



The Nationals win the World Series! This scene somehow kept three local lads out of jail. See Local History on page 15.



PHS Falcon Josh Womack kicks another field goal. There's more in Youth Sports on page 3.



Find out how you can help Poolesville's Kristyn Kirschbaum in Tidbits on page 20.



Mariana Andrade (front) and Flor Cascio were at MUMC's Lord's Acre Festival. More local pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.

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## Clarksburg Master Plan To Change for Creek

By Kristen Milton

In a hotly-debated move, the Montgomery County Council has decided to have the planning board once more open up plans for the Upcounty's oft-halted Clarksburg community and prepare a Limited Master Plan Amendment to better protect Ten Mile Creek.

There were groans all around October 9 when Councilman Hans Riemer (D-At large) of Silver Spring noted that the decision "may be a watershed moment" for the community that has already endured years of wrangling over building violations and a repealed development district among other challenges that have slowed construction; however, other council members agreed with the sentiment, if not the pun. "This is a priority; it is time to get to

a decision point," said Council President Roge Berliner (D-District 1) of Bethesda, saying Clarksburg residents have been in limbo for too long.

Calls to establish new protections for the creek's watershed area date back to 2009 when the County Council created the ad hoc Water Quality Working Group to examine the issue. The group gave a two-part recommendation in 2010, split in large part between the economic interests of landowners and the environmental concerns of activists. Thus "where we are today is somewhat where we were in 2009," said acting planning director Rose Krasnow as she presented the planning board's recommendation for the master plan amendment to the council.

The current Clarksburg Master Plan, approved in 1994, lays out a four-stage development process requiring specific criteria be met at each stage. Triggers allowing development to advance to Stage 4 were met



Ten Mile Creek

in 2008, but work was delayed by the water quality concerns resulting from development already underway.

Some residents have worried that reopening the master plan will delay amenities already overdue, and three developers have already filed applications to have public water and sewer extended into their properties near the headwaters of the creek, raising the possibility of protecting Ten Mile Creek through conditions targeted at such properties

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## The Ghosts of The Monocacy

By Rande Davis

Halloween is upon us, and it seems that every town from Harper's Ferry to Elliott City offers ghost tours, so we began to wonder: What about our area? Do we have ghosts?

The Monocacy area has so much history but, unfortunately, much of it covers the violent history of the Civil War. With so many

historic homes and buildings, we wondered why there were not more legendary ghost tales to tell about our area. At least that is what we thought until we started asking around. Then the stories, sometimes reluctantly, came forward. Here are just a few:

**Annington Estate – White's Ferry Road**  
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At the old Potomac Golf Course, now Poolesville Golf Course, a ghost has been seen in the upper window.

about the Annington Estate

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# Family Album



PHS 2012 Homecoming Pep Rally

A mystery fan at the 2012 PHS Homecoming Pep Rally.

If you buy a piano at the St. Peter's Rummage Sale, they will help you to get it home.



Winnie Kohlhoss, Gary Hartz, Betty Selby, and Greg Shores enjoyed their time at MUMC's Lord's Acre festival.

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## Youth Sports

### PHS Football: It's All Different This Year

By Jeff Stuart

Never judge a book by its cover. If you were quick to judge the PHS 2012 football team by the results of its opening game, a 42-12 loss to visiting Watkins Mill, you, and many others, would have been wrong. Three weeks later, the Falcons held a 3-1 mark after a pulsating come-from-behind win at Walter Johnson in overtime.

"We were ecstatic," said senior Tyler Giarratano. "We all came out real hard that game. None of us gave up. Our captains kept us up even when we were down 28-13 late. They did a great job. C.J. Lee (senior, RB/LB) and Nikolay Henze (senior, TB/C) ran all over WJ's defense." With senior Kirby Carmack at quarterback, the defense forced a fumble and the ball was carried roughly seventy yards. Junior Cody Zinnser caught a pass for the two-point conversion for the tying score. Henze's seven-yard run completed the drive. Carmack's five-yard touchdown pass to Lee in overtime gave the Falcons the first score. The kick by senior Josh Womack was good, and the defense kept WJ off the board.

"It was by far the best moment of my high school career," said Tyler. "Big turnaround in the program this year. Against Richard Montgomery (September 7, a 24-10 win), we kind of had a

chip on our back from the year before when we lost in the last seconds to [Richard Montgomery]. We came out real hard and scored on the first drive and that kind of set the tone for the rest of the game. Every time they even scored a field goal or anything, we came right back and scored on them. Our defense had their offense stuffed the whole game. I am looking forward to the first round of the playoffs."

Carmack echoed Giarratano, "The win over WJ was, by far, the favorite moment of my high school career. They are a 4A school. They crushed us last year, 42-14. When they went up by fifteen, we thought for a second that we were going to lose. We just decided we weren't going to let that happen. We picked it up. Once we got that first touchdown in the fourth, we needed the defense to step up and they did, they forced the fumble. Right then we knew we were going to win. We wanted to beat them, and to beat them in overtime on a comeback was amazing. The RM game? After getting shell shocked by Watkins Mill, we wanted to come out and make a statement so people would know we weren't the same team as last year. We scored a touchdown on the first drive. We wanted to prove a point. We did."

What does senior Stanley Snowden like about this team? "Our intensity that we are coming out with; our winning. We turned a lot of things around. We are doing a lot of good things. The thing about the WJ game was we had a lot of critics saying, 'Oh, you're going to lose,' or asking, 'Are you guys going to win this

year?' All we are doing is coming out and playing hard, and as you can see we kept our heads up high and that is what won the game for us." For Snowden, starter since his freshman year, everything is different. "This year we are coming out to work, we are coming out to win, and we are coming out to prove things to people. Everything changed. I tell my boys before every practice that your goal is to beat the person who is standing right in front of you. If you do that, we win."

Henze had 120 yards rushing against WJ and 148 total all-purpose yards. "There were a couple of practices rained out, but that didn't stop us," he said. "Throughout practice, Coach Gant would tell us that they are



Kirby Carmack has led the mighty Falcons (5-2) through an impressive season.

going to throw a punch at us. We have to throw a punch right back. They are going to score. Don't get down. We are going to come right back. That's what we did. I think the Watkins Mill game could have been a different game. We weren't ready for the first half. Based on the way things have been going, I think if we played them again, it would be different. Some people are starting to see that Poolesville

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# Commentary

## At Least the Nats and the Os Won That Night

By John Clayton

Do you notice that things seemed different last week? They truly were. It might be because the Washington Nationals were in the postseason. The same goes for the Baltimore Orioles, which may have been even more of a surprise. On the national political scene, specifically last week's presidential debate, that president that looked so upbeat in the Hope poster a few short years ago looked grumpy and out of sorts. I wasn't sure whether he needed a shot of scotch or a shot of Metamucil—maybe both. The guy wearing the big smile that was annoying him so effectively was none other than that good old Massachusetts Moderate I used to like. I thought we lost him when he outflanked all those right wingers last winter, but he's back, or at least he's back for now. Like I said, much was different last week.

More recently, I had a dilemma. I ask you, who's rotten idea was it to schedule the vice presidential debate opposite the New York Yankees/Baltimore Orioles playoff game? Where are the priorities? I have to assume that this was some sort of Republican plot. After all, New York and Maryland are pretty solidly blue states, for the most part, so it wouldn't surprise me that such mischief might occur. In any event, it made for a busy if not particularly substantive night.

The whole debate concept needs revitalization. These two recent debates are good examples of the march of style and gamesmanship over substance. This is not to say there was a time when debates were purely high-level and principled exchanges of opinion. For example, during the Republican primary Newt Gingrich called for "Lincoln-Douglas style debates" which he character-

ized as unfettered exchanges of rhetoric on an intellectual plane that could not be achieved in our present-day format. His concept spawned a flurry of articles by various historians who generally suggested that the Lincoln-Douglas debates were not the lofty, idealized debates that one might think they were. Debates were never perfect, but they've gotten worse.

Political debating strategy has always involved stretching the truth, or at least tailoring it for maximum effect, but as I sift through my memory of past presidential and vice presidential debates—and I probably watched all of them—I see a steady decline. The standard for truth seems to be—and I'm not pointing any fingers here because they all do it—making statements that have a shred of truth to them but on balance are either patently false or totally evasive. These people rarely answer the questions. Each question pushes a policy button that emits focus group-tested policy statements. Then again, with our emphasis on The Gaffe as the decider of presidential elections, can we really blame them?

I don't mean to suggest that all debates are wastes of time (I do watch them, after all) and I think almost all (no, not all) candidates of my lifetime have distinguished themselves more often than not. That arena is a pressure cooker, and I respect the people that walk into it, but I still hold that the quality moments are occurring less often, not more. They're just talking past each other, despite the best efforts of the moderator.

The best debate I remember personally, where I really found myself feeling good about both candidates (at the time, at least) was the vice presidential debate between Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman, who were running on tickets with George W. Bush and Al Gore, respectively. I recall they had a cordial and extremely informative exchange of opinions on a variety of subjects. I was not the only one, by far, who thought, Why aren't these two men on top

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of the ticket instead of those other two clowns?

The first 1960 Kennedy-Nixon debate is always remembered for two things: Kennedy won because he looked better than Nixon on television, and Nixon won based on the opinion of those who heard the debate on the radio. Be that as it may, if you ever get the chance to listen to some of those debates, you will be impressed by how well-

informed and erudite both men were on the issues they discussed. It is impressive.

I think at least some of the candidates who have made the final round in recent years are capable of the same. Why isn't it happening? Why isn't it worth it for them to take the risk and talk to us as intelligent adults? Is this not something we value in our political leaders anymore?

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## Center Stage

### Taking Time to Paint

By Dominique Agnew

Many young people in the area (young means teens and twenties) who had the good fortune to take art at John Poole Middle School or, more recently, photography at Poolesville High School, know and love Ms. Thorne. Nori Thorne taught art at JPMS for six years where many of her students garnered acclaim for their works. At PHS, where she taught AP art history, photography, and digital art for three years before retiring at the end of last year, the success of her students was palpable.

Next to the role of teacher—“I miss it terribly,” she says—and before that, graphic artist, she is, of course, an artist, always trying to get in a sketch alongside the students when she could. “I didn’t do much art while teach-

ing,” she confides. She just didn’t have the time. In the summer, she did her Pueblo pottery pieces, firing pottery in a large pit in her backyard (Do any of you remember digging holes in the soccer field at JPMS [under Mr. Sacco’s reign] to fire your Pueblo pottery?). Read about Nori Thorne at JPMS in “At the Whim of the Fire,” *Monocacy Monocle*, February 11, 2005. If you can’t find your well-read copy, it can be found online at [monocacymonocle.com](http://monocacymonocle.com).

Now that Nori has tons of free time, she’s devoting herself to painting, sort of. “Every day, I force myself,” she explains, “it’s my job, to do something.” She makes it a point to either draw, paint, or work on the business aspect of life as an artist, either marketing or computer work. “I try to spend four hours a day painting or building a website.” Sometimes her time is spent thinking, planning, walking, or kayaking to places to see.

Nori’s business aim leans towards the establishment of herself as a portrait painter. This must be in her genes, as she has vivid

memories of sitting for her mother, a portrait artist. “The children always had to pose,” she recalls. The kids wanted to watch television while sitting, but her mother would say, “No, it (watching television) gives you a stupid expression.” Indeed.

“People might think it’s vain to commission a portrait,” Nori says, “but it’s not.” In this modern-day world of people incessantly photographing themselves to post onto an online tome of visages (Facebook), the portrait captures nuances and characteristics of a subject in a dignified manner. The portrait genre reveals something about the personality. “If you have a portrait done, you have to [undergo] scrutiny.” The portrait requires one hundred percent observation on the part of the artist: the face, the bone structure. “There’s always something beautiful” about a subject: the hair, the expression, the wrinkles. All this requires time with the sitter. “If you want to do a portrait, you have to spend time with the person,” Nori says. She takes photos and works from them, but she also likes to know something about the sitter. Nori especially enjoys doing equestrian portraits—the subject with his or her horse. She also does portraits of subjects of all ages—this past summer travelling to South Carolina to do a ten-year-old with her horse; however, she’s reluctant to do babies as they don’t have a decided personality yet.

While her focus with the brush is portraits, Nori has also taken on *plein air* painting. She took a three-day intensive with



Local artist Nori Thorne with a portrait of her daughter, Jamie.

locally-famous artist Walt Bartman in Frederick, and she’s currently painting a series on the Medley Hill District. “I do buildings that I love,” she says. Lately, she has been inspired by the Beallsville garage. “I have a special love for tumble-down buildings and barns. I want to do the cabin on the corner in Beallsville.”

Nori’s *plein air* works have been mostly pastels. She enjoys not only the art of the creation, she’s enthused by the inevitable interactions with strangers and passersby. “Whenever you set up your easel, you’re going to have a little adventure.” She frequently paints with a friend, and people pass by and ask what they’re doing, or cows come by and moo.

Presently, some of her works are on display in a show at the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project Member Show through October 27 at the Mill Gallery, then she’ll have fifteen pieces at the Art League of Germantown’s “WinterGlow 2012” annual fine arts and crafts show from November 9 through 11.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault arrest:** 19700 block of Dark Star Way in Boyds: a 53-year-old man, who is known to the victim, was arrested.

**Assault:** 18700 block of Jerusalem Church Road.

**Burglary:** 20000 block of Haller Avenue.

**Theft:** 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, 15300 block of Sugarland Road, 22900 block of Mt. Ephraim Road, 15600 block of Barnesville Road.

**Disorderly conduct complaints:** 17400 block of Hughes Road, 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue. Montgomery County Police are investigating the death of a Clarksburg man who died on October 8. Police had been called to a residence in the 23400 block of Tailor Shop Road in Clarksburg for the report of a man, who was violent and exhibiting erratic behavior. When officers arrived, they were told that the man had threatened his roommates with weapons. Officers then confronted the man who became violent

and resisted arrested, resulting in the officers spraying him with OC (pepper) spray. The fire department was called to treat the man and then left. After the man began to lose consciousness, the fire department came back to the scene and transported him to Shady Grove Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. He was identified as Nathan Jones, age 39, of Clarksburg.

### Past Crime

**October 19, 1904** The Chevy Chase Country Club was raided by Deputy Sheriff Mullican and Constable Bradley. They were on a mission to prove that intoxicating liquors were being stored and served on the premises. It was said that instead of rejecting the officers, the club members greeted them with courtesy and respect. A large quantity of liquor was taken to Rockville and left in the custody of Sheriff Williams.

**October 22, 1902** Nancy Shorter, a well-known Rockville woman, was arrested by Sheriff Selby and charged with a violation of the local option laws. The warrant had

been sworn out by Frank Higgins, Rockville attorney, and president of the Anti-Saloon League. The grand jury was scheduled to convene on November 14 to consider the case.

**October 25, 1904** Charles Adams of near Rockville appeared before Justice of the Peace Brewer on a charge of shooting a rabbit. Constable Beavers brought the charge, and after Adams was fined twelve dollars, Beavers received half of the fine as was the custom of the day.

**October 24, 1907** In order to test whether the Montgomery County authorities had the right to enforce a law that automobiles could not travel faster than twelve miles an hour on the Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard), John Lutz of Washington ran his auto at about thirty miles per hour along the road near the Cabin John Bridge. By prior arrangement, Deputy Mullican was stationed by the roadside and arrested Lutz who was then taken to Rockville, accompanied by many friends, and posted bond before Justice of the Peace Robertson. Lutz explained that he did not believe that state officers had authority on the Conduit Road.

**October 27, 1905** Sidney

Hawkins, a resident of the Barnesville district, appeared before the Clerk of the Court at Rockville and applied for a marriage license naming Mary Case as his intended wife. The clerk was quite surprised as Hawkins had come in the day before and had obtained a license to marry another woman. Hawkins then sought the advice of Sheriff Williams who was sitting nearby. Sheriff Williams hurriedly excused himself and told Hawkins that he did not want to become involved in such a decision. Hawkins tarried a bit and then decided to obtain the license to marry Miss Case. He then hurried out the front door to a carriage where Miss Case was seated and they drove to the home of Reverend Ernest Wolf who made them man and wife.

*Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*

## Things to Do

October 20

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Warrior Fun Run/Walk

Benefit for Kunzang Palyul Choling local food bank and general costs. Complete with obstacles, a bit of mud, and enough challenge to quench your warrior thirst. Prizes for best time, most dirty, youngest participant, and oldest participant.

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October 22

**PHS Home Varsity Soccer**  
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October 23

### Flu Shots Are Coming!

Flu shots will be provided by the Pharmacy at Safeway at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Ave, Poolesville. MD Medicare Part B, Tricare, and Federal BCBS will be accepted. Receive a 10% Grocery Voucher when you get your Flu Shot at the \$25 discounted rate at our clinic.

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October 24

### Café Connection

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October 27

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### WUMCO Fall Festival

Walk a mile to benefit WUMCO Help. This miniwalk also features a costume contest,

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## Local News

# Chet Anderson Receives 2012 Royce Hanson Award

Montgomery County Alliance (MCA) presents the Royce Hanson Award in recognition of outstanding commitment toward the protection of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. The award is named after its first recipient, Dr. Royce Hanson, former Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Commission and original architect of the Ag Reserve.

This year, the honoree is recently-retired veterinarian

Chet Anderson. In giving Anderson the award, MCA made the following statement:

For many in Montgomery's Ag Reserve and its rural villages, Chet is, and will always be, the embodiment of the trusted, warm, and caring country vet. His sole interest—making the animals better, whether lap sized or farm sized—made us better, too. For decades, he and his trusted practice were the glue that binds in Montgomery's rural community.

Chet lends his time and talent to a number of local civic groups such as Sugarloaf Regional Trails as well as the Sugarloaf Countryside Conservancy. An avid birder, he is the current president of the Purple Martin Society of Frederick and is on a mission to help restore the area population of barn owls. He is acutely aware of the need to work together to ensure the strength and health of our rural communities and farms. The good news: thanks to collaborative efforts, new farmers are coming to the Reserve, including the recent addition of

a new creamery/dairy operation. Needless to say, Chet will be one busy guy in retirement and will always be the admired country vet.



Royce Hanson (Montgomery County Alliance Advisory Board Chair), Caroline Taylor, Bishop Sheehan, and Royce Hanson Award winner Chet Anderson at the MCA dinner. The award was a framed copy of Ingeborg Westfall's winning entry in the 2012 Historic Medley Montgomery County Agriculture Reserve Photo Contest.

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## Town of Poolesville

### Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

#### Senior Center Requests Grant

The commissioners received a request for a supporting grant from Maura Gost, Business Director of Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center, for the Gathering Place, a proposed ecumenical daytime senior center in Beallsville created

to provide activities for senior residents of the Poolesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, and Barnesville communities.

Gost reported that the goal is to establish a center that meets the needs of area residents, aged fifty-five and over. Last spring, the center circulated a survey to gain insight as to what activities and programs have the greatest interests among the residents most likely to use the facility.

With the central purpose to provide a venue for fellowship, they plan to offer, through a series of guest speakers, entertaining as well as educational programs, such as: health, taxes, and history. On the social side, they plan to offer games, cards, and group trips to various venues of interest to participants.

Their October 10 event featured various activities, including: tai chi, sharing of personal stories and histories, and a presentation entitled "Senior Life and Services."

Area church and civic groups participating in the development of the program include the Odd Fellows, Monocacy Lions, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Memorial Methodist Church, and Poolesville Baptist Church.

To become fully operational, the Gathering Place has applied for various donations and grants including the request from the town for \$2,500. Currently, the organization is working through Am Kolel's 501(c)3 status until it is able to establish its own charitable taxing status. Demonstrated financial support from the town further enhances the organization's ability to obtain other

grants.

A vote on the request was postponed by the suggestion of Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski so as to have the opportunity to hear from the public regarding support from residents for the program. Those wishing to comment may reach the commissioners through the town's website.

NB: The writer is a member of the advisory board of the Gathering Place as is Commissioner Jim Brown. Mr. Brown will be recusing himself on the final vote.

#### Commissioners Approve Ordinance #187 – Ethics

In a unanimous vote, the commissioners approved changes to the town's ethics provision in order to meet new law requirements of the Maryland State Ethics Commission regulating local governments.

#### Financial Report

Town Manager Wade Yost presented a FY2012 First Quarter Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2012. He reported that revenue in the first quarter was more than in FY2012, but within their anticipation. The town received \$474,797 of the projected annual revenue of \$2,586,173.

In the category of expenditures, the first quarter report states that there were no out-of-the-ordinary expenditures. Total expenditures were \$543,732 of the budgeted annual \$1,775,596.

Within the Water/Wastewater (W/WW) budget, revenue was slightly ahead of expectations with \$262,479 of the annual budgeted \$1,003,000. W/WW expenditures were right where they were anticipated to be for the first quarter. The final cash assets of the town were as follows:

General Fund Account:  
\$160,402

W/WW Account: \$55,299

Investment Fund: \$2,795,812

Total Cash on Hand:

\$3,011,513.

Of the total cash on hand,

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**Local News**

**Montgomery County Planning Board**

By Kristen Milton

**Clarksburg Village Elementary Gets New Site**

All work and no play will never be a problem for students at an elementary school planned for Clarksburg Village as county planners last month endorsed a plan co-locating the school with a park.

“Best mandatory referral for an elementary school – you guys win the award,” Commissioner Casey Anderson said September 27 before suggesting approval for the Clarksburg cluster school to be built at 12520 Blue Sky Drive. The planning board vote was unanimous.

“We expect this to be a model neighborhood school/park

site,” said area coordinator Ron Cashion, who described “sophisticated building systems” ranging from a school courtyard that will help conserve electricity to a computer monitoring system for visitors.

The school, which will be largely accessed from Grand Elm Street, will sit on approximately nine acres and host up to 740 students. The building will be two-story and brick-veneered with a geothermal heating and cooling system and vegetative roof area among other amenities. Construction on the approximately \$26 million project will begin in January with completion anticipated for fall 2014. Hess Construction and Engineering Services of Gaithersburg was announced in August as the chosen construction company.

“The school system is on a very rapid timetable,” Cashion noted, in order to relieve overcrowding at Clarksburg, Cedar Grove, and Little Bennett Elementary Schools. “This is very much anticipated by the community,”

he said.

Adjacent to the school, a local park will host recreation on approximately four acres. The site, once a farm field, is currently used for soccer and cricket. Playing fields and parking lots will be shared by the school and park.

The key concerns with the plan, both with residents at a June public meeting and planning staff, involved parking and traffic. While most county elementary schools have at least ninety parking spaces, the Clarksburg school will have only seventy-five spaces spread over two locations due to environmental concerns. Many students are expected to either walk or bike to school, according to the planners’ report, while others will make use of buses.

The report noted that the school will offer a carpooling program and post signs with parking time limits that will be enforced to accommodate the smaller number of spaces. The parking areas will be available for use by park users during non-school hours.

Planning Board Vice Chair

Marye Wells-Harley was impressed by the joint use site. “I think it’s a real step forward,” she said.

**Historic Churches Highlighted**

Nine Upcounty locations are featured in a new brochure covering the important role of African American churches in their communities.

The thirty-four-page “Community Cornerstones: A Selection of Historic African American Churches in Montgomery County, Maryland” was produced by Heritage Montgomery and covers twenty-four churches ranging from Jerusalem Church outside Poolesville to Washington Zion Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring.

With maps, stories, and photos, the free brochure can be used as a guide to the sites. It is available online at [www.heritage-montgomery.org](http://www.heritage-montgomery.org) and as a paper copy at the Heritage Montgomery office in Germantown, 12515 Milestone Manor Lane, or at heritage sites around the county.



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## Remembrances

### Thomas J. Zajdel

By Rande Davis



Thomas J. Zajdel of Poolesville passed away on Monday, October 1, 2102. He was born in 1947 to Thomas and Bertha Zajdel of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

In 1965, after graduation from high school in Johnstown, he moved to Bethesda where he met his wife, Mary, and where they were married in 1968. He worked at C&P Telephone Company in Bethesda until his retirement in 1997. His daughter Ann recalled how much they enjoyed going to work at night with him. "He would take my brother Jim and [me] to work with him. While it was a scary place at night, it was cool to be up in the middle of the night with my dad."

The Zajdel family moved to

Poolesville in 1976.

Tom was remembered as a person who was frugal, hard working, and very calm, having many interests, especially an abiding passion for collecting and using coupons. He was referred to by the family as the King of Coupons.

He was active in the community as a founding parishioner of Our Lady of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church, Jaycees (he enjoyed helping with their haunted house every Halloween, proudly making the local newspaper for his costume more than once), and more recently as an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He also loved to fish and play cards—especially poker with his buddies.

He was the father of six children, Ann Marie Matlock, Jim, John, Katie, Joe, and Michael; Michael preceded him in death at sixteen in 2000. Additionally, he was the proud and loving grandfather of eight grandchildren, Sarai, Aja, Cody, Elijah, Mya, Cayenne, Allison, and Austin.

At the close of his funeral, his daughter Matlock offered three things he would have offered in the way of advice on life: Always use coupons, duct tape should be listed in the yellow pages under repair man, and don't take things too seriously, life is too short.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

### Margaret C. Stevens

Mrs. Margaret C. Stevens, 79, of Frederick, died on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

She was the loving wife of the late Charles F. Stevens, Jr. Surviving are her children, Chuck Stevens III of Germantown, Patrick Stevens of Poolesville, Colleen Chavez of Frederick, Margie Scott of St. Louis, Missouri; and ten grandchildren, Matthew, Claire, Hannah, Emma, Chris-

tina, Alyssa, Connor, Jack, Matilda, and Charles Finian. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004 (lung.org).

### Francis Raymond Poole



Mr. Francis Raymond "Ray" Poole, 80, of Palmetto, Florida, formerly of Dickerson, died peacefully at home on September 24, 2012.

He was the husband of fifty-four years of Anna Jane Poole. Born on October 17, 1931 in Dickerson, he was the son of the late Frank and Mollie Virginia (Young) Poole.

Ray worked thirty years for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

and then fifteen years as a Montgomery County Public School bus driver.

He was a member of the Moose Club, Isaak Walton Gun Club, and Coon Club. Surviving besides his wife are one son, Randy Poole and wife Lisa of Hancock; one daughter, Donna Keys and husband Michael of Frederick; one sister Mary Woodfield of Rockville; two brothers, Lendy Poole and wife Nancy of Georgia, William Poole of Poolesville; six grandchildren, Thomas and wife Kristin, Matt and wife Felicia, Shannon, Melissa, Brittany, Ryan and girlfriend Taylor; and seven great grandchildren, William, Gavin, Logan, Summer, Cayden, Brady, and Addyson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dickerson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, Dickerson, MD 20842, Tidewell Hospice, 4151 37th Street East, Palmetto, FL 34221 (tidewell.org) or the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

### Margaret B. Richmond

Margaret Bryan Richmond, 89, a much-beloved and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, died peacefully at her home in Poolesville, on October 4, 2012. She was born January 7, 1923 in Baltimore, the daughter of George Bryan and Anna Lee Swain Bryan. She lived in Baltimore and graduated from the Institute of Notre Dame High School in 1941.

In 1944, she married her childhood sweetheart, Jim Richmond, soon after Jim had served as a marine fighter pilot in the South Pacific. Early in their marriage, they resided in Baltimore, then Miami, Florida, and Cumberland, Maryland. In 1956, Jim and Margaret moved to the Woodside Park neighborhood of Silver Spring, Maryland, where they lived until moving to Poolesville in 2001.

In their years in Silver Spring, they were active members of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Margaret volunteered for many years at St. Michael's Elementary School library. She was

devoted to her faith and her family throughout her life. Through her example, she showed them the importance of faith and love.

Margaret is survived by three daughters, Sue Richmond and husband Rob Livernash, of Alexandria, Virginia, Fran Picariello and husband Peter Picariello, of Poolesville, and Jamie Blake and husband Ed Blake, of Kilmarnock, Virginia. She also leaves two grandchildren, Erin Picariello Griffith and husband Darren Griffith of Frederick, and Rachel Picariello Mattingly and husband Eddie Mattingly of Rockville.

It was Margaret's wish to remain at home in the final year of her life. The family is appreciative of Mamie Pekanyande for providing devoted twenty-four-hour care for Margaret this year, as well as Ellen Lauer and the entire staff of Debra Levy Eldercare Associates and Holy Cross Hospice. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929 or via their website: stjude.org.

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**Odds and Ends**

In miscellaneous matters, the town approved Patricia Wolford as an alternate to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals.

The commissioners received testimony from C.C. Dietz for a request to open a bed and breakfast in her historical home at Fisher and West Willard Roads. A catch-22 developed as the town requires a fire inspection for use and occupancy for any change of use or ownership; the conundrum is that Montgomery County no longer provides the category fire inspection requested. For this specific case, inspection requirements will be handled directly through the Fire Marshal.





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## Local News

### Local Motorcyclist Seriously Injured

By Jack Toomey

An eighteen-year-old Boyds man suffered serious injuries on October 12 when he crashed his motorcycle into a sign support pole at Routes 28 and 107.

Montgomery County Police and fire departments units were dispatched to the intersection at about 4:00 p.m. and found the injured man lying in the grass on the south side of the intersection. When his injuries were assessed, a Maryland State Police helicopter was requested and landed in a nearby field. The injured driver, Haris Tahir, of Schaffer Road in Boyds, was then flown to the University of Maryland shock trauma unit in Balti-



Montgomery County EMTs carry Haris Tahir to a State Police helicopter.

more.

Emad Araza, Tahir's brother said that Tahir called him at home, after a paramedic assisted him in making the call, and told him that he had wrecked. When Araza, arrived, he found his brother suffering from a gruesome injury to his right arm.

It was evident that Tahir was traveling east on Route 28 when he failed to negotiate the curve, lost control, and struck the support pole for a stop sign.

Montgomery County Police are investigating.

round of the playoffs. Sellout crowds packed Nationals Stadium during all three home playoff games. After the last game, gloom descended on the Washington area as fans realized that they would have to wait until next spring to see their beloved Nats play again.

In 1924, things were different. The Washington Senators defeated the New York Giants in the World Series. The last game was decided in the twelfth inning and Washington beat New York, 4 -3. Fans poured onto the field at Griffith Stadium, lifted their heroes onto their shoulders, and then streamed out onto the streets of the city. Cars were rocked, firecrackers set off, and general mayhem reigned.

### "Ten Mile Creek" Continued From Page 1.

rather than the broader amendment process eventually recommended.

In the end, Councilman Craig Rice (D-District 2) of Germantown, who represents Clarksburg, said October 9 he believed common ground could be found in the amendment that would protect both citizen rights and water quality. "I don't think that there's going to be winners and losers in this case," Rice said. "We need to put this to bed once and for all for Clarksburg."

Councilman George Leventhal (D-At large) of Takoma Park said that in spite of hundreds of passionate communications from the public, he felt the council had not received enough disinterested information to make a balanced decision. Planning Board Chair Françoise Carrier responded that reports from outside consultants would be part of the amendment process.

County environmental activities greeted news of the council decision to go forward with the amendment, which was reached by consensus rather than direct vote, with enthusiasm.

"Ten Mile Creek is Montgomery County's last, best stream, and part of our drinking water supply," Diane Cameron, Conservation Director for Audubon Naturalist Society, said in an October 11 press release. "We are thrilled that the council listened to the voices of the people who spoke out in favor of protecting this gem of a natural resource."

"The pace and intensity of development in Clarksburg's Stage 4 will now be driven by community needs, current science, and environmental stewardship of regionally important resources—not developer schedules," Caroline Taylor, executive director of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, said in the same release. "We are all winners in this scenario."

Krasnow said that with "a coordinated effort" and by postponing work on other master plans including the scheduled review covering Montgomery Village in Gaithersburg, the master plan amendment for Ten Mile Creek could make its way through the planning board and return for council review in about twelve months.

## Local History

### Baseball Fever

By Jack Toomey

Fans of the Washington Nationals are coming to grips with the reality that their team was eliminated from the playoffs after a heart-wrenching defeat by the St. Louis Cardinals. What seemed to be a nearly sure trip to the National League Championship Series was dashed when the Cardinals scored four ninth-inning runs to beat the Nationals.

As most know, a Washington baseball team had not been to the playoffs since 1933. Baseball fever built during the last weeks of the regular season and during the first

Things were also a bit uproarious in Poolesville. When word reached the sleepy little town in western Montgomery County, fans were happy. It also seems that three boys took things a bit too far. Earl Carter, Carleton Gloyd, and Marion Selby all piled into a car and began driving around town shouting, banging on the sides of their automobile, throwing firecrackers into the street, and generally disrupting the town. Police Chief William Aud happened to live in Poolesville at that time. Alerted to the disturbance Aud took to the streets and found the three boys and arrested them. They were taken to Rockville and charged with disturbing the peace.

On October 14, 1924, they



The 1924 World Champion Washington Nationals

appeared in Rockville Police Court. Judge Riggs found them guilty but suspended any sentence saying that they "had not gone half as crazy as the people in Washington."

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is a different team. We aren't there to just enjoy the ride. We come to play. We have coaches that believe in us. We believe in ourselves. We believe in the system.”

Comparative scores don't prove anything but RM (2-2) lost to Gaithersburg (2-2) only 33-10 and beat Clarksburg at CHS, 15-8. It would seem the Falcons are very competitive and gaining respect every game. The Falcons' first home win, 26-15, came against visiting Williamsport on September 14, on the school's first annual Sports Hall of Fame induction night.

Against Watkins Mill in the opener, the Falcons repeatedly found themselves in three-third and-long situations. The very fast Wolverines seemingly always had good field position. They scored on the game's second play from scrimmage and built a huge halftime lead. For PHS, Carmack provided perhaps the first half's only highlight for the home fans, running down from behind and horse-collaring a WMHS corner back, who had just intercepted one of his passes, and preventing a touchdown. Kirby scored on a one-yard run right after half time, and Henze scored on a three-yard run right before the final whistle. Carmack was six for seven for sixty-five yards. Against RM, Charles Lyles scored on a thirty-four-yard run in the first quarter. Falcon place kicker Josh Womack had a thirty-five-yard field goal in the second quarter.

After a loss to 3A power

South Hagerstown (5-0), the fourth-ranked team in Frederick County's Monocacy Valley Athletic League, the Falcons rebounded by claiming their fourth win of the year (as many wins as PHS had all of last year) at Pikesville, 23-20. Poolesville rallied from a 14-13 half time deficit. Henze rushed for 167 yards and two touchdowns. Carmack completed eight of twelve for 107 yards and a touchdown pass to Andre Butler.

Running back Nikolay Henze helped solidify the Falcons' third place position at 5-2 in the Class 2A West playoff picture rushing for 256 yards on thirty-two carries and two touchdowns as Poolesville earned a long-awaited, 30-13, homecoming win over Kennedy. Quarterback Kirby Carmack completed six of ten passes for ninety yards, including a thirty-three-yard touchdown pass to Andre Butler who caught five balls for sixty-nine yards. Kicker Josh Womack connected on a thirteen-yard field goal and was three for four on points after touchdowns.

Their final home game is on Thursday, October 18 against Wheaton.

## Remembrance Robert Dorrrough Passes Away From Cancer

By Rande Davis



Robert Dean Dorrrough

Mr. Robert D. Dorrrough, 67, of Poolesville, died of mesothelioma cancer on Monday, October 8, 2012.

Born on March 9, 1945 in Paris, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Henry and Willa Dean (Ewing) Dorrrough and the father of Chontelle Hockenbery and Chrissie Harney. Both sisters are the founders of Poolesville Relay for Life, which was started after their mother, Glenna, passed away from cancer in 2005.

An electrician by trade, Bob was remembered by his nephew Mark Perry for his great love of family and friends and his passion for fishing (especially with his grandchildren), camping, working in the yard, his pet dogs, Elvis, and most prominently for cars.

He also shared a passion for Relay for Life with his daughters and family. Courageously facing cancer and the difficult challenges that it brought, he nevertheless found one thing that came from his tribulation most rewarding. After one of his surgeries, cancer tissue was

taken for research for a promising new drug. Perry pointed out, “While Bob gave to others so much throughout his life, he was so happy to know that through that research, he will continue to help others even after death.”


Bob's outlook on life was positive even in the face of problems. Whenever he encountered an unwelcome circumstance, he liked to refer to those situations as adventures rather than problems.

At the close of his funeral, the recorded song “You'll Never Walk Alone” — sung by Elvis, of course — accompanied him and the gathering to his burial site at the cemetery of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia, Maryland. As the funeral party joined the family at the gravesite, they passed Bob's beautifully-detailed two-door burgundy and black 1934 Chevy. If he could have seen the look on the face of those passing the car, he would not have been more proud.

Survivors include his wife Carol; children, Chontelle Hockenbery (Brian), Chrissie Harney (Paul), and Mike Clements; and brothers, Billy, Tracy, and Terry Dorrrough, and Walter Moore; three sisters, Annette Heironimus, Athena Barr, and Donna McCarty; and eight grandchildren, Loran, Megan and Morgan Harney, Jacob and Nicolas Clements, Tina Pinkey, and Gavin and Kylee Hockenbery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (relayforlife.org/poolesvillemd) in Bob's name.

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**"Ghosts of the Monocacy"  
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on White's Ferry Road. Annington is situated on the hillside about a mile east of the entrance to White's Ferry. This proud and stately residence has a great heritage and is one of Montgomery County's grand homes. We were directed to talk to Carol Caywood who moved there in 1972.

The reputed ghost who is said to reside at the estate is Col. Edward Baker, a Union officer, who died in the Battle of Balls Bluff just across the Potomac River from the house. On the night before the battle, Colonel Baker dined at Annington and boasted, "Tomorrow I will dine in Leesburg or dine in hell." Well, things didn't go so well for the colonel, and he certainly did not dine in Leesburg. Whether he dined in hell, we cannot say, but, during a time of major restoration of the home, some contractor employees were startled to hear the sound of horse hooves racing across the front yard. The sound was there, but no horse or rider was visible. At other times, doors would shut and open without any cause.

One time there came a very loud sound of "ooooooooohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh." While this was one of the more scary events, it was one of the few times an investigation proved successful. In this case, it turned out to be the wind going through an outside drainpipe.

Carol Caywood tells us that there were other incidents involving a young lady ghost who had the habit of hiding female clothes about the house. Missing items would often be found completely out of place. Most of the ghost stories occurred prior to the restoration of the home. After the restoration was completed, the ghostly visits ceased. Could it be that the ghosts were just unhappy that the home was not cared for and once the house was

restored their visits were no longer necessary?

**The Friendly Ghosts of Gabriel's Inn – Ijamsville**

The inn is what remains of an old sanitarium for women. Oddly, there was one patient who was male. He had a protective nature and each evening, he would walk along the upstairs corridor and say good night and check on the safety of each of the female patients. Why he was there is not really known, but a number of employees at the inn have reported seeing a gentleman with a warm smile and friendly nature in the hallways late in the evening about the time lights would be going out for the day.

There are a number of other reports of ghosts in the upstairs area of the building. Most of them are women who seem friendly but lost. The stories go back a long time in the building and the current innkeepers tell many of the stories during the ghost dinners that are very popular on Fridays and Sundays during October.

**Potomac Golf Course and Lodge**

Our last ghost report doesn't involve a home at all. It has been reported that a strange man appears unexplained at an upstairs window at the Potomac Lodge in Poolesville. The building used to house the clubhouse of one of the area's first private country clubs. When the country club finally went under, the owner committed suicide, and not long after, reports of ghostly appearances began.

Something tells us that we have just scratched the surface on ghost stories from our area. If you have a story or unusual event that cannot be explained, we invite you to contact the *Monocle*.

*A similar version of this story ran in our October 24, 2004 is-*

**Business Briefs**

**Cugini's Restaurant Has New Owner**

Dickerson's Barbara Stull became the new owner of Cugini's Restaurant in Poolesville on October 16, 2012. She graduated from PHS in 2003 then earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. She will use her several years of experience in the restaurant business as well as her understanding of family-owned business since her family owns both Titus Trash and Dickerson Market.

She plans to maintain the Cugini's history of community service through the restaurant, and, although considering some new things for the future, does not plan to make changes as she prepares for an official grand opening to be announced later.

"I am excited of continuing the long history of the family friendly fare and ambience that the Stillsons have accomplished through the years. Hopefully, this

will be the beginning of my own family tradition."

For the many, many friends of Lynn and Dennis Stillson, the good news is that they are not leaving.

**Four Streams in Top Three Percent**

The just-released second edition of "The Rolex World's Top 1000 Golf Courses" is the result of a two-year update with the collaboration of two hundred panelists worldwide. The first edition came out in 2010. This second edition once again reviews the golf courses of the world and establishes the very best. The Members Club at Four Streams has announced that it has been included as one of the top one thousand for the second time, ranking it in the top three percent of all golf courses worldwide.

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“Things to Do” Continued  
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dog costume contest, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, music, carnival games, corn hole, moon bounce, rock wall by Calleva, basket auction, and more.  
Whalen Commons – Poolesville. 11:30 a.m.: Walk Registration. 12:00 p.m.: Walk. 1:00 p.m.: Dog costume contest. 1:30 p.m.: Kid costume contest. 3:30 p.m.: Pumpkin and scarecrow contest. Walkers: \$25.00 adults, \$15.00

children. Children’s activities Only: \$5.00. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

October 27 and 28  
**Special Event Art Show to Benefit Historic Medley (HMD)**

HMD hosts the Montgomery County Plein Air Artists for a special event art show and sale at the Old Town Hall (former bank), Poolesville. Plein air artists visit locations in small groups, all painting the same scene. Two artists contemplating the same scene produce

imaginative and inspired different results with unanticipated surprises. Twelve highly-talented artists offer paintings of local scenes and places of our day. Come and enjoy this opportunity to view extraordinary and beautiful paintings and help support your Historic Medley District. The exhibit is free to the public. Paintings are available for purchase. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

**A Giant Indoor Yard Sale**

The Barnesville School will be holding its popular Barnesville Basement indoor yard sale at the school at 21830 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson. Books and clothes—kids and adult, housewares, toys, sporting goods, electronics, music, furniture, baby equipment, luxury items and more. [www.BarnesvilleSchool.org](http://www.BarnesvilleSchool.org)

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

October 28

**PACC Commission Candidates’ Forum**

Candidates for Poolesville Town Commissioner will answer questions submitted by the audience and further discuss issues and their candidacy.

Poolesville Town Hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Poolesville Baptist Church Annual Fall Fun Festival**

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October 31

**Café Connection**

Hosted by Berry Thompson. See October 24 entry for details.

Poolesville Presbyterian Church

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Annual Monocacy Lions Community Halloween Party**

Great and safe Halloween fun. Games include apple dunk, tug-o-war, piñatas, scary musical chairs, costume contest, and more. Plenty of apple cider, donuts, and candy.

St. Mary’s Pavilion, Barnesville

7:00 p.m.

November 1 and 2

**Halloween Candy Buy Back Event**

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November 3

**Basket & Money Bingo - Benefit Poolesville Relay for Life**

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## Local News

### Poolesville Youth Wins National Dog Championship

Poolesville's Leigh Peper and her Border collie named "Sagehill the 12th of Never – Rapture" won the National Championship in the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) Cynosport World Games in Denver, Colorado on September 28. The specific venue was the Performance Grand Prix, the most prestigious level of competition at the Cynosport World Games. The course was designed by an international pool of judges and incorporated all of the obstacles used in the sport of dog agility.

Leigh and Rapper, as she likes to call him, have been competing as an agility team for less than five years; they have competed in three USDAA National Events, earning a position in the final round all three years. Leigh was determined to return to Poolesville with more than a plaque and a ribbon this year—she was convinced she and Rapper could take first place.

Leigh and Rapper began their journey as a kid who wanted an agility dog and a dog who needed a handler. Some may call it serendipity, but Leigh says she is confident all the years of hard work and love she and Rapper have shared produced this winning team.

Leigh can be seen most days as she walks or rollerblades her three dogs on a two-mile jaunt throughout the neighborhoods. Early summer mornings found Leigh at Poolesville High School football field, walking and running, timing herself as she

circled the track.

Leigh was bitten by the agility bug when she first saw an agility competition on the television, although she did not have a dog at that time. Her dad encouraged her to research dogs and agility in this area of the country. After a few years of begging for a puppy, then training the puppy, and beginning to compete in local trials, Leigh sought out National Agility Champion Paulena Simpson as an instructor. Simpson said to Leigh after their first class, "We have to find you another dog!" Simpson had in mind a dog who had been in numerous homes and whose current owner was unable to keep him due to health issues, so Rapper came home from class one evening with Leigh.

Following a year of hard work and many, many agility trials, Rapper earned his first MACH (Master Agility Champion). As an expression of congratulations, Rapper's previous owner signed over Rapper's ownership papers to Leigh; Leigh was overwhelmed with gratitude, saying this was the best gift she had ever received: Rapper was officially her dog. At this moment Leigh began to focus on taking this awesome gift to the pinnacle of his career as a National Champion agility dog.

As Leigh reflects over the past five years, she still has an intense passion for agility. Her favorite agility courses are those with challenging technical configurations. She and Rapper have developed a mutual respect for running together as he efficiently



Poolesville's Leigh Peper and her dog, Rapper, return home as national champions.

maneuvers through the weave poles and Leigh determines the most direct lines to complete a course. Each agility course is different as it is designed by that particular trial's judge. The handler has a seven-to-eight-minute window in which to walk the course, familiarizing himself/herself with the course layout. The dog is not allowed to be

in the course ring until it is the designated time for the team to run the course. Scores are based on accuracy and time with a qualifying score being earned for a run with no faults within the time allowed by the judge.

On a side note, Leigh traveled to Nairobi, Kenya on a Poolesville Baptist Church youth mission trip this past summer. Both Denver and Nairobi have elevations over five thousand feet. It's been a big year for Leigh: She won the Performance Grand Prix National Championship and traveled to Kenya. One might say Leigh has had a mile-high year in 2012.

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## Tidbits

### Miss Maryland Contestant from Poolesville Needs Your Help

Poolesville's Kristyn Kirschbaum has been selected as a Maryland finalist in the 2013 Miss Maryland USA Pageant. In representing Poolesville, she must raise a sponsorship fee of \$995. The sponsorship fee goes towards expenses such as food and hotel room for the weekend of the pageant, as well as the cost to put on the entire production and the gifts and prizes awarded to the contestants.

She decided to apply for this pageant because of the involvement Miss Maryland has in different causes. She plans to promote autism awareness. She currently tutors children with autism and hopes to spend her future dedicating her life to helping those with autism so they might live a life as independently as possible. "If I can spread the awareness to the judges, I feel as if I will have begun my lifelong dream of helping people with autism."

She will need to raise the funds by October 20, so anyone or business firm wanting to help should do so as soon as possible. A donation can be made by credit card by going to [www.missmarylandusa.com](http://www.missmarylandusa.com). Once on the website, under the Sponsors tab, click on Sponsor a Contestant and enter her first and last name in the third category, Other Payments.

### Got Bike, Will Travel

Three Poolesvillians recently embarked on a Labor Day biking adventure weekend. Despite Hurricane Isaac's unpredictability, Peter Green, Tom Kettler, and Michael

Cameron completed a 186-mile bicycle trip on the C&O Canal from Cumberland to Georgetown.

The first day of the trip, starting from Cumberland at 7:30 a.m., they had to break out their rain gear for light rain, and traveled the last hour in the torrential rain and mud with poor visibility—determined that nothing was going to stop them. Biking through the famous Pawpaw Tunnel was particularly enjoyable due to the relief from the rain. At 7:30 p.m., exhausted, they had arrived in Hanover at the Inn at Decatur and enjoyed a wonderful home-style dinner at Weaver's Restaurant and Bakery. Their evening was spent drying their shoes with a hair dryer in their room. If the storm had not taken a turn for the better, their trip would have ended that first night. Miraculously, by daybreak, the weather was delightful. They biked through Ft. Frederick, built in 1756, saw breathtaking views with lots of lively nature, dam, lake, and boating scenes and took lots of photos for a calendar. They also stopped to explore caves in Harper's Ferry before arriving at the Town Inn for dinner and rest.

The third morning found them back on the trail for another perfect day, through Brunswick, Monocacy Aqueduct, and a destination of Edwards Ferry, Lock House 25, where they were supposed to stay overnight, but the guys "had a burst of adrenaline," dropped their bags off in the lock house, and headed for their final destination of Georgetown. "We did it!" they all shouted together—and a proud moment it was.

## Remembrance

### Donald Ray Staley

Donald Ray Staley, Sr., 74, of Frederick, formerly of Boyds, died peacefully at Frederick Memorial Hospital on September 28, 2012. Born on March 3, 1938, he was the son of the late Ralph and Nellie (Claggett) Staley. Donald farmed the Staley Dairy Farm in Boyds for over forty-five years with his brothers Hunter and Earl. He was a member of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association. He loved being outdoors and working with the animals and was an avid fan of anything to do with farming, especially the family's many Farmall tractors. Donald was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, Germantown, and a member of the Order of the

Eastern Star, Pentalpha Chapter No. 38, Germantown, serving as Worthy Patron numerous times.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to the many people who helped and assisted Donald over the past twenty-three years, especially Linda and Paul Mercer, who tirelessly devoted their time to Donald, cared for him, and are considered a part of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 ([christopherreeve.org](http://christopherreeve.org)) or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 ([shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org](http://shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org))

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## Local News

### We Have a Race

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Voters will have at least four opportunities to assess the candidates. The first will be at the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) debate/discussion scheduled for October 28 at

6:30 p.m. at the town hall. In the November 2 issue of the *Monocle*, we will publish statements from each candidate and will also report on the October 28 PACC event. Finally, candidates may be reached for questions or positions on concerns through phone or email. Their preferred contact information is:

Eddie Kuhlman: kuhlman@mris.com

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## Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**October 1, 1923** Silver Spring defeated Boyds, 6-2, in Montgomery County League play. Burdette had two hits for Boyds including a triple.

**October 4, 1925** E. Lee LeCompte signed an agreement with the state to purchase one hundred acres of land near Boyds to be used as a hunting preserve. It was said that the land was populated by pheasants, partridges, and rabbits, and Seneca Creek ran through it. The agreed price was \$6000. Mr. LeCompte also arranged to lease two thousand acres adjoining his property and planned to have a keeper live on the property.

**October 11, 1923** A delegation of parents from Martinsburg met with the county Board of Education in the interest of better transportation for their children to the school in Poolesville.

**October 16, 1921** Technical High School of Washington traveled to Poolesville to play the Briarley Hall. The Cadets ran roughshod over their city visitors and won, 14-3.

**October 16, 1927** A card party was held at the Barnesville Community Hall with proceeds going

towards the upkeep of the hall.

**October 19, 1924** The October meeting of the Barnesville Community League was held at the Barnesville School building. Thomas Pyle, the principal of the Poolesville School, gave a talk on the teaching of morality. Students of the Barnesville School presented a play and the Washington Grove Orchestra played.

**October 19, 1926** The principals of the county high schools met to prepare a code of regulations to govern high school athletics. It was decided to separate the athletes into the three groups, varsity, senior, and junior, and insist that all athletes must make a passing grade in all subjects. It was also ruled that athletes must have a satisfactory record in conduct and attitude.

**October 22, 1922** Secretary of the Navy Danby obtained his hunting license at the Rockville courthouse. He then traveled by automobile to a location west of Poolesville where he went hunting with friends.

**October 26, 1925** The 371-acre farm of Earle Wood at Boyds was purchased by Sheriff Clay Plummer. He said that he would hold it as an investment.

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