and 14, the festivities begin at noon and go to 6:00 p.m. The event will feature their new wines: Cabernet Franc '06, Cabernet Sauvignon '06, and the very special Comus '06. Carl DiManno will introduce his new rosé, Revolution. Naturally, SMV will also feature its award-winning vintages: Chardonnay '05, Merlot '05, Comus Reserve '05, Circe '06, and Pinot Grigio '06. Each day will have arts and craft vendors, great outdoor foods, and will feature live music by the Star Spangled Big Band on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, the music will be by the Yard Slippers, also from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The stage that holds the barrels for wine stomping have been built, and there will be three stompers competing against each other to see who can produce the most juice in thirty seconds. Those brave enough to jump in with both feet and compete to produce the most juice will win prizes and the praise of wine aficionados everywhere. The contestants will stomp to the music of an accordion just as they do in the "old country." As SMV did at last year's highly successful open house, there will be other food vendors as well as crafts and artisans. Returning from last year will be Under the Mistletoe crafts and Reeds Baskets. Local photographer Walter Snyder will be on hand with a selection of his work. To take care of anyone's hunger pains, Nate's Barbeque of Frederick will be on hand with beef and pork. The admission for those twenty-one and over will be \$10.00, and everyone gets a SMV wine glass for tasting. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and folding chairs.

### Oktoberfest at Kentlands Set for October 14

The Kentlands Citizens Assembly presents the Sixteenth Annual Oktoberfest at the Kentlands, Sunday, October 14, 2007, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Kentlands Village Green. Admission and parking are free. Wheelchair accessible shuttle service will be available from the Global Exchange Services (GXS) Building at the corner of Main Street and Route 28. Amidst horse-drawn hayrides and scarecrow making, festivalgoers can enjoy authentic Bavarian fare and lively performances by Alte Kameraden German Band and the Alt-Washingtonian Bavarian dancers. Throughout the festival, you'll find booths representing local merchants, organizations, artists, and craftspeople. The Arts Barn Museum Shop adjacent to the Village Green will showcase one-of-a-kind pieces by more than

one hundred local artists. The outdoor Family Stage will feature the delightful children's musician, Oh, Susannah! In addition, the magical entertaining duo of Dave & Lindy will perform. Upbeat Unlimited, an energetic musical youth theater group, and Ballet Petite will perform indoors at the Arts Barn. Gaithersburg's Comedy and Mystery Society magician Mark Phillips will be performing his amazing magic outside the Art Barn. Kids will also enjoy a full day of pony rides, moon bounces, face painting, and many other activities. Note that a small fee will be charged for some activities. Festivalgoers are also invited to be a part of history by bringing a button to add to the Community Quilt Project. If the button has sentimental value (i.e., from a wedding dress, grandma's coat, etc.), please write the story on a three by five card to stay with the quilt as it travels throughout our community. During the festival, you are invited to sew your button on to the quilt at the Quilt Studio in the Arts Barn. Oktoberfest at the Kentlands is sponsored in part by Village Settlements, Elaine Koch of Long & Foster Realtors, Kentlands Square, BB&T Bank, and Judy Howlin and Meredith Fogle of Long & Foster Realtors. For more information, call 301-258-6350 or visit the city's website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov). Sweet Honey in the Rock

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A Performing Arts Showcase/Tea will be presented on Sunday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville. All proceeds will benefit the performing arts in the Poolesville Cluster. Entertainment will be provided by some of our area's most experienced student and adult performers in the realms of vocal and instrumental music, dance, and theater. Refreshments are included in the price of admission. Adults, \$8.00, students, \$5.00 at the door.

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## Local News

### Businesses May Now Use Temporary Signs — with Restrictions

In a unanimous vote, the Poolesville Commissioners approved a change in the town's sign ordinance that would allow some usage by commercial establishments of temporary promotional signs. Such signs may be displayed only during business hours when the business is open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Businesses not

open on the weekend may be granted a permit for two consecutive weekdays.

Businesses will be required to request a permit from the Sign Review Board. The temporary signs must be commercially produced or of professional quality and maintained in good condition. They may not exceed eight square feet in area nor may the top of the sign be higher than four feet from the ground. They will be required to be placed on a site from which the business operates, and, if freestanding, be designed to ensure they will not tip over.

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**Tidbits**

**National Merit Winners**

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A finalist in the 2008 National Achievement Scholarship for outstanding African American Students is Kobena Waters. His sister, Esi, PHS class of 2005 and now a junior at Duke University, won the recognition in her senior year.

**Lovell – Kopcak Wedding**

Carrie Suzanne Lovell of Jefferson (Brunswick High School, Class of 1990) and Robert John Kopcak of Monongahela, Pennsylvania were married on September 29, 2007. The bride is

the daughter of John R. and Johanna Lovell of Jefferson, and the parents of the groom are Joan Kopcak and the late Richard Kopcak. Mr. Kopcak is a target math teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in Frederick, and the bride is the billing manager for Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos, and Vaughn law firm in Rockville. The wedding was held at Mar Lu Ridge Chapel, Jefferson.

**Global Ecology Program Supporting Potomac Conservancy**

Joyce Bailey, director of the Global Ecology Program at PHS, has announced that the program is supporting Potomac Conservancy and the Potomac Watershed Partnership in their "Growing Native" project. The goal of the program is to replenish the supply of native seedling stock at state nurseries. Over the last five years volunteers have collected more than 70,000 pounds of seeds including acorns, walnuts, and paw paw seeds. Using these seeds, the state nurseries have grown nearly five million seedlings, which will be used to restore as many as 80,000 acres of riparian habitat.

A "Field Guide to Desired Native Trees" guide is located on the PHS Global Webpage ([www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesville/departments/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesville/departments/)

global). All global students and their friends and families are encouraged to collect seeds from these trees, put them in paper bags, label the bags, and bring them to the PHS greenhouse from now through the end of October. If no one is in the greenhouse, simply leave the bag of seeds next to the door. If you are not sure what type of tree you are getting seeds from, include a twig with several leaves in the bag for further identification.

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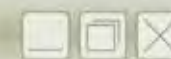
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## Youth Sports

### With High Hopes, Coyotes, Jaguars Battle in Soccer Season Openers

By Jeff Stuart

Both the Clarksburg Coyotes and the Northwest Jaguars faced the pressure of expectations as they faced off in the opener of the boys' soccer season on a sparkling early fall afternoon at Northwest on September 4. Clarksburg, coming off of four wins in their inaugural 2006 season is modestly looking to improve upon a successful first year in which they lost to Middletown in the first round of the playoffs. For Northwest, which went 9-1-1 last year, the expectations are a little higher. They lost to eventual State Champions Walter Johnson in the playoffs.

The Coyotes, making an early season statement, gave the Jaguars all they could handle as the contest ended in a 1-1 tie, after the completion of two overtime periods. Northwest dominated early, keeping the ball in the Clarksburg end of the field for the first five minutes, but goalkeeper Gabriel Guittierez tipped a hard shot by senior midfielder Mark Jaskolski over the goal to keep the Jags off the scoreboard. Jaskolski, one of the most touted returning players in the county this season, was a member of the U-17

Baltimore Casa Mia Bays club team, U.S. Youth Soccer national champions.

The Coyotes outplayed the Jaguars for the last thirty minutes of the first half. Forward Peabo Doue scored from the right side with eleven minutes left in the half. There was an assist from midfielder Mike Virga. Clarksburg took a 1-0 lead into halftime. "My defense really played a great game with Justin




*Daria Borowski of the Clarksburg Coyotes during game against St. John's of Prospect Hall (Frederick). The final score of the game was 3-0 (Coyotes). Shown in the background is Coyote Ashley Layton (senior).*

Kenel and Harout Doukmaijon controlling the middle of the field," said Head Coach Jeremy Spoales.

Clarksburg played even with Northwest for much of the second half. With twenty-five minutes left in the half, Northwest freshman Chris Cao scored on a high arching shot to tie the game. "It was a tough shot into the sun, and there was a little contact causing me to lose sight of the ball," said the Coyote goalkeeper, Gabriel Guittierez. "Midfielder Rocque

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Hernandez did a great job for them controlling the game," said Coach Spoales.

The two teams battled on even terms through two ten-minute overtime periods. The best chance for either side came with three minutes left in the second overtime. Doue just missed putting the ball in the far left corner of the goal. A quick recovery and deflection by the Jags' outstanding senior goalkeeper Jorge Pardo kept the score tied. It was a hard-fought, tense, and well-played opener. While both teams are looking to make the playoffs, they won't meet each other again this season. Clarksburg competes in the 3A/2A/1A Montgomery County West Division, while Northwest is in the 4AWest.

The 2007 Coyote Soccer team is an extremely diverse group, composed of players from the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Mexico, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Columbia, Peru, El Salvador, France, Armenia, and Pakistan, representing thirteen countries over five continents. Returning seniors Virga and Justin Kenel will lead the defense. Juniors Doue and Dillon Muise will man the attack. Bullis transfer Julio Arjona, a midfielder,

should also contribute. Rounding out the 3AWest are Damascus, Kennedy, Poolesville, Watkins Mill, Rockville, Kennedy, and defending County Champion Poolesville.

The Lady Jaguars and Lady Coyotes have expectations to live up to also. Northwest (7-7) lost to Blair in the first round of the playoffs last year. Clarksburg was 9-7, posting a winning record in its first season. They beat Francis Scott Key, 3-0, in the first round of the playoffs and lost to Century, 2-0, in the second round. In the second half of the doubleheader, sophomore outside, Cassidy Pickles, stunned Northwest early, scoring for Clarksburg just a minute into the game. The Lady Coyotes controlled play for the rest of the period, taking a 1-0 lead into half time, but the Lady Jaguars picked up the intensity in the second half scoring to tie the game with thirty minutes left to play, and again to go ahead about five minutes later. They added another goal with about seven minutes left. Kelsey Hudler, Elizabeth Gray, and Cindy Beard scored for Northwest.

"We were stunned by the opening

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## Youth Sports

### PHS Girls Tennis

When Poolesville High School's Athletic Director Fred Swick approached biology teacher May Shlash this past summer about coaching the girls' tennis team, he knew he was asking someone with proven coaching ability. Her three years of coaching the PHS girls' lacrosse team had proven to be very enjoyable and successful (the lax girls were undefeated in regular season play last spring), and since she especially loves working with the Poolesville students and being part of the community, the challenge to take over the tennis team proved to be irresistible.

With a new coach and five of the eleven players freshmen, this team set out on a rebuilding effort working hard during the daily two-hour practices playing against each other, working on technique, working



*PHS freshman and #2 seed Lauren Rost fires back a shot in a match against Einstein High School.*

through the stretching exercises, and building stamina. The singles competition features Barbara Zemskova, a senior, who has been playing for ten years. Barbara is known to be a superior ping pong player whose interest in tennis began when her family was living in Japan. While she didn't come out for tennis until she was a sophomore, she began to strengthen her ten-

nis game quickly and finds that as a senior and being the number one seed this year as particularly challenging. We talked to her after she dispatched her Einstein High School challenger in two sets: 6-2, 6-2.

The number two singles seed is Lauren Rost, a freshman who has been playing tennis for over ten years and plays at the Darnestown Swim and Tennis Club. Her coach at the club, Bob Denham, was on hand for the match against Einstein and was very pleased with her play. Lauren's dad, Jim Rost, plays a big part in her interest in tennis, especially since he has been the club's champion for five years.

The number three and four seeds are senior Sarah Minkoff and Rebecca Krosnich. Both are veteran players who bring experience and determination in singles competition for Poolesville.

Tennis may be the "quiet sport," but do not confuse that as being easy. Matches at PHS can be up to three hours long since there are only four courts, and the doubles matches have to wait for the singles competition to finish. Even in late September, the heat of the afternoon sun reflecting off

the courts truly tests the stamina of each player. The fans at tennis matches are made up of a few parents and fellow players awaiting their time to play, but as great shots are made, their appreciation spills over into cheers and applause.

Although somewhat less demanding than singles play, doubles presents its unique challenges of teamwork and the merging of techniques. As the doubles teams developed through the season, they have become more adept at playing together, working at learning to play off each other's strengths. At PHS, the doubles players are Daniela Sambataro (senior), Rachel Shipe (junior), Kendra Lane (sophomore), and freshmen Sophia Huang, Saumga Rojanski, Julia Snoy, and Cindy Zhov.

The season will continue through mid-October, and highlights for the young team so far this year were beating Seneca Valley and Watkins Mill. As a graduate of Watkins Mill, Coach Shlash found the victory against them especially thrilling and a special incentive to the players of the 2007 team.

## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Present

Several thefts from autos have occurred in the Germantown area where GPS items have been taken from cars. Police warn those who own this type of equipment to secure them out of sight so they will not be a temptation for thieves. August 31 Burglary at a shed in the 22500 block of Slidell Road, Boyds. Suspect, white male about 26 years old, 5-10, 160 lbs.

September 11 Residential burglary, 17000 block of Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville.

### Past

October 5, 1905 Pietro Catanana, an Italian laborer employed on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was killed instantly while working on the Monocacy River Bridge. He was hit by an iron bucket that was being lowered into a pit to scoop earth for the project.

October 7, 1934 The ladies of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church received quite a scare while on their tour of old homes in the Poolesville vicinity. While inside one of the historic homes, one of the members picked up a gun that was on display and it

discharged into the ceiling.

October 13, 1900 Alexander Corn, one of the main witnesses in the Hall murder case, was brought before the justice of the peace at Boyds, and was charged with selling whiskey at the picnic at Germantown. The complaint was filed by two church members who said that Corn was openly selling his wares.

October 14, 1924 The first of three defendants went on trial at the Frederick court in the Myersville tar and feathering cases. One witness told the judge that she had received a letter from the Ku Klux Klan telling her that they would "get her on the fifteenth"

October 17, 1900 A quarantine was established at the residence of Joseph Fisher, near Poolesville, because the members of his family had contracted diphtheria. Four family members died and others were said to be very ill. A box of old clothing that had been shipped from Washington was supposed to have introduced the disease.

October 18, 1904 A coroner's inquest was held at Rockville inquiring into the death of Ernest Peacock who had died recently as a result of a pistol shot inflicted by Henson Poole. Testimony revealed that the shot was fired on Selden's Island, near Edwards's Ferry, about ten days previous. Justice of the Peace Reading heard testimony and the proceedings will continue.

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## Remembrance

### Stephen S. Boynton, Esq.: Sportsman and Conservationist

Stephen S. Boynton of Dickerson passed away on August 24, 2007 after a long, hard-fought battle with lung cancer. Sportsmen, conservationists, and the scientific wildlife management community lost one of their true champions. A renowned advocate for sustainable use of natural resources, he devoted his life and legal career to the pursuit of applying science to the management of wildlife and other resources.

After graduating in international relations at Ohio State University in 1959, he obtained his law degree from South Carolina School of Law, in Columbus, South Carolina. He was a legislative assistant to U. S. Senator E. F. Hollins (SC) after law school and was in private practice since 1971.

While in law school he was the editor-in-chief of the South Carolina Law Review, two winning moot court teams, the recipient of the silver key award from the American Law Student Association, and the American Jurisprudence Award for trial practice. He was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, and was an

outstanding senior of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

In 1972, he was voted Lawyer of the Year by the District of Columbia Bar Association. While in private practice, he represented organizations, individuals, business corporations, and foreign governments on various civil and criminal matters in federal and state court. His international work included serving at a UNWC World Conservation Trust's sustainable use conference in Indonesia and China; and the World Council of Whalers General Assembly in Canada, Ireland, and in New Zealand. He was equally at home pleading the case for sportsmen with the Secretary of the Interior as he was visiting a trapper from the hills of Montana while leaning against the bed of a pickup truck.

Mr. Boynton leaves behind his wife of twenty-seven years, Ingrid L. Boynton, of Dickerson, a daughter, Stuart Allison Hindle of Vienna, Virginia, her husband, Bill, and the "apple of his eye," granddaughter Carolyn Anne Hindle. He is also survived by his former wife, Carolyn Boynton, and three children, Stephen, Laurel, and Gale. His son, Scott, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1979.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in his name to the International Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 1019, Poolesville, MD 20837.

## Local News

### Tot Lots — or Not?

By Kristen Milton

County Council officials this month took up the thorny question of whether and how to restrict the ability of Up-county landowners to build homes for their children, sometimes framing the question as one of fairness versus farmland.

In a Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee meeting held September 10, members discussed the recommendations of its ad hoc working group and the Planning Board concerning what are commonly known as tot or child lots. The working group recommended the county continue to consider construction of these homes separately from homes intended for market sale but supported adding limitations such as an occupancy requirement. Such limitations would hopefully curtail what some see as abuse of tot lot privileges, where homes ostensibly built for farmer's children are sold to outsiders.

There is a potential for a maximum of about two hundred additional tot lots under the current system, said Marlene Michaelson, the council's senior legislative analyst, and the staff believes the actual number will be much lower.

"We don't see that the benefit [of changing the system] is worth the cost to the property owners and their expectation," she said.

Montgomery County Planning Board chairman Royce Hanson disagreed. "The objective," he said, "is to remember what we're trying to do; we're trying to save as much land for agriculture as is possible and reasonable to do."

The planning board voted unanimously in June to request that the County Council prohibit the creation

of child lots above the base density of the zone, which is one home per twenty-five acres.

When the Agricultural Reserve was created in 1980, owners of reserve land were given both transfer development rights and the right to build homes for their children. Michaelson said both planning publications and planning board decisions over the last twenty-six years have interpreted the law to mean the latter lots were not bound by the one home per twenty-five acres restriction.

To help assure these homes are indeed used by relatives, the working group recommended a five-year delay before they could be sold or leased and notations on various legal documents. Planning board staff added the recommendation that tot lots be no more than one acre in size.

Councilman Roger Berliner (D-Dist. 1) of Potomac said the proposed limitations could provide a way of "honoring an ill-advised commitment that appears to have been made,"

but County Councilman Marc Elrich (D-At Large) of Takoma Park said the policy should be more drastically changed if it is judged detrimental to the goals of the Agricultural Reserve. "I think if we have done something wrong historically, the right thing to do is the right thing, not to enshrine the wrong thing," he said.

The working group that produced the child lot recommendations was formed in April 2006 and included farmers, residents, elected officials, and activists. The proposed provisions are only one of a number of recommendations the group has put forward with the stated purpose of preserving the viability of the Agricultural Reserve.



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In our September 14 issue, we had a number of errors, as follows:

Our Equestrian article, "Ten Tips for Reducing Your Horse's West Nile Risk," was attributed to the wrong author. The article was in fact compiled by the doctors of Monocacy Equine Veterinary Associates and the American Association of Equine Practitioners. We are fortunate to have another Equestrian article from these same doctors in this issue. In our Tributes article, "The Men of the 8:30 Club at McDonalds," Tom Dillingham and Junior Luhn should have been in the list of club members.

The pictures featured in our two-page Poolesville Day feature were provided by Hilary Schwab Photography. The captions on our Family Album pictures were reversed. The pictures with the correct captions are shown to the right.

We offer our apologies to all involved.



Patrons at the Historic Medley District art show.



Hannah Dowdy and Abigail Tjornehoj were commissioned as members of the Committee on Youth for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington on August 25 at the National Cathedral by Paul Canady, the Diocese's Deputy for Youth Ministry.

## "Clarksburg Soccer" Continued from Page 15.

goal...I felt that we played well, but it took us a while to get some decent shots off. I was very pleased with our team's second half efforts," said Northwest Head Coach Katie Johnson. Northwest was led by Leah Weiczynkowski who is on the regional Olympic Development Team and is a surefire recruit for one of the best women's college soccer programs.

"Overall, the Coyote girls gave a strong performance for their first varsity soccer game of the season, but ultimately our youth and inexperience led to their three goals in the second half. We will learn from our mistakes and a hard-fought loss like this game will make us stronger for the long season," said Head Coach Troy Bowers. If Clarksburg is to improve this year, it will again look to the defense. Junior Daria Borowski and senior Lisa Brown will lead the backline defense, anchored by junior goalkeeper Kelly Gafner. Senior midfielder Ashley Layton and senior forward Mary Dillon will lead the Coyote offense.

Both Clarksburg's boys' and girls' teams won their first games on the season on Monday, September 10 at home, defeating the St. John's (of Frederick) boys' and girls' teams, 6-1 and 3-0,

respectively.

For the boys, Doue had three goals and an assist, Arjona, one goal and three assists, and Mike Virga, a goal and an assist. Joel Houpeau also scored. Dillon Muise and Dinuka Wijje each had an assist.

For the girls, freshman Lexy McCarty scored two goals, and Daria Borowski scored the other.

The boys' and girls' squads followed that with matching shutouts of Northwood at home, 2-0, and 1-0, respectively. The boys' record improved to 2-0-1 and the girls to 2-1.

Doue, Muise, and Arjona scored for the boys. Gabriel Guttierrez had the shutout in goal.

For the girls, Borowski scored her second goal of the year with Ashley Layton getting the assist. Kelly Gafner, with eight saves, recorded the shutout in goal.

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## The Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra

By Dominique Agnew

Making its presence known at all the back-to-school nights of the Poolesville cluster schools, Monocacy Elementary, Poolesville Elementary, John Poole Middle School, and Poolesville High School, and at Poolesville Day, the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) is looking for musicians of all symphony orchestra instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion) to start a true orchestra for the whole western Montgomery County/southern Frederick County region. If musicians wish to make the trek across the Potomac River from Leesburg, they would be welcome. This orchestra would be open to not only Poolesville cluster musicians and other public school students, but would also provide a wonderful musical experience for musicians from the area who attend private schools or for those who are home-schooled.

Some initial and future funding for the PYSO will come from the funds raised through the Sandy Cameron Benefit Concert. This past summer, as a way to get the ball rolling, the Sandy Cameron Music Benefit Concert committee approached Robert Fogleman, the band and orchestra teacher for Monocacy Elementary School and John Poole Middle School, to ask him to consider becoming the music director and conductor for the orchestra. He accepted. "The orchestra

is definitely an outgrowth of a desire that Sandy Cameron and her family had for the musical growth of the students of the community," he says.

Mr. Fogleman is very excited about the prospects of the existence of the orchestra, not only for what it can do for the students, but for what it could do for the community, as well. "There's a lot of talent," he says of his students at the elementary and middle schools; and he's also had the opportunity to work with some of the PHS musicians who have truly impressed him. He also knows that there's a fairly large home school community, and an orchestra would be "an outlet for kids to come together."

While the PYSO will probably start small—Mr. Fogleman's not sure how many musicians will start, "we're still gathering names"—he's already looking to the future and the opportunities the orchestra will have to benefit the community. "I would like to see the orchestra become a fabric of the community," he says. He foresees the orchestra possibly being a repertoire orchestra asked to accompany school musicals or dance troupes. Perhaps the orchestra will be invited to perform for town functions and at Poolesville Day. "There are a lot [ways in which] we could partner with the community that could enhance the cultural life of the community," he says, but "first, we have to get a group of our own, then we can step out."

Mr. Fogleman plans to begin rehearsing in mid-October. He will have two thirteen-week semesters—or seasons—each culminating in a concert. The orchestra will produce a winter concert, and he expects it to "be a presence at the Sandy Cameron Benefit Concert." He's asking all musicians of all levels and experience to become involved.

With a strong core of talented musicians, younger, less-experienced musicians will learn from them, and they would all benefit from the uniquely fantastic experience of playing challenging music in a full symphony orchestra. If you



Cellist, Brendan Dolan, and violinists, Aiden Dolan and Mack Brenholtz, performing at Poolesville Day for the nascent PYSO.

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while wells seven, nine, ten, and nine/ten (jointly), needed additional testing.

Kathy Mihm, a geologist (C.P.G.) for S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. of Bethesda, has submitted a report to the town and MDE showing that through quarterly monitoring, the average adjusted gross alpha (pCi/L) was 8.30 for well seven, 6.85 for well nine, 8.59 for well ten, and 9.26 for wells nine and ten jointly. This data shows that the wells are in compliance with Federal MCL for alpha radionuclide. Mrs. Mihm's data was transmitted to the MDE on September 13, 2007. An in-compliance rating is expected from MDE.

Using converted uranium activity analyses, the MDE, on September 10, 2007 notified the town of possible elevated uranium levels for wells seven and nine/ten. Uranium is a naturally-occurring, radioactive metal and can occur in groundwater as a result of uranium-bearing minerals in contact with the groundwater. If uranium exceeds 30 micrograms per liter (ug/L) based on four average quarterly samples, treatment would

be required.

In Mrs. Mihm's report to the town, she stated that Poolesville has analyzed uranium levels thirty-eight times on wells four, seven, nine, and ten since 2005. The data indicates that the EPA conversion factor overestimates uranium concentration in Poolesville water. Mihm's report shows that measured average uranium concentration (ug/L) is 21.0 for well seven, 12.0 for well nine, 21.9 for well ten, and 14.27 for well nine/ten jointly. All readings are within the safe range required by the MDE, and she expects confirmation of this data from MDE.

Her report concludes that measured uranium concentrations and gross alpha activity are below Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at all compliance points. While she expects MDE's final determination to be in full compliance, she also believes it is likely that MDE will require continued quarterly monitoring.

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**Garden**

**The Last Fling**

By Maureen O'Connell

There reigns a rusty richness everywhere;

See the last orange roses, how they blow

Deeper and heavier than in their prime,

In one defiant flame before they go;

See the last zinnia, waiting for the frost,

The Garden – Vita Sackville-West

For many, the flowering plants of spring and summer are the highlights of the garden season. I love to watch for the emerging young, green tips of plants breaking through the soil in May and June, waiting to see who made it through the winter. Autumn in the garden is also special, but in a different way. It is in a more relaxed mode. The rays of the sun are not as harsh as in

July. The garden exudes warmth, not torrid heat. In October, every remaining flower is precious. As the garden changes from late summer to autumn, there is a change in color and light. Pink and green define the color palette in early October, and not the bronze, red, gold, and brown, which one often associates with autumn and the turning woods. That will come. But for now, the apples in the orchard are rosy, the plumb rose hips of the rugosa roses are candy apple red, and the berries of the cotoneaster shrubs are ablaze in shades of pink and red. The crepe myrtles are glorious with drooping panicles of red, pink, and violet flowers. The glacier white impatiens planted under my hybrid tea roses are at their height of expression. The once small plants from six-pack containers have grown tall and bushy. They have joined together with their neighboring siblings into one large, continuous swath of color. In another rose garden, the plantings of 'Mount Washington' coleus, with their large, dramatic leaves colored in wine, cream, red, and white, are nearing three feet and are reaching up to the roses above them.

Autumn in the garden is a sitting-and-thinking time. There is an old saying of a gardener, "Sometimes I sits and thinks, and sometimes I just sits."

A window of opportunity appears in autumn that allows us to take stock. It is the time for shifting plants to other locations and ordering new plants to fill gaps in our garden. It is also an ideal time to look closely at the shapes and forms of shrubs and trees in their settings. In many gardens, there is probably some branch that would be better lopped off, and some shrubs that would look better with some discipline and control. Do you have a large tree that shades out and hordes all the water and nutrients from the plantings at its feet? As hard as this might be, it would probably be best to cut it down. I had that situation last year. It was a beautiful tall maple, but at its base the grass was very sparse and in a rainstorm, the area turned to a mud hole. I had it removed and planted a smaller tree in its place. Now there is thick grass under the smaller tree. Do you have some trees that are old and diseased that could pose a danger from falling limbs in a winter ice storm? Remove them now. If it is a large tree, call a professional tree surgeon. This might save some damage to your house this winter.

We divide perennials for three main reasons: to control the size of plants, to help rejuvenate them, and to increase their number. What is the best time of the year to make divisions? In general, it is best to divide spring and summer blooming perennials in the fall, and fall bloomers in the spring. By dividing the plant now when it is not flowering, all of the plant's energy can go to root and leaf growth. It is also easier for a plant to adjust to being yanked out of the ground and planted in a new location when the weather is cool.

The following plants can be safely divided and replanted now: astilbe, bearded iris, bellflower, black-eyed Susan, daylily, phlox, hosta, lambs-ear, Echinacea, and coreopsis. Signs that perennials need dividing are flowers that

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ning Commission asked Mr. Kettler to organize a meeting of the town manager, the town engineer, Kettler Forlines Homes, and representatives of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Montgomery County Department of Public Works & Transportation and Department of Rural-Rustic Roads/Scenic Byways. This meeting was held on Monday, September 24, 2007 at the offices of Rodgers Consulting in Germantown. Rodgers Consulting is doing the planning for Brightwell Crossing. There was a representative from the Engineering Access Permits Division of the State Highway Administration, and a representative of the Development Review office of Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, as well as Town Manager Wade Yost, Town Engineer Jophn Strong, Tom Kettler, and employees of Rodgers Consulting. The meeting was very positive. A diagram showing a left-turn lane at the entrance to Brightwell Crossing that would hold and protect southbound Route 109 cars preparing to turn left into the subdivision had been prepared in advance, and adding a left-turn lane appeared to have the preliminary support of the SHA and Montgomery County transportation officials who expressed their opinion that safety issues indicated a left-turn lane on Route 109 to enter the subdivision at that proposed entrance was needed. The extra land needed to build the southbound left-turn lane would come from the Brightwell Crossing side of Route 109. Details of this meeting are available from Mr. Yost. I wanted to be sure the Monocle had the most up-to-date information on this issue and also that you correctly identified me as a resident concerned about the safety of the Elgin Road entrance to Brightwell Crossing.

Thank you.

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provided by Health and Human Services, but the facility only had fifteen rooms and offices. This past June, Montgomery County offered the new larger space with room for more patients adjacent to the Motor Vehicles Administration complex. The new clinic is 5,500 square feet and features nine exam rooms, a larger pharmacy, and nurses' station, as well as an expanded records room and physician offices. Mercy Health Clinic services are available for uninsured adult residents who meet low-income guidelines and are not eligible for government assisted healthcare. To qualify, enrollees must demonstrate that they do not have personal assets, financial reserves, or sufficient family resources to support medical care. This is made possible by the pro bono contributions of many physicians and of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, which provides all laboratory tests free of charge, and a number of local radiology firms who donate numerous services per year. In his remarks to the crowd, Chairman of the Board Wayne Marsden noted that Montgomery County has 75,000 to 100,000 residents who are uninsured or who

have no access to health insurance. The Mercy Health Clinic has been one of the most successful clinics in the country, with over 6,000 patient visits per year. Medical Director James A. Ronan, M.D. acknowledged in his comments that the clinic depends on the services of over 140 volunteers, including over forty active volunteer physicians, nurses, registrars, interpreters, and office staff. A full time nurse is supplemented by part-time nurses. Many of the board members, supporters, and volunteers were in attendance for the ceremony, including former District 15 State Senator Jean Roesser, who was filling out name

tags for all arrivals. Local elected politicians who showed up for the excellent continental breakfast buffet included State Senator Nancy King, State Delegate Charles Barkley, and Montgomery County Council President George Leventhal. Represented but not present in person were Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, and County Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg.



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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Apple Fest

Dickerson United Methodist Church  
20331 Dickerson Church Road

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### October 6 and 7

Appreciation of the Ag Reserve Art  
Presentation

Perry Kapsch – Yellow Barn at Glen Echo

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Artist Reception: Sun. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### October 9

Monocacy Lions Blood Drive

Poolesville Baptist Church

3:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

### October 10

Pre-School Bible Program

St. Peter's Church

10:00 a.m. open to all  
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Modern Dance Troupe

Weinberg Center for the Arts  
8:00 p.m.

### October 11

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### October 11 to 13

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### October 13

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– Kennedy

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– Thomas Johnson

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Football: October 18, 7:00 p.m. – Linganore

Field Hockey: October 9, 4:00 p.m. – North Carroll

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know of friends, neighbors, or family who have students who study instruments, tell them about the orchestra. The PYSO is an equal opportunity orchestra for students of public schools, private schools, and home schools. For more information or to join the orchestra, Mr. Fogleman asks that interested parties contact him by email ([foglehorn@comcast.net](mailto:foglehorn@comcast.net)), home phone (301-428-1520), and cell phone (240-498-7257).

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## Remembrance

### Brad Hosler, PHS Class of 1974, Passes Away in Portland, Oregon

Brad Hosler, the Poolesville High School class of '74 valedictorian, passed away on August 31, 2007 at his home in Eugene, Oregon, after several years of battling cancer.

An alumnus of Bucknell University, he completed his graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University. While

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are smaller than normal, centers of the clumps are hollow and dead, or when the bottom foliage is sparse and poor. If plants are growing and blooming well, leave them alone, unless you want more plants. Prepare the area where you are going to relocate the dug-up plants before you lift the parent plant. A few days before you divide them, water the plants thoroughly and prune the stems and any spent flowers and foliage to about six inches from the ground. This will make it easier to divide them and will cut down on moisture loss. For some plants—astilbes, hostas, and day-lilies—you will need a very sharp knife to cut through the thick, fleshy crowns. I have lost several good steak knives doing this.

Bearded irises have a rhizome-type of root system. When dividing, cut out and discard any sections that are one year or older, are diseased, or appear damaged. If there are some rhizomes that, upon touch, collapse into smelly goo, they have been damaged by the iris borer. To stop the spread of this disease, dig out the entire rhizome and surrounding soil and discard. Healthy iris rhizomes should retain a few inches of rhizome with one fan of leaves,

employed at Intel, which he joined in 1980, he received international achievement awards in 2003 and 2006. He was recognized for the architecture and enabling of the Wireless USB protocol over the Ultra Wideband (UWB) spectrum. The success of the USB interface and market of platforms and peripherals that sell in multiple billion units today is a measure of his impact while at Intel.

Mr. Hosler was a frequent guest speaker at USB industry forums where his talks were widely solicited and acclaimed. He was highly re-

trimmed back half way. Replant with the tops of the rhizome just showing about soil level.

#### Odds and Ends

If you have chrysanthemums in containers on the patio, now is the time to plant them in the garden if you want them to rebloom next year. Don't wait until the first frost hits. They will be dead, and they will not come back to bloom next summer.

Cut down asparagus foliage now and mulch their beds with organic matter.

If you have moved some of your houseplants outside for the summer, get them ready now to bring back indoors. Cut off any leggy growth, and spray well with an insecticidal soap or dishwashing detergent mixed with some water; you don't want to bring in any bugs. It would also be good to add a fresh layer of new potting soil to the plants' surface.

Last year there was a cartoon in *The New Yorker* magazine that showed several potted plants on a patio knocking on the door to the house. The caption read: "Can we come in now?" In my next column, I'll discuss what makes a happy home for houseplants.

garded by his colleagues for his credible, straightforward, and pragmatic manner in which he led collaboration throughout the I/O industry. He is remembered for his personal integrity and sincerity, which led to a remarkable degree of goodwill, trust, and personal bonds with those in his industry. He also was remembered as a consummate technologist and a proud and loving family man. He is survived by his wife, Marjanna O'Hanlon Hosler, his daughters, Amanda, Elizabeth, Mary Pat, and Karen, his parents, William and Mary Lou Hosler, and his siblings Nancy and Sally.

The family plans to establish a scholarship fund in his name, which will provide scholarship support for promising engineering students. Contributions may be made to the Brad Hosler Intel Scholarship Fund, c/o VTM, 3855 SW 153<sup>rd</sup> Drive, Beaverton, OR 97006.

**"Alcohol Enforcement" Continued From Page 6.**

zens of Poolesville believe in handling [things] themselves instead of calling the police while people in other parts of the county tend to call the police."

Often, people in the upper county complain about teenage crime which is sometimes fueled by drinking alcohol; however, the police can only assign officers where there is a need. If citizens do not call the police about suspicious activity and crime, then

there is a perception in the police department that no problem exists. The Montgomery County Police urge all citizens to call when there is a hint of a teenage party where alcohol is being consumed or whenever a crime is in progress.

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## School News

### Poolesville Elementary School Safety Patrols

By Jack Toomey

Every weekday morning, almost fifty youngsters head out from their homes in pleasant weather, rain, and the bitter cold of the winter to protect their classmates. Probably very few of them are aware that they are members of a proud and long-standing succession of young people who have protected other school children in Montgomery County for eighty years.

The safety patrol program in Montgomery County can be traced to 1929 when just a few schools in the Bethesda and Silver Spring area selected the most responsible boy and had him stand guard outside of the school. Later, after World War II, the safety patrol program, as we know it now, was expanded to other schools in the county, and for the first time, children were entrusted with the safety of their schoolmates. Now there are almost seven thousand safety patrols in Montgomery County who guard intersections and provide protection for children getting on and off school buses. The program is under the direct supervision of the police department, and each school has a faculty member who oversees the day-to-day activities of the children.

On a recent school day, a *Monocle* reporter visited Poolesville Elementary School and observed the patrol officers at work. These six children, who have exhibited leadership skills, were chosen by Ken Keegin, a fifth grade teacher and supervisor of the program, to be the ranking officers in the local program. Keegin said, "Patrols take their jobs seriously, each day they are given circumstances that prepare them for real life. They learn how to deal with others and be [leaders]." PES Principal Darlyne McEleney said, "Our patrols are seriously committed to student safety to and from school. They keep me informed about issues and situations that need our attention. We hope that parents will join this effort and inform us about their concerns." Luke Maher explained how he was selected for the assignment. "At the end of last year, Mr. Keegin [talked to us] and had us write a paragraph."

Susan Creedon and Anna Marie Murgia hold the rank of patrol cap-

tain. They were both quite effusive in relating the accounts of their experiences. Susan said about the selection process, "I think that they [patrols] should be good in school and not act weird. We will have memories later in life, and when you are a grandma, you still will have your belt." Captain Anna Marie Murgia chimed in, "It is a lot different than other kids' jobs, we also have to put up the flags." Interestingly, some of the kids were critical of the driving abilities of the parents who visit the school. Luke told the visitor that his post was considered to be the most dangerous. He said, "My post is probably the most dangerous because it is at Cattail Road, and some of the parents are [unreasonable] because they are in a hurry." Taylor Thomas remarked, "Some parents have to understand that we are doing a job, and some parents aren't that responsible and should [be aware of our signals]."

The patrol officers gave different reasons for joining the ranks. Allie Gruber said, "I decided to become a patrol because I wanted to help people... You see if you are worthy, learn to be nice, and help keep people safe." Taylor added, "I thought that it would be a good experience."

Besides the normal routine, sometimes patrols are called on to do special tasks. Susan Creedon remembered the time that there was a minor emergency on her bus. She recounted, "There was a little kid who was standing up, and the bus had to stop, and the kid fell onto the seat." Taylor had an unpleasant experience on her bus. She said, "A little first-grader threw up right where the front seats are, so I got her to her sister and helped people step over the puke."

During the summer, some of the student patrols go to summer camp at Emmitsburg, Maryland. They learn advanced safety skills and learn how to interact with children from other schools. Taylor explained, "There were five hundred kids, it was fun. We learned how to hold meetings, and we went paddle boating." In the spring, the patrols are treated to a one-day patrol picnic at the Gaithersburg fairgrounds.

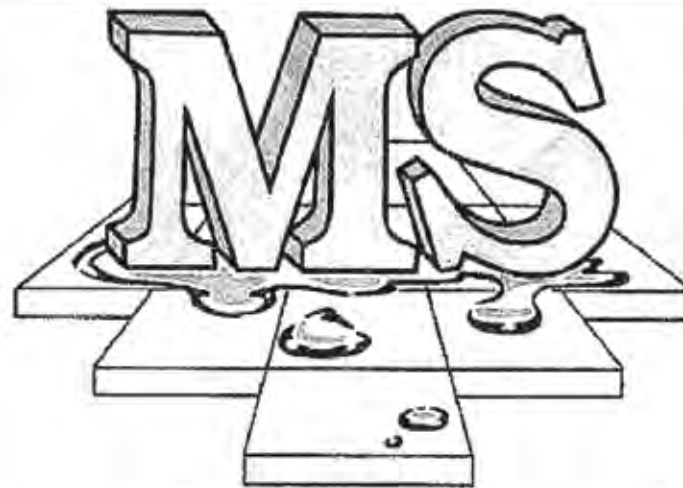
The Poolesville safety patrols are under the supervision of Officer John Johnson of the Germantown police district. He visits the school on a routine basis, holds inspections and meetings, and consults with the children about safety matters. Johnson said, "The patrols provide a valuable service to their school and community

and give up about 130 hours [of community service] during the course of the year. The only compensation they receive is the safety patrol picnic in the spring. We are training the patrols of today to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Officer Johnson brings up an important issue. These children, none older than twelve years old, are our future leaders and do an important job. We should respect them and the work that they do every day of the school year.



Susan Creedon and Taylor Thomas on duty at Poolesville Elementary School.



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