



The town election was one of many news events. See more highlights on page 9.



Of all the highlights in 2010, one stood above the rest. See page 8.



Of all the great festivals, Poolesville Day still tops them all. See more of the events for 2010 on page 9.



The year of the snowstorm—there were other natural and unnatural problems as well. See page 14.

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2010: Year in Review Special Edition

By Rande Davis

This is our annual Year in Review issue which pictorially tells the remarkable story of 2010 in the Monocacy area. This past year certainly has had a number of highlights and, in some cases, high drama as well.

We began the year facing a mountain of snow and a mountain of county debt. As road crews spent sleepless nights clearing the results of what was a hundred-year snowstorm, the county government began the year trying to close a \$780 million budget gap. Parents and area leaders faced the struggle to keep Monocacy Elementary School open, which required the hard work of many citizens, but in the end, the effort paid off as the school gained a reprieve and it will stay open for the foreseeable

A Christmas Miracle: Poole Feed Store Won't Close!

By Carol Rae Hansen, Director, Equine Therapy Associates:



The county modified lease arrangements and provided a reprieve for the services provided by the Poole Store.

future.

Then the beginning of what is hoped to be an economic boost came with the opening of Brightwell Crossing. While the challenge to protect the Ag Reserve continues, the benefit of new homes within the Town of Poolesville comes at a time when businesses face unprecedented difficulties providing a hoped-for critical lifeline to a better future. Winchester Homes successfully sold out of their home sites in Phase 1 and have begun selling homes in their Phase 2 sections.

The town was pleased to receive the final report from the state's director of Environmental/Health Coordination and the Chief of Public Health Services stating that there is no evidence of a cancer cluster within Poolesville. While monitoring will continue, the town got a clean bill of health on this issue.

Thanks to the hundreds of supporters who lobbied the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on behalf of the Poole family and the need to save the last feed/farm store in the Ag Reserve, the Poole's Store is likely to remain open in 2011.

Mr. John Nissel, Division Chief, Facilities Management for the M-NCPPC, told JoAnn Poole Clements, manager of the Poole's Store, on December 23 that the Pooles could "have all the time they needed to move out of the facility that they've leased for forty-six years." Further, he met that same day with Mr. Calvin Day, and offered him



In 2010, the sign on the town hall finally became accurate. Check out other highlights in this, our annual pictorial Year in Review.

Springtime brought a robust Business Fair through the coordination of the CEDC and PACC, and over the summer, we had the grand opening of both the new bandstand in Whalen Commons as well as the new skateboard facility in Dr. Dillingham Park on Wootton Avenue.

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a follow-on lease for a feed and supply store in the warehouse onsite. The Day family have been friends of the Pooles for decades and are the owners of four area Farm and Home stores featuring Southern States feeds. The Days have supplied the Poole's Store for more than a year, transshipping Southern States feed and supplies from their Germantown store. It is planned that the feed/farm supply business will operate from the warehouse and grounds after the store itself closes on December 31 for restoration by the M-NCPPC.

The Poole family plans an auction sale on January 8

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Family Album



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It was a country western party at the House of Poolesville for New Year's Eve. Having fun are Kevin Simmons, Patty Wilson, Jackie Hawkins, and Lisa Selby.



At karaoke night at Cugini's New Year's Eve, Paul Hooper got the crowd rockin' strong to his rendition of Mony Mony. His backup singers were Gabi Jacobs, Faith Etheridge, Carol Clauser, Gina Beck, and Reneta Funk.

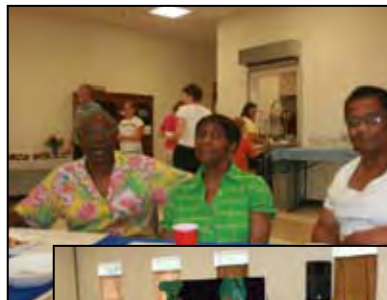
Saying goodbye to 2010 at Cugini's were Gina Beck, Cathy Bupp, Mike Bupp, and Mike Beck.



Betty and Richard MacKnight are joined by Karen Garner (center) in welcoming in 2011 at Bassett's Restaurant.



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Letter to Editor

The Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post #247 is pleased to report that fourteen boxes of collected materials were sent to ten different locations in the war zone theatres of operation with some of the boxes weighing in at over sixty pounds.

Needless to say, the Post thanks the leadership of Paul Kelly, and all the people of

Poolesville and the surrounding area for this American Legion highly successful program to boost the morale of our troops.

A number of cards and notes were also sent to the chaplains for distribution.

I would like to thank the people of Poolesville and all who contributed for their remarkable generosity. The Age of Great Americans has not passed.

Joseph Hardwick
Service Officer

"Poole Store" Continued From Page 1.

of their personal goods, but has been invited by the new lessee, the Day family, to stay on to manage the business that has been their home for so long. In a triumph of compassion over expediency, the Poole flock of sheep, in the midst of a vulnerable lambing season, has also been granted a reprieve by the M-NCPPC.

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The twentieth anniversary of the modern Poolesville Day celebration resulted in a spectacular event with new entertainment joining with the best of the festival including a longer-than-usual parade, more vendors, and perfect weather.

In the fall, a walk-a-thon to benefit WUMCO was initiated for the first time and, by all accounts, was a great success raising more than \$2500.00 for the worthy local charity.

The November elections resulted in re-electing Commissioner Jim Brown and the election of former planning commission member, Chuck Stump, as a town commissioner. A referendum on revisions to the town charter rejected the work by the commissioners, sending the review process back for reconsideration in 2011.

The fall election also brought about a new name for the town. Officially, the town had been, for whatever reason, chartered as the Commissioners of Poolesville. Now, the town is officially known as the Town of Poolesville.

The year ended, in some ways, as it began with citizens banding together to save an institution from closing. This time, however, it was the Poole General Store in Seneca. Carol Rae Hansen led a group of nearly a dozen residents in trying to prevent the closing of the last remaining general store in the state. On the day the Pooles moved, nearly one hundred friends showed up to help them, and even the county extended more time to the Pooles to ease their burden of transition. A further update on the situation is reported in this issue.

Many of these events are visually recorded in this issue as a remembrance for the year that ended the first decade of the new century. We think it is safe in proclaiming 2010 a year that most are very glad is over as 2011 emerges with our hopes for improvement intact.

Thank you, Poolesville, for making us #1!

Best wishes to all our friends for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

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Barbara Ann Roberson

Mrs. Barbara Ann Roberson, 77, of Frederick, passed away Monday, December 20 at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

She was the wife of Ellis L. Roberson. They were married for sixty years. Born December 28, 1932 in Frederick County, she was the daughter of the late Horace and Lula Thompson. Barbara was a member of the Buckeystown United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the Women's Society of Dickerson United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are sons Wayne and wife Janice, Larry and wife Robin, both of Adamstown, son Warren and daughter Gwenda, both of Frederick. She will be missed greatly by grandchildren Kristofer and wife Kristin, Kyle, Lacey, Kristen, Megan, Kory and Konnor; sister Mary and husband Jack McDonough of Clarksburg; and a very dear lifelong friend Elva Raye Cooley of Clarksburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's name to the Buckeystown United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 399, Buckeystown, MD 21717.

Maryetta Bradshaw

Mrs. Maryetta "Mary" Bradshaw, 50, of Poolesville, died on December 21, 2010. She was the wife of Larry Bradshaw. Also surviving are her children, April, Dawn, Nicole; three brothers, Kenny, Billy, Ronny; seven grandchildren, and three special friends, Brenda, Leslie, and Mary.

Howard E. Crane

Mr. Howard E. Crane, on December 26, 2010 in the presence of family and friends, passed from this life to be with God. At 93 years of age, he is survived by his devoted wife of forty years, Barbara Kephart Crane, son Gary of The Villages, Florida, daughter Cheryl Brobst of Seven Lakes, their spouses, five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. He lived a wonderful life and leaves numerous relatives and friends.

Born in Oelrichs, South Dakota, Howard was raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended Creighton Uni-

versity, George Washington University, and the USDA Graduate School. In WWII, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific theatres aboard the navy's mine sweeper U.S. Bibb. Howard retired from the U.S. Depart-

ment of Justice after thirty-three years of federal service. In lieu of flowers, friends may send a remembrance in Howard's name to the N.C. Schnauzer Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 1147, Holly Springs, NC 27540.

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January 10
 Annual State of the Town Meeting
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January 12
 Parks Board Meeting
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January 17
 Planning Commission Meeting
 Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

January 14
 Bassett's Restaurant
 Entertainment Night
 Featuring: Andy Wescott
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PHS Basketball
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January 15
 Cugini's Entertainment Night
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January 20
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School News

PHS Students Report On Accelerated Science Projects at School Convention

By Rande Davis

The Science, Math, and Computer Science Program at Poolesville High School held its Senior Research Convention at the school on December 20 and 22. Thirty-four students participated in the event which had them reporting on a special internship project each were involved in during this past summer.

All of the projects were intense and accelerated academic scientific studies. Although we are unable to report on each of the presentations, we chose one done by Tomas Gaigalas to illustrate the high level of achievement reached by each student. Gaigalas's research over the

summer was "Investigating the Mechanism and Strength of Binding between the Anthrax Lethal Factor and Protective Antigen Toxins." He did his work at the Semiconductor Electronics Division, Physical Measurement Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg under the guidance of Dr. John Kasianowicz.

Knowing he wanted to do his work in relation to biology and with NIST nearby, it seemed like the perfect fit for him. After interviewing with Dr. Kasianowicz, who agreed to mentor Tomas, and also after a few months of reading papers and learning about the lab, he started working at NIST full-time as a non-paid intern this past summer.

The intern program is the culmination of the three-year Science, Math, and Computer Science (SMCS) Program. The internship gave him experience in a real-world setting. Gaigalas tells us that the program has grown in the years he has been involved

in it. "It's helpful to know what a career is like in a topic you've learned about in school. The process of getting an internship is very open-ended, another plus, as it allows each person to choose a course of study that they want."

Other examples of course investigation by other students are Mae K. Park's presentation on "Rapid Monitoring of Alkaline Phosphatase in Raw Milk Using 1,1'-Oxalyldiimidazole Chemiluminescence Detection," or Victoria Huang's "Stress Induced

Steroidogenesis is Associated with Increases of Melanocortin Receptor Associated Protein (MRAP)." Needless to say, all of the projects were highly-rigorous academic endeavors placing this MCPS magnet program among the most elite courses of scientific study in the nation.

The faculty responsible for teaching this program is: Ms. Erin Binns, Mr. Mark Curran, Mr. Mark Estep, Mr. Kevin Lee, Dr. Patricia Miller, and Dr. Teresa Petralli-Mallow.



PHS held a convention of science research projects. Representing the faculty and students were Dr. Teresa Petralli-Mallow and student Tomas Gaigalas.

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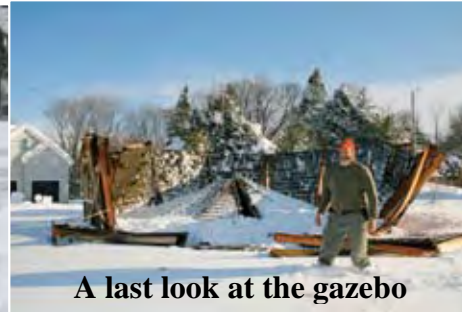
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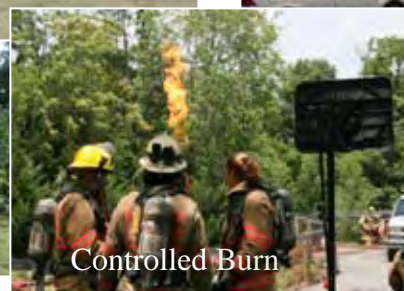
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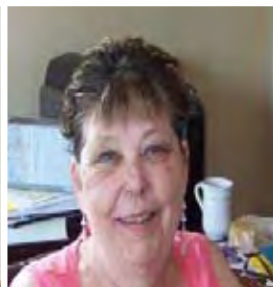
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