



Two hockey fans and Gordie Howe at a hockey game. Read about Cement Heads in Profiles on page 17.



William Price, Councilman Craig Rice, and Commissioner Eddie Kuhlman were at the PACC Annual Dinner. See more pictures on page 16



Fortunately this isn't one of the invasive species discussed in Local News on page 6. You'll have to read the Daytripper on page 11 to learn about this picture.



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Global Church Receives Support

By Kristen Milton

Nearly eighteen months after a proposed church complex on Sugarloaf Mountain was rejected in a contentious flip-flop, Frederick County's Circuit Court has ruled that the church was denied a fair chance to defend its project.

Plans submitted in 2009 by Global Mission Church, an English/Korean Southern Baptist congregation based in Silver Spring, included a 1,160-seat sanctuary as well as sixty-seven meeting rooms, a dining hall, and gymnasium on acreage straddling the Montgomery/Frederick County line.

In an opinion filed March 14, Judge G. Edward Dwyer, Jr.

A Buffet for Butterflies

By Maureen O'Connell

Many people keep bird feeders in their gardens to provide food for many kinds of birds, but blue jays, cardinals,

wrote of the project: "The [Frederick] Planning Commission should refer the case to the Health Department to approve the Site Plan application."

It was a blow for opponents on both sides of the border who have cited concerns about traffic, the appearance of the eighty-five-foot structure on a scenic mountain, and the impact on area water supplies.

After initially expressing approval, the Frederick County Planning Commission rejected the plan in October 2009 citing concerns over water usage and emergency access. Sewage needs would exceed the 4,999-gallons-per-day allowed under the county's water and sewer plan, planners said.

Global Mission resorted to the Frederick Board of Appeals, which ruled in its favor in 2010, but the county responded by taking the case to court for judicial

doves, finches, and woodpeckers are not the only winged visitors to our gardens that need a supply of food. There are beneficial insects and birds called pollinators that are essential to about three quarters of the world's flowering plants and at least ninety food crops eaten in North America. Without pollinators, you would not have apples, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate, almonds, melons, peaches, pumpkins, and many other food, fiber, medicinal, and flowering plants. The honey bee alone contributes to the production of a large amount of crops in America every year. That's a lot of work for some very small creatures.

Worldwide, pollinators are in decline. In our

review.

In that review, Dwyer wrote that Global Mission had addressed safety concerns by allowing for a secondary access road to the complex, which originally had only one—Old One Hundred Road (Route 109) in Montgomery County. The church was not granted a proper opportunity to respond to the water usage question as methodologies used to determine the required amount of sewage were changed in the course of the process, the opinion said.

Montgomery Countryside Alliance, one of the opposing civic groups, said it would continue to challenge the project on the Montgomery County side of the line, especially a proposed crossing of Little Bennett Creek. Continuing appeals by Frederick County authorities are also possible.

Monocacy area, Lewis Orchards for years was able to rely on the natural, local bee pollination for the pollinations of its fruit trees and vegetables. Now they have to bring in beekeepers and their hives to meet their needs. There are several causes for this decline: loss of habitat, misuse of pesticides, invasive plants and animals, diseases, and parasites. There are simple things that you can do in your home gardens to encourage pollinator diversity and their numbers. This could be a good project for parents to develop with their children.

Know your pollinators. In our area, you can expect to see bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, bats, moths, flies, wasps, and beetles (yes, there are some good beetles, and, interestingly,

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Family Album



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Landscape and Nature Discoveries, Inc. had another successful roadside cleanup. Forty-two volunteers worked six hours over eight miles of local roadways, and collected 143 bags of trash.



Kevin Beiter and Collin Lease-Thompson discussed the benefits of outdoor education at the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual Meeting.



SCA President Anne Sturm delivers her opening remarks at the SCA Annual Meeting



District 2 Councilman Craig Rice and Planning Board Chair Françoise Carrier before the SCA Annual Meeting



County Councilman Marc Elrich, SCA President Anne Sturm, and Park and Planning member Callum Murray at the SCA Annual Meeting.



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Center Stage

Back in the Saddle

By Dominique Agnew

When the *Monocle* last profiled Poolesville author, Mary Ann Powell, in 2008, she had just written, *Prince Alley Em*, the sequel to her enchanting first novel, *Emerson*. Despite Powell's love of animals of the equine variety (some of the characters in the first two novels), she chose a different tack for her most recent publishing, instead choosing to focus on Frank and Nancy Miller, a young married couple in New York City, and Nancy's domineering and spoiled mother, Grace—although, even here, she can't help but sneak a horse into the story. In *Shells of My Heart*, Grace tries to rule the roost and havoc ensues, but, as Mary Ann puts it, "Despite the chaos, everyone gets along." She describes it as a page-turner that will keep the reader guessing until the end.

Like many of her stories, the idea for *Shells of My Heart* didn't just come to her recently, she actually began the story thirty years ago. "I've been writing all my life," says Mary Ann. "I wrote all the time." She can recall being in the third grade and her teacher reading her stories out loud to the class. After high school, she took a course on writing and has been writing ever since. Now she has a whole a file drawer full of stories that are just waiting to be finished. Since she has retired from both raising horses and as a counselor for MCPS, she has focused on her writing and completing the best of her story ideas.

Writing, unlike for some, seems to come easy for Mary Ann. She credits her creativity to her mother who was extremely artistic, both musically and as a painter. So when Mary Ann sits down at the computer to write, the ideas flow and she feels her mother's presence. "I feel like when I'm writing," she explains, "my mother is there helping me

write." The stories come, her fingers fly, and she has no idea where the stories come from. "She's inside me," she adds. "I'll sit down at nine—all of a sudden it's three."

Her next project is a short story she hopes to have published soon called "Kentucky Bred" about, you guessed it, a horse. Of course, this is no ordinary horse, this horse is a jack of all trades, and the story promises to captivate and entertain readers of all ages.

Mary Ann will be available to sign copies of her books at the Poolesville Library on Saturday, April 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Author Mary Ann Powell holds a copy of her latest novel, *Shells of My Heart*.

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Commentary

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By John Clayton

On a bleak, rainy day I gaze out the window at empty bird feeders, angry wet birds, and a partially-mowed lawn. I ponder whether my riding mower would still be operational had I installed a new drive belt over the winter as planned. As it turned out, the belt, if that frayed, twisted black thing I observed could still legitimately be called a belt, abandoned ship during my first mow of the season. Spring is here.

A number of lofty topics are racing through my mind for this column, such as the future of the Ag Reserve, the federal budget, the prospect of the Washington Nationals spending at least three weeks without Ryan Zimmerman, and how perky the stinkbugs are, even after a hard winter, but I realize that my most critical decision is before me: I have to decide whether to continue playing golf.

I do not play golf frequently, but occasionally and, not surprisingly, badly. There are indeed some excellent golfers about, even in our own area, people that you see in the street or pass by in Selby's Market, but I am not one of them. I will not dwell on that; just accept that I am easily in a low percentile of even casual golfers.

One of the mysteries of golf is that most people, when they say they golf, feel obligated to point out that they are not very good at it. "Yes, I golf, but I'm no Tiger Woods." Pause. "Ha ha." Why do golfers apologize for not being professional quality? If you play pickup basketball, do you have to point out that you may not be

Michael Jordan? I'm not much at badminton either, but I don't feel compelled to point it out if badminton shuttles its way into the conversation, as it often does. I imagine the golf situation is based on the fact that so much of the game is outright frustration, and the truth about one's game is never far away from our thoughts, hence the candor.

I generally decide to quit the game each fall, but get reinvigorated during the winter, fueled by all sorts of false optimism. This winter, I didn't really feel the passion. I regripped a few clubs to see if that would get me going, but it hasn't yet. I perused some golf magazines, but too much of the helpful information is over my head. Tips on hitting a fade, fine tuning your flop shot, and making the green in regulation are beyond my ken, as they say. I search for articles like "How to Break 110" and "Reaching the Fairway in Three," but they are few and far between.

I will not have an opportunity to play in the next few weeks, due to previously scheduled activities and the amount of time it will take me to catch up on my mowing, so it remains to be seen if my zeal for the game will return. It usually does. I imagine if this ice age that passed for spring this year finally turns into something more recognizable, like a hot sticky summer, I will return to the course, and it will be business as usual. I'm keeping my expectations modest. Perhaps that will help. They say that admitting you have a problem is an important step. It's worth another try.

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Focus on Business

EPA Applauds Brightwell Crossing

By Rande Davis

With the first anniversary of the grand opening of Brightwell Crossing coming at the end of this month, Tom Kettler, president of Kettler Forlines Homes/Brightwell Crossing, was pleased to have the new home development recognized for its environmental and energy efficiencies. Eric Werling, Indoor airPlus Coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency, attended an event at the site on April 5 to applaud Kettler Forlines for its leadership in implementing indoor air quality features in all its Brightwell Crossing homes. Michael Trammell from Channel 9 was on hand to film the occasion for broadcasting later.

Mr. Werling pointed out that Brightwell Crossing is one of the first developments in the entire country to incorporate such extensive innovations to safeguard interior air quality in the entire home. "Fresh air ventilation in commercial buildings has had a long history, but we are now just getting this progress into homes." The home development in Poolesville has earned the EPA's Indoor airPlus rating for all its homes. Such designation identifies the homes as being designed with improved indoor air quality as compared to homes built to minimum codes. According to the EPA, Indoor airPlus qualified homes can lead to lower health risks, protection against combustion pollutants, and fewer pests, allergens, and asthma triggers. EPA studies show that levels of

air pollution inside a home are often two to five times higher than outdoor levels leading to eye irritation, headaches, allergies, respiratory problems such as asthma, and other serious problems.

In answering a query about a common perception that homes might be too tightly sealed, Mr. Werling referred to an EPA motto, "Build it Tight, Ventilate it Right." The key is having the proper ventilation systems within the home.

Additionally, the homes have gained the coveted government-backed designation as ENERGY STAR homes. Last fall, Brightwell Crossing was honored to gain the Maryland-National Capital Building Association's Environmental award for exceeding ENERGY STAR qualifications by employing such energy-saving features as low-e-glass windows, exterior foam sealing, a high-efficiency gas furnace, and pressure-sealed ductwork. As an example, rather than use standard taping methods to seal joints in the heat/air ducts, the builder uses mastic, a sort of liquid concrete that when dried overcomes the problem of eventual wearing with standard sealing methods. Another small but effective innovation is having a ventilation system within the garage to prevent fumes leaking back into the home.



A reporter from Channel 9 was on hand to film the in-home air quality demonstrations by Tom Kettler, President of Brightwell Crossing.

Remembrance

Anthony M. Natelli, Jr.

By Rande Davis

Mr. Anthony M. Natelli, Jr. ("Tony"), 52 of Dickerson passed away on April 6, 2011 after bravely battling cancer. Tony is survived by his loving wife, Christine Natelli; his son, Jamie Hugh; and mother, Gertrude "Trudy" Natelli. He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony M. Natelli, who passed away on March 25, 2004. He is also survived by his two brothers, Thomas Natelli and wife Karen, Michael Natelli and wife Jessica; two sisters, Mary Natelli McCann and husband Tim and Nancy Natelli Duin and husband Steve; three grandchildren; and twenty-seven nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnesville where his friend of over thirty

years, Reverend Monsignor John J. Enzler, officiated. A graduate of Churchill High School and a former resident of Potomac, the family lived near Milan, Italy when he was between the ages of seven and ten. It was there that much of his endearing personality first developed.

Thomas and Michael Natelli shared remembrances of their brother, recalling his gifted talents of creativity sparked by a brilliant mind for solving problems along with an adventurous spirit and positive attitude. Although he eschewed formal education, his passion for learning never stopped as he demonstrated throughout his life his uncanny ability to solve mechanical problems (even as a teenager he was held in high regard for his abilities in working on car engines). This self-taught drive eventually led him to create, design, and hold patents in five countries on parking meter poles while working with Lockheed Transportation Systems.

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The Pulse

Progress in Carcasse

By Dominique Agnew

The parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville continues its twinning mission with St. Joseph's in Carcasse, Haiti that was begun in February 2008. Each year, a medical mission visits St. Joseph's in October, and this past February, parishioners, Jack Reid and Tony Chmelik, visited St. Joseph's with three primary goals: to stake out the foundation for a new rectory, to find a solution to the problem of potable drinking water, and to check on the progress of economic development through the growing of coffee.

As many of the initial goals of the twinning mission have been or are under way, the parishioners of St. Mary's hope to further the progress and independence of the parishioners of St. Joseph's. Initial needs of communication through the internet to the outside world and the completed construction of the school have been met. The more ambitious project of the construction of the parish rectory has begun. To this end, Tony Chmelik staked out the foundation to prep the site. Instead of the usual cinder block construction, the rectory will be built using the building systems developed by shelter2home that both hurricane and earthquake resistant. Shelter2home meets the needs of both temporary shelter and

permanent shelter with designs that can be put together in one day, then can become permanent—replacing the typical temporary tents that are discarded.

The second problem of potable water is both urgent and difficult. "We've been wanting to do something about the water," says Jack, "and we recognize that this is going to be a large project." Joining Jack and Tony were hydrologist Dan Marks and social worker Ashley Balkow who specializes in sanitation and community organizing. Together, they went to all the water sources, tested the water, and interviewed the people. "On this trip, we were trying to gather the information and the tools needed for this project," says Jack. The poor quality of the water is a huge problem for the health of the people, especially the children, elderly, and the sick. A tragic example of this is the cholera outbreak of the past December which sickened and caused the deaths of a number of parishioners of St. Joseph's.

Dan and Ashley will prepare a report outlining the quality of water at the sources, the level of education of the people in regards to waterborne illness, and suggestions for improving water and general sanitation in Carcasse.

In a trip in August of 2010, Jack and fellow parishioner Dave Cahoon began the process of hooking up coffee growers in Carcasse with Just Haiti, a fair trade plus coffee exporter. Three growers went to a seminar, then returned to Carcasse to organize forty growers into a coffee-growing association.

Through Just Haiti, the middle man is eliminated, and greater profits are returned to the growers. Through the fair trade plus model, the growers receive extra profits after their initial sale. For the past harvest season, they received forty-nine percent of gross sales. "That is a huge percentage that goes back to growers," says Jack. This economic development strategy gives the growers and community a true livelihood. "They're a people that work very hard," adds Jack.

In a letter to St. Mary's Parish about the February trip, Jack wrote, "When I first got started with our Haiti Twinning Ministry, I was determined not to make the same mistakes many well-intentioned people make in Haiti. Alas, I have made many mistakes along the way, but I am learning. I am determined that we promote health, education, and economic development in the community as these are the building blocks that will enable them to improve their lives from within."

Donations can be made at any time to St. Mary's Parish with

"Haiti" written in the memo line. Also, the third annual Haitian Festival fundraiser will be held this year on May 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville.



St. Mary's parishioner, Jack Reid, second from right, stands with three coffee growers of Carcasse.

Local News

Invading Aliens

By Chantal Agnew

Editor's Note: This is the third article in a series of four that PHS Global Ecology Studies Program senior, Chantal Agnew, is writing for her senior project. She has chosen to focus her series on the Izaak Walton League of America for its dedication to preserving the environment.

You hear a buzzing in the air; all of a sudden you've been dive-bombed by some disgusting brown insect. He releases his stink on you as you attempt to swat him away. At last, he's finally gone. Alas, as you gaze around they're everywhere. What are these monsters? First of all, they're stinkbugs. Second of all, they're invasive species.

Invasive species, as defined by the National Invasive Species Information Center, are, "non-native (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to

cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health." Stinkbugs are just one example, and, after talking to Don Galloway, member of the Conservation Education Committee, I discovered many other invasive pests that the Isaak Walton League of America is dealing with.

The main issue with invasives is that they are crowding out the native species and decreasing the biodiversity of the IWLA Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter property located in Poolesville. Only about twenty percent of the plants on the nature trails are native! About thirteen of those plants are very rare and are threatened by these exotics. Some of the main culprits are bush honeysuckle, Norway spruce, maple, Johnson grass, mulitflora rose, and *Microstegium*. Many of these were first imported for horticultural reasons, for example, the Norway spruce, the maple, and the bush honeysuckle.

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Montgomery County Park And Planning Report

By Kristen Milton

Update on Poole Store Property

According to the parks department website, the county hopes to have a renter for the Upton Darby House, the residential property behind Poole's General Store, by the end of April, as well as more information on the state of the historic store.

The residential rental, which includes the barns, would be a one-year lease followed by a month-to-month option. In preparing the home for a new tenant after more than thirty years, parks staff maintenance work has included repair and replacement of gutters and repairs to the floor of the back porch as well as new kitchen countertops and cabinets. More work is anticipated.

As for the store itself, the web release said an architect's report on the property's condition is also expected by the end of April and will be used in seeking a new tenant in the future. Meanwhile, Farm and Home Services, Inc. operates a feed service at the property under a lease expiring June 30. Public interest in the store, constructed in 1901 and once known as Seneca Store, has been strong since the Poole Family vacated the property in December after an almost four-decade tenancy with the parks department. More than fifty people attended a January public meeting dealing with the future of the three-acre parkland complex at 16315 Old River Road.

A full list of the work being performed on the property's various buildings and a calendar of upcoming milestones is available online at www.montgomeryparks.org.

Clarksburg Master Plan Change Possible

The public will get a chance to comment next month on changes in staging that may bring long-awaited retail more quickly to Clarksburg neighborhoods.

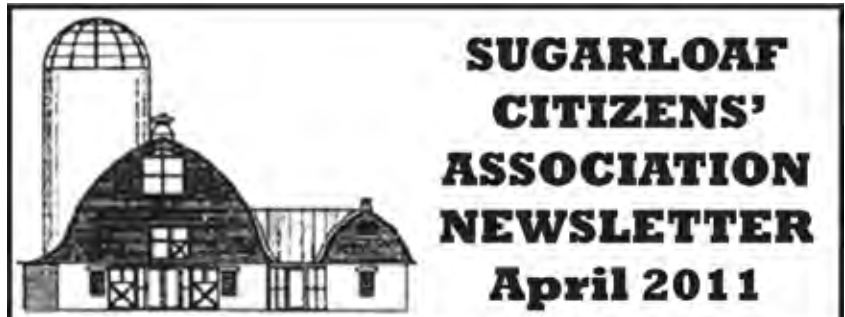
On March 31, the Montgomery County Planning Board set a May 5 public hearing date for a proposed text amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan. The change, requested by the County Council in February, would adjust staging requirements to allow retail in village centers like Newcut Road and Cabin Branch before the current requirement for 90,000 square feet of town center retail is met.

Staffers said the idea had received support from citizen groups like the Clarksburg Citizens Association who are eager for any retail development. "The community is very close to this issue," area coordinator Ron Cashion said. "There is frustration."

Bob Harris of Elm Street Development said the company also supported the change. "We're anxious to move forward with it," he said.

The master plan calls for a 3,500 residence benchmark as sufficient to support retail, including a grocery store, and there are already 5,200 residential units in Clarksburg with a total of 9,900 approved.

In setting the hearing date, planners noted that any substantive discussion of the amendment would have to wait until the hearing was completed. The County Council is expected to receive the amendment for final decision by July.



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Sugarloaf Annual Meeting

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, SCA hosted a barn full of members and interested citizens for our annual meeting. Officers and board members were elected and there was a review of past issues and pending concerns. These concerns included the many new cell tower applications in the Agriculture Reserve. Please check our web site sugarloafcitizens.org for current information and dates of upcoming hearings.

Françoise Carrier, Planning Board Chair, gave a very informative talk on the issues that related to the Agriculture Reserve during her first year as Chair. Two staff members, Leslie Saville and Callum Murray, were there also to help answer questions from the audience. SCA is grateful to Chair Carrier and her fine staff for giving so much time to us on a precious Saturday morning.

Ms. Carrier agreed with SCA that **enforcement** is one of our biggest challenges. A profound example of poor enforcement is the Melody Butler Landscaping business on Peach Tree Road. In October 2010, The Maryland Court of Appeals reversed the Circuit Court and affirmed the Board of Appeals decision against Melody Butler Landscaping Design. The neighbor's attorney and SCA in separate letters informed the Montgomery County Permitting Office shortly after this decision was issued. The Permitting Office was formally notified in February of this year that this business must be shut down. Now in April this business is still operating and the owner is asking for delays through the end of May. What are the procedures for enforcing a decision and for punishing a business that is operating illegally? If the power of enforcement is not available to the Montgomery County executive branch, then we need to have a legislative solution.

Further cause for concern is a pending re-write of the zoning laws that would permit landscaping companies to exist in the Ag Reserve by right. SCA intends to take a strong position against this renewed attempt to industrialize the Ag Reserve. We will keep you informed either through this newsletter or our website sugarloafcitizens.org.

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Local News

Planning Board Chair Addresses SCA Annual Meeting

By John Clayton

Françoise C. Carrier, Montgomery County Planning Board Chair, delivered the keynote address to a crowd of about seventy people at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA). Ms. Carrier's remarks primarily revolved around two current county council recommendations that would affect the responsibilities of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

The first is that planning for county park, or "park user services," would move away from the M-NCPPC to the Montgomery County Department

of Recreation in the executive branch of the county government. Park and Planning would retain management of "natural spaces," but the Rec Department would manage parkland, which she said is eleven percent of the county's land area. Ms. Carrier expressed her concerns for how this would shift an area of responsibility that has been successfully managed to date, and that many of the staffing, funding, and operational impacts of such a move have not been fully analyzed.

The second action under county council consideration concerned moving the M-NCPPC Park Police from that organization to the auspices of the Montgomery County Department of Police. Ms. Carrier vigorously spoke against this move, as she explained that the Park Police have a "different mission" that includes a myriad of "specialized environmental responsibilities." She said the move would eliminate the Park Police command structure to the detriment of a to-date successful and efficient organization. She said about the

move, "We don't see any upside."

Ms. Carrier also discussed Park and Planning's budget situation and acknowledged that it is "a tough year all around." She said that the budget they submitted to maintain current services reflected dramatic cuts and that it would certainly impact services.

Ms. Carrier also talked about the many issues of concern to the SCA and the Upcounty in general. These included the Barnesville Oaks subdivision ("a difficult case") and the Zoroastrian Church being constructed in Boyds, which reflects how churches, allowed in virtually any zone, are affected by relatively few zoning restrictions. Many in the Upcounty were upset that there was no notice of the church's intent to build, but Ms. Carrier said that



Planning Board Chair Françoise Carrier at the SCA Annual Meeting

Park and Planning wasn't notified either. Ms. Carrier also discussed the Planning Board's activity on hot-button issues such as sand-mound septic systems, child lot development, attempts to find new tenants for the Poole Store, and cellular towers.

In her opening remarks, SCA President Anne Sturm reviewed the association's year. The prospect of PATH electrical transmission lines through the

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Business Briefs

Chamber Dinner Highlights a Successful Year

Congratulations to the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce for a very successful year under the leadership of President Hilary Schwab. The organization had over seventy guests at its annual dinner held at Bassett's Restaurant. Pictures of the event are featured in this issue.

When initiating her first year in office as the PACC president, Schwab had two specific goals: improve communication and increase visibility. To meet the first goal, she established a group email list for members and from all accounts has been met with a very positive response from members. With the help of Berry Thompson, the website has been upgraded and improved with current events and expanded membership listings. It was also

used to update the information in the upcoming phone directory with over five hundred persons using the website to communicate requested changes.

Among some of the things the chamber has done to increase visibility for the year were: sponsoring a Community and Business Fair in April of 2010 and in March of 2011, coordinating and assisting in producing the Fox Five Hometown Friday event last July 26, reprinting the Poolesville Tourism Map, holding networking nights at Cugini's and Finders Keepers, sponsoring the 5K race during Poolesville Day, and coordinating the 2nd Annual First Friday last December to coincide with the Holiday Lighting Ceremony. The organization increased membership fifty percent to its current 150 total. Additionally, the PACC expanded cooperation between the chamber programs and goals with those of the Community Economic and Development Committee. All in all, a highly successful year for the PACC.

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Local News

Town Government Report No Increase in the Property Tax Rate

By Rande Davis

Moving toward approving a final town budget for Fiscal Year 2012, the commissioners voted to keep the town property tax rate at \$0.1594 per \$100.00, the same as it was the previous year. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski raised the possibility of rounding it off to sixteen cents, but this notion was not endorsed by any other commissioner, especially since doing so would require further hearings and delay. The final budget is scheduled to be voted on during the April 18 meeting.

A request from the Post Prom Committee for financial support from the town, a traditional grant given each year, resulted in the

commissioners donating \$1000.00 to pay for the D.J. at the event and to cover food and beverage costs.

Town Engineer John Strong provided a video presentation of newly-proposed infrastructure upgrades on town roadways. The first under review was work on the drainage swales at the corner of Spates Hill Road and Hersperger Lane. The work is targeted to improve the radical sloping, to stabilize the area from further erosion, to improve maintenance and care, and to remove what has become an eyesore. It was originally proposed to add the work to an already-won contract for road paving to Laney Corporation; however, Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski objected in that it was believed that some of the problems may have resulted from sidewalk work previously done by the state. While it was determined that a grant from the state should be considered, it was also believed that it was a very low possibility, especially during these tight economic times. Through Mr. Klobukowski's ini-

tiative, the commissioners voted to approve a bid process (Request for Proposal) rather than a current contract extension.

Mr. Strong also previewed a plan to pave Cattail Road from Dr. Walling Road to the entrance of Kohlhoss Road. A number of years ago, the county deeded the property to the town, but it was unclear if the county had actually followed through on the necessary documentation. The commissioners voted to proceed with this work provided further research and action cleared up the road ownership issue.

Pictures taken on Tom Fox Road adjacent to Our Lady of the Presentation showed evidence that many drivers actually leave the roadway when facing oncoming traffic. The road meets the current standards and is twenty feet wide, but, inexplicably, it appears narrower in spots, which is believed to be the cause of drivers moving off the road. The commissioners voted 3-2 to move ahead with extending the side and adding curbing. Commissioner Klobukowski voted against the

proposal, preferring to hold off until work on the rest of Tom Fox Road takes place next year. Commissioner Stump voted with Klobukowski without giving an explanation.

Sharon Bauer updated the commissioners on progress by the Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD) generally, and more specifically, announced that work on the old bank building, scheduled to eventually become a museum, is due to be completed by the end of April. The HMD also made a request for the town to assist them in providing more visible signage to help raise the profile of the John Poole Store for those visiting the town. While expressing support for the idea, no action was taken in that regard.

Matthew Heimbach, a student at Poolesville High School, is spearheading a committee working with the Sons of the Confederacy to build a memorial for southern veterans from Poolesville. His request was for the memorial to be placed at

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Daytripper Naturalist Center - Leesburg, Virginia

By Ingeborg Westfall

Is polar bear fur soft or coarse? What does the skull of a rabbit look and feel like to your touch? How big is a beaver/wolf/tiger? What is that object your child found during a forest hike? Where can you or your child draw natural objects such as a shell that has been cut in half to reveal its internal structure?

Only one place comes to mind where individuals, families, school classes, and other groups can find answers to those questions and many others. The Smithsonian Institution opened the Naturalist Center in 1976 as part of the National Museum of Natural History and moved it to Leesburg in 1996. In contrast to the usual museum experience of peering at wondrous objects behind glass, the Naturalist Center is hands-on. Visitors are encouraged to touch and explore some 36,000 specimens—bones, fossils, rocks, minerals, and anthropological objects—using either the Family Learning Center (for children under ten) or the Main Study Gallery (ages ten and older). Individuals can

gather information for term papers, science fair projects, or topics reflecting their own interests by using the resources at the center, including its library and scientific equipment. Knowledgeable docents are available to answer questions and help locate objects. On Draw-In Days, an artist offers one-on-one feedback to about ten participants on their drawings of the center's objects. The Naturalist Center also offers structured activities for school groups, teaching students to learn and apply the methods of scientific inquiry.

Look at and read about specimens at a typical museum, but when you or your child want to touch, explore, even smell natural objects, perhaps draw them from memory and then compare them to the real thing, the Naturalist Center is the place to go, open from Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on federal holidays

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Local News

Loving Community Rallies Around Widower—Again

By Kristen Milton

Through a long difficult year of widowed fatherhood, Fred Kelly has learned to rely on others—whether it's the group of seven Aunties who alternate visits or the prayer-group friend organizing a second annual fundraiser for his three daughters. "I'm just grateful," Kelly said.

"It was such a ball last year," coordinator John Kelly of Kensington said of the golf event and talent show he based on his own family reunions. "Now the girls are bigger, and I think they'll really enjoy it again."

Fred Kelly's wife Betsi passed away at age forty in January 2010 of renal cancer, leaving him as the single father of three girls, now aged two to five years. In the past year, the youngest has learned to walk and talk while the oldest is doing well in kindergarten.

With little time left over after ferrying the girls to classes and working at the Naval Hospital, Fred Kelly said he is looking forward to next month's memorial event. He hasn't been golfing since the first one last year. "It's tough still for me," Kelly said. "I've got a lot of things on my plate, but it's good to get out and see people because I don't see people very often these days...my life is really consumed by the kids now."

Some of the people he will see May 6 will be the Aunties, a group of Betsi's friends that provide a few hours' respite two evenings a week. John Kelly expects family and various other well-wishers to bring attendance to last year's totals of approximately thirty-five golfers and sixty partygoers.

The first tournament raised \$13,000, said John Kelly, no relation to Fred. Most of that money was set aside for the girls' college funds. An anonymous donor has once again offered matching funds for every \$100 donation up to \$5,000 this year, John Kelly said. "Given the economic climate and the demands on people, the same [as last year] would be great," he said.

Each day can be a challenge, but Fred Kelly tries to stay upbeat—something he says his wife, an elementary school art teacher, would have expected of him. "She definitely would not be happy if I wasn't happy and trying to look at the positive...You just have to keep going on; there isn't another choice."

To Attend:

The second annual Kelly Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 6 at the Poolesville Golf Course, will be an eighteen-hole scramble with prizes in various categories. The \$100 fee includes cart, range balls, goodie bag, merchandise credit, and lunch.

A benefit reception will follow from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. Admission is \$20. Raffle tickets and talent show entry fee additional. The talent show will award a \$200 first prize and \$100 second prize.

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Whalen Commons or at the Civil War cemetery on the property where the Friendly Thrift Shop operates on West Willard Road. While Mr. Heimbach offered an impassioned and impressive presentation on a topic that is sure to spark controversy, Commissioner Kuhlman explained that he will need to first bring his proposal to the town Parks Board, which will then provide a recommendation to the commissioners. In an intriguing discussion on the town's history of southern sympathies during the war, Mr. Hoewing seemed to represent at least a clear majority in expressing his preference that any such memorial would have to include honoring Union troops as well, and that a central criterion to gaining his support would be that the memorial fill an educational role for the town residents and its youth. He also indicated that such a memorial would be appropriate at the Thrift Shop cemetery but not on Whalen Commons. Mr.

Heimbach stressed that all costs for his project would come from the private sector, and that no funds were being requested of the town.

Mr. Kuhlman announced that the April 18 commissioner meeting will be the annual town meeting of the state delegation to present their perspective on actions and accomplishments in Annapolis for this year. County Councilman Craig Rice will also be in attendance.

Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime Reports

Assault: 17000 block of Hersperger Lane.

Burglary: Unit block of Tom Fox Court, 15500 block of Sugarland Road, 19700 block of Mouth of Monocacy Road, 23300 block of Peach Tree Road.

Theft from vehicle: Mirant Power Plant, 21200 block of Martinsburg Road, 17200 block of Lightfoot Lane.

Theft: 18100 block of Bucklodge Road.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 16800 block of White Ground Road, 16600 block of Thurston Road.

Past Crime

April 15, 1921 A near riot broke out in a Frederick County courtroom. Charles Dorsey had just been acquitted of a charge of rape against a young woman

from Baltimore County. When the jury announced its verdict, the crowd attacked Dorsey and beat him with their fists and struck him with water glasses and ink wells which were thrown across the room.

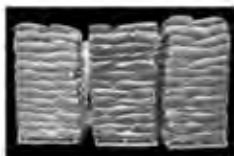
April 15, 1901 Edward Huffer, a resident of the Poolesville district, was arrested by Frederick authorities and charged with perjury. It was alleged that Huffer swore falsely in regards to the age of a young girl living near White's Ferry for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license. The girl was said to be fourteen years old.

April 16, 1930 Police in Washington, Montgomery, and Prince Georges Counties were actively searching for the men who shot and killed a federal prohibition agent in a raid on a house in Washington.

April 17, 1964 Prince George's County Police arrested a nineteen-year-old man

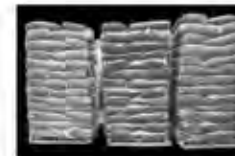
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Tidbits

Fifty-Eight Years Later—War Medal Awarded

This past March, the Department of the Army's Past Conflict Repatriations Branch sent a medal awarded posthumously by the Republic of Korea as tribute for service in the Korean War to the family of Second Lieutenant Frederick S. Hays, Jr. The Republic



Second Lieutenant Frederick S. Hays, Jr. was posthumously awarded a special medal from the Republic of Korea.

of Korea War Service medal was originally awarded upon the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War as a "tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic endeavors to preserve the freedom of the Republic of Korea and the free world."

As an officer in the 101st Airborne, Lieutenant Hays was killed in action when he stepped on a land mine on September 22, 1953 as he led his men through a dangerous area. He was the brother of Lib Tolbert and Mary White Lok of Barnesville. An ROTC graduate from the University of Maryland, he was attending George Washington Law School when he answered the call to duty. The family was grateful to have received the award on Lieutenant Hays's behalf.

Applications for Scholarship to Attend the Boys State Program Sought

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responsibilities, rules, regulations, practices, and customs which are essential to the maintenance of an orderly society and government. A few objectives of Boys State include an opportunity to learn, understand, and practice the basic principles underlying the representative form of government, to develop civic leadership and interest in government affairs, and to arouse in young citizens the desire to maintain our form of government.

The program this year is at McDaniel College from June 19 to June 25 and is open to all male students completing the eleventh grade by June 2011.

The American Legion Post 247 is seeking applicants for its scholarship to cover the cost of attending Boys State. Applications are available through the PHS Student Counselor's office or by contacting Steve Robillard at stevescout@aol.com or 301-349-2151.

Curious about the Skeletons in Your Closet? In Your Wife's Closet?

There's a resurgence of interest in genealogy across America, and people are uncovering and cherishing their roots. If you are interested but not sure where to begin, you may want to stop by Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Connection Café on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They have some great software at no cost under the guidance of people who can help you begin the search. Not only that, but on Wednesdays, they have a whole lineup of fun yet educational programs on tech questions. Set in a safe and friendly environment showcasing local artists, they offer snacks with free trade coffee, and on the first Wednesday of the month, they have a very special "Faith on First" format offering discussions with videos about faith. Check

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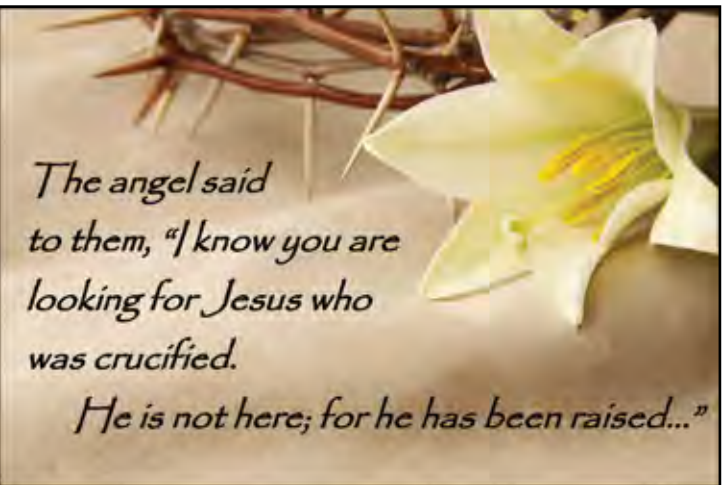


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Holy Week
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April 21—Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30 pm
April 22—Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 pm
Stations of the Cross, Noon
Children's Stations of the Cross, 4:00 pm
April 23—Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 pm



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Forty-Eight Years of Service and Counting

Blanche Rippeon was honored at a special ceremony at Memorial United Methodist Church for forty-eight years of "service to church and God." While revered by the hundreds

of students in two generations who benefited from her instruction, testimonials also recalled her other service including being the go-to person for hundreds of church meals, active involvement in the long-time fundraising group, Crafty Ladies 'N' Gents, and her oversight of the annual Attic Sale at the annual Lord's Acre Festival.



Blanche Rippeon receives a floral bouquet as tribute as Pastor Ken Fell beams his approval.

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April 21 - Holy Thursday Communion - 7:00 p.m.
April 22 - Good Friday - Meditation on the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
April 24 - Easter Sunday
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Worship - 8:30 a.m.
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Profile

Cement Head: A Hockey Fan Concussed

By Kelly Burke

A "Cement Head" is an affectionate description of a not-so-bright but evangelical devotee of the game of hockey normally applied to driven players who will do anything to prove their dedication to the game. By extension, some fans of hockey fit the profile as well. I'm sixty-four and, if I wasn't a Cement Head before, I think I finally qualify.



Kelly Burke surrounded by his son, Sean, and brother, Kerry.

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and charged him with numerous counts of forgery and theft. During his crime spree, the man wore the uniform of a Montgomery County policeman. When questioned, the man said that he had purchased the uniform at a secondhand clothing store.

April 28, 1951 Two men were arrested after robbing a courier of \$7800 and then kidnapping him in downtown Bethesda. Two county officers on patrol saw a car go through a stop sign and pulled it over. The officers became suspicious and agreed to let the driver go back to a construction site at the new NIH campus. There, a gun battle ensued, and the robbers were captured.

For me hockey has always been a passion. I grew up in the Detroit area in the fifties and sixties skating on a tiny ice rink my dad used to set up each winter and on the small lakes and ponds that dot the suburbs. We weren't wealthy, but we made do. I had cheap skates from Sears, baseball catcher's pads covering my shins, and heavy, splintered, Sherwood sticks that we taped up time and again.

Living just across the border from Canada, we had the pleasure of watching both the Red Wings games on television—featuring my idol Gordie Howe—and CBC's Hockey Night in Canada broadcasts with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montréal Canadiens. I could name all the great players from the NHL's original six teams.

As an adolescent, on Sundays, my dad, my brother, Mike, and I would go to 5:00 a.m. mass and then drive thirty minutes to Oak Park Ice Rink to play with my dad's work buddies from Blue Cross Blue Shield. I can remember being warm as toast

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

April 2, 1910 Dr. Orlando Ducker of Washington sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Dr. Ducker alleged that he was seriously injured and suffered permanent injuries in a train wreck at Boyds. He sought \$65,000.

April 6, 1939 Dr. Theodore Whitfield, professor of history at Western Maryland College, addressed the United Daughters of the Confederacy conference at St. Peter's Church at Poolesville. Dr. Whitfield's address was entitled, "The Efforts of the Confederacy to Build a Navy."

April 8, 1936 Discussions were begun between the commissioners of Montgomery County

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and the State of Maryland concerning the building of a bridge to connect White's Ferry with Virginia. The Point of Rocks bridge had been washed away just a month before, necessitating the need for a crossing.

April 9, 1911 Miss Katherine Walling returned to her home at Poolesville after spending the winter in Florida which was her custom.

April 13, 1910 Webster Spates of Poolesville was appointed as a clerk in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Circuit Court at Rockville.

April 23, 1939 Several Poolesville residents returned from spring vacations. Mrs. Virginia Hersperger and son Webbie came home from Florida, Curry Caples from Charleston, South Carolina, Miss Cecile Gage from Buffalo, Olivia Green from Philadelphia, Virginia Rudasill from Blacksburg, Virginia, and Mrs. James Phillips from Bermuda.

April 25, 1939 A large contingent of Poolesville and Barnesville boys traveled to the University of Maryland to attend a field day promoting farm life. Dr. H. C. Byrd spoke to the boys and told them that they were fortunate to be growing up on farms that allowed them to escape the temptations of the city.

April 29, 1939 The Maryland State Baseball League opened its season with a full schedule of games. Poolesville visited Point of Rocks on the first day of play, then hosted Ijamsville on the following Saturday.

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“Kelly Burke” Continued From Page 17.

playing in ten-degree weather on many of those Sunday mornings. After, we would go to a nearby Jewish deli for warm cinnamon rolls and hot chocolate.

In college, I played for the University of Detroit’s club hockey team. Our home ice rink was the old Olympia Stadium—where the Red Wings played. That alone inspired us and made us feel special. We were in the house of gods. This was 1968. Most of us still played without helmets or face masks.

After serving in the army, I became a TV news reporter but continued to play hockey for fun. I worked at WXYZ TV, Channel 7, in Detroit. While there, a popular radio personality, Dick Purtan, formed a media hockey team of which I was a member. The team played games to, ostensibly, raise money for charity, although all of us were also inventing a way to continue our obsession with the game. Our opponents were always—would you believe?—the Red Wing Old-Timers. I had the pleasure of playing against my heroes, including Gordie Howe just after he retired the first time, as well as Ted Lyndsay. One time, we also played against the then-current Wings players like Marcel Dionne. One year we were very charitable to ourselves. We put enough money aside to take our team to the Montréal Forum to see the Canadiens. For many of us, that was like going to Mecca.

In 1976, I moved to Washington, D.C. to work for WRC TV, Channel 4, an NBC station. The Washington Capitals team was still new and trying to get noticed by the populace which was enamored with the NFL Redskins and ACC basketball, so Capitals’ team management agreed to let me produce a TV special about what it was like to be a rookie in the NHL. I had to get in shape to qualify for training camp and spent nine days on the ice playing with the rookies and interacting with the veterans. We were on the ice six hours a day. That was a treat I will never forget. The special news series won four Emmys. During that period, I was able to meet and talk to the great Wayne Gretzky who came to our

station for an interview.

I went on to play amateur hockey in Washington’s Chesapeake League. During one game, I sustained three cuts on my face from one collision with a player from Gallaudet College who head-butted me with his helmet. The next day, my colleagues looked at me funny as I sported a swollen face neatly stitched up by a plastic surgeon. I didn’t do any on-camera stand ups for a few days, just voice narrations for my video news reports.

Over the years, I continued playing, never losing my enthusiasm for the game, suffering through the bad years with the Capitals, but I soothed my frustrations by remaining a staunch Red Wings fan watching the Wings excel and eventually win several Stanley Cups. It is a treat now to see the Capitals finally emerge under Owner Ted Leonsis, General Manager George McVee, and Coach Bruce Boudreau into one of the best teams in hockey playing a Red Wings-style of game that is a classy cut above other teams.

My son, Sean, who had played hockey from age seven through eleven, decided to pick the game up again at thirty. He was a good player as a kid but had no idea how he would do as an adult. Well, he came on fast. He inspired me to return to the game at fifty-three after a five-year thaw, and, remarkably, we ended up playing together on the same team, the Badgers, in the Washington chapter of the Hockey North America League. Sean eventually rose to become a smooth as silk “A” player and is a delight to watch on the ice, better by a lot than his dad.

I had to stop playing in 2003 to have back surgery—a fusion of vertebrae. A year later, I had surgery to repair a torn retina in my left eye. I was sure my hockey days were over. I was hoping I could just get back to playing golf. In 2009, I lost some weight, began working out and found that I was feeling pretty good again. My Canadian neighbor, François Lalonde, whom I had urged to get back to the game a few years before and who had played with me on the Badgers, inspired me to lace the skates up again and join the groups with

whom he played. So, at sixty-two, I got back out on the ice again. I considered the opportunity a real blessing.

Then, last year, my son condescended to join me and play on the Badgers to get another chance to play with his old man. Although I had lost more than a step and felt more of a burden to the team than an asset, the chance to play with Sean again felt like a gift from the Big Guy upstairs. Our team made the playoffs. Sean was the top scorer (the first year ever that I didn’t score—probably a sign).

To cap off the year and end a long procrastination, I took Sean back to Detroit on March 16 to see the lone regular season game scheduled between our two favorite teams: the Ovechkin-led Washington Capitals and the Detroit Red Wings. Both teams were second in their respective divisions with the same number of points and represented the elite in skill and speed that the NHL had to offer. Sean and I had gone to games between the two teams

in Washington in previous years, but this was going to be our first trip to The Joe—the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Father and son were totally psyched.

The night before the contest, however, my character was tested: I experienced food poisoning. In the hotel room in the middle of the night, while on the throne suffering from extreme nausea, I became light-headed and fainted. I fell forward, smashing my forehead on the ceramic tile. I got up, tried to recover, and proceeded to faint again, smashing my head a second time and opening a cut an inch and a half long on my forehead. I bled like a stuck pig. I awoke to a crimson pool. Again, I got up, ran cold water on the wound, cleaned up, and lay down. Before long my nausea went away. I was concussed enough to feel woozy and in an altered state. I thought about what it must be like for Sidney Crosby, Mike Green, and the host of NHL players who suffered concussions. If they felt like I felt,

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April 15 to April 17
Countryside Artisans Tour
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April 16
Wine Tasting at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Denny Grizzle
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 17
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Carnival Grounds – Adamstown
All age groups – Free
1:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Shane Gamble
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 18
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

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

April 23
Rebuilding Together Project
Volunteers welcome on this project to improve in appearance, safety, and comfort a home of a person in need in the area. This is the first day of a two-day home improvement project. The second day will be on Saturday, April 30. Call Catherine Beliveau at 301-452-5318 or Ray Hoewing at 301-461-9399.

The B-CC Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America invites the public to a free open house with free barbecue. This is a family event featuring conservation farm tours and wildlife exhibits.

Wine Tasting at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Mike Bowers
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 26
WUMCO's Annual Meeting
Refreshments served
Memorial United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m.

PHS Boys' Varsity Tennis
Blake at home
3:30 p.m.

April 27
PHS Baseball
Damascus at home
3:30 p.m.

PHS Tennis
Wootton at home
3:30 p.m.

PHS Girls' Lacrosse
Churchill at home
7:00 p.m.

PHS Boys' and Coed Volleyball
Damascus at home
Boys: 5:15 p.m.
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April 28
PHS Softball
Damascus at home
3:00 p.m.

JPMS Talent Show
Held at Poolesville High School
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

April 30
American Odyssey Relay Run Adventure
Once again this year, the American Odyssey Relay Run will pass through Poolesville on the way from its start in Gettysburg to its end in Washington, D.C. This popular event sends teams of runners through great historical sites and raises funds for the Wellness Community-D.C., whose mission is "to help people affected by cancer enhance their health and well-being through participation in a professional program of emotional support."

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PHS Lacrosse Boys
Richard Montgomery at home
Noon

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Hyattstown Mill Arts Project (HMAP) is presenting a dramatic reading of *Stalking the Jade Leopard*, a new play by Charlie Fenyesi. The event is free to the public at the Hyattstown Mill Gallery. The arts project is currently seeking volunteers as readers to participate in the event. Dramatic roles are: narrator, Joe Doe, a dreamer and dealer in antiques in his early seventies, Joy Goodyear, a coach at the Mind-Positioning Service in her thirties,

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Agricultural Reserve was defeated, but the Beallsville Post Office was gone. She also observed that longtime Dickerson Postmaster Joey Caywood was retiring in the near future. She touched on many of the same issues as Ms. Carrier, as well as the ongoing question of mega-church development. She said that SCA hired an attorney to attend the hearings on the Barnesville Oaks development, and also to contest the proposed private airstrip in Boyds on Peach Tree Road. Ms. Sturm thanked county councilmen Craig Rice and Marc Elrich for their assistance in passing a Zoning Text Amendment to restrict recreational airstrips in the Ag Reserve. Councilman Elrich subsequently addressed the crowd and discussed his resolve to work in support of Upcounty issues. Town of Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski thanked the SCA and the Montgomery County Alliance (MCA) for their assistance in keeping Monocacy Elementary School open, and further discussed the lurking danger to all Poolesville Cluster schools if the school board decides that it would be just as economical to bus Upcounty kids downcounty as it is to bus magnet school kids out to Poolesville.

"Tony Natoli" Continued From Page 5.

His robust zest for life coupled with measured fearlessness resulted in one of his most beloved talents—that of the consummate storyteller. This talent was one of the most significant reasons for his unique ability to befriend persons even after only a brief encounter.

In lieu of flowers, friends of Tony may wish to make a donation in his memory to the Anthony M. Natelli Foundation, c/o Natelli Communities, 506 Main Street, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

Caroline Taylor of the MCA and Dolores Milmoie of the Audubon Society (and an SCA board member) discussed some of the ramifications of the Barnesville Oaks development, which has clustered homes on parcels smaller than the normally-required twenty-five acre minimum lots, and preserved larger tracts of farmland that, in the aggregate, net out to over twenty-five acres per home. While the approach results in a larger parcel of open land, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Milmoie explained how this clustering replaces farmland with a "suburban culture." They provided examples of residents in such developments successfully complaining about the annoyances of contiguous working farms in other areas of the Ag Reserve, further diminishing agriculture and establishing the suburban culture in its place, contrary to the intent of preserving farmland and the rural way of life. As they observed, when land is taken out of farming, it is probably taken

out forever.

Laurie Jenkins, who supervises Outdoor Environmental Education programs for Montgomery County Public Schools, received an impressive showing of hands, including Councilman Craig Rice, when she asked who in the attendance had participated in the middle school program Outdoor Ed at some time. Following her remarks, Poolesville High School Global Ecology Studies seniors Kevin Beiter and Collin Lease-Thompson discussed how outdoor education had helped develop their interest in science, at Forest Oak Middle School and John Poole Middle School, respectively.

At several junctures of the meeting, recently-deceased Barnesville Mayor Peter Menke was remembered for his many contributions to the community at large.

Local News

PACC Honors Rande Davis with Community Service Award

By John Clayton

At its recent annual meeting, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) surprised chamber member Rande Davis with its 2011 Community Service Award, which is given each year to an outstanding business person in the Poolesville area. The award was presented by current PACC president Hilary Schwab of Hilary Schwab Photography, who characterized Mr. Davis as "a tireless supporter of this town and its residents and businesses."

Ms. Schwab also pointed out that the recipient is known by everyone and "in fact, you see

him everywhere!" She listed the many organizations in the area for which he has volunteered significant contributions. He has been a member of the Chamber Board of Directors for three years, and for many years has served on the Town of Poolesville Sign Review Board for the town. He is also an active participant on the Poolesville Day Committee and is a member of the Monocacy Lions for which he has previously served as president (King Lion) and secretary. Ms. Schwab observed that "you can see him every year working at the fourth of July fireworks event." Mr. Davis also organizes the annual Poolesville Day 5k Race for the chamber charity event with fellow chamber member Kathy Mihm, and has coordinated its management between the chamber and the Monocacy Lions for the past several years, a benefit to both organizations. He is also a board member of WUMCO Help, Inc. the local charitable assistance organization.

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efforts for the *Monocacy Monocle*, of which he is co-publisher and co-editor. We at the *Monocle* add our congratulations for his well-deserved award.



PACC President Hilary Schwab and Community Service Award honoree Rande S. Davis

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sitting ducks—like those scrolling targets in a carnival shooting gallery.

But no way was I going to miss the game. It was a clean cut, so I didn't need stitches. I was light-headed but too psyched to be sensible. I joked with Sean, "If you have to prop me up like the character in the movie, *My Cousin Bernie*, do it (notice how I'm irrationally equating, by extension, my situation to those of injured NHL players? A clear sign of Cement Headism).

Sean, who wore a Washington Capitals hat and a Detroit Red Wings Jersey, drove to the game. My younger brother, Kerry, who still lives in the Detroit area, joined us. We avoided the war zone neighborhoods of abandoned homes (a too-depressing sign of the times) and just took the Lodge Freeway directly downtown. My son and brother kept watch over me—probably enjoying every sway, every stumbling moment.

The Joe is not a pretty arena. It is concrete hard—like the city—but it houses a hearty people who are proud. I took in the smells of hot dogs and beer, the sea of red (the primary colors of both teams), and the electricity that only a hockey crowd can spark.

While Sean and Kerry had to point me in the right direction, I was fully aware of all the symbols of a unique tradition that triggered reminiscences, the production line of the fifties: Sid Abel, Ted Lyndsay, and Gordie Howe; Alex Develcchio, Marcel Dionne, Paul Coffey, Steve Yzerman, Federov, Shanahan, McCartney, Lidstrom, Zetterberg, Datsyuk; Coach Scotty Bowman. I was thrilled to see all the championship banners in the rafters and the retired jerseys of the Red Wing greats. I felt punch drunk but inspired. In fact, meandering mentally in slow motion seemed to allow me to take in every moment and enjoy the atmosphere even

more. We had an absolutely great time.

The game was fast paced and thrilling befitting the stature of two elite teams who play the game the way it is supposed to be played—with speed, artful skating, spot-on passing, and supreme skill. The crowd booed the Caps' star Ovechkin every time he touched the puck, as expected, but, at the same time was thrilled to see him and Alexander Semin display the skills that put them on a par with their own team's great players. Fans around us seemed bemused by the fact that Sean and I cheered when players from both teams scored.

I have trouble remembering who scored or what the final tally was. I do remember the Wings won by one goal in a close, hard-fought, beautiful game in which the Wings' classic ability to control the puck determined the outcome. I remember friendly chiding between my brother and me over an interference call on Wings' Defenseman Jonathon Ericsson. I remember feeling glad there were no fights—just pure hockey. And I remember feeling the joy of being close to my son in a way to which a father aspires. The same closeness I hope my father experienced on those Sunday mornings when I joined him.

Afterward, as we were exiting, we stopped by a shrine—the wonderful sculpture of Gordie Howe that is bathed in special light on the concourse. Of course, Sean and I had our picture taken there—a memento for all time. For me, the experience was dreamlike—literally. I was not just in Hockeystown but Hockey Heaven.

I'm fine now (I think)—just a little drooling now and then. Obviously, I took the hit in the right place—my thick head. Some would say the manner in which I suffered the blow hardly qualifies me for Cement Head status. Certainly, I wish the hit had come from a stick, a shoulder, an elbow along the boards while playing in a

critical game—instead of during a diarrhea derby in a hotel latrine—but, given the mission my son and I were on and the fact that I played through the injury, I think I am entitled to a break.

So in the photo album, I will scribe the story my way: "While in Detroit, Sean and I were invited to play in a pick-up game the day before the big event. It was great playing back in the Motor City, and I came out of it with something to remember. I got whacked by a goalie. He swung his stick at an airborne puck and smashed me in the face breaking my mask. The force of the swing cut me in the forehead, but I kept my cool, waited for the puck to fall, and swept it past him for the winning goal. My dad and Gordie would have been proud."

Okay, so I'm not right in the cement head yet. Sue me. Better yet, give me a game misconduct. Yeah, that's the ticket—and bring on the playoffs.

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Abigail Wigglesworth, an information specialist at Worldwide Metaphors in her sixties, Fiona Teitelboim, top executive at the Mind-Positioning Service, in her mid-twenties, Ed Smith, a CIA officer in his fifties, and Evelyn Amour, Joe Doe's date from his college days in her early seventies. Aspiring thespians should call Lee Robison at 301-443-8627. There will be no rehearsals. Reading begins at 7:00 p.m.

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PHS Boys' and Coed Volleyball
Wootton at home
Boys: 5:15 p.m.
Coed: 7:00 p.m.

May 3
PHS Softball
Rockville at home
3:00 p.m.

PHS Boys' Lacrosse
Quince Orchard at home
7:00 p.m.

May 6
Party to Launch Poolesville Green
This will be a great opportunity to network, socialize, and learn

more about Poolesville Green and local and regional environmental and energy issues with your friends and neighbors. Senate Majority Leader Robert Garagiola, County Council Members Rice, Leventhal, and Reimer, and Commissioner Link Hoewing have already confirmed! A small donation will be suggested to help us cover the cost of the food. For more information visit www.poolesvillegreen.org.
Cugini's Restaurant
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Unfortunately, they're devils in disguise. The bush honeysuckle releases a toxin through its roots which chokes out the life of plants around it. *Microstegium* is a Japanese stilt grass that was accidentally introduced because it was used to pack china from Asia. It completely covers the ground, allowing nothing else to grow, and deer refuse to eat it so they eat saplings instead—a dual destruction of the environment. Good thing the IWLA is taking an active stance to tackle this issue. They realize that completely eliminating invasives is impossible, but they have three main goals in terms of invasive species: one, contain them; two, stop new introduction of them; and three, control the most problematic ones.

To control thistle growth, the IWLA has implemented spraying policies; however, Mr. Galloway emphasized that they take great care in spraying and in making sure that each individual plant is sprayed so that other plants don't feel the negative effects of the spraying. The whole thistle-spraying system is well thought out; spraying occurs at a specific time each year and just the basal stems are sprayed. This helps contain the toxins in the spray to just the thistle plants. Their most recent project involves one of the fields on their property that wasn't producing well and was completely overrun by invasive species like Johnson grass, multiflora rose, and bush honeysuckle. They completely

cleared the three-acre field mechanically, and on, April 2, with the help of many volunteers, they replanted it with about one thousand native trees. This replanting is the Isaak Walton League's way of celebrating Earth Day. After that, they have two broad projects that entail reforestation of their property and control of bush honeysuckle in the West Woods and along the road. "It's an ongoing process, and we'll never win the battle [against invasives]," said Don; however, he gave some tips on how to achieve the three goals concerning invasive species. First, try and stop their introduction by making sure that you purchase native plants for your garden and by asking the seller if the plant you are purchasing is an aggressive one. Next remove invasives that are on your property and crowding your lawns, and make sure that when you remove invasive species, you try to plant native ones in their place.

The B-CC Chapter invites the public to a free open house with free barbecue on April 23. This is a family event featuring conservation farm tours and wildlife exhibits.

Youth Sports Softball: The Mighty Falcons Flying High

By Jeff Stuart and Rande Davis

How high is high? Well, when you outscore your opponents 91-14 through the first eight games, that's pretty darn high. Did we mention they won 'em all? Guess we didn't have to.

Poolesville softball has been one of the best regular season teams in recent years, earning the top seed in two of the past three seasons. They have five returning seniors in Sasha Trope, Piper Raines, Cheyenne Wolitzky, and Amanda Haller. Magen Harris, who shared pitching duties with Maloney last year, transferred to Seneca Valley.

One change in softball for all teams is that the pitching rubber has been moved back from the traditional forty feet to forty-three

feet in order to promote offense in a sport that has been dominated by strong pitching. While that may have helped some batters, those at the plate for Poolesville clearly get the point better than their opponents; batting averages through the first five games are off the charts.

"I guess the three extra feet has helped put the ball in play more," said Poolesville Head Coach Laurie Wohnhas. "I'm surprised how well as a team we are hitting. Amy Defnet has been on fire with her bat. She is batting .667 with fourteen RBI. Catcher Morgan Howard is batting .647, and sophomore Kelsey Carnahan is batting .600, but my biggest surprise this year is how Patti Maloney has gained some control on the pitching mound. Last year she struggled with walks. A typical outing would be strike out the first two batters, walk two, hit one, and then strike out the next batter." Wohnhas says the team can go far if Maloney stays healthy, although if she needs a rest, Kelly Brown steps in successfully. Maloney also provides a strong bat with thirteen RBI and a grand slam against Wheaton.

Despite the cold, the Falcons started the season hot. Winning their home opener, 14-6, against Magruder with four hits apiece from Defnet (2 RBI) and Maloney (3 RBI), and three by Howard. Carnahan had two hits before colliding with a would-be base stealer taking a throw from Howard and had to leave the game. Raines replaced her and also had two hits. Wolitzky, in centerfield, had the defensive play of the game, a shoe string catch of a blooper in the seventh inning.



Coach Wohnhas says Amy Defnet has had a hot bat all year.

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they are the oldest pollinators on Earth). These winged garden visitors have a definite plan. While visiting flowers to collect pollen or nectar, they brush against the reproductive parts of the flower, depositing pollen from a recently-visited flower. Many plants need this step to produce fruits and seeds.

How can you create your own pollinator-friendly garden? The first consideration is to provide a diversity of nectar and pollen sources. Different insects prefer different plants and different colors. Bees prefer blue or yellow flowers and those that are sweet-smelling. Butterflies taste with their feet, and they like flowers that are red, yellow, or orange. They rely more on vision and less on scent to find nectar. Hummingbirds are amazing little creatures; to survive, they must eat twice their body weight in nectar each day. They are attracted to red, orange, or yellow flowers. Like butterflies, they

do not have a highly-developed sense of smell, so they rely more on vision than flower scent. Bats like flowers that are large and white in color. As they are night creatures, they favor flowers that are open only at night and have a fermented, fruity scent. Moths are not butterflies; they fly at night and are attracted to sweet-scented flowers that are large and white. Flies are not usually considered good insects, but they do serve a purpose in the garden. In our area, they are usually found on flowers of many colors and those that have easy access to nectar. Last, but not least, are the beetles. My image of beetles is the shiny, little Japanese beetles who so love my roses, and I then have no love for them; however, there are some good beetles, and they pollinate many of the most primitive flowering plants.

Choose plants that flower at different times of the year. This will provide nectar and pollen sources throughout the growing season. Pollinating insects and birds are very small with limited eye sight. Plant flowers in

clumps, rather than single plants, to make them more attractive.

Avoid or limit pesticide use. I have significantly cut back on its use, and I choose ones that are least toxic to non-pest species, not systemic, and I apply them in the evening when most pollinators are not as active.

What should you plant in a pollinator garden? The gold star for attracting bees and butterflies, both Monarch and Swallowtail, goes to the Agastache plant. This is often considered an annual in our area, but for five years, my four have come back every spring and have flowered nonstop until October. My other favorites are: Cleome, Heliotropium, Lantana, Salvia, Verbena, Zinnia, Asclepias (Milkweed), cone-flower, Joe Pye weed, *Liatris*, Monarda, phlox, and goldenrod.

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Good Friday, April 22
 3pm – Stations of the Cross
 7:30 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 23
 8 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 24
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