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Josh Funk has gone pro. Read about it in Local News on Page 10.



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Black Bear Victim Of Hit and Run on Local Highway

By John Clayton

A small black bear was found on Maryland Route 28 after apparently being struck by a passing vehicle. The driver of the vehicle did not remain on the scene. The accident occurred on Route 28 near Route 117, Bucklodge Road, on August 29.

The *Monocle* received a call from a Poolesville resident on the afternoon the accident occurred, but a *Monocle* reporter was unable to locate the scene by the time he was able to arrive, given the information he had at the time. The *Monocle* also received a photograph of the bear as it was being taken away by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and some additional information from a passing motorist.

While black bears do not generally take up residence in our area, it is not rare, especially this time of the year, for young male black bears to pass through. Bob Beyer of the Maryland DNR discussed the incident with the *Monocle* in a subsequent telephone conversation. Mr. Beyer was aware of the bear in question, and confirmed that the DNR has picked up the bear for disposal. He said that the DNR retained a tooth and a hair sample from the bear. The tooth will be used to verify the age of the bear, and the hair will provide DNA analysis for research purposes. Mr. Beyer did not know the bear's weight, although he estimated it was probably around 120 pounds. An unver-

fied estimate from the scene was 140 pounds.

Mr. Beyer said the bear was almost certainly a second year male, or yearling, as they are called. Most Montgomery County bear sightings occur in July or August and invariably involve yearlings. Bears are generally born in January and stay with their mother, a sow, in their den through the next winter. Several months later, in the



A black bear having more success crossing the road than the one in our story.

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Barnesville Oak Farms Presentation Draws Large Audience

By Rande Davis

At a September 15 public forum, Josh Maisel, a partner with Benning & Associates, Inc., presented an outline of the planned new residential community, Barnesville Oak Farm LLC in Dickerson, Maryland. Joining him in the meeting from Benning & Associates were David McKee and Katharine Sexton. The planned com-

munity, located off Peachtree Road near White's Ford Road, has thirty-three lots proposed on the 840-acre property. The company has scheduled new homes to be built on thirty-one of those lots with the acres per home averaging 3.8 acres per site.

As a housing community in the Ag Reserve, the controversy surrounding it sparked a large audience of over 120 persons crowded into the hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. Mr. Maisel states that, according to SEC. 59-C-9.41 of the zoning ordinance, the property is entitled to the thirty-one building lots based on the restriction of allowing one home per twenty-five acres. Mr. Maisel gave the opinion that the plan meets the recommendations of the Agricultural and Rural Open Space Master



Josh Maisel of Benning & Associates, land planning consultants, presents the plans for the proposed Barnesville Oaks Farm development.

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Brian Wilson of the Wilson Parrot Foundation, which rescues distressed parrots, tried to get his parrots in a row for a picture.



Just in case all you 5K racers wanted to know what this guy looked like from the front.



The ribbon cutting at the new town hall and Cooter in person; all on the same day in the same town.



One of the new events at Poolesville Day, the Poolesville Aggies. Pictured are Johanna Taylor, Cookie Magaha, and Megan MacKenzie.



Boo Davis, Pat Sutherland, and Amy Rogers at the Historic Medley District art show at the old town hall.

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Eagle Scout Develops Poolesville Historical Trail Walk

Curtis Betz has developed a trail guide to highlight the many historical buildings in the Poolesville downtown area as his Eagle Scout Service Project. The booklet, based on the Historical Trails format of walking guides, directs you through a three-mile walking tour using compass point directions and various distance measures to the many pre-1900 structures located in the Poolesville downtown area. The walk is relatively level and for the most part follows sidewalks, so it is appropriate for most skill levels of walker. The trail incorporates a scavenger hunt/question-and-answer format to highlight interesting features along the trail. Brief yet informative paragraphs make note of architectural features, notable historical facts, and/or amusing accounts about each location. Curtis

received his Eagle rank, Boy Scouts of America's highest Achievement, on August 22, 2008. The development of the Trail Guide was sponsored by the Poolesville Historic District Medley. The trail maps also offer an easy and accessible guide to the many older structures of Poolesville that contribute to the town's heritage. Copies of the Trail Guide are available for a modest cost at the John Poole House. Trail Patches and Medals are also available for purchase by those who complete the trail and file a simple Trail report, as per the Historic Trail Format.

56th Annual Memorial Methodist's Lord's Acre Festival

On Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the United Memorial Methodist Church in Poolesville will have its annual Lord's Acre Festival. Their famous apple butter makes a great Christmas gift. Attendees can also count on the other features that have attracted them in

the past. For example, the offering of baked goods—too numerous to count—is usually snapped up well before noon. Expect to find a mouth-watering sampling of home-baked pies, breads, cakes, cookies, and candies. Then there are other perennial favorites such as the silent auction, Attic Treasures (household goods, furniture, toys, etc.), and a large selection of gently-used books, DVDs, and cassettes. Homemade soups, BBQ sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, and popcorn will be available. Children will be able to work off some of their energy on a Moon Bounce, and there will be live entertainment by the Bob Lauder Band. Finally, everybody will want to check out the fresh produce and mums that will be available.

Join your friends and neighbors at Memorial, 17821 Elgin Road on September 27. Proceeds from the event help to support the operations and programs of the church, including many community-related activities. For further information: Contact Kirsten Lewis kir05@hotmail.com or call 301-330-5128.

HMD Annual Art Show Continues

The HMD Art Show continues on September 27 and 28 and in conjunction with the hundredth anniversary of the building's opening as the Poolesville Bank, and provides an opportunity to see the renovation progress to date. The transformation of the site into the Poolesville Museum is an important step in HMD's

ongoing preservation work. The revitalization of this iconic building provides the Poolesville community with a historically-significant venue that is relevant and accessible for community use today. HMD is actively reaching out to school and community groups in developing plans for the facility's use that will benefit and bring together groups dedicated to celebrating local arts, education, and historical preservation.

Monocacy Lions Golf Tournament – Still Time to Sign Up

The Monocacy Lions will hold their largest fundraiser of the year on Friday, October 3 at the Poolesville Golf Course. There is still time to sign up as a sponsor or for playing. The tee off time for this scramble-style tournament is 1:00 p.m., and there will be an awards dinner following the tournament. Their usual contests for longest drive, closest to the pin on all par-3s, will also feature a \$2,500 putting contest. Individual play is \$100, and sponsorships range from \$100 to \$450 which includes the cost of a foursome. Interested golfers should call Ed Rothenberg at 301-407-0390.

Family Movie Night at Clarksburg United Methodist Church.

Clarksburg United Methodist Church invites the community to a family movie night on Friday October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your children (or

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Commentary

Looking for Candidates for Poolesville Town Commissioner

By Rande Davis

Commissioners Eddie Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, and Link Hoewing have all begun the process to seek reelection. Of course, preparing and doing is not necessarily the same. If no one else files, all three can cancel their heavy television and radio campaign plans and might even get by with one lawn sign apiece. One would wonder why no one else has yet to come forward. Granted dislodging them at this time might prove challenging. After all, despite reports elsewhere of reckless and irresponsible governance, the town financially is in good shape, commissioners are working together better than in recent memory, and all three incumbents can be credited as being hardworking, serious, and effective leaders.

I sense that, generally speaking, residents are quite pleased with the way the town has been managed and equally satisfied with the responsiveness of the commissioners, the town manager, and all the town employees—not perfect with room for improvement, but not a crisis either.

At the moment, things seem quite quiet as compared to past years that had many controversial issues. For all the false diatribe about Whalen Commons and the town hall, it seems facts and maturity have risen to the top after all. Anger has lost out to goodwill. That is a good thing.

Still a fresh look and perspective have many advantages and without new faces to consider, the town loses out both in terms of finding new approaches and not having persons coming forward to challenge those already governing.

The town does face important challenges in the coming

year. If the new homes at Winchester and Brightwell Crossing are not built or at a rate less than budgeted, the commissioners will have to take another serious look at projected revenues in the year and years to come. State financial difficulties and the economy in general will most certainly cut into hoped-for revenues. Working with less than expected is all but a certainty.

Additional projects being discussed like a new town community center and a skateboard park may just have to be placed on hold until the economic fog has lifted. The town is awaiting final reports from the Maryland Department of the Environment concerning possible remediation of alpha emitters with well #2. The town holds \$600,000 in escrow in the unlikely event it would be needed to comply with MDE requirements. There plan is to return it to the taxpayers. I think that plan is wise and should not be used to fill potential revenue gaps or new projects. We already have enough unrestricted funds to protect against temporary financial woes.

We keep hearing from some effective town leaders in the community, those holding committee positions, and former commissioners that a major problem in attracting new candidates is the constant attack from That Other Paper. Having ideas and plans challenged by facts and sound reasoning is important. Being able to “take the heat in the kitchen” is always a part of leadership. If that was all there was to it, then it wouldn’t be a problem. However, when criticism is more like throwing bricks and bullying and never comes with positive suggestions or constructive ideas, then it is detrimental. Most importantly, when simple facts and reporting are distorted and often downright false, then the community and elected officials are disserved. Accountability applies to all, not just elected officials. Residents of good will understand that.

Commentary

Déjà Vu

By John Clayton

Poolesville Day was a welcome relief from trying to write something about the presidential race, which will please at least one person I spoke to that day. She was a fan of the paper, but preferred our more upbeat moments and thought we could leave the political stuff to the others. It is a point we have heard before, and I promise we won’t turn into nattering nabobs of negativism. We will remain nattering nabobs of positivism.

I took a day or two off from the campaign to worry about the economy, and when I looked up the Republican candidate was screaming for more government regulation of the markets, and the Democrats were fine tuning their plan for offshore drilling. I guess if you wait long enough, everyone will meet in the middle. The other item I have noticed is that the Republican vice presidential candidate is the only national

candidate in my memory to totally hide from the press and avoid direct questions. I thought only sitting presidents could do that; she really is blazing a new trail. I’m not sure how much longer she can get away with this; I suspect not long. Conversely, the Democratic vice presidential candidate is quite the opposite. If the campaign goes beyond November 4, the press might start hiding from him.

I watched some of the 60 Minutes interviews with the two main candidates: Sarah Palin and Barack Obama—ha—fooled you, didn’t I? No, it was John McCain and Obama. I thought Senator McCain really hit his stride when he spoke of his considerable personal trials and repeated brushes with death throughout his military career, but I thought Obama was more impressive on the issues. Well, of course I did. Isn’t the Democrat always more impressive on the issues? McCain generally responded with little platitudes that summed up the issues (the economic crisis, primarily) in simple black and white terms

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Garden It's Time to Come Inside

By Maureen O'Connell

A couple of years ago, The New Yorker magazine ran a humorous cartoon which showed several potted plants on a patio in front of a sliding glass door, looking into the house at a woman looking out. The caption read: Can we come in now? I always remember that cartoon every year about this time, because every year about this time, my husband Jim asks me which of the outdoor plants are going to make the cull. Summer is a past memory, and some of our green friends would like to vacation indoors.

There are two groups of plants that you could or should bring indoors now: houseplants that you moved outdoors in May, and some of your favorite annuals and perennials which can adapt to indoor growing conditions.

Let's look first at our house-

plants. Most of them have originated in the tropics. They have adapted to the average home's low light and humidity level, but they cannot survive nighttime temperatures that dip into the 40° and 50° F. level. Now is the time to bring your houseplants back inside. Don't wait for the first forecast of frost. Those little guys on the patio won't make it.

Before you bring your vacation plants inside, be sure to check them carefully. While living outdoors for the past several months, they could have easily become infested with insects, spiders, and other pests. They can also develop diseases. I usually separate these plants from those that have not spent the summer outdoors. Infested plants can quickly spread their problems to healthy indoor plants. If the plants are severely infested with pests or are disease ridden, the safest thing to do is discard them. For minor problems, I wash them with a mixture of water and liquid soap.

Check to see if your plants need repotting. Some plants grow at a faster rate outdoors. To inspect for crowded roots, tap the pot

against a hard surface to loosen the root ball. If it consists of a mass of roots, it needs repotting in a larger container. The only exception to this rule of thumb that I have noticed over the years is my Christmas (or Thanksgiving) cactus. I have three plants in the same three inch plastic pots that they were in when I bought them, about twelve years ago. Contrary to all good gardening practices and logic, these plants thrive, and every year in early November they set out fat, little flower buds, that by Thanksgiving explode into a mass of scarlet flowers that continue to bloom almost to Christmas. They are potted in what once was soil and that now has the consistency and friability of concrete. Every year I am tempted to repot them in some good, real soil, but why mess with success. For your plants that are not root bound and in need of repotting, I usually add a small top layer of fresh soil.

Don't be alarmed if your relocated plants show some leaf drop. This is a common occurrence, as they adjust to significantly lower light levels. Place them where they

can receive as much light as possible. With the reduced light indoors, the plant's growth will slow down. Don't over water your plants. Remember that indoor plants are not subject to drying winds, warm temperatures, and strong sunlight. More houseplants are killed by over watering than anything else. For many plants, water them when the soil is beginning to dry out. Don't fertilize now, while the plants are not actively growing. To do so results in a buildup of fertilizer salts in the soil that can damage the plants' roots.

What are you going to do with all those beautiful summer plants growing in containers on your patio? You would love to keep them all blooming indoors all winter, but not all are good candidates to survive the limited conditions indoors. You must be realistic. How many sunny nooks do you have inside that can provide enough sunlight to keep the flowers blooming? If you have a cat or two, they might resent giving up their comfortable, lounging spot in the sun. You

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Local News

Town Hall Officially Opened in Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony

By Rande Davis

September 13 was truly an historical day for Poolesville when the new town hall was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Although rumors of a visit by the governor proved to be just that—a rumor—the warm and slightly muggy day still had a sizeable crowd come by to take part in the occasion and refreshments.

For those not able to attend and for purposes of historical record, the *Monocle* provides the following excerpts from remarks made by some of the speakers at the event.

Eddie Kuhlman: “A little history of how we got here: In 1967, the commissioners moved into the old bank building and for twenty-eight years the town business was conducted there. Town meetings and town elections were also held

there. Then in 1995, the American Disabilities Act was enacted, and we moved from that town hall to different locations around town that met with ADA law. In 2003, we moved into the shopping center across from the current building in a rental space that was cramped, but we did meet the ADA requirements. Now in 2008, we have a permanent location which will serve the town for decades to come.

“It was through many years of careful planning and budgeting to finally achieve this building. The funding process began in the early 1990s by implementation of the impact fees. Part of those monies was set aside for the eventual construction of this new town hall. Subsequent bodies of commissioners continued to set monies aside out of the general fund. We sold the old town hall building to the Historic Medley group and placed covenants on the property to preserve it as an icon for Poolesville. With the help of Sen. Rob Garagiola, Brian Feldman, Kathleen Dumais, and Jean Cryor, we were fortunate to secure a \$150,000 grant from the state of Maryland—and,

the best part, folks, is the building is paid for. There is no mortgage at all.”

Senator Rob Garagiola explained how he first came to get involved along with other elected officials in securing the grant for the building of the town hall. “I was first prompted to get involved in helping the town gain the state grant after Barnesville received a grant for their town hall restoration project. Mayor Kuhlman gave me a call and said, ‘Hey, what about us up in Poolesville, we would like to get some money as well. We are looking to do a new town hall and we have been setting aside money.’ Eddie came down to Annapolis and knocked on doors and met with members of the budget committee, and I give him a lot of credit for tenacity along with some of the other commissioners, and I am very pleased working with my colleagues Delegate Brian Feldman, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, and former Delegate Jean Cryor to secure \$150,000 for the town hall. I think it is an incredible building. Not just in bricks and mortar, but it is also a place that the community can come together and really be a central part of the community—a community gathering place and place to do the business of Poolesville.”

County Council president Mike Knapp told the audience, “This building is not just a building but it is a place to bring people together. We worked with you on the library, we worked with you on the impact fees, and we worked with you on everything on the schools, and we look forward to continue that partnership.”

Apologizing in advance for fear of leaving someone out, Mr.

Kuhlman also recognized others who played an important role in the project starting with the representative from the town’s planning committee naming Charles Elgin, Jr., former commissioner Roy Johnson, George Coakley, Steve Earle, and Ted Wroth.

Representing the planning committee, Charles Elgin reviewed the planning process beginning with visiting other communities similar in size to Poolesville to gain insight on the needs for a small town facility. After many months of investigation, the committee reviewed several vacant properties as potential sites but acknowledged that, from the beginning, a site on Whalen Commons was always their number one choice. Mr. Elgin praised the commissioners for carrying the ball and stated with pride that this is the first time in the long history of the town that it actually has its very own building and not just a hand-me-down. Referencing the long history through various commissions, he also noted that his father, Charles Elgin, Sr., would be looking down with a smile on this day.

Before inviting all guests to tour the building and to have some refreshments, others who were recognized for their contribution were: Jack Stringer (previous owner of the property), Johnson and Johnson (architects), Bruchey Building, John Strong from Huron (town engineer), George Coakley (planning committee chair), Bernie Mihm of Fine Earth Landscaping (for his work with the global ecology students in preparing landscaping), and the Poolesville Community Farm Board for its \$5,000 donation. Town manager Wade Yost, town clerk Bobbi Evans, and

town clerk assistant Maggie Leibrand were also recognized for the ongoing work on behalf of the town. Other dignitaries in attendance were Mayor of Gaithersburg Sidney Katz (also president of the Maryland Municipal League), Councilman Elrich, and Councilwoman Nancy Floreen.

At that, the ribbon was cut, and a new era in the Town of Poolesville began.



Poolesville Town Commissioners Jim Brown, Eddie Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, Tom Yeatts, and Link Hoewing, celebrating no injuries during the cutting.

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September 3 Theft from a vehicle. 19500 block of Bruner Way, Poolesville.

September 6 Robbery. 18900 block of Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. A man reported that he was assaulted and robbed of his work boots and wallet.

September 13 Assault. Poolesville Plaza, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

September 13 Theft from a vehicle. 13700 block of Schaffer Road, Boyds.

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September 26, 1951 An investigation into a fatal fire at Mrs. Jolliffe's Nursing Home at Colesville revealed that a dis-

carded cigarette may have been the cause of the fire that killed four elderly ladies. One lady, in her mid-eighties, ran back into the fire to retrieve her favorite chair and was later found dead sitting in the chair.

September 27, 1926 James Magruder of Cabin John and Frank Graham of Washington were arrested and charged with shooting Harvey Lowe of Cabin John. Police said at the time that Lowe had been shot three times and was seriously wounded.

September 30, 1912 Sheriff Howard and his deputies arrested thirteen members of a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad work gang who were said to be violating the state's blue laws which forbade work on Sunday. Sheriff Howard had been busy enforcing the laws earlier when he shut down an amusement park that was operating on a Sunday. Albert Bouic, an attorney for the railroad, said that the charges would be contested because the work was an emergency.

October 1, 1955 The Peter Pan

Inn at Urbana was heavily damaged by fire when flames swept through the attic and roof.

October 4, 1896 People living in the vicinity of Seneca were fearful that two people had drowned while trying to ford Seneca Creek. A horse and buggy was found by Mr. Henson, who lives near the creek, and after a search, the occupants could not be found. It was said that the creek had been running high after recent rains.

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Late Start to Season a Good One for Coyote Soccer Teams

By Jeff Stuart

The Clarksburg boys' opening soccer game at B-CC on September 6 was rained out. Both the girls' and boys' teams were rained out on September 9 at St. Johns Catholic Prep. Finally, the 2008 season began in a double-header on a comfortable and clear fall night on the lush grass of the newly renovated Northwood Stadium Field. The girls won, 4-1, in the opener of the doubleheader, and the boys shut out Northwood, 3-0 in the second game.

The Gladiators opened up strong in the girls' game, keeping the ball in the Clarksburg end of the field for the first several minutes. Forward Cecilia Bayou made a strong run at the Coyote

goal but was forced off to the left of the goal by back Daria Borowski. But number 9, Borowski and number 10, Lexy McCarty, a sophomore forward, helped get the Coyotes off to a good start. At about the 28 minute mark of the first half, Borowski, a senior, hit a crisp crossing pass from the right that McCarty headed into the goal. About ten minutes later, Borowski scored her first of the season from the right front of the goal. Clarksburg had a 2-0 lead. Number 4, senior back Melanie Gustafson, followed with a goal about a minute later to give the Coyotes, a 3-0 half time lead.

Northwood opened the second half with freshman Yamu Sarr scoring at the 35:19 mark, but about seven minutes later, Borowski got her second score of the season to close out the scoring.

"Getting Daria recognition as first team All-State this year is one of our goals," said Bowers.

Freshman forward Sunita Mengers made strong runs at the goal in both halves but could not finish as Gladiator goalie, Gabby

Delgado, made the saves.

The girls finished 8-7, last year, losing several games by one goal. They lost leading scorer Ashley Layton and two goal keepers to graduation. "Finding someone to play between the pipes is a top priority," says the coach. Sophomore Lexy McCarty, the team's leading returning scorer will help during the remainder of the season.

"Overall I was very impressed with the way we possessed the ball," said Head Coach Troy Bowers. "This was our first game exactly one month after the season began (that is a very long time to wait), and we came out and played like a team that was on a mission. This was a great season opener, and I am hoping we can build off the things we did well in this game."

In the later evening game, played under a full moon, a header also opened the scoring for the Coyotes. Esteban Navarro picked up the goal at 38:57 of the first half. The Coyotes, despite numerous scoring chances, took a slim, 1-0, lead into half time.

After halftime, the Gladiators pressured sophomore goalkeeper Austin Fiedler who made several nice saves and equally important clears.

With ten minutes gone in the second half, number 11, Peabo Doue, made a strong crossing pass from the right of the goal and number 3, Nick Civetti, on the left, just missed putting it inside the near post. Peabo, who has accepted a scholarship to play at Division I West Virginia next year, scored an unassisted goal shortly thereafter from the right front. He later hit the cross bar with a shot. With last year's teammate Julio Arona now competing with the U-17 National Team, Doue gets a lot more attention from defenses.

Julio Ventura closed out the scoring several minutes later. Last year's boys' soccer team reached the regional finals.

The girls' and boys' teams opened up their home season sweeping both ends of a double-header against Rockville on Thursday, September 18 by identical 2-0 scores. Both teams are 2-0 on the season.

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Individuals vociferously responded negatively when Mr. Maisel did not offer to disclose the ownership of the property other than to state that it is "owned by the same party who has owned it for the past twenty-seven years." With the meeting becoming contentious, Mike Rubin, one of the largest landowners in the county and a leader in protection of the Ag Reserve, rose to assist in redirecting the meeting away from its negative start, stating that, although not supportive of the project, he felt it was important to "to let them make their case and to hear them out."

On the matter of ownership, Caroline Taylor of Poolesville suggested to Mr. Maisel that the concern of ownership was an issue of trust. "Knowing who the neighbor is would be needed to establish trust and the possibility to mitigate the issues." Mr. Maisel, a nine-year

resident of Poolesville, maintained that all concerns at this time regarding the property are to be directed to him and Benning as the operational agents for the proposal.

According to Benning, the property development promotes agriculture as the primary land use since ninety-four percent of the existing land will have agricultural operations. There will remain two large farming areas with 368 contiguous acres and the other having 324 contiguous acres.

Benning also stated that the proposal will retain the broad vistas of Sugarloaf Mountain on the west side of Peach Tree Road by moving the lots away from the midsection of the property which follows the 1999 recommendations from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's objectives.

Those from the audience who spoke and asked questions voiced objections to the plan in three primary areas of concern:

the impact on water resources, especially on other properties in the region; increased traffic and related problems, especially on Peachtree Road; and concern with the impact on the Ag Reserve, in general. More specific concerns were voiced over negative ecological impact, specifically citing bird migration, concern over the use of outside lighting with subsequent impact on night sky observance, and that potential fencing would not be conducive to wildlife.

Water usage impact had the strongest inquiry by the audience, and the estimates of water use by Benning were met with skepticism especially without specific information on the size of the homes and other uses such as pools, horses, etc. Caroline Taylor further questioned the issue of water supply in times of peak use and droughts. As he took questions by working his way from the front to the back of the room, he promised each who requested his response that he would get back to them. He indicated that this was just the first such public meeting, and that he will be meeting with some in the audience individually to hear and respond to their concerns.

According to Benning, the applicant has requested no special exceptions, child lots, or sand mound septic systems. From their perspective they have sought to implement the intent of the RDT zone and the zone's development standards. Benning also stated that future subdivision of the property is

not possible.

Concern was voiced about potential abuse of legal parameters of water, conservation, forestation, et cetera. since enforcement of such issues appeared ambiguous at best.

Dr. Peter Eeg, who also does some farming, expressed his opinion that the sites should be located elsewhere since the new road improvements on Route 28, made as to improve the access to MARC, would be more appropriate. He also questioned the home site locations as not placed effectively to facilitate the heavy farming equipment.

Mr. Rubin offered that there are other options the owner could exercise that might prove equal or better than the development plan, especially, in consideration of the current housing market. "There are a number of ways for the owner to take advantage of programs available," he said. "It will take several years but so will subdivision as currently planned. They could be paid on a per acre basis but still own the land and could then sell with easements in place and have the excess TDRs to sell when the market improves. I just did this to save the John Stade farm on Bucklodge Road which is 190 acres with house and outbuildings."

Benning & Associates offered to inform all attending who signed in that they would be kept in the loop especially as regards any future public meetings.

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Local News

Poolesville Athlete Goes Pro

By Dominique Agnew

"I've always wanted to reach the next level," says Poolesville resident, Josh Funk—and the next level after four years at Ohio State University is professional indoor lacrosse in the National Lacrosse League (NLL).

Early this month, after a grueling but exciting combine weekend with about forty other invited prospects at T.D. Bankworth Garden (Boston Garden), home of the Celtics and the Bruins, Funk was drafted in the second round by the Chicago Shamrox; he was the twenty-first pick overall. The weekend included physicals; combine-style drills—"similar to the NFL," adds Funk—with forty-yard dashes, vertical jumps, broad



Josh Funk is second from left, with some Ohio State teammates who were also drafted by the National Lacrosse League.

jumps, and cardiovascular tests; interviews with coaches from the NLL teams; then playing lacrosse. "I felt I did fairly well," says Funk of his performance. The coaches thought he performed well also. Not only was he drafted in the second round of seven, he was the third defensive player taken.

"We're very excited about [drafting Josh Funk]," says Shamrox Head Coach Jamie Batley. "He seemed like a great kid when we interviewed him, and he did a lot of things that I like." Batley especially liked his ability to transition from defense to

offense and his handling of the ball. If Funk is able to transition well to the indoor game—fortunately he spent one summer playing indoor "box" lacrosse in Canada—he will see playing time. The Chicago Shamrox is a very young team with young players. "We're trying to create a successful team with Canadian and American players," says Batley, "and, hope-

fully, [Funk] will be able to make that transition and make an impact."

Practically speaking, professional lacrosse isn't big enough yet where the athletes can live off of the salary. The players are true weekend warriors who travel to the game city on Thursday or Friday, practice with their teams, play their games, then fly home on Sunday. Some players have full-time jobs, and they're "still playing because [they] love to play," says Funk. "Some sacrifice vacation days." In his case, he hopes to play professional

lacrosse through med school. "It will certainly help me with my school bills," he laughs. Funk attends the University of Maryland at Baltimore Physical Therapy School where he is working towards his doctorate. As a defensive-mid for the Shamrox, Funk says, "I'm hoping to contribute, and I'm hoping to elevate the team to the next level."

Taking the team to the next level is just what he did as a Buckeye. "He is first and foremost a terrific young man," says Coach Joe Breschi, men's lacrosse coach at Ohio State for eleven years until June 2008 when he made the decision to coach for his alma mater, the University of North Carolina. "Everything you want in a player, Josh has." For his senior year, he was unanimously picked to be a team captain. The team had a great respect for his work ethic, "and that speaks volumes," Breschi says. "Josh improved his game tremendously from his junior to senior year," he adds, when he went to Canada to

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Youth Sports

Poolesville Soccer Teams Continue to Exceed Expectations

By Jeff Stuart

Last season, three Montgomery County soccer teams played for State Championships in different divisions. That had not happened before. All three teams had first-year coaches: Sean Karns of B-CC, Steve Pfeil of Magruder, and Christos Nicholas of Poolesville. B-CC defeated Bel Air, 1-0, in the Maryland 3A State Final. Magruder defeated Perry Hall, 5-1, in the 4A State Final.

Poolesville finished the 2007 regular season with just three wins prior to a Cinderella-like five-game playoff winning streak, but the clock finally struck Midnight for the Falcons who lost in the 1A final to Pocomoke in double overtime. That team was honored with the 2007 Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award. They lost All-Gazette first-team defender, Mark Fales to graduation.

The 2008 Falcons have good chemistry and look to do great things again. Playing larger schools all season prepared Poolesville for last year's post-season. They are facing the same stiff regular season competition this year and are off to a good start. They began this season just like they ended the last one, with a game that ended in double overtime. The Friday, September 5 contest with visiting 4A Quince Orchard ended in a 0-0 tie.

Then the Falcons tied the defending 3A state champions from B-CC at Poolesville on September 11, 1-1 in double overtime. "The Gazette paper was at the game," said Coach Nicholas. "Their reporter said it truly was one of the most remarkable games thus far this season." Jeyson Ventura (Jr.) scored the season's first goal for PHS off an assist from Matt Capozzi in the fiftieth minute of the game. "It was a clash within one of the two best teams in the county this season and what a



The Poolesville High School boys' soccer team

great start for the Poolesville boys," said Coach Nicholas.

Both teams had scoring chances in the first half. Near the end of the half, Barons striker David Williams missed high over a wide-open net. Early in the second half, Poolesville's Matt Capozzi, who nearly connected on a number of first-half shots, sent a long pass down the left flank to Ventura, who put a shot just inside the left post.

About two minutes later, B-CC mirrored that play with Chris Woodruff passing to Willy Koue who put a shot past Falcons goalkeeper Billy Green just inside the near post. Bethesda-Chevy Chase defeated Wootton, 3-0, in their home opener on September 9 and figures to be one of the best in the county again this year.

On Monday, September 15 at Seneca Valley, Poolesville won handily, 6-0. Ventura and Tim Dalton, each had a goal and an assist. Dane Hanscom and Kevin Wolf also scored as did magnet students Matt Capozzi and Alex Pfister. Colin Dillon had an assist along with magnet students

Tim Del Vecchio and Alex Hall.

The Poolesville girls' soccer team lost to Northern in the second round of the region tournament last year. They have faced tough competition also in the early season. They lost, 3-0, to the defending 4A champs from Quince Orchard on September 5. Quince Orchard is ranked seventh in the latest *Washington*

Post area rankings.

Poolesville's own-goal in the thirty-sixth minute gave the Cougars a 1-0 halftime lead. Quince Orchard scored twice in the second half to clinch a 3-0 victory.

Senior forward Megan Brown and junior forward Stephanie Boulter teamed up to help Poolesville

create several scoring chances of its own.

"I felt like this was a 0-0 game the entire time," said Falcons Head Coach Christina Mann. "We had opportunities. We need to be better about the final pass up top and learn to be in the right place at the right time. I think this game showed us we can play with anyone. We played great and were creating our own chances and possessing very well the entire game. They did end up scoring two more goals in the second half, but we never gave up, and we were dangerous the entire eighty minutes. I was incredibly happy

with the tenacity and heart that each player showed. If we can bring that energy to every game, we will be extremely successful this season."

The Falcons lost to Quince Orchard, 6-0, early last year. So perhaps the QO game is a small measure of improvement. The Falcons are very fast and make opponents work for goals. That'll be an integral part of their success this year, as goals could be hard to come by—not against visiting Seneca Valley on September 15 though. The girls cruised to a 5-1 victory in that one. Boulter scored two goals. Senior midfielder, Liza Jones, and senior forward, Megan Brown, scored. Caryn Thompson and sophomore forward Caitlin Kelly also scored. Sophomore Caryn Thompson playing midfield was solid on defense.

"It was an opportunity for us to gain some confidence in terms of our scoring, in being able to create chances, putting the ball in the back of the net," said Coach Mann. "We did very well. Just winning our first home game got us really pumped up. It was 3-1 at halftime. It took us a while to put them away and put the ball in the net, but we did a good job of maintaining possession and creating opportunities for ourselves."

Local News

Thompson Farm Scheduled for Conservation

By Kristen Milton

Only a week after a new Montgomery County Planning Board took up the thorny old issue of Clarksburg's Thompson Farm, an appraiser had already the site in preparation for putting the land in conservation, effectively ending a controversy that has spanned years and gone to court and back.

The Thompson Farm, a 434-acre property located on the east side of Slidell Road, was

the subject of a court case after appearances before the board in 2002, 2003, and 2004 resulted in conflicting rulings on the owners' plan to construct seventeen houses on the site. All sides appeared to be pleased September 4, however, as the board unanimously approved the property for the county's Legacy Open Space program.

"[Land acquisition specialist] Bill Gries has moved forward very directly, and we're in full cooperation," Billy Jamison, a real estate broker who owns the property with his siblings, said in a September 11 telephone interview. "A lot of people had a very bad taste in their mouth for that [planned] subdivision, so we felt

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Local News

5K Winners

By Rande Davis

Through the guidance of Kathy Mihm and Tom Kettler, the PACC annual 5K race at the start of Poolesville Day had more runners than ever before. While all participants can be said to be winners, the top award went to David Wilson of North Potomac in the male category with a 17:20 running time. On the distaff side, Jennifer Reid of Comus clocked 20:46 to grab the blue ribbon.

For the men, Sam Widmayer of Darnestown ran an 18:42 time and Leo Bassett (son) of Poolesville followed on his heels at 18:32. For the women, second place went to Mari Hornyak of Poolesville at 21:41 followed by third place winner, Meghan Lockett of Comus at 22:27.

While the runners had strong representation from the

high school cross country team, the dynamic duo of Paul and Betty Hauck inspired and won the hearts of all. Betty and Paul won the over-eighty classification, and special notice goes to Paul who has run in all eighteen 5K races. The PACC has sponsored seventeen and HMD sponsored the race one time. Paul got interested in running after retirement as he was looking for a sport, and "it wasn't something I could do alone without having to rely on others as volleyball and softball would have." Betty began joining Paul four or five years ago, and both look forward to defending their title next year.

In the seventy to seventy-nine age group for men, Dickerson is proud of *Poolesville Online's* Ray Hoewing who was followed by Heinz Bachman in taking top honors. Beallsville's Dolores Westerman took honors in the same age group for women.

In the over-sixty crowd, congratulations go out to winners

Jack Clark (Barnesville), and Ginna Lacroix of Beallsville. Of course, the other finalist in this category earned applause starting with Tom Mills (Gaithersburg) and Bob Marshall for the men and Sally Murry of Beallsville. Looks like Beallsville leads the area in women racers.

On the flip side, the under thirteen group was won by Chris Comfort of Poolesville for the boys and Sophia Coates for the girls. In this category, strong finishes were by Joe Seeger of Comus (red ribbon) and Connor Hall (white winner), and Madeline McKeon of Gaithersburg proved that the younger set was well represented.

Recaps of other results were:

Age	Gender
14-19	male
Logan Wilson, Joshua Greenwald, Adam Altamirano	
14-19	female
Megan Gerdes, Kristyn Kirschbaum, Sabrina Richter	
20-29	male
Michael Terao, Luke Wolverton, Andrew Howard	
20-29	female
Jenny Smith, Rosemary Harbuck, Jennifer White	
30-39	male
Christopher Lowell, Giuseppe Mastroeli, Alex Hornyak	
30-39	female
Ryne Paulose, Heather France, Kristen Roy	
40-49	male
Tim Tilter, Gregory Maydan, Andrew Gilmour	
40-49	female
Kim Lockett, Sally Lee, Mary Comfort	
50-59	male
Michael McCarthy, Kevin Farragher, Phil Snoy	
50-59	female
Myra Washington, Kathryn Swick, Glenice Rhodas	

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play indoor lacrosse. The improvement was "dramatic." That he put the emphasis, time, and energy into lacrosse before his senior year had a "major impact not only on his game but on team success—I couldn't have been more pleased," Breschi added. "He led us to a school record in success."

Funk played in fifty-five games as a Buckeye and had thirteen goals, five assists, and eighteen points, along with eighty-two groundballs. As a senior, he had a career-best seven goals. He was a second-team All-GWLL choice in 2007 and was a four-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete and three-time Academic All-Big Ten choice. He earned his bachelor's degree in health sciences in spring 2008. At Poolesville High School, class of 2004, Josh Funk was a four-year starter for the Falcons. He earned All-America accolades as a senior, in addition to All-Met honors and county player of the

year award. As a junior, he was a first-team all-county, all-division, All-Journal, and All-Gazette selection. He won second-team all-county and first team all-division honors as a sophomore. He also excelled in football as a three-year starter earning all-county honors three times, honorable mention all-state accolades as a senior, and playing in the state all-star game. What could be the next level for Funk after pro lacrosse? "I'm going to be a doctor," he says, a little as if he's surprised himself. Neither indoor nor outdoor professional lacrosse is as big as the other professional sports yet, but it's in its nascent stages where they all began. As for his part in it, "I hope to help [lacrosse] grow for the next generation." The sixteen-game season opens on December 27 at home in Chicago against the Rochester Nighthawks.

High School Varsity Home Games

September 26 to October 10

Poolesville High School Varsity Home Games

Football:		Volleyball Girls
9/26	Norwood @ 6:30 p.m.	10/1 Churchill @ 6:30 p.m.
		10/3 Gaithersburg @ 6:30 p.m.
Field Hockey:		
10/2	Richard Montgomery @ 7:00 p.m.	
10/10	Quince Orchard @ 7:00 p.m.	
Soccer Boys		Soccer Girls
10/1	Northwood @ 7:00 p.m.	10/6 Kennedy @ 7:00 p.m.
10/6	Kennedy @ 5:00 p.m.	

Clarksburg High School Varsity Home Games

Football:		Volleyball Girls
9/26	Wootton @ 6:30 p.m.	10/10 Poolesville @ 6:30 p.m.
10/3	Poolesville @ 6:30 p.m.	
Field Hockey		Soccer Boys
9/27	Seneca Valley @ 2:00 p.m.	10/1 Watkins Mill @ 5:00 p.m.
10/7	Damascus @ 7:00 p.m.	9/25 Kennedy @ 7:00 p.m.
10/10	Watkins Mill @ 7:00 p.m.	
Soccer Girls		
10/1	Watkins Mill @ 7:00 p.m.	
10/4	Damascus @ 7:00 p.m.	

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On Saturday, October 4, the annual In the Street Festival in Frederick will have loads of fun and entertainment for everyone. Live music, beer and wine gardens, along with delicious food make this a great event. You can also find activities for the children, paddleboats, dance demonstrations, and unique jewelry vendors. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact: Amy Riley at ariley@cityoffrederick.com.

ELC Book Sale for Disaster Relief

In conjunction with the In

the Street Festival, the Social Ministry team at Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church will be holding a used book sale to benefit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Disaster Relief Response program. The church is located at 31 East Church Street. All the proceeds go to the ELCA Disaster Response—and we are at the eighth hurricane of the season already—on top of the previous natural disasters for this year.

The sale will be held October 3, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Saturday sale will be held the same day as the annual In the Street Festival in Frederick so that people attending that festival will have the opportunity to stock up on good books at great prices.

Profits from the sale of the books will go towards the ELCA Disaster Response team, a program that strives to provide support to survivors of

disasters in a timely, competent, and compassionate manner through a coordinated, community-based system. Current disasters, including the China earthquake, the flooding and tornadoes in the U.S. Midwest, and the continued rebuilding in the Gulf Coast in the years following Katrina and other hurricanes, continue to be supported through this program. Questions about the sale may be directed to Karen McNitt at 301-371-9130 or KMcnitt53@aol.com.

53rd Annual Potomac Country House Tour

Mark your calendar for October 4 and 5. The Women of St. Francis Church in Potomac sponsor this event yearly. All proceeds benefit local, regional, and worldwide charities. Our 2007 tour gave over \$60,000 to charities. Over four hundred community volunteers are needed for the two-day event.

Along with spectacular homes to visit, the tour has new items on this year's agenda including: antique cars, custom motorcycles, family heirlooms and collections, green ideas for landscaping, and a special Christmas shop. The special draw is Crown's Grant Round Hill Mansion, a 28,000-square foot mansion. Other enticing homes include a Potomac River view home, a French manor house whose kitchen was featured in *Home and Garden Magazine*, and a Poolesville country estate which won the 2008 Maryland National Capital Building Industry Association's Gold Award for Best Traditional Custom Home.

Tickets for the event are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 the day of the event. Contact: Carol Jarvis, Jarvis.carol@gmail.com or 301-299-4296, or Beth Hunter, hunterbeth@comcast.net 301-217-0558,

Weinberg Center's New Movie Series

The Weinberg Center for the Arts will start its Movie Series which begins October 2 at 7:00 p.m. To kick-off the MovieTime at the Tivoli Series, the Weinberg will host its first Thursday Night

Movie Club movie. Thursday Night movies will be held on the first Thursday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will feature either an independent or foreign film. The night will also include a pre- or post-show discussion, a happy hour, or an event. The first movie scheduled will be *Johnny Eager* (1942) at 7:00 p.m. with pre-show discussion 6:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale

Just around the corner is another fabulous Rummage Sale at St. Peter's. As we are all trying hard to go green and to recycle, this is your perfect opportunity. Remember the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Reduce by cleaning out your unwanted stuff and donating it to St. Peter's. Drop off anytime between Saturday, September 27 and Tuesday, October 7. Reusing and Recycling things means that new ones don't have to be manufactured, which saves energy and raw materials. And, it cost so much less at the Rummage Sale than new in the store. So come, have fun and shop for bargains! There are household items, clothing, books, electronics, furniture, jewelry, linens, baby equipment, toys, one of a kind treasures and so much more. Hours are Thursday, October 9 from 5pm – 9pm, Friday, October 10 from 9am – 8pm, and Saturday, October 11 from 9am to 3pm.

UMCVFD Auxiliary Basket Bingo on October 10

Come for a fun evening and help support your local fire department by playing bingo for a chance to win beautiful Longaberger baskets filled with additional great prizes. There will also be raffles, door prizes, and special bingos. Refreshments are available for purchase including great homemade food and desserts. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the games begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. To reserve a spot call 301-605-0548.

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Local News

Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Town meeting on September 8 reviewed analysis on the final costs to the new Town Hall. The summary figure presented totaled \$1,640,094 but did not include \$60,000 for furnishings, and the newly proposed generator that may be as much as \$50,000, and up to another \$11,000 for a new digital sound and video system.

The cost of paving Fyffe Road, while not on the town hall summary cost ledger, is within the current town budget in street capital improvement projects. The controversial point as to whether or not the cost of Fyfe Road remains. Resident Bob Roit urged the town to include that cost since it was completed at this time specifically in relation to the building of the town hall.

The paving of Fyfe Road has been in the master plan streetscape projects and would have been completed at some point regardless if or where the town hall was built. The commissioners believe it is, therefore, not appropriate to be included in the total. Others at the meeting presented the benefit of the completion of Fyffe Road as to its adding parking and access to Whalen Commons.

On the other hand, there were significant additional costs in architectural outlays when the town had to change from a Campbell Park location to its new place and when they changed from a full two-story building to the now functional single-story building. In reviewing the possibility of using Campbell Park, the town had expended \$40,377 for a site and stormwater management plan and borings.

After settling on the current location, the town expended \$175,703 for the architectural design (required prior to a Request for Proposal [RFP] could go out for bid). When bids came in higher for the two-story objective,

the commissioners revised the plan to its current one-story building. In redoing the architectural design for the new proposal, they expended an additional \$50,490 to prepare for the RFP.

The modernization of the sound system could include a digital capacity for the recording of meetings for the press and others and to permit power point and other presentations to be visible even in bright light. It ultimately could allow for home viewing of meetings through live streaming should the commissioners choose to do so sometime in the future.

The generator is determined to be required since the facility is also the official emergency response center for the town should an unfortunate event occur.

While no final decision has been on the selection of the generator or the new sound/video system, the total cost could go to \$1,762,000.00. Whether or not the cost of Fyfe Road is included probably depends on which side of the bucket one drinks. Regardless, as a cost of the town hall, a

cost of the park, or a cost on the master plan, it can only count once.

In other matters, the town turned down a request from CEDC for an additional \$1,000 for use in development of new signs and map displays. Tom Kettler, chairman of CEDC, announced that the town could get \$2,000 from Heritage Montgomery for the purpose of such user-friendly community information displays but required the town to also contribute \$1,000 cash and approximately \$1,000 of in-kind labor by town employees to place them. The commissioners determined that CEDC, in canceling plans for a Battle of the Bands event, had the money within its budget. They did, however, agree to contribute the in-kind town employee labor.

The commissioners voiced dissatisfaction in the way Montgomery County Public Schools handled the parking situation at the high school during construction and will monitor the situation closely for progress.

Local News

Update on Other Planning Issue in the UpCounty

By Kristen Milton

Planners recently approved a plan that will create six new homes on Bonny Brook Lane in Damascus while protecting a historic home and forested land. The preliminary plan for the twenty-nine-acre Stern Property, discussed at a September 11 hearing, also created an outlot that may host more homes in the future. Subdivision planner Cathy Conlon said the lot had "building potential" but needed access to a public roadway. David Bernstein of Bethany Homes, the property owner, said attorneys were negotiating for right-of-way with a neighbor in hopes of providing the access. Meanwhile, the approved plan allocated enough open space

to accommodate the additional houses if and when an agreement is reached. Conditions for the approval included the designation of fifteen-foot wide public trails to Upper Great Seneca Stream Valley Park and the protection of nearly ten acres to provide a setting for the buildings of the historic Rezin/Bowman Farm which include a home, milk house, dairy barn, and corn crib.

In approving the plan, the board granted a waiver of minimum area requirements in order to allow the proposed homes to be clustered together.

Work on the latest Germantown Master Plan will continue through the fall as planners incorporate comments from the public and new regulatory directives. In a September 4 update on the plan's progress before the planning board, staff noted that more than 150 people had attended the July 28 public hearing

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Renovating the 'Green' Barn

By Carol Rae Hansen, Ph.D.,
Director

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Don't be taken in by false "green" claims. *Time* magazine's September 22 issue reported that the green marketing company TerraChoice had found in 2007 that only one of 1,018 "green" products it surveyed really lived up to its company's advertising. Sales of organic products have grown from \$10 billion in 2003 to more than \$20 billion today, so a host of companies are polishing their "green" image. Many may be successfully hoodwinking you. Even worse, many products touted as green are really dangerously toxic. Greenwashing is the new name for these misleading efforts to deceive. Don't let this abysmal level of dishonesty hamstring your Green Barn renovation effort. Fight back by joining Kevin Tuerff, of EnvironMedia, and highlight false advertising with the Greenwashing Index (www.greenwashingindex.com). It lets you list greenwashing ads, and assess each in terms of how dishonest they appear. You can also consult TerraChoice's website (www.terrachoice.com) for six easy ways to recognize false greenwashing advertising.

How can you ensure that your green renovation will yield big results, long-term energy savings, reduce pollution, and enhance conservation? Follow these steps in renovating your barn and home:

1. Respect micro-climates by orienting your addition properly: point it into the prevailing winds like the prow of a ship (generally into the north-west), and you will be blessed by natural air conditioning, the abundant hourly air exchanges so necessary for equine health, and little or no stress on the roof from heavy snows.

2. Locate any new addition

such that the most used morning rooms are oriented toward the east to take advantage of natural daylight, while the most used evening rooms are oriented toward the west. All commonly used rooms and structures, like loafing sheds and run-in sheds, should be oriented toward the south, with an overhang of at least six feet to ensure that the sun's steeper summer rays do not enter into the shed or stalls and overheat them. (With a six-foot overhang, the winter sun will warm the entire twelve-foot stall, and even hit the back wall, just as it did for the historic rock dwellings of the Anasazi in the American southwest.)

3. Plant large shade trees (with deep tap roots to protect them from droughts) to the south and west of your barn to shade it and a surrounding bluestone sacrifice area. With homes, this is an ideal place to put a stone terrace.

4. Install green energy to ensure long-term cost savings: consider solar, geothermal, geosurface, and a tracking array photovoltaic system. See PVWATTS (<http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/calculators/PVWATTS>) and Find Solar (www.findsolar.com). Save money by using all federal, state, and local tax credits, rebates, and government-sponsored support for innovating into solar.

5. Use only double or triple windows and door panels, six inch walls (standard insulation with a two-inch air cushion for "free" additional insulation), and infloor heat, so appreciated by tackroom cats and leather tack.

6. Keep your animals seasonally warmed or cooled by "insulating" them through locating climate controlled or insulated feed rooms, tackrooms, and lounges on the northwest wide of a barn, while your stalls, run-ins, loafing sheds, and or indoor arenas are located to the south and east. This makes an excellent wind buffer indoors and out for your animals, while offering more comfortable, low wind speed conditions for your staff and clients.

7. Insulate, cool, minimize

runoff pollution, and beautify with a green roof garden.

Consider using only Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified materials and design. Set a new trend in your neighborhood.

8. Did you know that in much of the U.S., almost a third of all fallen timber goes into landfills? Prevent that waste by buying Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified lumber. Locally, you can contact Chris at Seneca

Creek Joinery and the Community Woodlands Alliance 301-972-7453. Put your deadfall to good use as fence boards, board and batten siding, joists, floorboards, or paneling.

9. If you absolutely must use treated lumber for ground-level contact, or places where splash back will be inevitable, construct the bottom foot of your buildings with horizontal siding so that it can be replaced as it degrades.

Business Briefs

By Rande Davis

Karen Kalantzis of Corporate Network Gains Recognition
CEO, Karen Kalantzis of Corporate Network Services was named to the "25 CEOs You Need to Know 2008" in the *Gazette of Politics and Business*.

Over 130 nominations and applications were received. Economic development offices from around the state nominated CEOs who know how to execute strategy and inspire others to follow their vision, according to Cliff Chiet, the *Gazette of Politics and Business* Publisher. The size of the companies the top 25 CEOs manage ranges in size from ten to 120,000.

In her article, Ms. Kalantzis explains how she started her IT services business on a dare 15 years ago, and how proud she is that the company has won the Best Place to Work Award from

the Alliance of Workplace Excellence for the past three years. She also recalls that her first job was at a children's clothing store where she picked pins out of the carpet in the dressing rooms. Today, her business has forty employees offering all-inclusive IT support services, business continuity and custom application development.

Karen earned a BS in Business from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and an MBA from George Washington University. She resides in Poolesville with her husband and three children. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, and fashion. She is a member of the Poolesville Community and Economic Development Committee, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and Women Business Owners. According to her article, her life motto is, "You only live once!"

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School News

A New Face at Poolesville High School

By Katherine O'Connor



Assistant Principal Brenda Eisenhauer

As students entered Poolesville High School on August 26 for the start of the 2008-2009 school year, many noticed that Assistant Principal Ronnie Heller was missing from the halls of the school, and they found in her place a new assistant, Dr. Brenda Eisenhauer. Poolesville High School Principal Deena Levine explained that "the school system often transfers administrators" to vary their experiences. "Each assistant principal has different strengths," she added.

Dr. Eisenhauer joins the

Poolesville High School staff after a very successful career in California and an eleven-year tenure at Quince Orchard High School, where Mrs. Heller now administrates. She is originally from a small farming town of two thousand people in Iowa, "much like Poolesville, with strong academics and high expectations for students," she says, where she attended the local elementary, middle, and high schools. Dr. Eisenhower then attended college in Minnesota and, upon graduation, began teaching home economics, health, family life, and child development to high school and college students. She then moved to California, where she continued to teach, but also worked as a counselor and principal of a middle school. She also worked as a district level grant writer, coordinator of prevention, intervention, and support programs for students and families in grades kindergarten through twelve, and was an accreditation reviewer for the California State

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spring or summer, the male yearlings will disperse, as the sow is getting ready to breed again. (No word on whether lipstick is involved.) The males are compelled to leave their area and search out new areas of their own, which as Mr. Beyer observed, is a plus for the genetic diversity of the species. Females, alternatively, do not travel so far and may overlap their mother's territory.

Mr. Beyer said that our unfortunate bear was quite possibly from Pennsylvania, although he could easily have been from Virginia, West Virginia, or Western Maryland, primarily Allegheny and Garrett Counties. The DNR considers the bear population to be one regional population, as opposed to being composed of multiple populations specific to different states. Bears elsewhere in Maryland generally wander in from these other more highly bear-populated areas. Recent bear sightings have occurred in such urban areas as Arbutus, Maryland, and in another fairly well-publicized event, the Eastern Shore. This latter sighting was of particular interest to the DNR, as a bear apparently made his way south from Pennsylvania through Kent and Cecil Counties to Talbot County where the bear still resides. Apparently bears haven't been found in Talbot County for over one hundred years.

The DNA sample that will be derived from the bear's hair will add to other DNA samples that are from five-year studies of trends in the bear population in the State of Maryland. The DNR conducts transects, or DNA collection, across a wide area from Western Frederick County into Allegheny and Garrett Counties. Baited barbed wire structures are designed so that bears will climb over or under the wire, leaving behind hair for the samples, which feed the five year study on populations and migration trends. The DNR also has hundreds of bait stations in these areas to measure visits to the stations. While this won't provide an exact count of the

bear populations, it provides sufficient data to establish whether the population is trending up or down. "Over time, you get a picture," Mr. Beyer said. The goal is to maintain a healthy population in areas that can support bears. If these areas become overpopulated, bears start showing up in areas such as ours where a bear simply isn't safe. He added, "It's nice to see a bear, but we don't want to see them in Silver Spring." He said the DNR's primary goals are "safety for bears and safety for humans." Helping to keep bears away from unsafe areas, or just leaving them alone until they withdraw to more hospitable areas, is far preferable to removing them forcefully, which is highly stressful and outright dangerous for any wild animal. He confirmed that the bear population is healthy and rising and that they are detecting a great deal of bear activity, with concurrent dispersal of bears into areas in which they don't usually appear.

Mr. Beyer said that when bear hunting in Maryland was halted in 1953, the bear population in the state was very low. The DNR concentrated on rebuilding the population in the 1980s, leading to the healthy bear population we now have. He said the black bear is extremely secretive, and even someone living in an area with a high bear concentration of over twenty bears per square mile may go a lifetime without ever actually seeing a bear. They simply don't look for confrontation, and there is no record of a black bear attack in Maryland. Their senses of hearing and smell "are fantastic, and they are good hidiers." Mr. Beyer said that about a twenty percent attrition or harvest rate, by any means, is necessary to keep the rising bear population in check. Bear hunting was resumed in 2004, and Mr. Beyer said that the DNR considers bear hunting an important component of bear population management.

There is a lot more information on black bears in Maryland on the DNR website: www.dnr.state.md.us.



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17th Annual Oktoberfest at Kentlands Set for October 12

The City of Gaithersburg and the Kentlands Citizens Assembly present the 17th Annual Oktoberfest at the Kentlands, Sunday, October 12, 2008, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Kentlands Village Green. Admission and parking are free. Free wheelchair-accessible shuttle service will be available from the Global Exchange Services (GXS) Building at the corner of Main Street and Route 28, and will run regularly during festival hours.

Amidst horse-drawn hayrides and pumpkin painting, festival goers can enjoy authentic Bavarian food and beer and lively performances by the Alte Kammeraden German Band and Alt-Washingtonia Bavarian dancers. Throughout the festival, you'll find booths representing local merchants, organizations, artists, and craftspeople. The City Art Shop, housed in the Arts Barn 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 contagious energy of FLUMPA, Live!, while the dynamic dancers of Studio C will be performing on the Arts Barn Theater stage. Performing on both stages will be the talents of Upbeat Unlimited, the Day Dream Dance Performance Company, the Kentland's Community Children's Chorus, and the Damascus Theater Group. Kids will also enjoy a full day of pony rides, moon bounce, face painting, recycling art projects, and many other activities. A used book exchange will be taking place inside the Arts Barn, so be sure to bring a used book to swap for a "new" used book! Note that a small fee will be charged for some activities. For more information call 301-258-6350 or visit the city's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Third Annual Coyote Open

This annual golf tournament, sponsored by the Clarksburg

High School Boosters club, will be held on Monday, October 20 at the beautiful and convenient Little Bennett Golf Course in Clarksburg. A day of great golf planned is planned with lunch, contests, and awards. Don't forget to check out the "Golf Tournament" page on the CHS Booster Club website during the next month for updated details. Players, sponsors, and raffle donations are needed to ensure a successful event. Remember, a bad day of golf is better than a good day at work. Contact Patty Kelly, bpjkelly@aol.com, or Doty Hillsm j-dhills@comcast.net.

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must also think about how you are going to water them. Many a year, I have brought inside eight to ten large containers of geraniums and other plants. Every sunny spot was filled with plants. When it was time to water them, they were too heavy to carry to the kitchen sink to give them a good soaking. The ritual of carrying dripping buckets of water to their location was very messy. It left many unsightly water stains on my pine floors.

So as hard as it is to leave your still-blooming plants outside when there is a frost forecast, curtail your enthusiasm and rescue just as many medium-sized containers that you can reasonably care for.

If you decide to bring in some tender outdoor plants, give them time to acclimate to being houseplants. Bring them in while the windows are still open. They'll adjust to the changes in temperature and humidity more easily if the change is gradual.

What outdoor plants make good houseplants? There are some losers and some winners.

Many perennials like a period of dormancy in winter, but many are warm weather perennials which will grow all year if brought indoors and given a moderate amount of attention. Unless you have a greenhouse, there is no way you can duplicate the outdoor environment. Since homes have less light than the outdoors, shade tolerant plants make good houseplants. Homes are also cooler and less humid, but with a little bit of extra care, many plants can adapt. Frequent misting and growing plants on a pebble tray help.

I have three ideal plant sites in my kitchen and living room. Over the years, I have experimented with different plants and their indoor survivability. Here are a few of my favorite plants that do well indoors.

Begonias make excellent flower and foliage plants. A week or two before I bring them inside, I cut them back almost by half. You don't want them to get too leggy. Place them in a sunny spot and don't over water.

I love the bright, intense colors of fuchsias. They are very tropi-

cal-looking plants and have an insatiable thirst for water. Outdoors, neglect them for a day or two, and you've lost them. They don't seem as demanding indoors. They like cool temperatures, so cool indoors suit them. They can be very unpredictable. Some years I can coax them into blooming well into January, and in other years, they fade away before Christmas.

For years, gardeners have been over wintering geraniums. You can cut them back and store them in the basement or a corner of the garage and allow them to go dormant until spring. But, if you have a south facing window with plenty of sunshine, they can bloom all winter. Geraniums that have been growing in pots can make the best crossover to houseplants. If they are growing in the ground, leave them there or discard. They don't like to have their roots disturbed.

Caladium plants do well as houseplants. They tolerate full shade outdoors, but they prefer indirect light indoors. Keep the soil moist but not wet.

Coleus plants can provide a shot of color all winter with a

little bit of care. Give them indirect bright light, moist soil, and monthly feedings. Pinch off any flowers as they appear to keep the plant from going to seed.

Every year, I grow two large hibiscus plants on my patio. They offer a riot of color all summer with very little care. I hate to lose them over the winter, so I bring them in about now. They can be a little temperamental. Some years they bloom very well, and some years they get lazy and go dormant by about December. Don't over water. They have a tendency to attract aphids inside, so check regularly. At the first sign of these pests, spray the plant well with insecticidal soap.

The coming of the cold weather months does not mean the end of flowering indoor plants. With a little extra care, those little guys on the patio asking you now to come in can recapture and hold a touch of summer during the long winter months.

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this was something where the entire community would be well served."

The Jamisons nominated the property for inclusion in the conservation program, having sold the planning board both easements and property in the past. The land is currently being farmed for hay.

Planners will pursue purchase of about 172 acres, including what Legacy Open Space senior planner Dominic Quattrocchi called "over 150 acres of good-quality forest."

The approach, noted Legacy Open Space manager Brenda Sandberg, will result in "a more fiscally responsible cost than trying to buy the whole farm." The question of exactly how much preservation might cost, asked by more than one planner, went unanswered.

"We know what it's worth," farmer/broker Bobby Jamison said at the hearing. "...We'll get to a fair value and if you can fund it, you can have it. And if you can't fund it, we'll keep it, and I don't know what we'll do with it." Brother Billy Jamison

seconded that statement, saying he expected at least two independent appraisals to be conducted and possibly more. "It all hinges on a fair value," he said.

The Thompson Farm's complicated history includes a December 2003 reconsideration hearing at which board members voted 3-2 to reject development plans for the site, saying they were not in accordance with area master plans. That decision was followed by a November 2004 decision to reverse the rejection.

Opponents, who argued that the development plans were too intensive for the Agricultural Reserve and broke up scenic vistas, eventually took the matter to Montgomery County Circuit Court where a judge ruled in 2006 that the board's decision should stand.

At the September 4 hearing, a wide assortment of organizations, including former plaintiffs Peach Tree Ridge Civic Association and Boyds Civic Association, expressed support for the Legacy Open Space designation.

"It is a very happy day for us,"

said Ann Cinque, vice-president of Sugarloaf Citizens Association.

Horse breeder Dell Lamiman, who had worried about the effect of new wells and suburban neighbors on his operation, said the designation meant "my farm will be able to continue."

"You've got your shot," Bobby Jamison told Commissioner Joe Alfandre just before the board's vote was greeted with scattered applause. "We told the citizens upcounty we'll give them their shot."

The Jamisons' controversial development plans had called for seventeen houses on lots ranging in size from about 4 to 77 acres to be constructed in various groupings off Slidell Road, Shiloh Church Road, and West Old Baltimore Road. The board's September 4 decision allows development rights to remain on eight lots while pursuing property that would allow for connections between the adjacent Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park and Black Hill Regional Park.



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Mystery History

Mystery History
By Rande Davis

A Call to Duty

Long before the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) was established, there were those in the community who recognized the contribution and importance of a thriving business community that benefits all. The PACC is to be applauded for its "Shop Local" campaign, and with gas prices high, the advantages of shopping locally are in favor of the local consumer, as well.

Back in 1922, the student writers for the Poolesville Pool school newspaper, under high school editors Arthur Elgin and Constance Chiswell, took special care to also note the importance of shopping locally. Their slogan was less technical and much more personal: "Buy at home."

The following article is taken from the December 1922 Poolesville Pool without specific mention of the author:

Every true citizen of Poolesville

wants Poolesville to be a progressive wide-awake community. It is true that our town has been progressive in the past twenty-five years, but it is also true that it may progress doubly as much in the next twenty-five years.

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It is true there are many things you cannot get in Poolesville, but when can Poolesville furnish for you the things that you want to buy? Most assuredly, not until you buy the things that the stores furnish for you now. For the same reason

will the prices come down and the quality become better.

The stores are here for your accommodation and mine and it is our duty to support them by buying what they have for us.

If you are a loyal citizen, prove it. How? By buying from your home stores.

Post script: The town sure has progressed since 1922, but the need to support area commerce whenever possible has not changed. I am not sure that the editor and one of the advertisers sharing the same name is just coincidental. Nevertheless, the Monocle is impressed with the call to duty and has repeatedly called for similar consideration when making our buying decisions. We might add, we were also impressed with the level of support the businesses gave the newspaper through advertising. The copy of the advertising page accompanying this article provides a glimpse of the scope of the business community in the area ninety-six

years ago. While there are many recognizable names, sadly, none are in business today. Still, they sure knew how to create a marketing interest by often including catchy limericks in their advertising. In the Monocle, only Cugini's has used the technique on occasion, and we have to say from comments we've heard that their little poems have been amusing and enjoyed.

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intervention, and support programs for students and families in grades kindergarten through twelve, and was an accreditation reviewer for the California State Department of

Education for special education, Chapter One, and Drug Free Schools Programs. She was assigned to go into schools to review programs, working directly with educators, administration, parents, and students, to ensure that state- and federally-funded programs in California state schools (K-12) were meeting the rights and needs of the students—a job she really enjoyed, finding that she could impact students positively on a broad basis.

From California, Dr. Eisenhower moved to Falls Church, Virginia, where she worked as the assistant principal at George Mason High School, which has a strong International Baccalaureate Program. Upon moving to the East Coast, Dr. Eisenhower chose to be an assistant principal, hoping it would give her some time to

complete her dissertation, rather than working as a principal or coordinator of large projects like she did in California. She worked in Falls Church for two years and also taught night classes at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia. She then decided to apply for a job in Montgomery County and was offered the position of assistant principal at Quince Orchard High School. During that time, Dr. Eisenhower finished her dissertation and completed her doctorate in 2004 in educational leadership and organizational management, which she had begun at the University of LaVerne in southern California prior to moving to the East Coast. Her dissertation, "African-American Male Ninth-Grade Students' Perspectives Concerning What Helped and Hindered Their Achievement in Algebra I, Comparing Upper-Achieving and Lower-Achieving Responses," has been of great interest to educators, parents, students, and businesspeople. She interviewed students from four high schools in Montgomery County and found three core themes in her research that

served as the basis for student success: work positively with students (relationships), use instructional methods that fit how students learn, and maintain a positive and supportive learning climate for all students. She firmly believes that schools need to seek more input directly from students and recognize that even students at the youngest grades have specific perspectives about how they learn best.

At Quince Orchard High School, Dr. Eisenhower assumed many roles in addition to those typical for an assistant principal, including much work with the ESOL and METS students, special education programs, and the extensions and school/community based programs for children with autism and other disabilities. "I enjoyed working at Quince Orchard with the students, families, and staff," she said, "... even though I miss students from Q.O., I'm very happy to be at Poolesville." Dr. Eisenhower continued, "I always heard great things about Poolesville students, staff, and the school, but when I actually

got here, it was above and beyond even what I had been told." She loves the "very high standards for students and staff, positive learning environment, strong academics," and the "many opportunities that are offered here." She believes that it is very important that "all students have a quality program," and values that aspect of Poolesville High School greatly.

While education is her passion in life, Dr. Eisenhower has many hobbies, including traveling (especially back to Iowa for holidays to visit her family that still owns and operates a farm there), co-chairing many fundraisers for causes like Children's Hospital, and gardening. She has also always been artistic and enjoys playing piano, making stained glass, and creating watercolor paintings. Reading books on psychology, raising miniature schnauzers, and cooking are also some of her favorite pastimes.

Dr. Eisenhower is very excited to meet the students and families of Poolesville High School. She looks forward to working with all of them



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Yard Sale and Luncheon/Bake Sale
 Dickerson's Forest Grove UMC
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

September 29
 Poolesville Library
 Book Discussion Group
Crashing Through: A True Story of Risk, Adventure from the Man Who Dared See
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September 27 & 28
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October 1
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October 3
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October 9
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October 9, 10, & 11
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 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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October 10
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on the document and testimony was received from fifty-nine sources. The staff report divided speakers into three groups—residents, property owners, and others—then made a general chart of the concerns addressed by each. The one common issue across categories was the need to increase transit usage in the area and de-emphasize automobiles.

Planners noted that since the draft was made available to the public in May, a new transit mixed use (TMX) zone had been

developed for application in areas around transit stations. The new zone was incorporated into the master plan draft.

Three master plan work sessions, the last on October 30, were mentioned. The process of updating the 1989 document that is the area's current vision statement began nearly two years ago. The current draft of the master plan is available online at <http://mcparkandplanning.org/germantown/index.shtm>.

Youth Sports

Fall Sports Look Promising At Poolesville, Clarksburg

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville girls' tennis team won the division championship last fall under Coach May Shlash. New Head Coach Rene Pulupa will have his hands full trying to repeat. "The team is in a higher division this year playing tougher opponents," says the coach. "Our top singles players are Lauren Rost (sophomore) and Vy Yen Do (freshman). Our team captain is Rachel Shipe, and she is the team's only senior. Rachel plays on our first doubles team with Saumya Rajvanshi. Our team is looking forward to a great year." The addition of a science wing to Poolesville High necessitated the relocation of four tennis courts on the schools forty-seven-acre property.

At Clarksburg, girls' tennis coach Scott Mathias is optimistic. "We have a great deal of experience returning from last season," he says. "The team is comprised of predominantly juniors and seniors. All of the players returning from last season are improved from a year ago. Our top player is Khanita Suvarnasuddhi. She played first singles all season last year, finishing with a winning

record during the season and advanced to the final eight in the county tournament. Other key players looking to improve on solid seasons last year will be Clara Salcedo, Melissa Beck, Lucrece Tiengwe, Nathalie Fowler, and Princess Stephenson. New members this season hoping to make an impact will be Meredith Beck, Starla Belt, Brielle Belt, and Julia Xu."

The team has improved dramatically, going from the middle of their division in 2006 to leading it last year. "Now [we are] top dogs," said Suvarnasuddhi. The team swept Springbrook late last September, 7-0. Both doubles and singles won three-set victories to claim the division championship.

In 2007, the Clarksburg boys' and girls' cross country teams both won the county's Division III title, with perfect 5-0 marks, so the Coyotes are already among the county's cross country elite. This fall, Coyote coach Nick Caretti has Alexandra Miles and Paige Harris returning on the girls' side. The boys' team lost Ramon Munoz and Michael Leaman to graduation, but Coach Caretti is hoping for strong seasons from James Thomas, Robbie Wong, and Philip Cruz who return from a summer of running.

Coach Jim Vollmer's Poolesville girls' cross country squad won the division championship last fall and looks to repeat.

New Clarksburg pom coach, Lori Caretto, has fourteen girls

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Cain generally responded with little platitudes that summed up the issues (the economic crisis, primarily) in simple black and white terms which led to suggestions of logical but not totally clear solutions. Obama was more analytical and walked confidently through the sources of the problems, showing a clear command of the scope and context of the issues and arrived at logical but not totally clear solutions. This is familiar turf. We Democrats love the fact that we are invariably supporting the smarter and more erudite can-

didate. This phenomenon recalls any number of elections that have led to crashing Election Day defeats for the smarter guy.

Perhaps I should return to Poolesville Day. The Republicans clearly and decisively won the battle of the yard signs. Several times, I saw an Obama shirt or sticker walk by, and maybe a couple of signs, but I kid you not, you couldn't swing a cat without hitting someone carrying a McCain-Palin yard sign, and in many cases, two signs. The Monocle booth was directly across from the Rural Republican Women's Club, and they were assembling and distributing McCain-Palin yard signs like they were going out of style—and apparently they are not going out of style, at least not in the UpCounty.

returning and seven new girls joining the Squad. Eleven went to summer camp, winning a trophy and thirty ribbons They marched in the Labor Day Parade in Gaithersburg. They will be outfitted in new uniforms this fall. Captains are Ashley Alexander and Lindsay Viqueira.

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A New Nonprofit to Benefit Kids

With the belief that sports, arts, and education are crucial to the development and wellbeing of a child, the Chesapeake Area Youth Recreation Association, a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization, was formed to facilitate the growth of recreational and educational opportunities for kids in the area. The association, based in Frederick, was formed in June of 2006 by Curtis Osborne and Jake Powell to promote sports and arts in a positive manner to both children in the outlying suburbs and the inner city as well. The organization is now fully operational and is ramping up to deliver in 2009.

Recreation encompasses many things, including athletics, music, art, and performance. All, in conjunction with education, are vital components for a

well-rounded child. Chesapeake Rec, or CAYRA for short, wants to provide opportunities for children to participate in various activities. It is the organization's mission to work with local youth associations and councils to assist them in program development such as creating youth golf leagues, a first tee program, youth bowling leagues, and after-school tennis programs. More importantly, academic achievement is at the forefront, and the organization plans to encourage and reward the scholar-athlete and the scholar-artist with merit-based scholarships for graduating high school seniors to use for college expenses. To meet these goals, the organization plans to purchase and donate new equipment to local athletic organizations, as well as new musical instruments to donate to arts-based programs.

Sometimes the cost of participation can be cost prohibitive to a child's family. Between registration fees, equipment, private lessons, the cost can be quite a financial burden. Because of that,

particularly for families with multiple children, the organization will provide hardship scholarships based on need to help offset the cost of registration fees, uniforms, equipment, and lessons.

For specifics, during the upcoming year in operation, CAYRA plans to give away \$10,000 worth of new equipment to outstanding young athletes and musicians. The giveaway will consist of new junior golf clubs, tennis rackets, aluminum baseball/softball bats, gloves and helmets, soccer equipment, lacrosse equipment, full-sized electronic keyboards, electric guitars, and an array of other musical instruments. The organization will also award performance accoutrements for dancers and actors and art supplies for aspiring and talented artists.

The founders of CAYRA also recognize that the recreational program offerings in the inner city are not as abundant as they are in the suburbs. So to give kids in the inner city decent recreational opportunities, the organization plans to provide funding for various youth sports and arts groups. To start, they will buy or collect new and used tennis rackets for the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, buy or collect new and used baseball/softball equipment for the DC Department of Recreation, Metropolitan Boys Clubs, YMCAs, and church-affiliated programs. Lastly, the organization plans to purchase and donate new and used golf equipment to the Langston Golf Course juniors program.

The goals of the organization are grand and diverse. To make it strong and on good footing, CAYRA will seek strategic alliances with some national organizations such as the United States Tennis Association, USA Football, the National Alliance of Youth Sports, the Positive Coaching Alliance, the National Health and Exercise Association, the Parent Coaches Association-Mid Atlantic bowling, and many others. They will derive most of their program funding through corporate and individual donations, sponsor-

ships, grants, fundraising drives such as golf tournaments and bowl-a-thons, memberships, and partnerships with major companies. CAYRA also plans to seek community involvement with area merchants by asking them to donate equipment for the organization to award.

The founders are local residents, so they expect to keep the organization focused primarily in Frederick and northern Montgomery County, even though they will also target national and out-of-state sponsors. The long-term goal is to continue to grow the organization and cover other counties and to possibly one day build a state-of-the-art sports and arts academy in the area. CAYRA wants to be an organization that the local community will be proud of and will want to help grow. For more information, email chesapeakerec@yahoo.com or contact Curtis directly at cptoz@aol.com.

Local News

Poolesville Town Meeting September 23

By Rande Davis

Commissioners and Pierce Settle on Dispute

At the September 23 Poolesville town meeting, it was announced that the legal action taken by Robert Pierce of Poolesville against the Commissioners of Poolesville in his dispute surrounding the Schraf well for the Winchester Homes development has been settled. Through the negotiated settlement, the town will drill a new well for the Pierce property with Winchester Home paying for the process. Additionally, the Pierces will be held harmless if the property's septic system contaminates the town water. The septic system will be inspected by a licensed technician every five years and should repair be determined to

be needed, the cost of repair will be paid by the property owner.

Permanent Emergency Generator System Rejected

In old business matters, the commissioners revisited their previous discussion on whether to purchase a permanent emergency backup generator system for the town hall. Estimated costs were reported to be between \$35,000 and \$50,000 and were confirmed upon receiving two bids on a recent Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the commissioners.

Commission president Eddie Kuhlman reported to the other members of the commission that he had requested town staff to survey one hundred villages having a town hall with and without having their own police/fire services to determine what other small towns decided on the use of a permanent emergency generator system.

Of the responses, three had a backup generator system, thirty-

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eight did not. Of those choosing not to have the system, seventeen did not have police/fire department while twenty-one did.

Mr. Kuhlman offered the opinion based on his experience in the town for the past few decades that a portable system should be sufficient to provide enough electricity during an emergency for lights, computer usage, etc. He has such a system in his home and except for air conditioning, the portable system has met the household needs sufficiently through the years he has had it. The portable option, even if requiring more than one generator, would be a fraction of the cost of the permanent generator system.

All commissioners offered agreement to move in the direction of purchasing a portable system, and the discussion turned to specifying the needs of electrical use for administering town business during a power outage with a request that all costs of pre-wiring also be determined before finalizing a decision to purchase a portable generator system.

More Questions on a New Sound System

In preparing for discussion on the purchase of a new sound/video system for the town hall, resident Rudy Gole, who has been a regular attendee at town meetings for many years, came forward to offer his humorous but poignant support for the need for improved amplification in the meeting room. His good-hearted oratory concluded with the proclamation: "In the 141-year history of the town, it is time the town had a decent sound system."

Brian Gross of Phoenixx Systems of Poolesville, a specialist in audio/video system installation, has offered to install a fully digital system at cost to benefit the town. In certain instances, he further offered to provide components that are somewhat dated but would fully meet the needs of the town at no cost. The commissioners, in expressing gratitude for Mr. Gross's generous offer, also wanted further clarification on implied warranties on technology and a determination if it would be compatible with new

computer and video software in the immediate few years. Commissioner Tom Yeatts, having a strong background in computer technology, was tasked to meet with Mr. Gross and town manager Wade Yost to present and clarify the remaining questions from commissioners prior to making a final vote for approval.

The estimated cost is slightly under \$11,000 and will provide microphones for all commissioners, town manager, town attorney, and testifying witnesses, video projector system, and recording devices for all meetings. The system would also have the future capacity for possible live or post-meeting streaming of meetings so that residents not able or willing to attend meetings could review them at home. It would also have the capacity for the press to record each meeting through a USB flash drive.

Treasure Hunt by GPS

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) has introduced its sponsorship and support for a geocache trail in Maryland. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share the experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

The MML would like Poolesville to sponsor a GPS site in the town which would entail a hidden plastic box containing an item to be given to the treasure hunter and a stamp to prove the discovery. The MML offers that the game will help bring consumers to the town which benefits the businesses. The cost to participate is minimal and anticipated to be around \$30.00 for the box, and it was suggested that the town participation would be under the Community Economic Development Committee.

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