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Keeping An Eye On Local News

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Is this how many people it takes to put on Monocacy's finest bull roast? Not nearly. See Family Album on Page 2.



The cemetery wall is repaired, Route 28 is open, Big Woods Road returns to normal.

Mercury Spotted At Dickerson Incinerator

By Rande Davis

Early Sunday morning, an employee at the Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in Dickerson spotted some liquid Mercury at the incinerator site, triggering a series of HAZMAT events that resulted in shutting down one of the three burners on site.

After notifying the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) a HAZMAT team from Montgomery County Fire and Rescue came to the site to assess the situation and begin the process of isolating the incident and initiating the cleanup process.

It is not uncommon for mercury to show up at the incinerator through trash collection, according to Joseph LaDana, Montgomery County's senior on-site engineer. What made this unusual was the large quantity. Officials have estimated the amount of mercury to be at about twenty pounds. Mercury is a heavy substance and twenty pounds would be approximately what could be held in two hands cupped together, stated LaDana.

The incinerator has carbon filtering system to address this type of environmental pollution concern. In the final analysis, the incident is not expected to be of major concern. The burner was only operating at seventy percent capacity Sunday morning, and as a safety pre-caution, an increase in carbon was introduced to mitigate any potential effects.

The RRF will operate just two incinerators for the time being until tests and analyses can be performed to make sure that there is no environmental problem in restarting the



The Montgomery County Resource Recovery Facility, where the mercury was recovered.

burner. Residual ash from Sunday night's burn did not indicate any particular problem and tests in area ponds as of Friday, May 27, showed that there were no traceable levels of mercury in the water. Any procedure of testing fish will have to wait enough time for the mercury to show up in their system.

Mercury is a very toxic and heavy substance that ordinarily does not pose a major threat unless it is inhaled in a vaporized state. Individuals are often exposed to it through florescent lighting, fillings, thermometers and even in the new children's running shoes that have flashing lights, according to LaDana.

Steps taken to analyze and test the environment in and around the incinerator will be taken throughout in the coming weeks. The EPA's toxic characteristic leach procedures (TCLP) will be utilized to monitor any possible impact from this incident.

More standardized testing of employees' blood and of the building and offices will continue so as to safeguard workers at the site. LaDana does not think there is any significant concern for the general public outside of the facility. However, analyses will continue so as to be on the safe side. The incinerator most likely will not be back in operation for at least a couple of more weeks.

Emphasizing again that it is not uncommon for mercury to show up, Mr. LaDana could only speculate as to the source of such a large amount. An individual or company that was "dumping" a large quantity of products that include mercury through the residential trash removal system is a strong possibility at this point. Transfer stations and beauty spots have collection facilities that should have been used rather than simply dumping the mercury-containing product. Most firms handling large quantities of mercury are generally well versed in their disposal procedures. At this point the cleanup in and around the incinerator site will be completed within the coming days and the operation at the RRF should be back to normal soon.

Monocacy Aqueduct: As Good As New

By Rande Davis

A large group of supporters of the Monocacy Aqueduct and the C&O Canal Association showed up on Saturday, May 21 to celebrate the renovation of the aqueduct, which is the end result of a six million dollar, seven year project.

Built in 1833, the aqueduct was engineered by Benjamin Wright, "father of American engineering," who learned this trade through on-the-job training on the Erie Canal in New York. Built to maintain an unimpeded path for the C&O canal over the Monocacy River,

this seven-arched structure is the largest of the eleven all-stone aqueducts on the 100 miles of the canal.

A partnership of the C&O Canal Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, and National Trust for Historical Preservation joined forces to rebuild what was to be designated in 1998 as one of the most endangered historical sites in the nation.

Through bi-partisan political support spearheaded by Senator Paul Sarbanes and Congress-

persons Roscoe Bartlett and Connie Morella, the federal dollars required to pull this project off was earmarked in the national budget.

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If they do this again they're going to need a new banner.

Family Album



State Delegate Rick Weldon, Frederick County Director of Tourism John Fiesler, Vice President, Board of County Commissioners Mike Cady, and Frederick County Commissioner John Lovell, at the Monocacy Aqueduct rededication.



MGs queued up at White's Ferry.



U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes at the Monocacy Aqueduct rededication.



Basket Bingo was operated by the The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.



The Crafty Ladies and Gents at the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church Bull Roast.



Students from Monocacy Elementary School at the Monocacy Aqueduct rededication.



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Singing in a Round

By Marcie Gross

Life imitates art. Do you remember singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in a round as a child? It's the same words over and over again – a cycle – and everyone loves it because it is fun. Well, for Mr. Bill Harris, the well-known and loved music teacher at Poolesville Elementary School, his life is like a round. He started with a love of music singing. Music has been a constant in his entire life, and now he has started singing again. Not only does he have music in his own heart, but has brought music into the hearts of others through teaching and performing. Allow me to tell you the story of a man who let music guide his way.

Bill Harris is a native Washingtonian. He says that he inherited his Grandfather's legacy as a singer. As a young boy, Bill was happy to sing in the Children's Choir and had his first solo at nine years old. He gives great credit to his church choir directors and teachers including Betty Holton and Joy McLean, who were and remain big influences on his life. He is proud to have been exposed to all types of music growing up in the Washington area. Bill loved studying voice and took piano lessons at 16 years old.

When it was time for college, Bill left to go to Illinois. His family encouraged him to have a trade in addition to singing. At school, he majored in Music Education and had a minor in Theater. Bill said he always enjoyed theatrical compositions.

Bill returned to the area in 1974 as a member of the Montgomery County Public School system. He began his career at Poolesville Elementary back in 1975 making this his thirtieth anniversary here. He lived in DC part time until he found a full time home in Germantown in 1982. Over the years, Bill has noticed some changes such as growth in the communities. The children have become more savvy,

but they still have an innocence about them. He enjoys helping and watching them grow and develop an appreciation for the arts. Bill has also enjoyed the great support from the school. However, he says that his biggest satisfaction is that many of the parents at the school today were his former students. He is overjoyed when they come in to visit and express their happiness that he is still at Poolesville Elementary and teaching their children.

Mr. Harris loves to teach all types of music. He feels it is important to teach the multicultural aspects of music. In addition, patriotic songs such as "The Star Spangled Banner" teach children the history behind the music, too. Bill also exposes the children to a little music theory, music history, and some sight reading. The kids seem to love it all. Somehow, Bill even finds time to



Bill Harris

work with Poolesville High School on their productions.

Bill is not only a music teacher. This man loves to travel and has been fortunate enough to travel all over the world. Of course, he picked up musical facts and artifacts along the way.

When asked what his favorite types of music are, Bill narrowed it down to the following: Classical, mainly the Romantic Period from the 1800s including works by Beethoven and Brahms; American Folk; Opera; Jazz; Classic Gospel; and of course, Broadway, musical theater.

Bill says he feels very blessed to have had such a wonderful career in music. Yet it is not over. Even though he is approaching retirement age, he is now reviving his own performing career. His life has come full circle. Bill is back to his roots as a singer with the St. John's Episcopal Church in Bethesda. I'm sure he'd love it if you came to see him.

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In the Garden

June – The Garden At its Best

By Maureen O'Connell

June is the most glorious month of the year for my garden. There is a rich, sweet scent on to the air. There is a freshness to the foliage, which is young and unblemished. It is the time to stand back and see the fruits of careful winter planning and spring's hard labor. Most of the garden pests have not yet arrived in Barnesville. I count it a good year if the Japanese beetles can hold off their appearance until the fourth of July. The scorching heat and humidity of July are a month away. It is an absolute delight to visit the garden in early morning and evening to check on how everyone is doing. The thug plants have not yet smothered their neighbors and the tall spires of the delphiniums have not yet toppled over. All the individual plants, pulling along side of each other, are working together to make the whole. As much as I love to travel, I regret being away from my garden during their peak days. I will be in

England and France for several weeks in June and July; I will miss my good friends in my garden.

If you did all your garden homework in early Spring, you can now give yourself a good pat on the back. But don't rest on your laurels too long. The well-being of the garden becomes increasingly important as wear and tear take their toll over the season. So often a garden that looks great in June, resorts to a chaos of weeds and stringy-looking plants that seem to be just hanging in there; people go on vacation and the garden falls into neglect. If you know that you will be away in the middle of summer, plant low-maintenance foliage plants. Flowers don't exist without constant care. Your garden might lack great swaths of color, but it will be green and not brown.

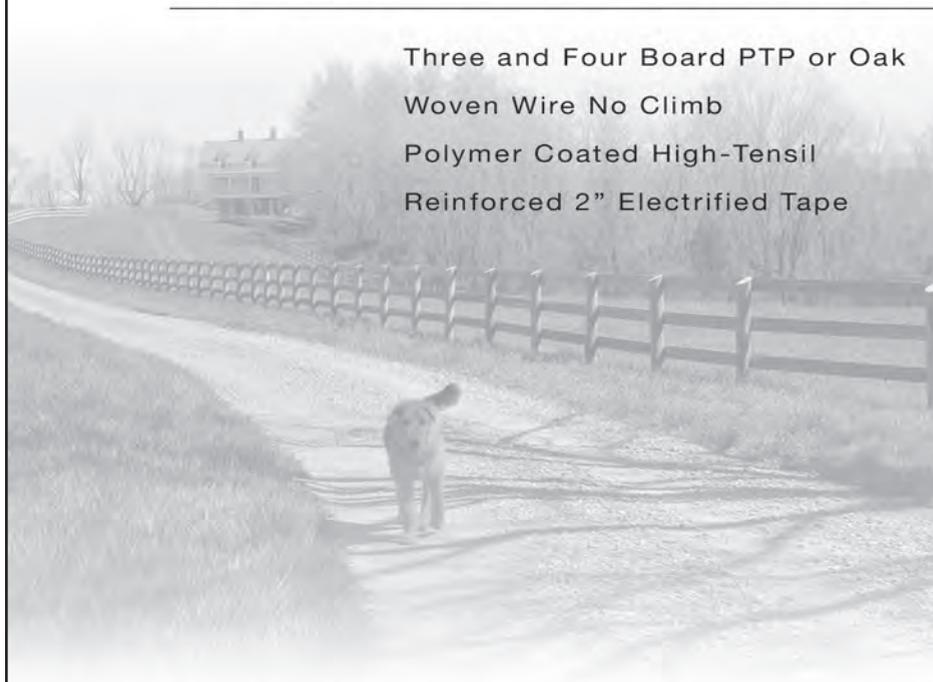
My garden is divided into three areas. My lower garden can be a bit of a problem child. One-half is in full shade when the dogwood trees are in full leaf, and the other half receives morning sun and afternoon shade. Over the years as the trees grew taller

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For the Dog Lovers, There is a Festival, Too

On June 11, 2005 in Baker Park, Frederick, there is the Walk-N-Wag 2005 Festival. This is family fun as you walk your pet dog around the park while live entertainment, food, animal rescue groups, dog contests, children activities, and more will be featured all around the park. Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. and you can contact Brigitte Farrell at 301-694-8300, ext. 202 or director@fchs.org.

Clarksburg Day — A Time to Remember

The event, which will take place in Clarksburg, Maryland on June 4, 2005, between 10 a.m. and 4 a.m., is an annual festival sponsored by the Clarksburg Historical Society that features the history, educational and businesses, churches, and merchants in the historic section of Clarksburg. It will be fun for the family and for all ages. An antique car exhibition will be featured. Planned is a Living History Encampment at Dowden's Ordinary Park, a tour of the old two-room school, and opportunity for people to get together, and of course, good food. Free Trolley tour of town.

Clarksburg is located off Inter-

state Route 270 south of the Frederick County line at Route 121 and Route 355.

For further information on the event, please contact Clarksburg Day co-organizers, Ms. Eloise Woodfield (301-253-3807. tlwf1d@aol.com) or Ms. Joann Woodson (301-428-0190, Joann20871@netzero.net).

Summer Camps and Sports Programs

The Poolesville Athletic Association Summer Baseball Camp starts June 20 through June 24. The ages are from seven years old to fourteen years old. Cost of the camp is \$180.00 and includes all aspects of the game and will be under the direction of high school baseball coach Will Gant. The camp will be at Halmos Park and you should call 301-972-7047 right away if you are interested.

The girls volleyball team will be at the Poolesville Baptist Church from June 20 through June 23 for girls in sixth grade up to ninth grade. This is perfect for beginners and experienced players. Contact rosemaryferrino@clearchannel.com.

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The Poolesville Summer Recreation Program Begins

The annual County Recreational program for children six years old to twelve years old will begin on June 20 and run through July 29. It is held at Stevens Park from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is only \$10.00 per child. On a weekly basis, they will play tennis, pickle ball, basketball, lacrosse, softball, baseball, soccer, and capture the flag. There will be other games throughout the summer as well. Every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be pool day—the cost is \$4.00. Forms can be obtained through the Poolesville Town Hall.

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Want a Summer to Remember?

The Barnesville School is taking registrations now for their Early Childhood Camp to be held throughout the summer. For pre-kindergarten all the way up to eighth grade, they will have sports, nature, academics, drama clubs, and much more. You should contact Audra Hough at 201-972-0341 to get the details of this program entitled a Summer to Remember at the Barnesville School.

Baseball camp starts in the Tuscarora area on June 20 through June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can call the Tuscarora High School at 240-236-6400 to get more information.

**Lost Montgomery: A Photography
Exhibit by Michael Dwyer**

At the Waters House at Pleasant Fields in Germantown, this unique photography exhibit documents Montgomery County's lost architectural heritage with black and white images of buildings in the county that pre-date 1850. Most of these structures were photographed in the mid-1970s and would be difficult to recognize as they have since been replaced by developments. A few are large, architecturally significant homes but most are the modest dwellings, barns and outbuildings of farmers. This exhibit will run to September 10. The Waters House, located at 12535 Milestone Manor Lane is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 301-515-2887 or visit the website: www.montgomeryhistory.org

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Among My Souvenirs

An exhibit of souvenirs, keepsakes, and mementos at the Beall-Dawson House. This exhibit looks at an often-overlooked category of decorative arts: the souvenir. Whether kitschy or quality, practical or pointless, purchased for ourselves or for the unlucky friends and family left behind, souvenir goods serve as physical reminders of where we've been and of who we were when we got there. This exhibit runs through July 31. The hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and seniors; MCHS members have free admission. For more information call

301-762-1492 or visit www.montgomeryhistory.org.

Braddock's March 1755

March 2005 marks the 250th anniversary of General Braddock's fateful march to Ft. Duquesne during the French and Indian War. In April 1755, Braddock and his troops, along with a young officer named George Washington, traveled through Maryland and Virginia to reach Ft. Duquesne, located near present-day Pittsburgh. This exhibit at the Beall-Dawson House explores the march as it traveled through Montgomery County and runs through July 3. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is included with museum admission. For more information call 301-762-1492 or visit www.montgomeryhistory.org

Summer Sounds in the Park

As part of a series of free concerts that will be presented at three parks throughout Montgomery County (for more information: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec or 240-777-6821), Whalen Park in Poolesville will

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By Dominique Agnew

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So opens the song "We Raise Up Our Voices" commissioned specifically for the twentieth anniversary of the Frederick Children's Chorus. Composed by Amy F. Bernon, much of the text comes from a letter a parent of a singer wrote to the chorus's director, Judith DuBose, in which he extols the virtues of children performing music and especially singing in a chorus. Also, the motto of the Frederick Children's Chorus is "raising young voices in song." This is reflected in the refrain:

We raise up our voices in song,
To the wide sky and the distant star,
We sing the stories of who we are.
And with harmony high and with melody strong,
We raise up our voices, raise up our voices in song!

The concert Saturday, May 21, 2005 finished a year in which the chorus celebrated its twentieth anniversary by revisiting old favorites performed in years past. Twenty years ago, Judy DuBose saw a need for a children's chorus in the Frederick area and founded the Frederick Children's Chorus. A handful of elementary and middle school age children grew into dozens. At the ten year reunion (ten

years ago), alumni returned and a need was seen to create a chorus for those of high school age, as well. Dozens of singers became hundreds. Then there was the twenty year reunion.

Deciding on the highlight of the concert is nigh impossible. Was it when the two hundred plus singers surrounded the audience and sang accompanied only by the bongo drums? Perhaps it was when roughly thirty alumni singers from the past twenty years joined the Chamber Singers (the ninth through twelfth graders) for a set including Mozart's "Ave Verum." It could very well have been the encore of the world premiere of "We Raise Up Our Voices" after the standing ovation brought out the young singer to begin her shy little tune, and the chorus responded,

Music is a haven,
There's comfort in a song,
And this choir is like a family,
A place we all belong!
We raise up our voices in song...

Summer Camp Smorgasbord

As we have discovered, the Monocacy area is rich in artists and artisans many of whom have recollected for us in their interviews fond memories of taking part in the arts as children. For this issue, we present three camp ideas in the area in which our children can also develop fond memories based on the arts. Perhaps in twenty or thirty years when our children are interviewed for Center Stage in the *Monocacy Monocle*, they will reminisce about the art camp they enjoyed in Barnesville, Germantown, or Tuscarora.

Theatre and Arts Summer Workshop

Located at the Sugarloaf Drama Company in Barnesville, this week-long camp emphasizes theatre and the arts, the latter with an emphasis this year on traditional American crafts. Run by Beth Poss, director of the Drama Club at Monocacy Elementary School, and Julie Bellet who began the Drama Club

at MES, this camp keeps the children engaged in creative activity every moment. Says Julie Bellet, "It's really a jam-packed week." The children will each learn a monologue and his/her own show tune, and as a group they will learn a jazz dance routine. Two guest teachers will be on hand to help with the jazz dance and the music. When the children are not working one-on-one with their songs, they will be working on their art projects in a variety of media. The week will culminate on Friday with an art show and a live performance. For grades three through eight, this camp takes place from June 27 through July 1, 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Poss at 301-407-0617.

Black Rock Center for the Arts

The Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown will offer a wide variety of camps for various ages and at various times. There are once a week classes for artists of all ages and week-long half day or full day camps for children. A variety of genres are covered throughout the summer from singing to painting,

and from dance to sculpture. There will even be a wizard workshop. For more information, visit www.black-rockcenter.org.

Children's Chorus Camp

Every child has a singing voice. Join other members of the Frederick Children's Chorus in this week-long camp and experience the thrill of singing with others. When not composing complex rhythms on African drums or singing, the children will have fun with lively, active games. The week will end with a fully-staged performance. For children aged eight to eleven years old, there are two different sessions at two separate locations. The first session will take place at the Tuscarora Recreation Center from June 27 through July 1, the second at the Oakdale Rec Center from July 11 through July 15. Both sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Frederick Children's Chorus at 301-845-2451 or www.fredcc.org, or contact Frederick County Parks and Recreation at 301-696-2936.

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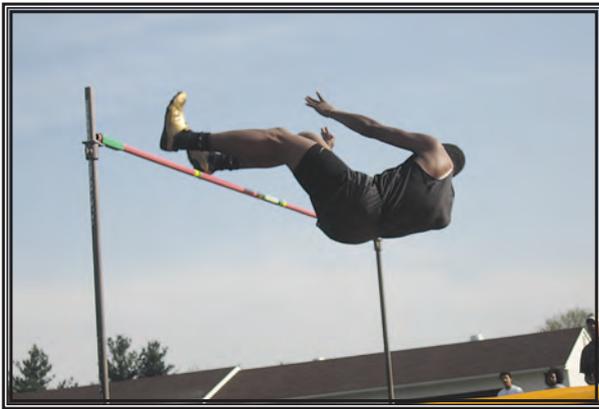
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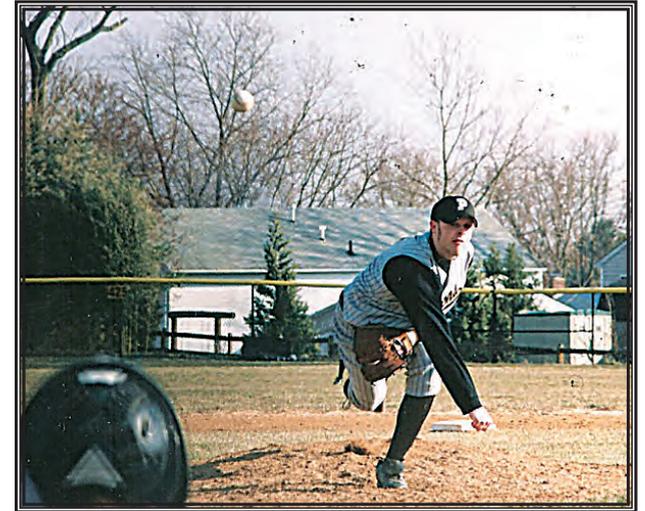
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Focus on Business

Stylin' With Brenda

By: Marcie Gross

If you have ever seen the movie "Steel Magnolias," you may remember that Dolly Parton's character had a beauty parlor. All of the women in town had their hair done there while they congregated and chatted about their lives and town goings-on. Well, believe it or not, we have a hometown beauty parlor right here in Poolesville. I'm sure you've seen it, but have you gone in to meet Brenda Souders of Bren-Lar Hair Care? Well, you should! She'll welcome you inside, you'll chat for a while, and you'll come out looking and feeling ready to face the day.

Brenda grew up not too far from here in Damascus, Maryland. When she was a little girl, she styled her baby dolls' hair all of the time. Brenda said, "I loved doing that and knew that is what I wanted to do when I grew up." Brenda began working as an apprentice hair stylist under her mentor, Betty Long, at her beauty shop. Later on, she started dating a

man from Poolesville named Larry. His cousin had a beauty shop in Poolesville and Brenda ended up buying it from her back in 1976 – thus the name Bren-Lar Hair Care. Twenty-nine years later, Brenda still owns and loves that very shop.

When you open up the shop's door, you'll soak up the warmth of the inviting atmosphere. With the pink Victorian wallpaper and hunter green accents, it exudes a friendly, country feeling. Brenda operates a full service salon and loves to do hair for kids, women, and men. She especially enjoys doing "event hair" for weddings and proms. Brenda says that she "keeps up with the current styles." She travels to trade shows, most recently to New York City, to learn about the newest styles and techniques in the hair business.

Brenda is a true artist at heart. Not only is she creative with hair, but she also enjoys floral arranging, doing all sorts of crafts, and she is a tremendous baker. She makes wedding cakes, too! Brenda recently moved out to Martinsburg, West Virginia, so she comes to town on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. She is very flexible with the schedule, so if you need for

her to stay late one night, or come in early one morning, or even go to your home, she is happy to do so. Brenda loves what she does and especially enjoys being with the people in and around town. She cherishes the relationships she has made over the years and thanks the town of Poolesville for its generosity and support throughout the past twenty-nine years. Brenda looks forward to introducing herself to new clients and making people feel special.

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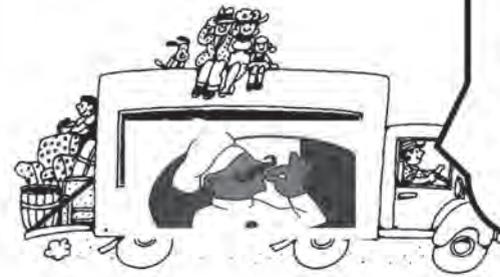
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Kevin Brandt, superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, stated, "the successful preservation of the iconic Monocacy Aqueduct provides an excellent example of what we can accomplish when we work together toward a common goal."

The aqueduct is about as long as the Washington Monument is high. The history of the structure includes the tragedy of cholera on laborers, the total futility of Confederate forces to fulfill an order by General Robert E. Lee to blow it up, decades of neglect, and yearly floods that included a near-total disastrous flood in 1996.

The crown jewel of the C&O canal has seen fortuitous intervention over the years at critical moments of need for its survival. In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the canal a national park. In 1954, Justice Paul Douglas walked the entire length of the canal to build public support for its preservation. During the Nixon Administration, the Federal Highway Administration strengthened the structure through a series of steel bands. In 1998, First Lady Hillary Clinton visited the site in her program

to bring attention to the need to renovate national historical sites. When funds through Senator Sarbanes' bill seemed doomed to lie in waste in the Senate, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett supported the aqueduct with a complementary house bill that preserved the funds in the budget.

Park Superintendents Douglas Ferris and Kevin Brandt along with the C&O Canal Association's Carl Linden (through its Monocacy Aqueduct Committee) were able to put together a blue-ribbon delegation of supporters, which ultimately resulted in the successful and dramatic repair of the aqueduct.

Along with the C&O Canal in general, the aqueduct represents one of the most potentially strong tourist attractions in the area. Interested area residents should plan to visit the site now that the restoration is completed. For those seeking even more information, a copy of the just published book, *Monocacy Aqueduct on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal* by Robert J. Kapsch and Elizabeth Perry Kapsch is available through Medley Press at the John Poole General Store and Museum in Poolesville. (301-972-8588)

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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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June 7

Poolesville Elementary School
PTA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Media Center

June 9

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Mystery History The Barnesville Train Station

By Jack Toomey

The little brick building looks like it has always been there. Every day, forty or more freight trains rush by, and every morning and evening, commuter trains stop there; but this structure, which is used by commuters on cold and rainy mornings, has not always been a train station.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad started construction on the branch to Washington in 1866. Train service from Point of Rocks to Washington began in 1873 and railroad stations were built along the line. The first station that served Barnesville was actually built about a half mile east of the present-day location and bore the name Sellman Station. It was located in a tiny community named after William Sellman who was a landowner and early resident of the area. In 1906, another station was built nearby. By 1920, it was decided to build a new station at its present-day location, and the 1906 station was turned into a general store.

This was the heyday of the railroad. There were mid-day trains to take people to Rockville and Washington for shopping and business, returning them to Barnesville in time for dinner. By 1950, passenger service declined because of the improvement of the highway system, airlines, and the proliferation of the automobile. The third Barnesville station was torn down in the late 1950s, and the spot remained vacant while commuters were forced to stand outside while waiting for their train.

By 1975, an effort was started to construct a shelter to protect commuters from the elements. While this debate was going on, John Menke, the president of the county council at the time who rode the train everyday, noticed a small red brick structure on the property of the Washington Gas Light Company in Rockville. He recalled in a recent interview, "It was on the east side of the tracks, and I saw it every day. It was a neat little building." It was learned that it was the first gas metering structure, built in 1933, used to monitor Washington's natural gas flow. Because of its historical significance and because it was the right size for a train station, community leaders banded together with Montgomery

County officials and the gas company, and it was agreed to move the structure to Barnesville.

It took over a year to plan the move because Pepco, the C&P phone company, state roads officials, and private movers all had to devise a plan to move this building over a series of county and state roads. There was even some concern that the old bridge over Seneca Creek on Route 28 might not support the weight of the building.

Finally, on February 16, 1977, the old gas metering building was lifted onto a heavy truck, and the move was accomplished in six hours. More than two hundred citizens turned out on a cold rainy day to watch the arrival of the new train station. The Poolesville High School band played, Father George Reid of St. Mary's Catholic Church blessed the building, Mayor Elizabeth Tolbert spoke, and John Menke unveiled a plaque. While the festivities were going on, a train bound for Harper's Ferry stopped and the passengers got off to watch the ceremony. There was plenty of work to be done after the moving of the building such as painting, finishing, and gardening. Mr. Menke said, "All of the work was done by members of the community, and after it was finished, there was a little party with the wood stove burning, and all of the train crews whistled when they passed by."

Today, the little red building sits on the foundation of the 1920 station. Few commuters who use the station on a daily basis know the history of this quaint old building. Jay Jurata, a Poolesville resident who takes the train to his office in Washington, said, "I had no idea, that's very interesting; I don't think many people around here know that."

Wouldn't you agree that the little red train station looks like it has always been there?

Learning Encountering the Impossible

By John Clayton

This title sums up my rather pessimistic attitude to developing a decent golf swing and actually playing a reasonable game of golf. In this column I will discuss my progress in trying to overcome various personal hurdles to develop competency on the

golf course—a relative term if there ever was one.

Over the last few years, I have tried to learn the game of golf. I started about as close to ground zero—skill wise—as one could be. Short of a few humbling moments on the driving range and the possession of a seriously flawed softball swing, I brought very little that is athletically useful to the task. However, the mental hurdles are that which make or break the hacker, and apparently the expert as well.

My goal is not to provide a personal journal of my ups and downs on the course (I will not encumber your time with that great shot on a par three), but to discuss the various hurdles that one encounters and hopefully surmounts in the pursuit of any goal, be it critical or trivial.

I would hope that anyone reading this might try or retry something that had vexed them in the past. Yes, if I can become minimally capable with a golf club against all that tells me not to even try, then perhaps you should give it a try as well. Or maybe it's swimming, or bicycling, or learning Spanish, or finally reading Moby Dick. Whatever it is, give it a try.

At this point in my life it feels counterintuitive to keep doing something that I don't do well. By this age (50+) one has generally sorted out one's likes and dislikes and capabilities or lack thereof. I have generally been successful in my professional ventures and I prize competency and accuracy in the things I do. Golf, for me, pretty much leaves all that behind.

I took lessons a few years ago with a PGA professional, and they helped, but I did not continue and the decline in my game has been significant. On my first few attempts to play this year, I was excruciatingly bad, which I may recount when the emotional wounds heal a little more. Since then, I have begun taking private lessons (at my own expense) from Mike Aldrich, the head pro at Poolesville Golf Course, and a columnist for the *Monocle*. I will try to relay the approaches and ideas he applies to the task. The process of tearing me down in order to build me back up has begun.

Correction: With regard to our May 20 *Mystery History*, Thompson's Corner is at Comus Road and Slidell Road. Henderson's Corner is at Route 27 and Route 355. Thank you, Arthur Virts of Boyds, for the clarification.

Police Blotter Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Police Reports

May 10, 1 a.m., 20100 block of Fisher Avenue Poolesville. Two adults and three juveniles were arrested by undercover officers for possession of CDS (controlled dangerous substance.)

May 5 at 2:20 a.m., 22700 block of Wildcat Road in Germantown, Forced entry, nothing taken.

May 16, 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue in Poolesville, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Entry made, no force; no property taken.

May 16, 17400 Comus Road in Comus, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on. Forced entry, property taken.

May 17 at 4:50 p.m., an unknown suspect and two known suspects got into a verbal altercation in the 13700 block of W. Old Baltimore Road in Boyds. The altercation turned physical, and then the unknown suspect; W/M, 20-30, 5'10", 175, blonde hair, wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and a baseball cap; displayed a knife and threatened the victim with it. The victim was not injured. The identity of the other two suspects is known and the investigation is continuing.

Past Police Reports

May 27, 1897. Thomas England, a well known citizen of Montgomery County, was brutally assaulted and tortured near his home north of Rockville. He was found in an unconscious state by his sisters after fiends roasted his feet over an open fire. England had refused to divulge where his treasure was hidden. Four men seized him near his home and bound, gagged, and blindfolded him and then applied torches to his feet.

May 28, 1972, Two Germantown juveniles were arrested and charged with setting a four alarm fire that destroyed the large Liberty Milling Company at Germantown. It was said to be one of the largest fires in the history of the county.

June 4, 1963, A crudely made Molotov cocktail was hurled through a window of a church near Poolesville causing extensive damage to the building's interior.

June 9, 1915, C.S. Dove of Middle Brook was whipped at Rockville for wife beating. Judge Arthur Mace

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School News

June 15 is the last day of school for MCPS students – right around the corner.

Monocacy Elementary

June 3 will be a busy day for MES students. There will be a cultural arts assembly with a performance by Eric Beatty entitled "Are We There Yet?" The school patrols will join other patrols from the county at the Patrol Picnic at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds where they will enjoy rides and eat lunch. Finally, the day will end with a PTA-sponsored school picnic which will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Come listen to the music of the school band and chorus as they present their spring concert on June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The fifth grade class will be presenting a boulder to the school as a

parting gift. It will be engraved with a bobcat, the school mascot. The dedication is June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

John Poole Middle School

Orientation for Incoming Sixth Graders at JPMS

An orientation meeting for new sixth grade students at JPMS and their parents will be on June 8, 2005 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The purpose is to provide information on middle school, expectations of the administration and faculty, brief overview of curriculum, a tour of the school, and other adolescent developmental information.

Poolesville High School

June 3 at 2:30 p.m. is graduation for seniors at Strathmore Hall. School will be closed so that the entire staff is able to attend. A special thank you to Sandra Wolf-Meei Cameron and all those who helped with the Sandra Cameron Concert as part of the

proceeds went to the cost of renting Strathmore Hall. Parking is at the Metro lot, connected to the concert hall. It is imperative that families attending graduation pay for parking with a SMART card which must be purchased in advance. Call the high school with questions at 301-972-7900.

Tired of tossing your empty inkjet printer cartridge and old cell phones in the trash and adding to the waste problem? PHS has a solution. Send in these items to the school in plastic bags, and a company will collect them and pay the school to have the opportunity to recycle them.

John Poole Musicians Receive Top Ratings

Three students from John Poole Middle School participated in the Maryland State Solo competition on May 14 and all received a first division rating. The students are seventh grad-

ers Claire Jones and Abigail Tjornehoj on flute and eighth grader Sarah Yendrey on clarinet. These students first participated at the county level and qualified to compete at the state level by receiving the highest possible rating on their solos.



Abigail Tjornehoj, Sarah Yendrey, and Claire Jones.

CONGRATULATION TO PHS AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS	Winner(s)
Sarah E. Auer Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Ritter Jon Torrey
Montgomery College Board of Trustees Academic Potential Scholarship	Matthew Cavell
Montgomery College Scholars Program	Alicia Carroll
Mary Davidson Memorial Award	Jamie Morningstar
Rural Women's Republican Club of Upper Mont. Co.	
Wes Ferris Memorial Scholarship	James Mitchell
Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	Jamie Morningstar Amanda Russell Kristen Vliet
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	Megan Reamer
Lindsey Joelle Memorial Scholarship	Alexander Kresier
Maryland Delegate Scholarship	Kinsley Wilde
Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Lodge #97: Memorial to Edgar Grubb and Gorman Butler	Joseph Bernardo Eric Agnew
Independent Order of the Odd Fellow's Lodge #97 Community Service Award	Megan Reamer James Spicer
Judith M. Ford Memorial	Natasha Jones
Jefferson Scholarship of the Univ. of Virginia	Rachel E. Carr
Monocacy Lions Earl Shreve Memorial Scholarship	Amanda Russell
Monocacy Lions Annual Scholarship	Christina Smith
CCF Scholarship	Natasha Jones
Booster Club Scholarship	Christopher Kramek Jamie Morningstar
PHS Scholarship for Teaching	Jamie Morningstar
Friendly Thrift Shop Award	Matthew McGrew
Upper Mont. Co. Women's Club	Justin Robillard
Comcast Student Achievement Award	Eva Robinson
Dean Ingleton Memorial Scholarship	Megan Long
Serendipity Scholarship	Alexander Kreiser
Certificate of Merit - National Merit Scholarship	Rachel Carr
MD Distinguished Scholars	R. Carr & Andrew Ramey

HONOR AWARDS -

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Rep. Van Hollen's Public Service Award - Megan Reamer
Principal's Leadership Award - Bryann Benton
National Achievement Scholarship - Erica Waters
Kappa Alpha Psi Afr-Amer. Book Award - Salmana Diallo
Maryland Senate Gold Award National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts - S. Wolf-Meei Cameron
Governor's Cit. / Outstanding Ser. S. Wolf-Meei Cameron
Cornell Univ. Alumni Assoc. Book Award Joelle Mornini
Nat. Found. For Advance. Of Arts - Presidential Scholar Sandra Wolf-Meei Cameron
PHS Athletes of the Year Jamie Morningstar & Greg Brooks
PHS Service Award -
Voices of the Falcon Media: Megan Long & Christopher Piccone
School Network Support - Jonathon Garner & Christopher Piccone
Marian Greenblatt Soc. Studies Award - Stephen Reio
G. Washington - Engineer. & Appl'd Sci. Marie Stump
Holy Cross Book Prize - Elaine Petro
Rensselaer Medalist Scholarship Robert Tedeschi
Wellesley Book Award - Colleen Kramer
Univ. Roch. Kodak Young Leader Award - Marie Stump
Worcester PI Book Award - Robert Tedeschi
Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation - Erica Neville
Paul Robeson Award - Salmana Diallo, Eniola Eboda, Zach Etheridge, Alisha Harris, James Helms, Nicole Onley, Brittany Patterson, Esi Waters, and Koena Waters
James Owens Award for Athletes: Brandon Moore, Ebone Pruitt, and Chase Spencer
W.E. B Dubois Award for Academ. Achiev. Salmana Diallo, Alisha Harris, Nicle Onley, Esi Waters, Koena Waters
2005 Gov. Merit Scholastic Awards: S. Cameron, R. Carr, R. Goetzl, J. Mornini, S. Payne, A. Ramey, M. Reamer, A. Russell, M. Schwartz
Talent in the Arts: Mary Wroth (Hon. Mentoin: Amy Lott)

President's Award for Academic Excellence GOLD: D. Barr, A. Billerbeck, S. Cameron, R. Carr, E. Carson, S. Chatterson, R. Goetzl, R. Greenburg, R. Kirtland, C. Kramek, E. Lacoss, J. Langevin, A. Lott, C. McCarthy, J. Mlynarczyk, K. Mlynarczyk, J. Morningstar, J. Mornini, M. Nejati, P O'Halleran, S. Payne, A. Pluda, A. Ramey, M. Reamer, A. Russell, M Schwartz, A. Steele, S. Toro, J. Torrey, A. Trope, R. Unger, E. Waters, R. Weintraub, and s. Wikman

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Focus on Business

Welcome New Business

Owners and Changes

By Rande Davis

The area business community area has a number of newcomers, and also some businesses making significant changes in their operations.

Steve Goldberg of Hearthside Antiques has opened a garden center just behind his location in Poolesville which faces both Fisher Avenue and Norris Avenue. Called Hearthside Home & Garden, they offer an array of home and garden plants, perennials and annuals, and hanging plants; he also offers a unique, one-of-a-kind selection of antique exterior design and decorating items. His hours of operation are from Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Children's Towne Academy at the Poolesville Shopping Center

(near Selby's Market) has now begun to offer Montessori classes for children three to five years of age. This program seeks to develop skills and habits to foster an interest and plea-



Cheryl and Nicole of Curves.

sure in meaningful work. Montessori is recognized as a leader in self-discipline and sociability. The academy will continue to offer its standard full nursery school program for ages two through three and has standard child-

care for those as young as six weeks old to those five years of age.

We welcome the new owners of Curves in Poolesville located in the Poolesville (Town Hall) shopping center. This team is truly a family affair with sisters, Cheryl Paul-Jones and Rhonda Attaya, joined by Cheryl's daughter, Nicole Washington. The team owns another Curves exercise facility in the Bahamas. Mother and daughter commute from Northern Virginia, while Rhonda hails from Frederick. Curves specializes in thirty-minute workouts that emphasize strength and aerobic training. Nicole, who is currently due with her second child, was first attracted to Curves after gaining sixty pounds during her first pregnancy. She lost all that and more and kept the weight down during this second pregnancy. Her success gained the attention of Cheryl who has been an executive in the medical billing field. Looking for some-

thing new, her sister Rhonda joined her and the result was the purchase of this females-only facility which offers twenty-two exercise stations. Members come at their convenience and can begin their exercise routine from any station randomly.

The ladies continue to rule in new-business ownership with Kumud now the owner of Poolesville Subway. Al Rosenwieg has retired from his full time work, but friends can still greet him over at the Getty Station. While Kumud is new to Subway, she looks forward to continuing the service and quality to which the Subway customer has become accustomed. With the new store hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., she looks forward to serving you breakfast, lunch, or dinner—dessert, too, since they have ice cream.

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ordered that Dove be given fifteen lashes on a charge of brutally assaulting his wife Ruby Dove. Judge Mace declared that he intends to treat all similar cases this way.

June 12, 1955, An eighteen year old high school senior was killed in an automobile crash in upper Montgomery County. The car struck a tree and burned killing the driver. The youth had just attended his senior prom at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC and was scheduled to graduate this week.

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Golf Tips with Mike Aldrich



Custom Fit Clubs – One Ingredient in Successful Golf

PGA Mike, "I'm not sure that your clubs are right for you."

Joe Student, "Ah, well... I'm not good enough to worry about that!"

Mike, "I really think you could do better with a set of clubs that match your game."

Joe Student, "Maybe when I fix my swing."

The mentality of many of my students is that they must become a great golfer before being fit. I'm going to let you all in on a huge secret. If you are like 99.9% of golfers, no matter how good you get, you will always be look-

ing to improve your swing!

Think about getting fit for a set of clubs in the same way that you would in selecting a suit. The first step is finding the right size, material and look. Then you still need a little help with hemming the pants, adjusting the seat of the pants and the sleeve length. Or, you could start a strict exercise regimen, and hope that eventually you will fit into that 40-Regular Jacket and 32x32 slacks. In my case, I would have to grow about 3 inches and lose about 60 pounds. Each year, thousands of different golfers, each with their own shape, size, and style try to use clubs "off the rack" while these same golfers would make sure that their suit fits perfectly.

There are several considerations in fitting someone for clubs. A basic fitting will get you the correct shaft material, length and flex, the best lie angle for your ball flight, and the right grip size. A better fitting will also take into consideration your set composition. This includes choosing the right fourteen clubs to carry; driver, fairway woods, utility clubs, irons, and

wedges to provide the best results given your skills.

Driver – The modern balls spin less, requiring higher initial launch angles. Launch angle can be controlled by shaft flex and loft.

Fairway woods – More players are adding to the traditional 3-wood. Five-woods and 7-woods are found in the bags of many tour players, not just lady and senior golfers.

Utility clubs – These versatile clubs are used for long shots out of many different situations, but some designs are intended for good lies and tee shots, while others shine out of the deep rough.

Irons – The old 3 to 9 iron set is all but obsolete. Lofted utility clubs and fairway woods are much easier to hit than #2, #3 or even #4 irons. I challenge you to find a major manufacturer who still makes stock #1 irons; many cannot even provide them on a custom basis.

Wedges – Gone are the days of carrying a pitching wedge and a sand wedge. A gap wedge is practically a standard item in every golfer's bag,

and it should be that way. The reason for this is that most golfers average 10-12 yards between each club, and up to 30 yards between a pitching wedge and a sand wedge. Many golfers (not me) also carry lob wedges, to maximize the number of times that they can take a full swing during a round.

The next time that you are with your favorite PGA Professional, ask him to take a look at your clubs. Odds are that you could help your game considerably by making sure that your clubs "fit like a suit".

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Forrest Meader of Hyattstown correctly identified Edwards Ferry as the location in our May 6 Photo Quiz. As promised, that put him in a drawing, which he won.

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and denser, I had the change the plants from some sun to total shade. There are many plants for shady nooks, but many of them take longer to mature than those in partial to full sun. The lower end of this garden is anchored with six varieties of hosta. Scooting around them are ferns, lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*), Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), and the Christmas Rose (*Hellebores niger*). Of all of these plants, the hostas are the fastest growing. The only problem with this stretch of the garden was while the plants were establishing themselves, the shortest and fastest route to the other side of the garden for Labs Max and Sam was straight through the plants. Now that the plants are taller and denser, the Labs are now going around this area. I don't know if Max and Sam have finally understood my command of, "go around the garden, not through it" or the area looks impassable. It is probably a little of both. The middle of this garden is filled with daylilies, sedum, bleeding heart and astillbe. It is almost impossible to keep the astillbe in good shape once the hot weather arrives. You cannot water it enough. The upper end of this garden does not have the best soil. Every year I add leaf mulch; it is slowly improving. Peonies are the anchor here, but as the dogwoods mature and shade the area, there are fewer buds on the peonies. I haven't dug them up, since the leaves remain green and quite bushy all summer. I filled in the gaps with hostas and ferns; they are all doing well.

The other side of the lower garden is "on-the-sunny-side-of-the-street." It is home to four twenty-year old Rugosa Roses, the violet-red Rosarie de l'Haie, the pure white Blanc Double de Coubert, and twenty-two various

David Austin roses. They are quite an eyeful when all are in full bloom. I didn't think that this past winter was too harsh, but my roses thought differently. I had the most winter-kill of many a year. This is when you appreciate the indisputable hardiness of Rugosa and David Austin roses. I had to severely prune old, dead and damaged stems from all the roses. I was afraid that come June, there would be very few flowering buds. Well, true to their colors, there are now hundreds of buds ready to burst on to the scene. You can rarely over-prune a rose. I continue to prune all summer, to remove any damaged or frail-looking stems and to maintain good shape.

As they say in real estate parlance, location is everything. Middle Earth resides in the high rent district. Its three beds have full sun all day and the best friable soil. The larger bed is becoming a victim of its own success. David Austin roses Peter Mayle and Marco Polo cohabit here with the Pink Fairy. Peter and Marco are quite civil and polite. They are tall and stately and never think of crowding their neighbors, while the Fairy is getting quite pushy. Mr. Sundial lived happily behind for several years, every day following the path of the sun. This year you must hunt to find him buried under the dense foliage and hundreds of buds of the Fairy. I think he needs a new home. As arrogant as the Fairy is, the first prize for invasiveness goes to Mr. Tradescantia, the common spiderwort. From early May until the end of June, his tall grasslike leaves and blue three-petaled flowers grow and multiply in all directions faster than any rabbit I know. I am reluctant to dig him up, since his flowers are very pretty, and they are the first flowers to bloom in this garden. Every time I pass him though, I yank out a handful of leaves but fear not. Next year they will return stronger and pushier

than ever. A close second in this plant personality is *Physostegia virginiana*. Here again, he escapes the cull for his eight to twelve inch panicles of large snap dragon like flowers fend off the hot, humid weather and bloom in abundance until fall. His next door neighbor, *Sedum Spectabilis*, "Autumn Joy," waits until fall to totally flop over and smother anything in its path. One of these days, these thugs are going to be the victims of my shovel.

I added a new garden this year to Middle Earth, "Molly's Garden." Molly was our wonderful Golden Retriever who died last year at age twelve. She loved to come every day with me on "our garden walks." At the edge of this sixteen by six foot patch is a rare white tree standard Wisteria. In early June she drapes herself in pure white flowers. I was not going to plant roses here, but when I was at Poole's Store a few weeks ago, they received a new shipment of Jackson & Perkins roses. Well...I now have planted in Molly's Garden one pink Hybrid Tea, Memorial Day, a white Floribunda Fragrant Wave, and another rose-pink Floribunda, Perfume Perfection. So much for my will-power. They are planted evenly spaced in the middle of the border. In the back are four tall violet-blue Salvia and three white Phlox David. In front of the roses are medium height Shasta daisies. Hugging the front of the border are the chartreuse blooms of *Alchemilla mollis*, Ladies Mantle, and for a light touch of creamy yellow four *Coreopsis verticillata* Moonbeam round out the picture. Oh, and of course there are two rosemary plants, the emblem of fidelity and remembrance. In *Hamlet*, Ophelia remarks, "there's rosemary, that's for remembrance." Molly would have enjoyed this garden.

The Upper Garden is out-of-control. In 2003, Jim dug a new garden for me in what once was a horse paddock. He outdid himself in preparing the soil; he triple dug and added many, many bags of peat moss and leaf mulch. The soil is now so rich and friable, that it drips from your fingers. I planted fourteen David Austin roses, peonies, oriental lilies and irises. I carefully checked each rose's mature height and spread, and planted them accordingly. This was a well-planned garden. I was not going to commit the novice's error of planting too close together. Well, I am afraid that this garden is the victim of EXTREME Success. The first year they

politely bloomed and stayed within their neighborhood. In 2004 they had a medium growth spurt; in 2005 they look liked they consumed steroids. They have quadrupled in size! The lilies desperately try to find the sun, the peonies peek-out below the giant roses and the irises will never again see the light of day. The roses have formed a double-wide six foot high hedge of pink, white, red and yellow flowers. It is a gluttonous chaos of buds. Where or where did I go wrong.

Continuity is one of the great challenges in gardening. Over the past several months I have often referred to the garden as an evolutionary project. You can think of the garden as a four act play with many different scenes. There is Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. The garden may be dormant some days, but it is never dead. Early June is Act II, Scene one. Now is the time to move off the stage some of Spring's actors. The Bleeding Heart, *Dicentra spectabilis*, is now in his last days, the Spring bulbs are ready to be gently pulled from the soil, and the irises have collapsed and slumped on their neighbors. The gap that is left behind can leave a toothless space in the planting. Fill in the bare spots with shallow-rooted annuals that will not compete for root-space with the perennials. Some of my favorite choices are pink and white New Guinea impatiens, Lantana, Heliotrope, Nicotiana, Verbena, and Profusion Zinnias. They are all very tolerant of summer's heat and humidity. Now that you have tidied-up the garden beds and applied the second dose of fertilizer, it is time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Enjoy the Play. It will soon be time for Act III.

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Youth Sports

Spring Coed Volleyball

By Dominique Agnew

Even though the coed volleyball team lost in the first round of playoffs to Sherwood (who would then lose in the finals to Gaithersburg), Coach Fran Duvall was pleased with the season saying, "It was better than I thought it was going to be." The end-of-season record was 5-8, but those losses were all in five games and by two points. "This was good for them. They were competing, and that's always a good thing."

In a team lacking the experience of senior club players, four girls did not play this season because of conflicts with their club team schedules, Coach Duvall says, "The kids did well. It gave me an opportunity to play everybody."

Everybody included junior Katie Becknell and sophomore Inge Rasmussen, "both played really consistently and stepped up the leadership." Junior Manny McEleney added consistent play to the mix. Junior Russ Allnut "got stronger as the season went on." Junior Steven Reed was a really good blocker by the end of this, his first, season. Third-year player, junior Jason Norton, showed good skills and hard work.

With no seniors, the returning team can expect its experience to help them next year, "[it] will be good for the future."

Girls' Lacrosse Finale

By Dominique Agnew

Although the girls' lacrosse team did not go as far in the playoffs as they would have liked, the season overall went well. First-year coach Betsy Tseronis says, "The girls are very athletic as a whole...and the girls learned a lot." Coach Tseronis has reiterated repeatedly how young the team is, not only in age (almost half the team is made up of sophomores) but in experience, as well. Two first-time players, sophomore Gisèle Agnew and junior Emily Stovicek, ended up being key players.

A few injuries also undermined the team's success. Sophomore Sarah Bell suffered an injury in the first game that took her out all season.



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"That was a huge loss" in the defensive ranks. Junior Lindsay Clarke was injured in the preseason "and never recovered fully."

Coach Tseronis is sad to see the two seniors, both captains, leave. Kasey Marchwicki was only a second-year player, but she will be missed for her leadership. "She was a very strong leader," Tseronis adds. The other captain, Megan MacGregor, is taking with her when she graduates four years on the field. "Her experience will be missed."

Coach Tseronis is looking forward to next year. During this, her first year, there was "a lot of transition." She had to learn what motivates the players, and the players had to learn what she expected. By the end of the season, they had reached a nice comfort level. She's hoping for and expecting a lot of returning juniors and sophomores. "There's gonna be a great year next year."

Beware the Bandit!

By Curtis A. Osborne

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing team sports in the nation. It is the oldest known sport in North America, a combination of basketball, soccer, ice hockey, and football. It is also fast-paced which makes it an exciting sport for kids. and is higher-scoring than both soccer and hockey. This can only help the sport grow at all levels of competition, but especially with youth programs like the Ballenger Creek Bandits. The Bandits are affiliated with the Ballenger Creek Recreation Council and they play in the Western Maryland Youth Lacrosse Conference, an indoor and outdoor league with approximately fourteen area feeder lacrosse programs run by Glen Goodman. During the indoor season, they play at either the Frederick Sportsplex or the All Star Sports Complex in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ballenger Creek's lacrosse program is run by Coach Chris Havern, a long-time lacrosse enthusiast.

Coach Havern has been the coordinator for the Bandits program for the past three years. "I knew of the Ballenger Creek program because I looked into it several years earlier," says Chris. "Though I only initially

intended to help out when I could, I soon became a coach in 2001. Within a year or so, I took charge of the program." The program is over a decade old, founded by Kevin Pope. When he took over the program, the team was unofficially called the Bulldogs. Ballenger Creek Middle School is also the Bulldogs, so he created names and logos, and the team decided on the Bandits. At the moment, the program consists of two teams, one at the U-13 level and another at the U-15 level. They would also like to field teams at the U-9 and U-11 levels, as well as re-establish a girls' program. However, one of the problems that he is facing, along with many other lacrosse programs, is a shortage of participants and coaches, particularly qualified coaches who have an in-depth knowledge of the sport, played it, and know how to coach it. The lack of participants is probably due to the lack of exposure to the game. If they ever saw it, they would want to play it.

One of the benefits of the Ballenger Creek program is the relationships that they have developed. Coach Havern adds, "Our program is, in fact, the feeder program for the Tuscarora High School program. Prior to the building of THS, we fed our players to Frederick High. Knowing that we would be feeding into the new high school, my fellow coach Pat Greene and I sought out current THS coach Bradley Gray. We have had many discussions on how our programs can be mutually supportive of one another. An example of the ties between our programs is the fact that current Ballenger Creek players serve as ball boys at the varsity home games." This setup obviously is mutually beneficial to both programs and especially to the younger kids.

The Bandits practice and play their home games at Ballenger Creek Middle School. The teams run through efficient, fast-paced, hard-hitting, well-controlled practices. When Coach Havern and Coach Greene patrol the sidelines during scrimmages, not only do they yell out instructions and encouragement, but they also explain things to the kids. That teaching component is essential in any youth sport, but especially so in a sport like lacrosse where kids didn't grow up watching it on television or attending

games in person or even swapping trading cards. Because it is a relatively new sport to many, explaining the intricacies is very important. Though the sport is growing, it is starting to take on some of the characteristics of other sports like soccer and baseball where the kids play year-round. Not too far in the past, kids played a variety of sports and switched sports during the change in seasons. In recent years, the trend has been for kids to specialize in one sport, which Coach Havern does not advocate. "Parents have asked me about starting a fall or winter team. I won't do it." He believes that kids should get exposure to a multitude of sports. That, in and of itself, increases their skill-set and provides them with athletic skills that translate well into lacrosse.

Come out and catch a Bandits game. You too will be turned on to the exciting sport of lacrosse. For more information on the Ballenger Creek Bandits, contact Chris Havern at 301-694-3075 or www.eteamz.com/bc-banditslax. For the Western Maryland Youth Lacrosse Conference, contact Glen Goodman at 301-898-9273 or www.wmylc.com.



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Tributes

Eagle Scout Zachary J. Rhodas Honored

Zachary Rhodas of Boy Scout Troop 496 was formally honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on Monday, May 23, at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA). The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank a boy can attain as a Boy Scout. Approximately four percent of the boys in the Boy Scouting program will become Eagle Scouts.

Zachary's Eagle Project was to restore and upgrade the Joseph Fitzwater Conservation Nature Trail at the B-CC IWLA in Poolesville.

Zachary has earned thirty-four merit badges since becoming a Boy Scout in March 2000. He has attended Heritage and GOSHEN summer camps for four years, and last year attended two high adventure camps—Lenhoksin at GOSHEN in Virginia and the Fontana Float trip at the Daniel Boone Council in Western North Carolina.

Zachary was inducted into the Boy Scout's elite Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow (O/A), in 2002, and he became a Brotherhood member in 2004. Leadership positions Zachary has held over the past five years include Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Troop Guide, Troop O/A Rep., GOAT Crew Youth Coordinator, and the O/A Black Hill Chapter Vice-Chief of Inductions. Zach has also earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout his years in the Boy Scouts, including Two-Mile Swim, BSA awards, two fifty-miler awards (one for hiking, one for paddling), the Paul Bunyan Woodsman, and the Leave No Trace

Awareness award.

Zachary became an Eagle Scout on February 25, 2005. An Eagle Court of Honor is a formal recognition of an Eagle Scout's achievement to this prestigious rank.

The evening included an impressive ceremony by the Order of the Arrow during which Indian ceremonialists show how the Boy Scout Oath and Law exemplify the principles of Scouting, and a lighted Trail to Eagle ceremony. The Eagle Scout Challenge is presented that outlines the obligations and responsibilities of an Eagle Scout. All Eagle Scouts in attendance stand and recite the Eagle Scout Pledge along with the new Eagle Scout.



Eagle Scout Zachary Rhodas

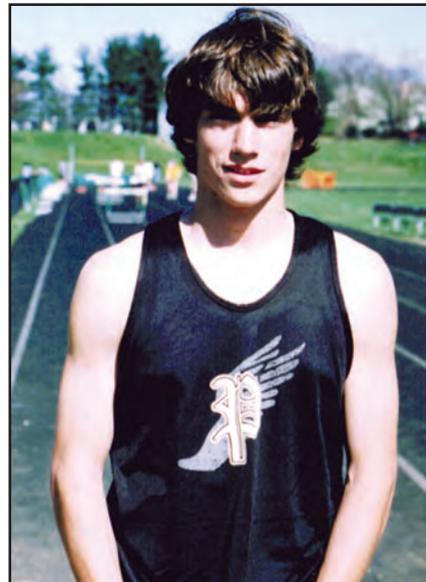
There were presentations made by the Commissioners of Poolesville, Mr. Jerry Klubokowski; the American Legion, Mr. William Poole; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mr. Tony Pirrone; the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America, Mr. Ray Klecker; Zachary's Scoutmasters from Troop 496, Mr. Bob Hernandez, Mr. Tim Brown, and Mr. Joe Betz; and his parents, Glenice and John Rhodas. Zachary's father presented his son with a lifetime membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA), and his mother presented Zachary with an American flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol on the day he became an Eagle Scout, along with a certificate from the Architect of the Capitol.

Zachary is a sophomore in the Global Ecology Studies Program at Poolesville High School. After graduation in 2007, Zachary plans to attend a military academy and pursue a career in the armed forces.

Eric Agnew is All-County

Poolesville High School senior Eric Agnew is the first boy from PHS to make the all-county indoor track team since the inception of the team. Says Coach Scott Mathias, "He had a tremendous indoor season." He didn't make all-county by being the fastest, but by being the most consistent 800m runner in the county throughout the championship season. He placed second at counties, second at regions, and third at states—not to mention placing in other events, as well.

Coach Mathias knew he was "a talented kid" from watching him play soccer where he was captain of the varsity team, but "to go from not being a runner to all-county in one season is pretty remarkable."



All-County Runner Eric Agnew .

Eric has also had a successful academic career in the Global Ecology Program and was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior. He will be attending Mount Saint Mary's University in the fall with an academic scholarship.

Local Student Receives Award

Stephanie Brown, the daughter of Malcolm E.D. Brown of Barnesville and Paula S. Brown of Gaithersburg has been awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Award. Stephanie is a junior at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia. The award was presented on April 23 during Family Weekend at Randolph-Macon Academy. The recipient of the award must exhibit a high degree of leadership, military bearing, and all-around excellence in aerospace science studies.

Recent College Graduates

Sara Hoewing

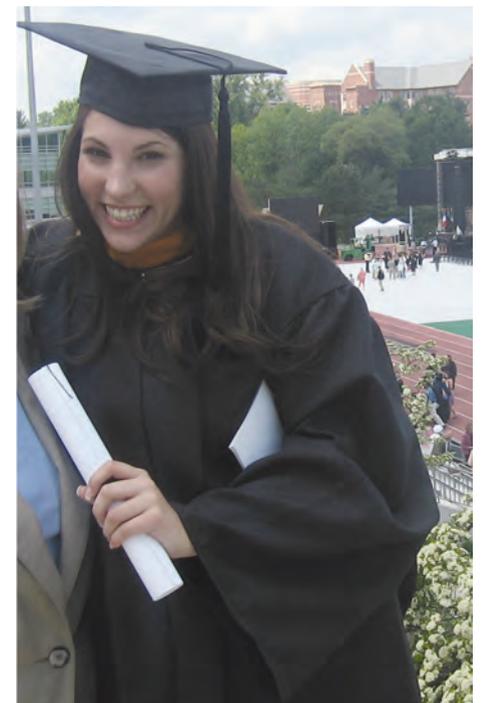
Congratulations to Sara Hoewing, a 1997 graduate of Poolesville High School, as she earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia. Sara is the daughter of proud parents Link and Fran Hoewing (and grandparents Ray and Reva) of Poolesville.



Sara Hoewing

Juliana Ruth Davis

Congratulations to Juliana Ruth Davis as she graduated from Towson University with a BS in English Literature. Juliana will be returning to TU next year to pursue a Masters Degree in Professional Writing. A class of 2000 graduate of PHS, she is the daughter of Laura and Rande Davis of Poolesville.



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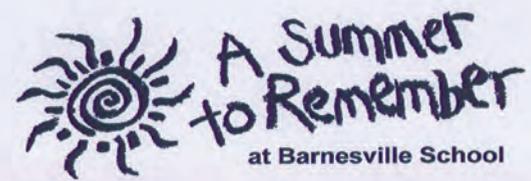
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