



Carl Hobbs (center) presents Don and Mary Lou Hoffacker with a special award, while Roger Strippey (wearing cap) observes. See why in Tidbits on Page 14.

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## Full House At Meeting For Proposed Church

By Kristen Milton



The recently approved Town of Poolesville band shell will look something like this, with better grass and fewer palm trees. Read about it on Page 3.

It was standing-room only as residents of two counties gathered in a Frederick hotel to question plans for a large church on Sugarloaf Mountain.

Global Mission Church of Greater Washington, an English/Korean Southern Baptist congregation based in Silver Spring, hopes to build the 137,000-square-foot church on about seventy-nine acres straddling the Montgomery/Frederick County line. Sole access to the church would be by Old Hundred Road (Route 109).

Passions ran high during the August 20 meeting, with raised voices and periodic applause punctuating the dialogue. Questions ranged from traffic studies and environmental stewardship to the needs for the structure and liability should area wells be affected.

Man Bae Kim of the church's planning committee repeatedly promised that citizen concerns would be examined as the church prepares for an October 14 hearing before the Frederick County Planning Board but said much time, money and effort had been devoted to the current plans.

"I respect your opinions, but at the same time I wish you respected the opinion of Global Mission Church and the members who have been praying about this every day for four years," he said.

Kim said the future of the church was at stake as its membership had gradually moved further north. The church would not last another decade at its current location, he said. "We are trying to make our congregation stay as a family."

Several opponents said they wanted to be clear that they did not object to the church itself, indeed admired its good works, but believed the location was inappropriate.

"This church is not being built to serve the community being built upon," said Eleanor Kotler of Dickerson.

Kim had no answer as to what would be done with the land should its permit be rejected. A proposal for an animal hospital on the land had already been rejected, he said.



Betty Ritorto and Millie Bell know how to do it right at a concert in the park. See more pictures in the Family Album on Page 2.

## Jamison Receives Highest Honor

By Rande Davis

Local farmer, Charles "Jamie" Jamison, recently was the honored recipient of the prestigious Dr. James R. Miller Award presented by the Maryland Grain Producers Association (MGPA) at the Maryland Commodity Classic this past July. Established in 1988, this award recognizes the outstanding contributions of an individual to the grain industry. In presenting the award, Chip Bowling, President of the MGPA, noted that "Jamie is passionate about the future of agriculture. His willingness to share his extensive agricultural knowledge, experience, and time serving in roles with state

and national organizations has positively shaped the future of agriculture, and it is why we honor him today."

Sam Willett, Senior Director of Public Policy for the National Corn Growers Association echoed this praise for Mr. Jamison in stating, "Jamie has made a major contribution to the grain industry at the national level, serving in several capacities with the association and always being available to us to represent grain farmers in Washington."

Jamie is the eldest son of Laura and Charles H. Jamison whose sons Frank, Bill, and Bobby carry on the real estate business Charles started after farming in Poolesville.

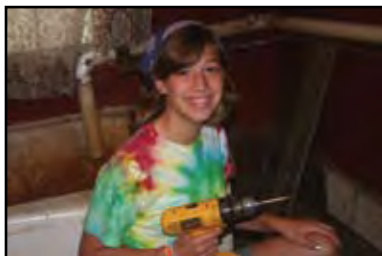
After returning from military service in Viet Nam (17th Air Cavalry - 4th Infantry Division), Jamie tried his hand at real estate—"I didn't have my brothers' gift of selling"—but his heart



Jamie Jamison stands before his grain system built in 1982.

never left the farm, the roots of which have been in the Jamison family for over a hundred years.

While interviewing him in his large, arena-sized equestrian barn—"just in case farming doesn't make out"—which serves the dual purpose of crop storage or, more often, a garage for the array of mammoth tractors, combines, and tillers, he reflects in gratitude



Carly Stoliker and her friends were pretty busy this summer. Find out how in Youth Making a Difference on Page 13.

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Family Album



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Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band drew one of the largest crowds of the summer.



Music fans enjoy a late summer sunset, a picnic and great music.



Ella Edwards enjoys a magic show in the park with her grandfather, Victor Lundberg.



The Youth Group at Poolesville Presbyterian Church worked hard helping others this summer.

The Poolesville Military Support Group presents a \$10,000 check to help support Fisher House. Pictured are Richard MacKnight, Roger Strippey, Bubby Pullen, Bill Poole, Maurice Borde (Fisher House Representative), Paul Kelly, Mary Lou Hoffacker, Don Hoffacker, and Carl Hobbs.





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# Local News Town Government Report Commissioners Tackle Heavy To-Do List

By Rande Davis

The commissioners of Poolesville worked their way through a heavy agenda at the August 17 town meeting. The actions taken included: awarding a contract to build the skateboard park, approving a design for the new band shell performance stage for Whalen Commons, amending the budget to cover the expense of repairs of a pump station, turning down a waiver request from Winchester homes, and approving to schedule six of nine proposed town ordinance changes for public hearing in

September.

The long-anticipated awarding of a contract to design and construct a Poolesville skateboard park was approved for Artisan Skateparks, a specialty designer and builder of skate parks for over twenty-five years. The contract is for \$150,000 with the total cost estimated to be \$243,000. The cost of the park is budgeted through a \$175,000 grant from a bond bill sponsored by Senator Rob Garagiola, and includes \$60,000 set aside from previous yearly budgets. While final details of the design will be forthcoming, the park, to be located behind Selby's Market on town property designated as Parcel Lot 840, will be over 6,300 square feet and will entail multiple skill levels to accommodate beginners as well as more accomplished skateboarders. The vote of approval was 4-1 with Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski voting against the plan. Voicing concern over the actual number of skateboarders in town and negative comments from constituents, Mr. Klobukowski stated that due to those concerns

and a belief that the town should "walk before we run," he could not support the building of the park.

After many months of reworking designs, the town Parks Board submitted a design for a performance band shell at Whalen Commons. While similar to the one pictured with this article, the final product has incorporated many design changes that would better blend with the town hall and accompanying shopping center next to the park. The roof and brick siding will match

that of the other buildings. Public restrooms (a requirement for the approval of the \$100,000 grant provided by Maryland Heritage) will have a peaked roofline very similar to the entrance of the town hall.

The covered stage will be thirty-eight feet wide, twenty feet deep, with a peak twenty-one feet high. The band shell will be located on the east side of the park (to the right when facing Town Hall) and to the front quadrant closing

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## Letter to the Editor

For the past three years, I have been the co-chair of the committee charged with organizing the Poolesville Day festival after Jake Perkins passed away. I have had a terrific time working with a great team of community volunteers who have given their time unselfishly in the effort, especially my co-chair Bridget Burke. With her experience in event organizing along with the individual efforts of others, too many to name, we have put together a nice event.

Early in 2007, we realized that there were several issues that needed to be addressed. First, there were complaints about the event ending early with most leaving by 2:00 p.m. We thought if we brought in a headliner band in the mid-afternoon that the crowds would stay longer. This seems to have worked.

There were complaints about the early September hot weather that kept some people home; so we moved the date to the third Saturday of September, and so far, fingers crossed, the weather has been better.

The third Saturday date has helped with other planning challenges. A fixed date makes Poolesville Day more consistent and predictable. Vendors, headliner

bands, school groups, and everyone in the community could now have a dependable date to block out each year. The extra time has proven particularly helpful to the students for planning and implementing their event activities.

Like most well-intended decisions, there are unintended consequences. Over the next eleven years, the Jewish Holidays will fall on the third Saturday on three occasions: Rosh Hashanah this year and 2020, and Yom Kippur in 2010.

Since the holidays fall on different Saturdays each year according to the Jewish calendar, the Poolesville Day Committee had a difficult decision when made aware of the conflict this past spring. After a lot of agonizing, we decided that for the sake of planning a better event, it was better for the entire community to keep the fixed date.

I know I speak for the Poolesville Day Committee in apologizing for any bad feelings brought to our Jewish neighbors and friends. This decision was not made callously or thoughtlessly and certainly was not meant to offend.

*Brice Halbrook, Poolesville Day  
Co-chairman*

Although daunting, Riley fully remains confident, especially with the support and work of coaches, staff, parents, and students.

"We are happy to be moving to the 3A division this year, and it presents us with a challenge," says Riley. "It will be nice to play more county teams and to compete in a region where the schools are closer." The coming season marks the first class of seniors that will have attended all four years at Clarksburg. "Our coaches have done a tremendous job preparing our athletes and most of the coaches have been with us since we have opened, and they have built strong programs, both athletically and academically. Our football program has been very suc-

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## Youth Sports

### New Challenges Await Mike Riley and

### Clarksburg Football

By Jeff Stuart

When Clarksburg High School opened in 2006, Mike Riley, as the new Athletic Director, had the key responsibility of setting up Clarksburg's athletic program. This task involved everything from picking new coaches to picking school colors and from ordering new uniforms to forming a boosters club. Most of those unique tasks have been completed. The program has had a good deal of success. Now, however, there are growing pains, and with them come new and different sets of challenges.



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## Things to Do

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*Clarksburg Baseball*

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### September 2

*Art League Meeting*

The Art League of Germantown will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Gallery at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown. The program will be Show and Tell, where members and guests may bring one or two pieces of their fine art or fine crafts to show. This program introduces guests and members to each other through the sharing of their art. Annual dues will be collected from members. Questions? Please check the website at [www.alog.org](http://www.alog.org).

### September 3

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The Frederick Ski Club will hold its September meeting at Edo Japanese Cuisine. The meeting is free and everyone is welcome. Come and hear about the variety of events taking place this fall as well as our plans for next season's ski trips. Social hour is at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 8:00 p.m. Edo is located at 190 Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick. For additional information, email [VPCommunic@FrederickSkiClub.com](mailto:VPCommunic@FrederickSkiClub.com).

### September 6

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### September 8

*Commissioners of Poolesville Town Meeting*

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Scheduled  
See: Local News - Town Government this issue  
7:30 p.m.

### September 11

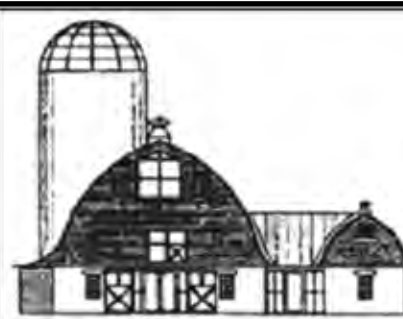
*Poolesville to Host Sneak Preview of Ken Burns miniseries: The National Parks: America's Best Idea.*

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery), in co-sponsorship with the C&O Canal National Historical Park (NPS) and the Town of Poolesville, will host a preview screening of the upcoming Ken Burns documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

The series tells the story of a uniquely American idea—that our nation's most special places should be preserved for the use and enjoyment of all people. The twelve-hour, six-part series will premiere on PBS stations on Sunday, September 27.

A special forty-five-minute preview of the documentary will be shown on a large outdoor movie screen on Whalen Commons, 19701 Fisher Avenue in the Town of Poolesville on Friday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. Bring the kids and have a picnic. Light refreshments will be available. This free event will provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase Montgomery County and the significance of

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### Flaws in the Mega Church Permitting Process

The large and growing opposition to the construction of a Global Mission Mega Church on agricultural land in Frederick County **with access from a 'Rustic Road' in Montgomery County** has revealed a significant lack of oversight if not a problem with the entire permitting process in Montgomery County.

The permitting agencies in Montgomery County would normally notify the County, non-profit watchdog groups and the general public. **Formal hearings** would be required to give interested parties an opportunity to affect the final outcome.

The Global Mission Church was able to obtain required permits both in Frederick and Montgomery counties. What is worrisome in the case of Montgomery County is the approval to build an access road from Route 109 with a bridge crossing a major stream and cutting through a wooded area **without** the County issuing any public notice or statement from the agencies involved in the permitting process.

Was it really that difficult to anticipate a large negative reaction from the community for the sudden appearance of such a large building so close to the Agricultural Reserve? In effect it is Montgomery County that has allowed this project to move forward by not questioning the access road to the site and not giving the community an opportunity to be heard.

Sugarloaf and many other civic organizations are attempting to convince Montgomery County Council and the Executive Office that the permit for the access road must be revoked. At the same time there is also need to remind all agencies in Montgomery County that transparency in matters impacting the County's residents must be improved.

The final decision for or against approval of the Global Mission Church in Frederick County will be the subject of a public hearing before the Frederick County Planning Commission on October 14. It is imperative that the Montgomery County permit for the access road is revisited before that meeting.

**Sugarloaf is hosting a community forum about the Mega Church hearing at 7:30 p.m. on September 17 in the Barn at Linden Farm at 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. For further information visit our website: [www.sugarloafcitizens.org](http://www.sugarloafcitizens.org).**

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From Page 3.**

est to Fisher Avenue to the right of the current arbor entrance. Construction should begin this fall once a Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued in order to award a contract. The current gazebo at the rear is being considered for demolition by the commissioners, although a final decision on that has not been affirmed.

The commissioners approved the request of the town manager to amend the budget to cover the cost of repairs to the twenty-year-old pump station near Hunters Run.

A new Alternative Energy Ordinance developed by the planning commission dealing with windmill, solar, and geothermal alternative energy systems was scheduled for a public hearing on September 21. The proposal recommended wind turbine generators only in the Rural Density Transfer Zone with heights not to exceed 150 feet or more than 30 feet above surrounding canopy. Solar units are recommended to be allowable

in all zones, but visibility in commercial zones is restricted and must seek an approval by special exception.

Geothermal energy is recommended in only grid-type units as they only have to be dug ten feet into the ground, whereas well-type units require a depth of approximately 150 feet.

There are five ordinance changes scheduled for public hearing on September 8. Their topics are: Anti-Blight (171) which restricts outside storage of construction equipment/material, incomplete construction, solid waste accumulation, inoperable vehicles, missing windows, siding and/or doors. Ordinance 172 permits the sale of Christmas trees by nonprofits having a paved parking lot of at least twenty cars. Sales will be allowed from December 1 to December 25. Ordinance 173 changes the sideline setback for accessory (storage) buildings from ten feet to five feet. Ordinance 174 prohibits any special exception for materially increasing the number of vehicles on a shared driveway. Finally, Ordinance 175

requires all special exceptions and variances to be forwarded to the Poolesville Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Public hearings on September 21 also include public comments on Ordinance 176 which will adopt the Montgomery County limits on parking by commercial vehicles, RVs, and buses on public roads for more than eighteen hours. Ordinance 178 will add a minimum paving standard for all new roads in Poolesville to include a six-inch

gravel base, which is not currently required.

Mr. Kuhlman also announced a tentative agreement on a proposed amendment to the County Council and supported by Councilman Mike Knapp that will require that funds (amount to be determined) from speed cameras within municipalities go to those municipalities. It is expected to be introduced at the start of the session.



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### Winchester Waiver Request Denied

At the recent town meeting, the Commissioners of Poolesville denied a special request to Winchester Homes, the builder of Stoney Springs, a ninety-eight home development in the town. The builder wanted to close on the sale of three homes scheduled for the first part of September, but current agreements restrict those sales until ownership of a well (the Schraf Well) on the property is transferred to the town.

Under current agreement, transfer of title of the wells cannot happen until the well is fully certified. Part of the certification process requires that new wells are dug for six property owners located near Stoney Springs, and that the owners acknowledge their satisfaction after the installation of the wells.

Steve Goldberg offered public testimony regarding his and another homeowner's concerns that

a memorandum of understanding (MOU) has not yet been satisfactorily completed and urged the commissioners not to approve the waiver at this time. Another property owner was reported to be out of town and unavailable to give testimony regarding his concerns or to provide a statement on his satisfaction in meeting the terms of the MOU. Also, the property owners voiced objections to early morning and very late working hours on road construction which disturbed their peace and which is against town and county ordinances. Without having approval of satisfaction by the property owners, along with other certification requirements, the commissioners denied the waiver request. Commissioner Kuhlman also adamantly stated that the town will monitor working hours at the development and will file a complaint if compliance on time restrictions of construction is not followed. Mike Lemon, representing Winchester Homes at the meeting, apologized to the property owners and to the commissioners for the early and late working hours and gave assurances that the off-hour work would not continue.

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## In the Garden Royalty of the Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

As we come to the end of August, our thoughts and efforts take a new direction from the laid-back days of summer: children are heading back to school, vacations are over for many people, and daily schedules become more crowded and demanding. The hot, dog days of August might have taken a toll on your garden, but early fall is an important time for gardens; it is the ideal time for planting spring- and summer-flowering bulbs. When you mention bulbs, many people think of tulips and daffodils, but there are many other varieties of bulbs. With our Monocacy area's prolific deer population, I have all but given up growing tulips. I would like to tell you about one of my most favorite bulbs, the lily.

What are true lilies? Many

plants that have "lily" as part of their common name (such as day-lily, Peace Lily, Blackberry Lily, water lily, and Agapanthus, the African Lily) are not true lilies. True lilies belong to the genus *Lilium*; they grow from bulbs made of fleshy overlapping scales with no protective covering. They have stiff stems with narrow leaves from top to bottom, and large, showy flowers develop at the tip of each stem. They may be trumpet-shaped, bowl-shaped, or bell-shaped. Interestingly, different varieties have flowers that look downwards, outwards, or are turned upward. They come in an amazingly-wide variety of colors with subtle or bright markings of speckles, polka dots, or stripes. Many of them carry the most intoxicating scent of all the flowers of the garden. 'Star Gazer,' an Oriental lily, captures first prize in this category, with 'Casa Blanca,' another Oriental, coming in at a close second. These plants are incredibly hardy, pest and disease resistant, and strong. This year the stalks of the Oriental lily 'Silk Road' grew to a height of

six feet and did not need staking. That is quite a recommendation.

A lily is one fantastic plant. In nature, different species can be found at high altitudes, others at low altitudes; some inhabit the desert, while others are found in damp meadows. They originate from both dry and humid climates and from cold and warm regions. Lilies comprise a genus of about 110 species in the lily family Liliaceae. They range from miniatures to majestic eight-foot show stoppers. The two most popular types for gardens are the Asiatic and the Oriental lilies. The former are allegedly the easiest to grow, but I have seen no difference in this regard with the latter. Another lesser-known variety is the Trumpet/Aurelian lilies. Growing easily up to eight feet, they are the grandest and tallest of the genus. The familiar Easter Lily falls into this group. All of these lilies are very hardy for our area and are not particularly fussy about soil. The Orientals and Trumpets are best known for their heavy, sweet perfume and large, exotic

blooms. Oriental lilies have been crossed with the taller Trumpet to create a new grouping called Orienpets. These hybrids have splendidly combined the best of both parents and fill the gap in bloom time between the two. In many catalogs that carry lilies, you can sometimes find some rare hybrids. Five years ago, I planted 'White Lace,' a hybrid of a rare Chinese lily and an Asiatic lily. This is one beautiful lily, It has large, recurved white blooms, gorgeously freckled in deep rose, and it has been blooming and multiplying faithfully ever since. Its six-inch blooms sit on five-foot stalks that attract hummingbirds and butterflies by the dozens in the first weeks of early summer. The following is a list of some of my favorite lilies that have grown very well in Monocacy Country. Asiatic lilies include: Elodie, 'Scarlet Emperor,' 'Endless Love,' 'First Love,' and 'Mount Duckling.' My favorite Oriental lilies are: 'Stargazer,' 'Casa Blanca,'

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# Police Blotter: Present and Past

By Jack Toomey

## Present

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Reports of drug use - Dickerson Regional Park, 20700 Martinsburg Road, 19200 block of Wasche Road, Dickerson.

Reports of disorderly conduct - 17400 block of Hoskinson Road.

## Past

**August 31, 1933** A fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the home of Eaton Poole at his farm located two miles from Poolesville. Residents of the area were reported to be concerned since this was the third fire of mysterious origin in the previous two weeks.

**August 31, 1931** Seven persons, including two women, were arrested, and a quantity of liquor was seized during a raid on a shack along the Conduit Road near Glen Echo. Police charged five of the occupants with disorderly conduct under a new law that allowed customers of liquor dens to be arrested.

**September 4, 1922** Sheriff Moxley rushed to the home of George Kemp at Barnesville after receiving a report that Mr. Kemp had been murdered. Arriving on the scene, Moxley was greeted

by Kemp who was obviously not dead but insisted that he had been shot in the head and chest. Moxley examined Kemp and found no gunshot wounds. Kemp finally admitted that he had met a man who was armed with a gun, and while trying to escape, he dived into some woods which caused minor injuries.


**September 4, 1986** One of the biggest train wrecks in years happened at Boyds. A train carrying automobiles derailed in the early morning hours sending one of seventeen derailed cars smashing into a house near the railroad tracks. A couple sleeping in the house were not injured, but their house was destroyed.

**September 7, 1957** Five Montgomery County teenagers, who had set fires and explosions around the county, were sentenced in Juvenile Court. They were ordered to report to firehouses around the county and wash and shine the fire equipment.

'Golden Stargazer,' and 'Black Beauty.' Orienpet lilies among my favorites are: 'Leslie Woodruff,' 'Silk Road,' 'Scheherazade,' and the hybrid 'White Lace.'

The best time to plant lily bulbs is in the fall, from mid-September through mid-October. If you are buying locally, select firm, plumb bulbs with good roots attached. If I am looking for a particular lily or a rare variety, I check the catalogs and websites of White Flower Farm, Wayside Gardens, Breck's, and the Lily Farm. There are other good, reliable sources, but I have dealt with these nurseries for years and have always been pleased with their service and plant quality. Breck's carries two particular varieties that I like very much, the white Asiatic Carpet Border Lilies and the dark rose-red Oriental Carpet Border Lily 'Starlight Night.' They are respectively fifteen to eighteen inches high and twenty to twenty-two inches high. They make a wonderful front border mass planting with my roses. Lily bulbs need good drainage, so don't plant them where there is standing water. Full sun exposure is very good, but they will also tolerate a little afternoon shade. Some years deer can be a problem, but as soon as the buds appear, I spray with Liquid Fence, and they don't bother them.

Plant some lilies in your garden this fall, and welcome royalty to your garden next summer.



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**"Jamison Wins Award" Continued**  
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on a lifetime of hard work and risk-taking, never forgetting the humble beginnings of what is still a family farm. In a far corner, dwarfed by the huge state-of-the-art green machines, sits a small, 1949 Model "A" John Deere tractor similar to the 1946 model his dad bought upon returning from the Philippines after World War II. "When Pap began farming, he started with a horse and plow," and that little tractor, which undoubtedly represented big progress to his dad. Jamie still smilingly recalls his dad explaining, "Why would I need more when I have four sons?"

Kathy and Jamie Jamison have sons, Joe, Pat, and Mike. The sons now manage the crop farm (corn, soybeans, and wheat) and have branched off a bit on their own with a sod venture.

In 1982, frustrated with difficulties in accessing offsite grain systems, Jamie built his own grain system of truck scales, corn dryers, and storage tanks. Today,

the massive enterprise, which regularly stores 5,000 bushels of corn ready for shipment, is able to load a trailer with 1000 bushels of corn in ten minutes.

In giving the Monocle a tour, his pride of achievement, while evident, is not your standard level of pride. It has to be called farmer's pride because Jamie, in over two hours of conversation, rarely uses the first person singular in describing the facility or its progress. More often than not, he gives out names—not numbers or pats on his own back. It's the pride in the boys (well, I guess I should say men now), in Steve Warfield, his valued employee of over twenty years (he comes up with creative ideas and does things with metal that only an artist can do), and in all his fellow sojourners and collaborating innovators in farming. There were so many names I couldn't keep up, names like Henry White, Dee Willard, Bob Raven, David Weitzer, John Hunter, Tommy Butz, Sr., and more.

You see, success in farming is not just betting against the

weather. As Jamie says, "It's a willingness to share the wealth of knowledge." Knowing they can learn from each other's successes and failures is key. That's why he has been successful, and that's why the MGPA awarded him its highest honor.

Time spent with Jamie is time spent not simply with a farmer. It's time with a philosopher, economist (agronomist to be more exact), inventor, machinist, and humorist (Garrison Keillor, eat your heart out). Time spent with him is also a reminder of just how important agriculture is to this area and its history. We'll follow up with more AgNews later with Jamie explaining to us the significance of farming to our community and the nation, innovations such as no-till farming, and then bring additional stories of the other key leaders of agriculture who call the Monocacy area their home.

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# The Pulse Progress Made On School in Haiti

By Dominique Agnew

Last December, the *Monocacy Monocle* reported on the efforts of St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Barnesville to improve the basic living necessities of its sister parish, St. Joseph's in Carcasse, Haiti when the twinning of the parishes was established.

These efforts began about a year and a half ago when Jack Reid of Dickerson visited St. Joseph's to determine the needs of the people and to create a priority list. It was quickly decided that the first obstacles to tackle would be communication, potable water, and education (the state school is in total disrepair). The communication situation has been solved with the parish now able to communicate and gather information

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the beautiful C&O Canal National Historical Park that runs through it.

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through the internet. The potable water situation will remain a challenge as, thus far, it seems that all sources of water on the island are contaminated. The task of building a school for the parish of St. Joseph is under way, but far from complete, only the block walls, ceiling, and floor are in place.

Again this fall, as last year, Jack Reid and other volunteers will visit St. Joseph's with a medical mission. They hope to also address the water supply with testing kits, but the focus, apart from medical, is the school. At this time, funds are being raised to purchase the necessary materials to complete the construction of the school—cement, metal doors, metal windows (the school would also be a hurricane shelter as most parishioners live in homes built of thatch roofs and dirt floors)—and to pay for seven teachers for one year. The total bill for the completion of the school and the teachers' salaries comes to \$23,500.00. This may seem like a huge amount to raise, but an anonymous donor has gener-

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All volunteers pay their own way, even covering their own meals so that they do not burden the parish. "The smaller missions are probably the most cost-effective" means of donating and helping poverty in the Third World, Jack says. Not a single penny is wasted.

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## Youth Making a Difference

### PPC Youth Group on Mission to Help Elderly

By Rande Davis

Eleven youth, ranging in age from twelve to seventeen from the Poolesville Presbyterian Church, joined by six adult mentors, traveled to Panther, West Virginia to perform home repairs and develop positive relationships with needy folks in that area.

In their mission of assistance, the young people worked hard helping to repair floors, replace toilets, fix ceilings, replace and repair porches and roofs, paint

rooms, and other similar repairs on primarily trailer homes.

Although expending long working hours, the group reported not only achieving the goal of making a difference in the living conditions of people in need, but also were rewarded with a strong sense of satisfaction in helping others. They came away feeling that they received more than they gave.

The youth enjoyed meeting with the people, noting that once a level of shyness was overcome, they found the people engaging with great stories and lessons of life they might not have learned elsewhere. As young representatives from Poolesville Presbyterian Church, they ventured out with the hope of building relationships and as they would say, "become Ambassadors for Christ."

Outreach mission trips outside of Poolesville are usually done annually at PPC, but

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## Tidbits

### Poolesville Day Needs Your "Cool" Car, Truck, or Motorcycle!

The Poolesville Day Committee, Inc. is once again hosting a Classic Rod, Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show to be held on Poolesville Day (September 19, 2009). The show will be featuring antique, classic, and sports cars, trucks, and motorcycles from the Poolesville area. "We're always looking for ways to expand the Poolesville Day experience," said Show Director Jim Brown, "and we know there are a lot of very cool cars and motorcycles in this area. We want Poolesville Day to be a great day to show off your pride and joy, and we want this to be an annual attraction for Poolesville Day attendees as well as the local car and motorcycle community."

The car/truck show will be held in the Healthworks parking lot on Fisher Avenue, and the motorcycle show will be held in front of the Jamison Real Estate

building. All cars, trucks, and motorcycles must be in place by noon, and awards will be handed out immediately following the conclusion of the set (around 3:15 p.m.) of the Poolesville Day headliner band—Scott Bandy and Texas Heat. This is a Show and Shine event. Judging will be conducted by popular ballot from spectators attending the show. First Place Trophies and a \$50.00 Bassett's Gift Certificate will be awarded to the entrants voted Most Popular in both Car/Truck and Motorcycle categories. Trophies for 2nd Most Popular and Commissioner's Choice will also be awarded in both categories. All vehicles must be in good to excellent cosmetic/running condition. No cars will be permitted onto the show field with primer paint.

"The best part about this show is that specialty vehicle owners get a chance to show off their rides in a low-pressure and fun environment," said Brown. There is no fee to enter your vehicle, but a \$10.00 donation is

requested.

All area car and motorcycle buffs are encouraged to enter their vehicles into the show as quickly as possible since space will be limited. Go to [www.Pool-essville.com](http://www.Pool-essville.com) or contact show director Jim Brown (301-221-1988) for more information and to find out how to register.

### Blue Bag Special

Maybe you have seen the rectangular blue bags hanging from trees all over the county. These bags are trying to trap an unwanted visitor that came here from Michigan: the emerald ash borer. This pesky beetle came to Maryland in 2006, stopping first in Prince George's County. While the adult nibbles on ash foliage, it causes little damage, but the larvae feeds on inner bark strangling the tree of water and nutrients. How widespread is the problem? That's what the bags will tell. How damaging can the emerald ash larvae be? It killed tens of millions of ash trees in southern Michigan alone, not to mention similar devastation in

Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, and ten other mid-western states. Do you have an ash tree? Does it have borer holes shaped like the letter D? Then Google "emerald ash borer" and you can find out more and find some help.

### WRAMC Picnic at White's Ferry a Success

The Poolesville Military Support Committee raised \$10,000 for the Fisher Houses, a residence program which provides "a home away from home" for military family members to be close to a loved one at a most stressful time—during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury. The funds came from donations and sponsors of the group's annual picnic and fishing day for recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Bethesda.

Last spring, nearly five hundred area residents joined in welcoming over sixty soldiers, their families, and staff from WRAMC at White's Ferry. Maurice Borde of Fisher House at

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many of the youth volunteer at Gaithersburg's The Lord's Table, an interdenominational soup kitchen. While no decision has been made as to a destination next year, the group discussed the possibility of finding a way to do similar things right here in the Poolesville area. Recognizing the fabulous work of Rebuilding Together, an annual local home renovation project, the group came away from this trip with an idea to explore if a local interdenominational program of assistance could be developed so that such aid could come more than

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successful and this year will be a challenging year for them, no doubt."

Under Head Coach Larry Hurd, Clarksburg's football team has made the 2A playoffs in each of the past three seasons, going undefeated in the last two regular seasons. It has earned a reputation as one of Montgomery County's elite teams in a short amount of time, winning the region in 2007, making the playoffs the last two years, but with the move to 3A West, the Coyotes will face a more difficult schedule, opening the season at home against Seneca Valley (September 4) and ending the regular season at home against Wootton (November 6). Along the way they will host 2008 4A State Champion Quince Orchard (October 9) who has dropped to 3A this year. Road games include Gaithersburg, Paint Branch, and Damascus, a consistent playoff team and potentially the strongest team in the county.

Coach Hurd's current squad is not without talent and experience. He must replace the passing ability of former quarterback Cody Martin and the speed of Avery Graham, lost to graduation. On the positive side, the Coyotes have emerging talent, many of whom play both offense and defense. Their top receivers, Andrew Veith and Sam Collins, return. Both seniors will double as defensive backs. Senior quarterback Tyler Stevens will use his experience in trying to use Veith and Collins, hoping to spread out defenders.

one time a year.

The young people attending this mission trip were Mary Beliveau, Michael Beliveau, Kevin Beliveau, Allie Bowerman, Lori Defnet, Amy Defnet, Kristian Koeser, Emily Lowman, Katie McFall, Carly Stoliker, and Kendall Ziner. Their adult mentors were: Bob and Cathy Beliveau, Sarah Defnet, Susan Hanna, Katie Hanna, and Carolyn McFall.

Catherine Beliveau, one of the adult mentors, agreed to work with them on this goal and invites interested church youth groups to contact her at [crbeliveau@verizon.net](mailto:crbeliveau@verizon.net).

There are others to watch, including senior wide receiver and defensive back Ace Clark and senior running backs DeSean Martinez (who also plays defensive end) and Mike Dixon (also doing double duty as a linebacker). Senior Brent Kidwell will start at fullback and double as a linebacker. On the defensive line, the Coyotes will have seniors Calvin Dove and Jeff Gatling (also a tight end on offense). Senior Kyle Shafer returns on the offensive line and at linebacker.

Looking at the other fall sports, Riley thinks the Coyotes will remain competitive as well. "I think we should be strong this year in cross country and boys' soccer with both of these squads having a good chance for championships," he said. He also expected success from the other sports, as well: girls' soccer, field hockey, volleyball, tennis, and golf. He noted that the graduation of key seniors allows the new seniors to come to the fore. "We still expect great things from this year's senior class," he adds.

"Our goals have remained constant here," continues Riley, who keeps his eyes on the broad picture. "We work hard to have competitive teams that play by the rules and have excellent sportsmanship. We also strive for all of our athletes to maintain a high GPA all year long."

Riley, who spent twelve years at Poolesville, was the 2007 recipient of the Maryland State Athletic Directors Association Certificate of Merit for fifteen years of outstanding service.

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WRAMC thanked the group for the donation. "We have worked together for four years now in support of Fisher House which provides housing and comfort to our heroes and their families." In acknowledging the group as a whole, he also gave special tribute to Roger Strippey and Paul Kelly (recently home from Afghanistan). "There are no truer patriots than Roger and Paul."

The committee wanted to especially thank their sponsors:

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