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Planning Board Approves New Historical Sites

By Kristen Milton

The Montgomery Planning Board passed a new list of historical sites for the Damascus-Goshen area this month as the County Council prepares to take on the issue of property-owners' rights in making such decisions. The planning board unanimously passed an amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation without comment March 12—approving the decision the County Council arrived at after much debate.

More than half of the property owners on the original list of properties recommended for historic designation objected to their inclusion during summer 2008 public testimony. The County Council responded by deciding some of the properties were not historic enough and took one, the 1901 Friendship United Methodist Church in

Damascus, off the list when the church cited financial hardships that would arise from the designation. Other properties were indeed designated in spite of owners' objections. The council approved its final list January 27.

In response to the controversy, County Councilman Michael J. Knapp (D-Dist. 2) of Germantown proposed an amendment to the county's historic preservation law that among other things would require a higher standard to make a property historic over owners' objections. While a property currently has to meet only one of nine standards to be considered, Knapp suggests the sites meet at least three criteria if an owner objects and that no less than four Planning Board members vote in favor of the designation. The proposal would also remove high artistic value as a qualification for designation and require Historic Preservation staff to inform owners of potential historic properties of their status every five years. "My concern is that the current

ordinance is not precise, concise, or decisive in its description of processes and its delegations of authority," Knapp wrote in his March 2009 newsletter.

Opponents to the proposed amendment, including history advocates like Montgomery Preservation, Inc., have expressed concerns that the changes would undermine a successful county law, which currently does not consider owners' opinions. Others fear that state historic grants might be threatened. The Historic Preservation Committee has asked the state's attorney general for guidance on the issue.

The Damascus-Goshen list approved March 12 was years in the making and originally included homes, farms, log houses, and schools as well as the church. The amendment included not only properties to be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, which imposes various restrictions to protect the sites, but also

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Redesign of Band Shell Postpones Final Vote by Commissioners

By Rande Davis

John Strong, town consulting engineer, presented a design for a new performance band shell for Whalen Commons to the Poolesville town commissioners

Of two designs previewed, the Parks Board recommended a design with a stylized wave-like roofline having brick supporting beams, a curved stage with descending three step

stairway in front, and with modern restrooms and a mechanical storage room in the rear. A second design which was under consideration having a "rainbow arch" was not recommended to the commissioners by the Parks Board. The recommended location for the band shell would be on the east end of the park (closest to the BB&T bank) centered but slightly facing Fisher Avenue.

The design allows for



The planned band shell for Whalen Commons.

matching roof shingles and brickwork similar to that of the neighboring Town Hall. Open on both sides, the stage floor

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Family Album



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Edwin Brown (left) was honored at a recent meeting of the Monocacy Lions for being a member of the club for sixty-five years. Mr. Brown is congratulated by fellow Lion Charlie Glass. (Photograph by Pete Gallo)



The Clarksburg High School InvenTeam was at the Smithsonian Museum of American History on March 20 where they presented their project, Torch Card. Pictured are the members Anik Saha, Justin Roth, Shrey Tarpara, Alex Ivanov, Ian Grissom, Michael Goodier, Christie Opiekun, Elysa Marchicelli, Micaela Larson and Eric Hong, with their sponsors Sarah Costlow and Paul W. Koda]

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Poolesville basketball player Dan Hanscom with PHS Booster Club president Faith Etheridge during the annual mulch sale fundraiser.

In the Garden

Plants Worth Every Inch

By Maureen O'Connell

Frequently, people ask me for plant recommendations for their gardens. That can be difficult to answer, as every gardener has different ideas and varying amounts of time and money that he or she wants to invest in a home garden. I love many plants that I would not generally recommend for the average gardener. Some of them are digitalis, delphinium, astilbe, aquilegia, many ferns, tradescantia, and physostegia. They are beautiful plants, but they can be unreliable, invasive, favorite deer food, and labor intensive.

As the saying goes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. There are dozens of flavors of ice cream. I might like coffee, and you may hate it, but all flavors probably taste good to someone, somewhere. Plant selection is local, and plant performance is influenced by climate, soils, water, and other factors. For the past ten years, plant breeders have made great strides in cultivating plants that are more disease- and pest-resistant, heat- and drought-tolerant, and more floriferous over a longer period of time. In several past columns, I have spoken about plants that can save you time and money. Let's focus on some of them as my recommendations to you.

Many perennials can be fickle and moody. You can buy a beautiful plant one spring and tend it lovingly through the season. Then a year or two later, you may think, "Hey, didn't I...? Wasn't there...? I am sure that I planted a delphinium there." This can be very discouraging. Fortunately, I have my loyal perennials which, year after year, come through winter's cold winds, ice, and snow to break through

the ground in April and May to put on another floral show. Tom, Sam, and I now start our evening garden walks with a purpose. I anxiously look to see who is coming back this year or who is taking an extended gap year. As I inspected my gardens last week, I made a list of my faithful, workhorse perennials that fare well in our Monocacy area. They are easy to grow, low maintenance, and are distasteful to deer. Some new varieties have been added to my old favorites this year, which makes for an even greater abundance of options.

The name *Coreopsis* translates to "like a bug." If that doesn't turn you off, consider that its common name, based on the size and color of its seeds, is tickseed. Sam and Tom can give you their opinion of these pesky, itchy things. *Coreopsis* is a diverse genus with between 80 and 120 species—all native to North America. For many years, most of the species which were described as perennials performed like annuals in our area. In the early 1990s, things began to change. In 1992, *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam' was selected as Perennial of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association. This mildew-resistant, very adaptive plant puts out profuse pale yellow flowers above airy, ferny foliage. Growing to eighteen to twenty-four inches, it is great for the fronts of borders. About eight years ago, I planted several in the front of Molly's Garden, and they have been blooming all summer ever since. This year, there is a new hybrid 'Full Moon' that claims to be even better than 'Moonbeam.' Several other *Coreopsis* varieties to look for at the garden centers this spring are the highly-recommended 'Redshift,' butterfly magnet 'Jethro Tull,' 'Snowberry,' and 'Autumn Blush.' One new one I particularly like is 'Sienna Sunset.' The blossoms are orange overlaid with burnt sienna and fading as they age to rich salmon. They would look very

good with the coneflowers 'Concubine,' 'Fragrant Angel,' and 'After Midnight.'

Speaking of coneflowers, let's look at some other varieties. *Echinacea* (Coneflower) is a hardy, durable, native perennial that withstands drought, heat, hungry deer, poor soil, and neglect. They come in gorgeous colors of vivid pinks and clear whites to new dusty yellows and oranges. They have come a long way from their original, ugly magenta shade.

My favorites are 'Sunrise,' 'Sunset,' 'Twilight,' and 'After Midnight.'

To me, no flower evokes the feeling and scent of summer better than phlox. For years, they grew out of favor with gardeners, as they were susceptible to powdery mildew. A breakthrough was made with the introduction of *Phlox paniculata* 'David.' It is consid-

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Commentary

Spring Optimism

By John Clayton

One of the concepts that I can't seem to get out of my head is that of bipartisanship. During the recent presidential campaign, both candidates embraced reaching across the proverbial aisle to work with the opposing party to solve the country's problems. Barack Obama took this to an extreme, and it became a centerpiece of his political appeal. His opponent, John McCain, pointed out that this was not based on any specific evidence of bipartisanship in Obama's past. This did not turn out to be a telling point, as witnessed by the final vote. Mr. McCain was correct to observe that handsome is as handsome does, but we voters took Mr. Obama at his word, I suppose because we were tired of the bickering and intransigent positions that seemed to stymie any movement towards political solutions.

However, I wonder what any of us really think that bipartisanship means. It clearly does not mean an end to rigorous contention over important issues. It's great to talk about a new way of doing things in Washington, but it's a little late in the game for the species (politicians, that is) to suddenly change behavior. As some wise person has said, it is unrealistic ever to assume that people will act in opposition to their own self interest. Politicians have a number of interests, which include solving problems and keeping their job so they can continue to solve problems. This is not meant to be (overly) cynical. Which of us is any different?

The process of working through profound disagreements to achieve workable solutions is a good process, not a bad process. Did anyone think that bipartisanship meant an end to this? The Republicans fired an overt opening salvo when, led by Minority Leader John Boehner, they voted

unanimously against an early version of the big stimulus bill. It seemed, from what I have read and surmised, that this was a conscious decision to act boldly from the start to stake out differences, and of course, to reassure their own supporters that they were still up to the job for which they were elected. The Democrats, as personified by any number of people, since they have the spotlight, were no different. They may have lacked the clearly-written line-in-the-sand moment that the unanimous vote provided, but they nevertheless communicated quite clearly that there was a new sheriff in town, and that this is how it's going be—no more Mr. Nice Guy and all that.

All this talk about a new era of bipartisanship is just for show anyway. I am confident that bipartisan cooperation goes on all the time among legislators who are just working together trying to solve problems. The vivid party-to-party rancor is at the top, in the leadership, and it is performed for the dreaded news media, who in turn, serves it up for our enjoyment and edification—an informed electorate and all that. I don't think we should wait for a "new way of doing business." You could replace all of Congress overnight, and after a period of total chaos and anarchy, I think Congress would evolve into something fairly similar, and yes, hopefully better to what we have now.

Above all, I refuse to let any of this keep me from remaining optimistic that we are headed in the right direction, and that our far-from-perfect government (both sides combined) probably has enough brains and competing viewpoints to work out some workable solutions. We are not reduced to choosing between Rush Limbaugh or socialism, even though it often sounds that way. The AIG bonuses are an annoying reminder of what helped bring us to this state of affairs, but they hardly invalidate the entire recovery effort. I think we need optimism and perspective. After all, it's spring training, that

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time of year when, if you are a baseball fan, you have developed unbridled optimism for the prospects of your team. In my case, that would be the Washington Nationals, last year's worst team in the league, and possibly one for the ages, but I'm still wildly optimistic. There is nothing like spring training optimism. We know Obama inherited a train wreck, but keep the faith. Who knows what might happen?

Focus on Business

Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Submits Town Budget Feedback

Scott Hollander, president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, sent a statement reflecting the organization's position on various issues facing the Poolesville town commissioners for their consideration during the budget proposal process.

On the proposed tax rate, the

PACC was pleased to see that property tax rate will be roughly at the 2008 level with growth in expenditures of only 1.5%.

The group urges the town to press forward with Allegheny Power to purchase town streetlights which would result in a financial payback of the expenditure within three years.

The town staff was applauded for its work quality and commitment, and the PACC supports the expected salary increases for low- and middle-level town employees—typically they are those whose work most directly touches the lives

of residents and business.

PACC supports the proposed skateboarding park with a hopeful expectation that this would lower the use of sidewalks and parking lots by skateboarders.

With concern over possible loss of business due to the speed cameras, the chamber urges the town to find ways to ameliorate their negative impact. Using Darnestown as an example, they support removal of the cameras positioned on traffic leaving town. They also urge the town to improve warning signage and seeking a share of funds at a minimum.

The scheduled improvement over the coming years to improve the main street landscape (Streetscape) has the chamber's support as something that will help for aesthetic and business reasons.

The chamber also supports the town's financial support for Poolesville Day and the Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) and applauds the latter's stated goal to work more diligently on ways to improve the business environment in Poolesville.

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Happy Endings— Not Here

By Dominique Agnew

I noticed three disturbing elements in Captain Moore's appearance as he swept through the front flap of the operations tent. The first was that he was mentally unhinged, and the second was that he was quite irritated. Neither of these surprised me greatly, nor did they differ from the general demeanor of the thirty or so National Guardsmen that I supervised at the munitions dump...No, what made me uneasy was that this particular unhappy, insane man also happened to be armed with an M-16 rifle that he held braced across his flak vest, at the ready, his left hand poised atop the charging handle, his right index finger probing the trigger guard. "Seven Rifles at Dawn," opening paragraph

The notion that opposites attract may make for a nice love story plot or a cutesy song from the eighties, but the pen of award-winning author James Mathews dispels any such sap-piness with searing swiftness and cynicism. "I don't do happy stories," Mathews says. In his recently-published collection of short stories, *Last Known Position*, Mathews's stories regularly feature characters exhibiting extreme qualities in situations where they are trapped by circumstances, says Mathews. "I like to put them in a place... where it makes sense for them to butt heads"—he also likes to throw in unusual twists or characters, maybe a lion or two here or a cannibal or two there.

"I heard voices," Stitch said when he noticed my startled expression. There was a delicate, wary twitch in his eyes that I found soothing and threatening at once—mostly because I wasn't quite sure of its meaning. The look could have meant I sure hope no one's hurt, or it could have meant I'd love to gobble up your liver. Who knew? "Cannibals in the Basement"

Mathews doesn't spend much time with background information in his fiction. He prefers to "hit play, then let the story run from beginning to end." In not providing much background, he hopes a compelling storyline will keep moving the story forward. "I take that chance," he says. "My prose is not going to

win any awards," he adds, but he hopes the stories will—and they have. Most recently, *Last Known Position* won the prestigious 2008 Katherine Ann Porter Prize in Short Fiction, and other short stories have won a slew of awards over the past fourteen years since he began writing them.

Although he was born in Maryland, graduated from high school in Maryland, and is presently living in Adamstown, Maryland, Mathews actually spent his formative years on numerous military bases and would say that he grew up in El Paso, Texas—a city to which he tried to escape immediately upon his high school graduation. After attending Austin High School for three and a half years in El Paso, his father was transferred to Maryland, and Mathews graduated from Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville. He thought life was better in El Paso, so he hopped on the closest Greyhound bus and went back. Reality set in swiftly. Working to make ends meet was not

the same cup of tea as hanging out with friends. He returned to Maryland. After active service in the U.S. Air Force, he earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maryland.

His career as a writer has also had a funny mix of Maryland and Texas, as well. In the nineties, he attended and earned his master's in writing from Johns Hopkins University. His thesis was a collection of short stories, *Among Crows*—not yet published—with the primary settings in Texas. Here, the characters are a little rough-and-tumble—drug dealers, down-and-out folk—with a little of that Wild West mentality. *Last Known Position* is his second collection of short stories, just published in 2008—by the University of North Texas Press. No, the stories are not about Maryland. They were all written after the 9/11 attacks of 2001 when Mathews, a reserve in the D.C. Air National Guard, was activated and did tours of duty in Iraq in 2003 and

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Author James Mathews

High School Varsity Home Games

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Poolesville High School Varsity Home Games

Boys' Lacrosse:		Girls' Lacrosse:	
4/18	Einstein at 12:00 p.m.	4/16	Rockville at 7:00 p.m.
		4/20	Seneca Valley at 5:30 p.m.
		4/24	B-CC at 5:30 p.m.
Baseball:		Softball:	
4/15	Kennedy at 3:30 p.m.	4/15	Kennedy at 3:30 p.m.
4/18	Einstein at 3:30 p.m.	4/18	Einstein at 12:30 p.m.
4/21	Brunswick at 4:30 p.m.	4/21	Brunswick at 4:30 p.m.
Tennis – Boys:		Volleyball – Coed and Boys	
4/15	Blake at 3:30 p.m.	4/20	Clarksburg C/7:00; B/5:15
4/18	Wootton at 10:00 a.m.	4/22	Damascus C/7:00; B/5:15
4/21	Magruder at 3:30 p.m.		

Clarksburg High School Varsity Home Games

Boys' Lacrosse:		Girls' Lacrosse:	
4/16	Einstein at 7:00 p.m.	4/18	Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
4/18	Northwood at 12:00 p.m.	4/21	Paint Branch at 7:00 p.m.
4/24	Damascus at 7:00 p.m.		
Baseball:		Softball:	
4/17	Wheaton at 3:30 p.m.	4/6	Blair at 2:00 p.m.
4/21	Blake at 3:30 p.m.	4/17	Wheaton at 3:30 p.m.
		4/21	Blake at 3:30 p.m.
Tennis – Boys:		Volleyball – Coed and Boys	
4/15	Sherwood at 3:30 p.m.	4/15	Magruder C/5:15; B/7:00
4/18	Seneca Valley at 10:00 a.m.	4/22	Wheaton C/5:15; B/3:30
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Local News

Wind Turbine For Poolesville

By Rande Davis

John Speelman of Poolesville Hardware wants to build a windmill, and it's not just his Dutch roots that have him fired up. "I want to be the first green business in town with an energy-producing wind turbine, and I just can't get the town to move on this idea." The idea was first proposed to the town last February, and the planning commission scheduled a public hearing on the matter and promised a response by March 13. The delay has not made Mr. Speelman happy, and, in response, he put together a petition for his customers to sign. Within just a few days, the list had grown to over two hundred signatures. The town attributes the delay to the need to establish guidelines and ordinance policies governing this new energy

system that may be requested by others, as well, in the future.

George Coakley, chairman of the town Planning Commission, tells the Monocle that the delay is due to the originators of the town code not foreseeing a request for a wind turbine and, therefore, failing to list it as allowable. The Planning Commission postponed voting on the request until they hear back from the town attorney. One consideration is that no structure is allowed if it is deemed to not be within the "character" of the town. This interpretation may be the deciding factor in either approving the wind turbine or not.

Mr. Speelman suggests that the town grant a temporary special exception so that all parties might then experience the wind turbine in place for three to six months to allow full public consideration of the Residential Power Appliance (RPA). "If it turns out the public is not in favor of it, as a business person, I would not want it either and would take it down."

Similar in appearance to the

much larger industrial wind turbines, the Skystr 3.7 Residential Power Appliance would be installed behind the hardware store and the building to its rear which houses Bob's Bikes. The wind turbine would stand up to sixty feet tall with fiberglass reinforced rotor blades having a diameter of twelve feet. In visiting a site where four of the wind turbines are in operation at Potomac Wind Energy in Dickerson, Maryland, noise from the whirling blades was a very low hum. Sandwiched in between Skystr turbines was an old, historical farming windmill with rotating blades and rudder. It was creaky and very loud.

In talking to the owner of Potomac Wind Energy, Carlos Fernandez, he reported that both Howard and Carroll County have adopted policies for placement of the turbines. Frederick County held hearings on March 25 with several of the County Commissioners previously visiting the site. They did not have any concern over the multiple turbines already in place at his Frederick County location.

Mr. Speelman contacted the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to ask for their support in getting his wind turbine installed for at least a test period. The department's director of Clean

Energy, Ross Tyler, wrote to the Poolesville Commissioners in his support of the wind turbines in Poolesville, "The Maryland Energy Administration believes an inclusive open and transparent process for reviewing renewable projects is essential, but it is also important to move expeditiously to resolve approval requests. The state needs not only large-scale clean energy production sites but also many small innovative projects such as the one being proposed by Mr. John Speelman." Mr. Ross also offered to meet with the commissioners to "discuss the progress of wind energy and its place in the state's energy strategy."

The next planning meeting is scheduled for April 15. To more specifically review information on the systems, visit www.PotomacWindEnergy.com.



John Speelman stands on the site of his proposed wind turbine.

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Local News

Spring Cleaning— LAND Style

By Jack Toomey

On a recent Saturday afternoon, about twenty young people were spread out along Route 109 between Poolesville and Beallsville. Wearing yellow and orange safety vests over their clothes, the kids were busy filling trash bags with the refuse deposited alongside the roadway by unthinking adults. Beer cans, fast food wrappers, plastic bags, and worse were concealed in the briar patches, fence rows, and front yards of the homes along the road. Large bags, filled with this rubbish, were stacked every few hundred yards for eventual pickup.

These middle school-aged children were working under the supervision of Landscape and Nature Discoveries, Inc. (LAND), a non-profit organization dedi-

cated to helping the youngest members of our community understand the interdependency between themselves and the environment. LAND was founded in 2006 by Garth and Amy Seely. Their goal was to connect local school students to nature and the environment through interactive outdoor experiences.

On this particular day, students from John Poole Middle School and Mary of Nazareth School were working with several parents. Sophia Coates, a student at John Poole Middle School, said, "I want to earn SSL (Student Service Learning) hours and help the community." Her friend Ana DeSoto chimed in, "I want to help the environment." Adele Sprinder, apparently aware that new homes were being planned just down the road, reasoned, "A lot of people drive down this road and people might not want to buy the houses." Garth Seely said that every spring his organization schedules three Saturday clean-ups on roads such as Barnesville Road and Routes 107 and 109.

Typically, the volunteers are middle or high school-aged students. He estimated that half of the trash picked up was beer cans. He said, "It is a disgrace that there is trash all over the place, and we get a lot of thank yous from [passersby]." While a Monocle reporter was observing the students at work, one girl came upon a stash of antique bottles that was later estimated at being eighty years old. Occasionally, coins are found, and, once, someone found some chicken eggs. Seely added that he was trying to encourage property owners in the rural areas to take the initiative and clean up the right of way on their own road frontage.


In addition to cleaning up roadsides, LAND frequently visits all of the area public schools and many of the private schools. They take the curriculum outdoors. Some activities include planning and planting, walking and observation, and discovering



Student volunteers working on Route 109

the natural world right outside the classroom door. Often, the curriculum includes nature walks around local school properties to learn and discuss the weather, insects, plants, wildlife, and the importance of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. Poolesville High School Global Ecology students often work with Seely's group.


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Local News

Public Comments At Hearing on Water Rates and FY10 Proposed Budget

By Rande Davis

The first part of the March 23 town meeting was a public hearing on Commission Resolutions regarding the proposed FY10 budget and a change in the water rate. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for residents to question or propose changes to both proposals. Five residents came forward to provide their ideas or to ask questions.

Ray Hoewing, representing the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, presented a written statement on behalf of PACC president Scott Hollander, who was unable to attend. (See Local News PACC Statement to Com-

mission, this issue).

Conrad Potemra addressed both the water rate and FY10 issues by emphasizing his opinion that commissioners should find a way to provide financial assistance to seniors on a fixed income who might find the new water rate increases problematical. He also voiced his opinion that the town has not undertaken steps to find cost-effective ways to reduce town expenditures. He recommended as one possibility a suggestion box for town employees to provide ideas to reduce costs. He proposes that the town should seek to reduce costs by two percent over a period of years. He also asked the town to consider a process of bidding out town work such as snowplowing and lawn mowing.

Paul Hooper, while thanking the commissioners for their hard work and dedication, questioned why the town is proposing to upgrade existing sidewalks on Tom Fox Road at a proposed cost of \$250,000 while at the same time ignoring areas where sidewalks still have not been constructed.

He specifically referred to that area of Fisher Avenue east of Hersperger Lane. He questioned the commissioners about obtaining federal stimulus funds and then learned from them that the town has already filed applications for thirteen projects (see www.monocacymonocle.com March 6 issue, page 13 for more information on this action). He also wanted information as to prospects for funds from the speed cameras. President Kuhlman informed him at this time that there is no money coming to the town from the speed cameras. He reported that there are several bills in the legislature purportedly for pedestrian safety use that the state and county are working on, but the prospect of funds for Poolesville is not expected at this time. The town has asked that the county at least consider bolder warning signage and increase posted speed limits in exiting the town as suggestions to decrease the negative impact of the cameras on the town.

Rudy Gole provided a detailed and firm statement on his objection to the commissioners for not returning \$600,000 to taxpayers now held in unrestricted funds for potential alpha emitter correction. He drew attention to their FY07 resolution (Resolution #005-06, adopted on April 17, 2006) that required such reserved funds had to be expended for the remediation objective by June 30, 2008 or returned to the taxpayers. Mr. Gole stated that ignoring the resolution is, in his opinion, deceitful. "A resolution has life. It's a pledge, a commitment, a promise. It is assigned a number

specific to itself. It records the relative dates and actions and is filed in a binder and is readily available to be retrieved. It seems, alas, as though you are determined not to honor the pledge of the resolution." He reminded the commissioners that Hoewing, Klobukowski, and Kuhlman all have at one time or another pledged to return the money.

Mr. Gole also drew attention to what he sees as an ongoing tendency to underestimate revenues from income taxes. He stated that the last three budgets underestimated income revenue from income tax by \$100,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Gole's full written statement may be read at www.monocacymonocle.com.

Gary Peck raised his personal concern over the cost of the streetscape plan and increases in water rates. "How will spending \$7 million on streetscape affect me as a taxpayer? Will my taxes go up?" Town manager Wade Yost with town engineer, John Strong, both in agreement, informed Mr. Peck that the anticipated costs of streetscape are really \$700,000 and are to be budgeted over many years. They are not going to significantly impact property taxes as each phase of development would be worked into each budget without the need to increase taxes, they said. Mr. Peck was also concerned as to how much the proposed water rates might increase his water bill. The answer from Mr. Yost is that, on average, residents will pay approximately \$8.00 per

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

The Montgomery County Police Department has issued a warning about door-to-door solicitors. Now that warm weather and spring are near, there may be people knocking on your door asking for donations to assorted charities. There are ways to verify whether an organization is legitimate and if the charity uses a majority of the money donated to actually assist the cause they purport to help.

The Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection offers the following tips regarding charities:

- Ask for written information about the charity, including name, address and telephone number. A legitimate charity or fundraiser will give out information about the charity's mission, how your donation will be used and proof that the contribution is tax deductible.

- Call the Maryland Secre-

tary of State at 1-800-825-4510 or go online at www.sos.state.md.us/charity/charityhome.htm to check out a specific charity and to have your name removed from a solicitation list.

- Watch out for similar sounding names. Some phony charities use names that closely resemble those of respected and legitimate organizations.

Present

February 24 Commercial Burglary. Upcounty Fine Wine and Beer, 23200 block of Stringtown Road, Clarksburg.

March 3 Theft. CVS, 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

March 5 Theft. Mirant Power, 21200 block of Martinsburg Road, Dickerson.

Police investigated thefts from vehicles at the following locations: 19400 block of Jerusalem Road, 19100 block of Wootton Avenue, and the 17300 block of Dowden Way.

Police responded to the following locations in Poolesville due

to complaints about disorderly persons: 17400 block of Hughes Avenue, 19200 block of Wootton Avenue, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue, McDonalds, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road, and the 17400 block of Hoskinson Avenue.

Past

March 20, 1950 The Elijah Methodist Church in Poolesville burned to the ground and nothing but the church bell was saved. A passerby spotted flames coming from the roof and notified the fire department. Church services had been held earlier in the day. The church, having been rebuilt a few times, had its origin in 1806.

March 20, 1908 Someone placed an advertisement in the Frederick newspaper offering a reward for the return of an overcoat and cap that had been stolen in the city. A sharp-eyed reader, who had just returned from Martinsburg, West Virginia, recalled reading in that city's newspaper that a tramp had been arrested wearing identical clothing.

March 26, 1931 Officer Robert Howes contributed a pint of blood to J. Stanley Gingell who was a patient at the Emergency Hospital in Washington. Gingell had been severely burned in the explosion of a house in Poolesville a few weeks before. The blast had killed Officer Lawrence Clagett of the police force. Eleven people, officers and friends, had arrived at the hospital but only Howes's blood was a correct match.

March 26, 1913 Judge Montgomery of the United States Court of Appeals went to police headquarters in Washington to ask that officers search for his five-year-old grandson who had wandered away. Detective Kelly had rounded up a squad of men to search for the boy when he suddenly returned home safely. William Montgomery had walked four miles to the White House and had asked to see President Wilson, but he was not home at the time. William then walked back home.

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Things to Do

For continual updates visit:
www.monocacymonocle.com

Throughout April: Earth Day
Can Be More Than One Day

Want to participate in Earth Day programs? Begin by learning what's already being planned throughout the county: Check the Volunteer Center website at www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Volunteer to view the latest listing of planned events and to look for contacts and organizers in your area. Check back regularly as this list can change daily.

April 3

AARP Tax Assistance for seniors
Poolesville Library
10:30 a.m.
Call 240-277-2577 for an appointment

The Three Musketeers (1921)
Weinberg Center for the Arts
8:00 p.m.

April 4

21st Annual Potomac River, Watershed Cleanup
This is a student service learning opportunity to help improve the environment. Once a year, there is a big effort to clean up the Potomac River and its huge watershed area which encompasses some of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The C&O Canal Association is sponsoring a number of sites along the Potomac River which include Carderock, Great Falls Tavern, Swain's Lock, Violette's Lock, and Riley's Lock. The project is from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If interested, please contact Jim Heins, coordinator of these sites at vip@candocanal.org.

Entertainment Night at Bassett's
Restaurant
Local Band: So Far Gone
Performances start at 10:00 p.m.

David Sedaris
Satire takes center stage! This best-selling author, playwright, and National Public Radio humorist will read from his favor-

ite works, including his most recent, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, at the Weinberg Center for the Arts at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$35.00 to \$50.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

April 4 and 5

Ring in the new museum season in Frederick County. There will be special activities at museums and other historic places throughout the weekend. There will be twenty-four locations, including some rarely-seen historic sites and a free trolley to Braddock Heights. Complete the Passport to History and win a chance at grand prizes. For details, call 301-600-4047 or visit www.fredericktourism.org for a Passport to History and program guide. You may also stop by the visitors' center at 19 East Church Street in Frederick.

April 6

Town Commissioners Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

April 7

Monocacy Lions Blood Drive
Poolesville Baptist Church
3:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

April 8

Parks Board Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall
7:00 p.m.

April 10

AARP Tax Assistance for seniors
Poolesville Library
10:30 a.m.
Call 240-277-2577 for an appointment

April 10 and 11

Alice in Wonderland
Dance Unlimited Repertory
Company
Weinberg Center for the Arts

April 13

Catherine McDaniel, Library Assistant I, has retired from the Poolesville Library after over twenty years of service. Join library staff and the Poolesville

Library Advisory Committee (LAC) as they recognize her long commitment to the community. She began working at the library when it was still located in the Poolesville Jr./Sr. High School and moved with the library in 1991 to its present location. For many years, she was the Volunteer Coordinator at Poolesville Library and worked with LAC and with teens obtaining Student Service Learning Hours.

The public is invited to this celebration, and past volunteers are encouraged to stop by to say goodbye. Library volunteers will be honored for their help over the past year to the library, also. Refreshments will be available.

April 15

Planning Commission Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

April 17

Simone
The daughter of the late great musical icon, Nina Simone sings it like it is—and powerfully so, with a rich vocal range that leaves audiences breathless. From starring roles on Broadway in *Rent* and *Aida* to live performances worldwide, Simone has developed a powerful and diverse repertoire of pop, soul, jazz, rock, and funk. Her first full-length release—*Simone On Simone*—is a big band tribute to her mother that showcases the daughter's distinctive talent. She will be performing at the Weinberg Center for the Arts at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

April 17 and 18

The West Virginia Book Faire at Olde Towne Martinsburg will be held April 17 and 18, 2009. Participants will have the chance to meet some of their favorite authors and to join in discussion groups and workshops featuring award-winning authors Harlan Coben, Debby Applegate, Eleanor Cliff, Craig McDonald,

Sarah Sullivan, and other great authors. Events are scheduled at the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Visit www.wvbooks.org for more information.

The West Virginia Book Faire will also serve as the kickoff for the Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. The 2009 Big Read will focus on the *Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett and will continue through May 16, 2009.

April 18

Cugini's Entertainment Night
Final Performance of
White Noise
8:00 p.m.

Entertainment Night at Bassett's
Restaurant
Guitarist Bill Euler
Performances start at 10:00 p.m.

Clarksburg Sports Association
Spring Kickoff
The CSA Spring Kickoff and Family Fun Day have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Rocky Hill Middle School. CSA spring baseball, tennis, Lacrosse and track team members will gather with friends and neighbors to kick off the 2009 youth sports season in the greater Clarksburg area. Festivities at the event will include a variety of kids' games, fun activities, and special guest appearances by the Frederick Keyote, Chick-Fil-A cow, and more. In person late registrations for spring sports and for twelve different summer sports camps will be taken (based on space availability).

April 19

Earth Day Celebration
The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will host its annual Earth Day celebration from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the chapter's 525-acre farm, located just south of

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Poolesville at 20601 West Willard Road. The program is geared for the young and will showcase twelve different stations located throughout the farm. You will get to meet our very special guest, Woodsy the Owl. Chapter guides will lead small groups to a variety of demonstrations that include beekeeping, black bears in Maryland, solar energy that help keep the ponds healthy, and Second Chance who care for injured wildlife. There are numerous free gifts, and lunch is provided at no charge. Reservations are not required. For additional information, contact Roger C. Sears at either 301-972-8942 or rogersears@aol.com.

Croquet Match in Annapolis
The 27th annual St. John's College-Naval Academy croquet match takes place at 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn of St. John's College. The Johnnies have won twenty-one out of twenty-six times. The croquet match con-

tinues to attract more than 1,500 spectators to a free event marked by elegant and outrageous costumes, music by groups from the academy and St. John's, and a general community outpouring of spring fever. St. John's won in a close competitive match in 2008. Will the Johnnies keep the Annapolis Cup in 2009? The ceremonial first ball is struck at 1:00 p.m. The match generally runs about two hours. The party continues through the afternoon.

April 20
Town Commissioners Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

April 22
CEDC Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

April 23 to April 25
Rummage Sale at St. Peter's
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 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Reduce by cleaning out your unwanted stuff and donating it to St. Peter's. Drop off anytime between Saturday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 21. Reusing and Recycling are easy to do by shopping at the Rummage Sale. So come, have fun and shop for bargains. There are household items, clothing, books, electronics, furniture, jewelry, linens, baby equipment, toys, gardening and sports items, one-of-a-kind treasures, and so much more. Hours are Thursday, April 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. For more information, call 301-349-2073.

April 25
Our Lady of the Presentation Community Yard Sale
Vendors can reserve space for \$20.00 by contacting Anne Beers at 301-972-7516 or Rosemary Ferrigno at 301-349-5942
Church Parking Lot

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

April 26
Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre will host its first annual Wine and Cheese Garden Party at Alden Farms (19215 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, Maryland) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. There will be good food, good friends, good shopping, and good entertainment. The Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra Ensemble and the Hope Garden Ballet dancers will be performing. Alden Farms will donate twenty percent of the proceeds from the garden party to benefit Hope Garden Ballet. Be sure to R.S.V.P. to LynnRMiller@comcast.net.

May 2 and May 30
Crop to Cure Scrapbooking Fundraiser for Poolesville Relay for Life.
There are two days planned and each will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served along with beverages and snacks throughout the day. There will be goodie bags, door prizes, contests, and a silent auction. The registration fee is \$50.00. For more information, contact: info@croptocure.com.

May 9
Lions Pancake Breakfast
The Monocacy Lions will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Proceeds will benefit the Monocacy Lions Foundation and the many local service projects that the Monocacy Lions sponsor. Tickets are \$7.00, children ten and under \$4.00, and children under two are free. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Gary Burdette at 301-916-3098.

Tidbits

K of C Poster Winners Announced

The local council of the Knights of Columbus announced the winners of the sixth annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, as follows: Drug Abuse Awareness, 8 to 11 years old, first place, Joshua Turbyfill, runners up, Abigail Nalesnik and Chloe Insalaco; Alcohol Abuse Awareness, 8 to 11 years old, first place, Andrew Kocur, runners up, Allie Goldman and Alesya Sarakhman. Students at Monocacy and Poolesville Elementary Schools entered over ninety-five posters.

First place winners received a special certificate of recognition and a \$50 savings bond. Their posters were entered into the national competition. Runners up received a \$10 McDonald's gift certificate. All contestants received a certificate of recognition for their participation.

In the contest, students were encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

Lawrence Graduates from VPI

Ryan James Lawrence, a 2005 graduate of Poolesville High School, graduated cum laude from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on December 19, 2008 where he earned a bachelor of science in business degree in accounting and information systems. Following a winter internship with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Ryan will attend the University of Virginia in the fall to pursue a master's degree in accounting.

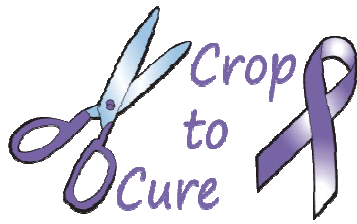
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"Plants Worth Every Inch"
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ered the best white (I feel the best color) phlox for mildew resistance and extra-long bloom time. Last year, plant breeders gave us an example of a good thing made better. 'David's Lavender' is a chance sport of 'David.' It has shades of sweet, soft lavender and delivers the same excellent resistance to powdery mildew, which is common in areas of humid heat.

For toughness, reliability, and long-lasting colors in all shades of the rainbow, *Hemerocallis* (Daylily) is the backbone of many perennial gardens. I can't say enough good things about them. Every year, plant breeders come out with more gorgeous colors. They are easy to transplant, easy to maintain, quick to multiply, and are resistant to pests and diseases. They are totally carefree. Planted together in large numbers, they quickly crowd out weeds and make a colorful no-maintenance ground cover. White Flower Farm offers a particularly beautiful range of daylily colors. They also offer a good buy with their daylily collections. Two that I particularly like are 'Lady Elizabeth,' an elegant snowy white flower, and 'Red Hot Returns,' with cherry-red flowers with lemon throats.

Some other wonderful, reli-

able perennials I have are lavender, Shasta daisy 'Becky,' salvia, hosta, and sedum.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the hardiest, most reliable, and most wonderfully-scented plants in my garden: my rugosa roses. Many people criticize our "modern roses" because they have no scent; they don't smell like a rose. Did you ever notice that when a person sees a rose, the first thing he or she does is bring it to his nose to capture its scent? Well, many roses, especially hybrid teas, have no discernable scent. They are just a pretty flower. Twenty-five years ago, a friend gave me three 'Roseraie de l'Hay' rugosa roses. They are still blooming. In May and June, their strong perfume scents half of my garden. What I find amazing about them is their hardiness. At this time of the year when I check who is healthy in the garden for the new season, I usually notice several decaying limbs on my rugosas, which I cut to the ground. A week or so later, I always notice new green shoots breaking through the ground to form the beginnings of another bush. Rugosa roses are truly the phoenixes of the garden world.

When you are shopping at garden centers this spring, keep some of these workhorses of the garden in mind. They can save you some time and money.

April 27, 1941 A vocational agricultural meet was held at the stadium at the University of Maryland. The team from Poolesville High won third place in the agricultural division out of 102 schools entered. Team members were Bobby Gray and Harold Thompson. Poolesville's team in the milking contest won first prize. Team members were Claude Bourne and Bill Luhn.

April 28, 1933 Miller Tires were on sale at the D. T. Ward Garage in Poolesville. Standard tires ranged from \$4.50 to \$7.60 each. The tires were guaranteed against high speed road shocks due to driving across obstructions and uneven road surfaces.

Editor's Note: If anyone knows

what the O.A.U.M. Hall in Damascus was, please notify us at 301-349-0071 or editor@monocacymonocle.com.

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

April 1, 1925 Deputy State Game Warden Clyde Harris received one hundred partridges for the purpose of propagation in Montgomery County. The birds were obtained from Mississippi and were said to be about the size of the native variety. He also brought along a large number of rabbits.

April 7, 1935 Charles Elgin spent the day with Dick Sellman at St. John's College.

April 8, 1936 An Easter service was held in the auditorium of the Poolesville High School. The Rev. Guy Crook, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Rev. Ernest Harrison, pastor of the Poolesville Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted the service. A musical program was sung by the Luhn brothers, Mrs. G. Robert Gray, and John Darby.

April 10, 1929 The National Circle team was scheduled to

open the baseball season with a game against the Poolesville All-Stars.

April 10, 1936 An announcement was made about the location of voting places for the primary election in May. Voting was scheduled to be held at the Grange Hall in Barnesville, Davis's Garage in Darnestown, the Poolesville town hall, and the Jr. O. A. U. M. Hall in Damascus.

April 15, 1935 Montgomery County officials were completing arrangements for a special election concerning the sale of beer. Residents of Clarksburg, Poolesville, Darnestown, and Gaithersburg were scheduled to vote.

April 16, 1935 Joseph H. C. Hoyle, the oldest living male resident of Montgomery County, died at his home in Barnesville. He had been ninety-three years old and was survived by his wife, children, fifty grandchildren, and twenty great-great grandchildren.

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School News Going Green in Montgomery County

By Catherine Schur and
Casey Alexander

Poolesville High School seniors, Casey Alexander and Catherine Schur, are completing their senior project as part of the Global Ecology Studies Magnet

Program to help their community understand and embrace an environmental concept. As part of this project, Alexander and Schur are working to persuade the local Beallsville Fire Department to get its vehicles running on a biodiesel blend. If successful, this would seriously cut down on the health risks caused by particulates that are inhaled by unsuspecting firemen. Both Alexander and Schur have worked with Council member Nancy Floreen and their sponsor, Tom Butz of Chesapeake

Green Fuels, to promote biodiesel as a green alternative to diesel fuel. The public is generally uneducated when it comes to the advantages as well as the increasing use of biodiesel. Both Alexander and Schur are trying to raise awareness about a subject that has received little noted press in Montgomery County. By raising awareness, these students would like to promote biodiesel as a readily-available fuel source that is currently being put to use on a local scale.

Biodiesel is a prevalent fuel source in Montgomery County. One of the first critical steps in promoting biodiesel use took place in 2005 when the Sandy Spring Friends School converted its fleet of fifteen buses to a soybean-based biodiesel. Sandy Spring was the first independent school in the state to accomplish this environmentally-friendly feat. Currently, Montgomery County Public School bus fleets are running on a B5 biodiesel blend (five percent biodiesel, ninety-five percent diesel) though the school system is looking to


increase the amount of biodiesel in blends in the future.

Montgomery County has also extended its use of biodiesel from buses to other county vehicles. In May 2007, the Division of Solid Waste Services converted all its equipment at the Dickerson Compost Facility to a B20 soybean biodiesel blend. According to the Department of Transportation, the use of this blend reduces particulate matter by twelve percent, carbon monoxide by twenty percent, and dangerous nitrogen oxides by two percent.

Organizations in Montgomery County have also dabbled in biodiesel use. NPR reported that Calleva, a camp located outside of Poolesville, Maryland, has camp equipment running on biodiesel made with cooking oil from local restaurants. Calleva makes about one hundred gallons of biodiesel a week to fuel these vehicles and hopes to triple this number in the near future.

It is interesting to note that Montgomery County has also

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tried other forms of fuel such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The most notable and familiar use of CNG is with the Clean Alternative RIDE ON Bus system. The Department of Transportation has used the low-emission CNG to lower air pollution by reducing emission outputs from tailpipes.

Biodiesel is a non-petroleum-based fuel that consists of renewable sources such as vegetable oils or animal fats. Montgomery County is making critical steps in adapting to a greener source of energy. Greener because, according to the Department of Agriculture, using biodiesel in place of diesel reduces carbon dioxide emissions by seventy-eight percent. According to the National Biodiesel Board, pollution from buses poses health hazards to

the public, especially children. Biodiesel helps to reduce these hazards and is relatively hassle-free because any diesel engine can run on biodiesel with few or no modifications. The Global Ecology Studies Program at Poolesville High School moves towards educating high school students about the environment by encouraging its students to work in the field of environmental science. Every Global Ecology senior must take part in a year-long senior project that promotes the preservation of the environment.

If you'd like more information about biodiesel and Casey and Catherine's project, please visit www.ProjectBiodiesel.net or email Casey Alexander at case22739@aol.com or Catherine Schur at OneOfaKind1377@aol.com.

School News

Sandy Cameron Conducts Master Class

By Dominique Agnew

World-renowned violinist, Sandy Cameron, took time out of her very busy schedule to spend some quality time with local musicians. The Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) members and other guests were the attentive audience at a master class that Sandy taught after

a regular PYSO rehearsal on Thursday, March 26.

After playing with the strings section during the end of rehearsal in the John Poole Middle School band room and joining them for a pizza dinner, she first gave an impromptu performance with special guest, Veronica Contreras, ballet dancer with the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, demonstrating how musicians and dancers work together. She then had various small groups of musicians from the orchestra perform short pieces, so she could illustrate different musical concepts for the whole orchestra to learn. All the musicians came away from the master class with valuable lessons in musicianship.

The PYSO was founded in 2007 from Sandy's vision of a community symphony orchestra for all local student musicians and is funded in part by the Sandy Cameron Music Benefit Fund. The spring performance of the PYSO will be at John Poole Middle School on May 7, 2009.



Violinist Sandy Cameron gives some pointers to PYSO violinist Mack Brenholtz.

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Equestrian

Concussions: New Research, New Safety Strategies

By Carol Rae Hansen
Director, Equine Therapy Associates

The 2006 Consumer Product Safety Review notes that horseback riding caused 14,218 American head injuries requiring emergency room treatment. Equestrian Medical Safety Association (EMSA) researchers note that many more are treated by physicians and/or are temporarily symptomatic but may not go to doctors. The main brain sports injuries include cerebral concussion, or a temporary change in normal consciousness due to a traumatic brain blow, along with whiplash injuries or rotational injuries. All of these can result in emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and physical symptoms that can include amnesia, confusion, concentration difficulties, diminished processing speed, decreased motor function, impaired memory and reflexes, headaches, fatigue, and mood changes. Tightly harnessed, good fitting ASTM/SEI-certified helmets five years old or less can prevent or minimize injuries, as long as they are used on the ground and astride every time we are around equines.

How should concussion be diagnosed? Neuroimaging studies, including Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), now suggest that brain's functioning is drastically affected by concussion, not its structure. Thus, structural neuroimaging devices such as computerized tomography (CT) scans and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans "often fail to reveal abnormalities, even when athletes are profoundly symptomatic," according to the EMSA. As a result of newer research, many show jumpers, eventers, and even recreational

riders now wear an arm band with an emergency card calling for a PET or a fMRI in the event of a fall, specifying their preferred hospital, their blood type, their physician, and a request for level five trauma evacuation.

Evaluating concussion was difficult in the past because concussion presented itself in "vastly different fashions," and severity was often linked to a loss of consciousness, which led to the erroneous belief that those who did not lose consciousness did not have a brain injury. Furthermore, more than twenty different grading systems blurred the picture, none of which were based on research data. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine provides a much clearer definition: "(1) a period of loss of consciousness (LOC) of less than thirty minutes and a subsequent Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score of 13-15; (2) loss of memory for events immediately before or after the accident, with post traumatic amnesia (PTA) of less than twenty-four hours; (3) any alteration in mental state at the time of the accident."

The last fifteen years have generated an unprecedented level of research. Athletes, coaches, instructors, and families should be aware of symptom management, return-to-play/ride guidelines, and the short- to long-term metabolic, physical and psychosocial results of athletic-related concussion. Further, we all need to be aware of two extremely serious related syndromes: Second Impact Syndrome (SIS), wherein concussed child or adolescent brains absorb a second blow while their developing brain is still reeling from the first, and the more common Post Concussion Syndrome (PCS), when temporary concussion symptoms become more permanent. Second Impact Syndrome can lead to brain herniation and brainstem compromise, with the coma, respiratory failure and even death happening quickly, while untreated PCS can damage school and work performance, create

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Youth Sports

Poolesville Spring Sports Preview

By Jeff Stuart (with John Fales on Lacrosse)

"Our goal is always to enjoy the game of baseball," says Poolesville Head Coach Ted Gardiner. "Great things happen when you have a group of players like we have. Last season we lost a lot of very close games. This year we look forward to winning those games. We have a tight knit group of players that really enjoy playing the game. There are some outstanding teams in the 1A West Region, and we are looking forward to competing at a very high level this year." He expects the team to do well against 2A and 3A opponents as well. After finishing last season with a 9-8 record, the Falcons return some very strong players. The Falcons will be led in pitching by two seniors, Daniel Young and Kevin McNe-

aly, and one junior, Drew Karlin, who pitched the second highest amount of innings last year. Offensively Young, McNealy, and Karlin will lead the way. Senior Dane Hanscom, juniors Jimmy Tyler, Ryan Florczyk, David Schramm, and Tanner Werkmann also are looking to contribute to the Falcons offense.

The Poolesville softball team finished 15-4 last spring and earned the number one seed in the Class 1A West Region, but the Falcons lost in the quarterfinals to eighth seed Mountain Ridge. Head Coach Laurie Wohnhas looks for her team to win the 1A/2A/3A county division and return to the region finals and advance even farther this season. It will have to be done without battery mates Rachel Stream and Allison Gost, lost to graduation, but eight players return and six of them are seniors. Four have four-year varsity experience. That is the team strength. "Players to watch are seniors Megan Foy, who batted 485 with 21 RBI

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Youth Sports

Clarksburg Poms to be Precise

By Jeff Stuart

The following is an interview with Lori Caretto, Clarksburg Poms Coach.

MM: Now that your competitions are complete, can you reveal the results?

Caretto: We had our first competition January 17 at Seneca Valley. It was the First Annual Eaglettes Invitational. It is not a required competition, but we wanted to go to that to support them. We finished in second place. One judge is just focusing on the performance and leadership of the captains. Ashley Alexander came in third in the Captain's Award competition. The Clarksburg fans won the Spirit Award for enthusiasm and



for coming out and supporting their team.

The next competition was a much bigger event, the Bengal Pom, on January 31 at Blake High School. Clarksburg had never participated in that event. We came in second as a team. My captain for that event was Lindsay Viqueira. She came in second. It was a wonderful competition and kind of got us ready for the big one which is the county and is a required competition for all

the high schools.

In the county event, you are competing against schools in your own division. There are nine Division III schools. That was on Valentine's Day at Richard Montgomery High School. We came in second. That was a big coup for us. Our captain, Ashley Alexander (honors student) came in second. Lindsay Viqueira and Madison Defrank are my co-captains. Madison is in her first year as co-captain, so based on tradition and seniority it was decided that Ashley would perform in two of the competitions and Lindsay would get one. The captain actually does separate dance steps and captain's things throughout the routine to be judged on.

MM: Are your routines pretty standard or do you have latitude to be creative?

Caretto: We have a wide range of things that we are allowed to do. There are some restrictions, but the girls really can put together a routine however they want it. I believe it really should be put together by the girls. The girls come up with the music. They choreograph the whole thing themselves. I am blessed that I've had some very talented young ladies.

MM: Do they have required things they are supposed to do in competition?

Caretto: They are supposed to have a section

called hip hop, a section called pom where they are supposed to have their poms in their hands for at least two minutes, a section called kicks, lyrical, the march in, and the ripple line where the poms ripple. Jazz is another one. There are at least six elements. The routine has to be at least four minutes and no longer than six minutes long. March in is where the captain blows a whistle and then once they are in place, there is a drummer who drums out a beat. There is a march to get into formation. Not all teams elect to do that, though it is becoming a tradition here. (Pom squads used to be called Drill teams.)

MM: Are there events outside of school where you perform?

Caretto: We performed at the Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade. We came in second. I guess second must be our lucky number. We also performed at the Germantown Oktoberfest. We were invited to come in for that. We perform at pep rallies, football halftimes, basketball games, and varsity soccer games.

MM: Do you want to give credit to or comment on some of the girls on your squad?

Caretto: I would have to give credit to each and everyone because they have all been great. My captain, Ashley Alexander, is phenomenal. I don't know how I would have survived this year without her. She is so talented, just very organized and really gifted. She really knows her stuff.

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to lead the team last year, Jackie Winning, who batted 357 with 21 RBI, Jennifer Bateman, who batted 340, and Christy Wyne who batted 329." Finding a catcher will be a top priority. "We have been solid there for the past eight years with the Gost girls, Jennifer and Allison," says the coach, "and a weakness, or perhaps strength, will be two freshman pitchers, Magen Harris and Patti Maloney, who will share the pitching duties."

"The girls' track team has to be one of the favorites yet again this season in the 1A," says Head Coach Mike Trumbull. "After a third place finish at indoor states this season, the girls are hungry to get back on top this spring." The team is led by senior Olivia Durr who is the defending 100 and 300 meter hurdles state champion. She is also the record holder in the 100m hurdles. Junior Karissa Harris is one the region's top sprinters. Senior Jenny Reid leads the distance team that includes Caryn Thompson (sophomore), Ellie Lalonde (junior), and Katherine Connor (senior). The team has set its sights high, with nothing less than a state championship as its goal.

The boys are looking to improve upon last year's successful season. Led by three juniors: Sam Widmayer, David Wilson, and Kevin Dickerson, the boys also hope to make a statement at states with the help of sophomore Eric Holmstead and senior Nick Stavely. "We have a host of new athletes on the team looking to make an impact this year," adds Coach Trumbull. "It should be an exciting season to watch unfold."

The co-ed volleyball team looks to be even stronger than they were last year. "We have several boys who have played a few years, and they have really improved: Jake Davis, Andre Martinez, Matt DuVall, and Dan Wolohojian," says Head Coach Fran Duvall. "Cody Platt is a newcomer who will see plenty of playing time. Megan Kenneweg

will be our court leader this spring, and the girls are always our ball control strength."

Tara Smith is the new coach of the boys' volleyball squad. "We had seven seniors graduate last year, so we are starting this season with a new, young team," says the coach. "We've got four returners from last year: Logan Wilson, Matt Hunt, Edward Wang, and Jason Chang. They will all be players to watch."

"Our goal is to be one of the top teams in Division II this year," says head Tennis Coach Rene Pulupa. "Daniel Ettehadih is our number one player, and he just scored a tremendous win over a Clarksburg top-seeded player. The match went to a third set tie-breaker where Dan held on to win. Daniel is the only senior and he is providing the much-needed leadership of the team." Twins Vinayak and Adithya Ramaswamy are playing second and third singles, and the doubles teams are learning how to play the net for more aggressive play.

In the lacrosse programs, Poolesville Falcons look to their experienced youth for the upcoming season. Both varsity teams will be making some big adjustments from last season.

First, the boys' team has high hopes for the season. They graduated a handful of talented seniors at the end of last season, but twelve players are returning to the varsity team. Team leader on the field this season will be senior captains Dylan Haas and Andrew Gardner. When talking to the boys' head coach, Ed Zacharek, about the upcoming season, he noted, "This year I have a lot of returning younger players, including three-year captain and All-County Midfielder Dylan Haas. The midfield lines this year are very good." He added, "The competition is always tough. I look forward to an exciting lacrosse season."

While the boys' major changes from last year are centered around the players, the girls are starting the year fresh with a new head coach, Mark Agnew. When talking to Coach Agnew before the season, he was still very new

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She was my right arm in helping me through areas where I had little experience. She would tell me we need to get this ready or we need to improve on that. She was just tough enough on the girls to keep them in line.

And Lindsay Viqueira is a senior this year. She has been a wonderful captain. She is incredibly talented with dance, just knowing how to put the routine together and make it flow. She is a lot of fun, very creative, but she can be very tough if she needs to be.

I am new as a coach, coming here from Washington Grove Elementary, so I was not part of the tryouts, but we did have a third spot for captain, and I named Madison Defrank as a co-captain. She is a great communicator with the girls and a breath of fresh air all the time. No matter what's going on, she's always incredibly positive.

Kaleigh Ayton (junior) is just

incredibly talented. She is one of the coaches of CSA junior poms. In fact, several of my other girls, Alicia Paterno (senior), Sabra Parwani (junior), and Serina Parwani (sophomore) also coach CSA Poms. They bring just a wealth of talent.

MM: What about your freshmen ?

Caretto: They have really risen to the occasion and all worked so hard, so I am excited. Jen Unruh (honors student), Georgia Schneider, Lauren Schultz, and Julie Sidique have all been phenomenal. There are twenty-one girls on the squad. We function as a unit, so the rest have worked hard as well. Caitlin Purkey (senior), Kelli Bosland (junior), and Tyler Chaney (junior) are in their third year with poms. Malanie Killian (sophomore) and Allyson Mason (sophomore) are in their second year. Daija Cobbs and Raissa Dantas are in their first year.

to the team but stated, "We have three seniors this year, so we will be pretty young, but we have a good group of returning players. We will be led by seniors Megan Patton and Grace Jackson as attack mids/centers and Kelsey Montgomery on defense. I expect to do well in the county, but our overall goal is to win the regional championship for the first time."



Magen Harris of Poolesville High school.





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Remembrance

Cinderella T. Butler: Quiet Strength

By Rande Davis



Cinderella "Cindy" T. Butler

Mrs. Cinderella "Cindy" T. Butler, 96, of Poolesville, died peacefully at home on Saturday March 21, 2009. She was the wife of the late George Butler who passed in 1979. Born on Febru-

ary 7, 1913 near White's Ferry, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Annie Frye Titus. She was one of twelve siblings. Mrs. Butler was remembered by her grandson, Andy Neal, as someone "who had six children, nineteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and one gigantic heart." Just in case there was any doubt about his last point, consider that even with her extraordinarily large family, she, along with her husband and in-laws, opened her heart and home to twelve non-family children in need of welfare care at a time when county services were not what they are today. Bonds were created with some that were everlasting. Her family was her vocation in life and also her devotion. The Butlers were traditional farmers with the husband and farmhands working the fields while Cindy rose early each morning to prepare a large breakfast for ten to twelve, full dinner (never referred to as lunch), and a supper. Grandson Happy Hopkins

recalled that "even as the men rested after supper, she would still be working in the kitchen cleaning up." Andy said that his sister Cathy Bupp still continues the growing and canning traditions she learned, and she prefers open windows to air conditioning, resembling life on the farm. He also commented how much Grandmom enjoyed the rides with his brother, Larry, in his Ford Bronco, which she referred to as his "wagon."

Family members praised her for her faith, patience, optimism, strength, kindness, and especially her belly-roll laugh, sugar cookies, and homemade rolls. In a lifetime spent within a large family, Cindy was recalled by granddaughter Emily Hoewing as someone with a gift for making each person in her life feel very special. Her son-in-law, Link Hoewing, spoke of her passion for reading newspapers and as a person who taught by example. He recalled a time when the Hoewing family lived in New Zealand, while Cindy resided on West Willard Road. She would

send them letters with news updates on happenings in New Zealand. "When we went to church, even the local New Zealanders wanted to know what Cindy was reporting about in their country. Most of what she reported was news to them, too."

She had multiple strokes, ultimately leaving only body language as communication, yet she still exhibited a quiet strength which was felt by all who knew and loved her. It was that strength and love and her trust in God's mercy that carried her home. Her quiet, non-judgmental ability to listen with an open heart and foster the need for prayer was remembered by many of her grandchildren as their special memory of her.

Granddaughter Leigh Butler remarked on how appropriate it was that she passed quietly on the first day of spring, a time of new beginning and new life. Granddaughter Robin LeMarr imagined the joy her grandmother would find in joining her husband of

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month more.

Commissioner Jerry Klobowski announced that a reassessment of the impact fees paid by developers has been requested by Winchester Homes since a number of expenditures of town capital projects resulted in costs lower than anticipated. Such impact fees are based on estimated costs of capital projects, and when costs finalize, it is not unusual to revisit the total amount of the fees charged to a developer. For example, the estimated cost of the town hall was \$2.6 million and it finalized at \$1.7 million. According to commission president Kuhlman, the announcement was not expected to be made until the town attorney had further reviewed the request and had provided consultation to the commissioners. Wade Yost told the Monocle that while such reviews are not unprecedented

and can occur, they could also include adjustment increases, not just decreases. The request for the review will be addressed by the town in April.

Grant requests from the Poolesville Military Support Group and Poolesville Relay for Life were received, and a vote on the applications will be made during the April 6, 2009 town meeting.

The following persons were appointed or reappointed to volunteer positions on town boards: Calvin Sneed (Planning Commission), Ralph Hitchens (Board of Appeals), Willis VanDevaner (Sign Review Board), Kurt Behrend, Jeff McIntyre, and Alan Myers (Parks Board) and Mary Beth Dewey, Lynne Bodmer, and Helen Gunther (CEDC).


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March 27, 1922 The body of Frank Baker of Poolesville, who had been missing since December, was found floating in the Potomac River near Pennyfield Lock. Signs of murder were evident, and officials planned to arrest the dead man's widow, her brother, and a Virginia man and charge them with the murder of Baker.

March 27, 1935 The four-year hunt for "Diamond Tooth" Claude Countee ended in Chi-

cago with his arrest. Countee, who had been being held on robbery charges, escaped from the Frederick jail in 1931 and had been a fugitive ever since. He had been accused of taking a large amount of clothing from Mr. Rosenour's store. Some of the clothing was recovered in York, Pennsylvania.

March 28, 1909 A Baltimore and Ohio freight train wrecked at Cloppers, six miles west of Rockville. One of the freight cars left the track taking fourteen others with it and tearing up about 200 yards of track.



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properties placed or retained on the county's atlas of historic sites, which results in fewer restrictions but means the properties may still be considered for future designation. More than thirty other properties were removed from the atlas altogether.

Sites designated on the master plan included a group of properties along Woodfield Road as the Woodfield Historic District as well as nineteen individual locations such as Browningsville Hall on Bethesda Church Road, the Etchison-Warfield House on Damascus Road, and the Black and White Inn on Goshen Road.

Those kept on the atlas included the George and Mary Warfield Farm, the Rezin Duvall Farm, Woodfield Farm, and the Inez Zeigler McAbee House.

A public hearing on the proposed historic preservation amendment will be held March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville.

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forty-three years, wistfully stating, "Cinderella is finally at the ball with her Prince Charming." Granddaughters Sara, Emily, and Justine expressed gratitude for the good times they shared since she lived with them for ten years, and the fact that she inspired them to be better people. Granddaughter Jess Bodmer commented that while Granny never drove, she would ride with anyone with "no fear." Also, that she and her brother Mike Lawson were happy that she had been able to know and hold their children.

Great granddaughter Holli Hopkins opened the funeral service by singing "Amazing Grace." Grandsons Rinnie Magaha and Mike Lawson read scripture from the Old and New Testaments. Link and Justine Hoewing sang her favorite Josh Groban song "You Raise Me Up" accompanied by Justine's friend Corey Ahearn. The communion offerings were presented by great-grandchildren MaKayla LaMarr, Hannah

Leibrand, Kailee Lawson, Grace Bodmer, and Maddie and Cookie Magaha. Pallbearers were her eight grandsons. The family was deeply consoled by the spiritual guidance of Father Kevin O'Reilly and were honored to have the participation of Father George Reid. A motorcycle police escort after the service to Monocacy cemetery was led by great-nephew Rich Demory.

The surviving members of Cindy Butler's family are: six children, Ann B. Hopkins, Mary N. Lambert (Jim), Harriet B. Magaha (Ron), Carol B. Lawson (Bob), George Butler, Jr. (Debbie), Frances B. Hoewing (Link); nineteen grandchildren, Happy Hopkins (Penny), Chris Stowers (Chuck), Terri Winn (Larry), Matt Hopkins (Tonya), Maggie Leibrand (Roy), Cathy Bupp (Mike), Larry Neal, Andy Neal (Amy), Rinnie Magaha (Robin), Robin LeMarr (Donnie), Holly Henderson (Ryan), Jessica Bodmer (Jason), Michael Lawson, Leigh Ann, Rob, and Tim Butler, Sara Hoewing, Emily Hoewing (fiancé Conor Devine), and Jus-

tine Hoewing; and all the great- and great-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cindy's name to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838.

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LAND will be participating in the 21st Annual Potomac River watershed cleanup on April 4. The meeting area is at the Monocacy River Natural Resources Management parking area on Route 28, one mile into Frederick County. If participating, plan to arrive before 9:00 a.m. and wear old clothing. Student Service Learning hours are available for students.

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Local News

Application Filed to Build On Montevideo Road

By Rande Davis

A preliminary meeting to present an application for approval to build new homes on RDT (Rural Density Transfer) property owned by the Michael Guerrero family on Montevideo Road was held at the Poolesville Library on March 24, 2009.

Representing the Guerrero

family was attorney David D. Freisztat of the Rockville law firm of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy, & Ecker, P.A. and Karen Carpenter of Petra Engineering, LLC based in Columbia, Maryland.

The application requests permission to allow a single family house with one child house on Lot #12, a twenty-five acre parcel of land. The property owner and his son would reside in the residences. Caroline Taylor, who has been active in Ag Reserve issues, questioned whether the "child house" (referred to as a tot lot) would be possible if the family purchased the property after 1987. The Guerreros indicated that should the tot lot not be allowed, they would change the

request to place the second single family home on Lot #13, another twenty-five acre parcel on the property. The request leaves an outlot of twenty-one acres to remain in agricultural production. Along with a 2.5-acre forested area, the proposal calls of a reforestation of current pasture land

in the northeast section of the property bordering the Seneca Creek State Park. If the application is approved as presented, the family hopes to begin building within ten months.

For the homes proposed to be built, each will have three sand mounds for septic purposes.

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Movin' On Up

Harbro Protection Solutions, Inc. on Fisher Avenue in Poolesville has found a new home for Pro-Tech Safe & Lock Services and Window Film Solutions. Gary and Paul Harney are excited about moving into the location at Route 28 and Beallsville Road, the old Staub's Restaurant location. The grand opening is scheduled for May 1, and they are promising some rather interesting and exciting innovations once they get situated. The mystery about the changes will be unveiled in the next issue of the Monocle. As they say, stay tuned.

Welcome to New Owners of Poolesville Nail Spa

The nail shop in Poolesville has a new owner, and Miss Lucy, the proprietor, is bringing her fifteen years of experience and cheerful personality to the customers. Poolesville Nail Spa, located near Selby's Market, specializes in full service nails, hand,

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"Equestrian" Continued From Page 16.

mental health issues, and lead to severe physical effects.

What else might we do? We can encourage more states to pass helmet use laws, we should encourage the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) to protect all rider classes and to enhance rule enforcement, and we should cease insisting that all riders should get back on after a fall. In fact, riders whose heads hit the ground should receive an immediate medical evaluation for brain injury. Now that professional leagues in other sports recognize concussion as a functional brain injury, perhaps the horse world will start "incorporating the systematic use of neuropsychological tests and screening devices in return-to-play decisions," based on previously collected baseline data on riders. All of us can prevent needless brain injury.

The risk of concussion is not just an equine issue. Share this column with friends who are involved in any kinds of sports, as well as their coaches, parents, and friends. The Equestrian Medical Safety Association's Winter 2009 online article "Concussion Management in Equestrian Sports" provided much of the data in this article (www.emsaonline.net). Plastic arm-bands to hold medical information cards are available from the United States Eventing Association (USEA) for \$5.00. See their website at www.useventing.com for details. These are appropriate for all sports such as soccer, football, basketball, skiing, etc., not just riding.

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10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and Passion Narrative with music from Jesus Christ Superstar

April 8: Wednesday

7:30 pm Sung Evensong

April 9: Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Footwashing

April 10: Good Friday

7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

April 11: Holy Saturday

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter CREB Service

April 12: Easter Sunday

8:00 am, 9:15 am
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10:30 am Worship with palm procession
11:30 am Children's Program (lunch served) pre: kindergarten through 5th grade
5:30 pm Middle School and High School Youth Fellowship

April 9: Holy Thursday

7:30 pm Worship (with communion)

April 10: Good Friday

7:30 pm Worship (The Way of the Cross)

April 12: Easter Sunday

8:30 am Worship (with communion)
9:15 am Sunday School
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April 5: Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 am The Passion Narrative and Holy Communion

April 9: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Holy Communion

April 10: Good Friday

8:00 pm Joint Worship Service at Boyd's Presbyterian

April 11: Holy Saturday

10:00 am Easter Movie/Egg Hunt for all ages, children 8 and under may hunt

April 12: Easter Sunday

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April 9: Holy Thursday

8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration until 10:00 pm

April 10: Good Friday

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
8:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 11: Holy Saturday

11:00 am Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter
4:00-4:45 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

April 12: Easter Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am
& 10:45 am Mass

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...so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.

Romans 12: 5

"Band Shell" Continued From page 1.

would be surfaced with a material designed to discourage rollerblade or skateboard use. The stage area would measure thirty-six feet wide within the supporting posts and ten feet deep.

With a grant application in place, the developmental steps, as outlined by Mr. Strong, would be to determine the final type of design, to conduct a site survey addressing utility and architectural concerns, and to provide a final set of plans to the commissioners for approval. Following this schedule, the new bandstand will not be ready by Poolesville Day in September.

Commissioner Kuhlman asked that a more traditional roofline be considered. He wanted "something more in character with our town." Mr. Klobukowski agreed with that assessment.

Brian Gross, a resident professional engineer, acoustician, and musical performer, was asked to comment on the proposed wave roof design. He supported the location for the band shell (the setting sun would not be in the eyes of the audience), but he was concerned regarding other factors about the structure.

He cited open spaces at the top of the wall at the back of the stage that might allow noise from persons waiting to use the restrooms which would pose a problem for both performers and audience. He also stated that the stage area was too small and lacked wing areas for equipment and performers, inadequate acoustical amplification from the wave-like roof, adding that a slanted roof would be better, and the need to extend the roofline to better protect performers and equipment from the elements. He also made recommendations as to electrical power requirements, lighting considerations, and electrical wiring in the park in front of the stage for sound mixing technicians as additional items to consider in the building of the performance stage.

With many unsettled concerns, the commissioners postponed voting on the band shell and asked town manager Wade Yost, with assistance from Mr. Strong, to return to the Parks Board for appropriate modifications.

"James Mathews" Continued from Page 6.

2006, among other locales. In the military, he says, everyone is locked in together. If he had to choose one word to describe the book, it would be "trapped."

What he liked most about the JHU program was the constructive criticism. Seeking such critiquing again, he took a summer workshop at the Writer's Center in Bethesda. With a few other writers that he met there, they decided to form their own group. For nearly thirteen years, they have met monthly. "It's good to have the critique," he says, noting that he misses it when he's deployed. Nevertheless, he has kept his ties to the Writer's Center. Coming up in early April through mid-May, Mathews will be teaching a free workshop there, "Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience," geared toward veterans, active duty personnel, and dependents. Mathews says that, for him, writing gives a release. "I have a feeling a lot of young veterans will get a lot out of it," he explains. "I want to encourage creativity."

While he is still seeking to have *Among Crows* published, his stories have been published

singly for over ten years in a variety of literary magazines, such as *Florida Review*, *Northeast Review*, *Wisconsin Review*, and many others. He is also at work on his third novel and looking for a publisher for the first two. "My first effort at a novel took over four years," he says. His second novel features two Iraq war vets. He hopes that with a new agent, he'll have more success finding a suitable publishing house.

It is somewhat ironic that Mathews has achieved success as a writer of short stories because, for a time, he eschewed them, thinking they were of no consequence. A great fan of Stephen King in his youth, it wasn't until high school that he was introduced to the works of great short writers like Flannery O'Connor by a creative writing teacher and was swept off his feet. "What she did blew me away," he says.

Although he writes about reckless characters and difficult situations, his own life is complete. Married with children, when he is not on active duty, he works at the National Cancer Institute as the editor-in-chief of the scientific newsletter, "NCI Cancer Bulletin."

"It's just more appealing for me for fiction to kind of reach for the extremes...to reach for the craziness, the nuttiness—the desperate."

James Mathews is scheduled to do a meet/greet/signing along with a few other local writers at the C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick on May 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

championship, including first team All-Met and All-County selection Chelsea Glowacki and first team All-County selections Jenny Better and Paige Sekerak." The last "Whereas" concluded that "throughout the season, the team demonstrated the commitment to always do its best under the outstanding leadership of Coach Fran DuVall, who... was honored as the Washington Post's All-Met Coach of the Year and the Gazette Newspaper's Montgomery Coach of the Year."

Editor's Note: If the Monocle had such an award, we are confident that Fran DuVall would have won it ("All-Monocacy Coach of the Year" does have a nice ring to it).

Local News

Flying High: County Council Honors PHS Girls' Volleyball Team and Coach

The Poolesville High School girls' volleyball team that finished undefeated in nineteen games and won the Maryland Class 1A State championship was honored by the Montgomery County Council on March 31 by the presentation of an official County Council proclamation attesting to its achievement. The Falcons were directed by Coach Fran DuVall who completed her twelfth season at Poolesville and her thirty-first season overall as a volleyball coach. Councilmem-

ber Mike Knapp, whose District 2 includes Poolesville and the surrounding Upcounty school district that feeds PHS, presented the proclamation on behalf of the Council.

The official proclamation, with the requisite whereases included, notes that "championship seasons are the result of hard work, focus, and determination—qualities the Poolesville High School volleyball team demonstrated in abundance." The proclamation also observes that "despite being the smallest school in the county, on its way to its first state championship, Class 1A Poolesville played a regular season schedule filled with schools of all levels in finishing with an overall record of 19-0 in matches, losing only one game all season; and...many team members contributed to the state



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