



Amy Hirsch, Julia O'Donoghue, Ryan Leetch, Hugh McElroy and Sharon Bauer enjoyed a beautiful day at the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard's Bud Break Festival. Other events are in the Family Album on Page 2.



A younger Father Paul Herbert (center) at installation of Bishop Hickey (left) and Archbishop Jadot. He's making a change. Read Local News on page 13.



The Relay for Life was once again a big event in Poolesville. See the Family Album on Page 2 for more pictures.



Theresa Williams is about to open new doors in a veterinary medicine career. Read about her in Tidbits on Page 8.

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Home Makeover Family Gives Back

It has been one year since the excitement of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition came to Poolesville, and now the Jackson Family has found a wonderful way to give back. Joining with Classic Homes—Maryland, the general contractor of their home, the Jacksons will open their home to the public to benefit Habitat for Humanity and to bring awareness to the concerns and issues of homelessness.

The fundraiser will be

held from noon to 5:00 p.m. on July 11. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Jacksons, the builders of the home, and other representatives from the companies who pitched in to help the Jacksons by generously donating their time and resources to complete this home.

Admission to the home on Jerusalem Church Terrace will be \$5.00. The visitors will receive a free T-shirt, a DVD



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copy of the Extreme Makeover show, a personalized tour of the inside of the home, and access to all of the activities, such as a moon bounce and musical

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Mary Ann Kephart: Followed her Heart

By Rande Davis

The upper Montgomery County suffered a great loss in the death of Mary Ann Kephart on May 29 after a fall during a routine medical procedure at Shady Grove Hospital. Mary Ann was well known and highly-regarded for her



Mary Ann Kephart

passionate pursuit of historical preservation and her compassionate caring for others.

She was a leading force behind the local Historic Medley District, Inc., Montgomery Preservation, and also worked on behalf of the Maryland Historical Trust for eight years.

A great part of the historical appeal of Poolesville and the surrounding area can be attributed to her hard work and vision. In 1972, then-Poolesville Town Commissioner Frank Wilson asked Mary Ann Kephart to put together a list of historic sites in the town. This request proved to be the initial stages of the development of the Historic Medley District, Inc. Joined by Winsome Brown and Luise Stevens, HMD found its vision through the restoration of the Thomas Poole House in Poolesville. Other restoration projects included the John Poole General Store and restoration of the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road.

Today Seneca Schoolhouse has become a living history museum that has allowed thousands of area students to experience the atmosphere of one-room school education. This museum came about largely because Mary Ann approached Maryland's governor at the time, Blair Lee, for grant money to restore the structure

The Old Chiswell place on Cattail Road also became one of the first restoration projects undertaken by HMD. Today, projects to protect historical sites in the area include the Warful Store in Barnesville, the UMC Parsonage on Elgin Road, and the preservation of the Old Town Hall, soon to reopen to the public as a museum.

Mary Ann and George Kephart met at and graduated from the University of Maryland. He majored in business administration, and she studied home economics. Things

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Family Album



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Relay for Life 2009

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Ten-year-old Catherine Savage (right) shared her 4-H goat project, Mickey, with first and fourth graders at Monocacy Elementary School. Catherine provided the students with facts about goats and told them about the project, including the names and ages of her goats, what they eat, and how to care for goats. Catherine is a fourth-grade student at the school and a member of the Montgomery County 4-H Meat Goat Club. (Photograph courtesy Laurie Savage)



A little bit of rain did not stop the members of the Monocacy Garden Club (and photographer Maureen O'Connell) from enjoying the magnificent gardens at the Gardens of Glen Burnie at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, Virginia.

Youth Sports

CHS and PHS Boys' Tennis: Seniors Reynolds and Ettehadieh Led The Way

By Jeff Stuart

As a team, Clarksburg High School closed out the 2009 boys' tennis season on a positive note playing strong against Quince Orchard in the next-to-final match and beating Watkins Mill handily in the final regular season match. "The battle against QO was big for us. We lost 4-3, but it was a good show since Quince Orchard is in a higher division," said Coach Tehrani.

Tehrani, who played tennis at the University of Florida and had coached tennis for nine years at an Arlington middle school, reflected on the season's overall accomplishments. "Our number one seed, Cliff Reynolds, closed out 5-4 and is now headed to Cornell next fall." Reynolds went into the season not having played as much as he had in the past. "I used to play year 'round, but I have not played as much as before. Against QO, I felt I played well and everybody was getting better. Beating Sherwood was important; it kept us in the second division." Teams can move up or down a division depending on their record. Traditionally, the more urban school districts in the county are the strongest teams.

"Our team had its ups and downs this year," said Coach Tehrani. "It was our first year in Division II, and we faced some very strong opponents. They had a number of strong performances though." Matt Bennett, number two seed, led the team with a 6-3 record. Their doubles team finished



PHS 2009 Boys' Tennis

4-5 with Uday Virk, the only freshman on the squad, a strong prospect for future years. Even then, the doubles team had some very competitive three-set matches that were lost by only a few points. Coach Tehrani noted, "Considering we played in Division II for the first time, we finished strong." With five seniors on the team, the coach faces some challenging recruitment goals next year. "This team is a real special group of guys. They can take pride in their play and in their academic success. The team has the highest GPA (3.39) of any sport at Clarksburg with all the players taking AP and Honors classes."

Poolesville High school enjoys much stronger depth than CHS going into next year in that they are losing only one senior—but that senior is Daniel Ettehadieh. He had a tremendous high school career scoring a great win over Clarksburg's Reynolds in the March match. Team leader Ettehadieh heads to the University of Maryland next year, is a member of the National Honor Society, and finished with a 3.85 GPA.

The season for PHS ended up a competitive 5-7. "Our two juniors who will play a key role next year include twins, Vinayak and Dithya Ramas-

wamy. This year they held our number two and number three spots and will move up next year." Geo Nikolav, number four singles seed, also made tremendous progress, winning two matches in the division to begin the season.

Sophomores Mike Gao, Andrew Tse, Pranav Gokhale,

Sanjay Chainani, and Neil Chainani will provide the team with key experience next season.

Coach Rene Pulupa, in his first year as head coach, has set a goal for the team to become one of the top teams in Division II next year. "Although all of these kids are taking strong academic programs [SMCS, Global Ecology, and Humanities Magnet programs] they are willing to take that kind of focus [on academics] to the tennis court."

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Commentary

It's Not Enough to Root for the Uniform

By John Clayton

Recently I have been thinking about the two biggest disappointments around: the Washington Nationals and the National Republican Party. The former is more obvious and undisputed as they are by far the worst team in Major League Baseball. I am a loyal Nats fan, and a baseball fan overall, and I was looking forward to suffering through a losing season that would over time develop a winning team; however, watching a team that has lost over seventy percent of its games is trying my loyalty. No one is even close to them in the overall standings—they are way behind the next worst team, which on any given day is likely to be the Baltimore Orioles. It's a tough year in these parts.

As far as being disappointed in the Republicans, I honestly am not writing this through crocodile tears—well, maybe a little. I don't deny that I am a Democrat, and have enjoyed this thing called "winning." I enjoy that I no longer wake up to George Bush and Dick Cheney's view of the universe as being the way it's going to be, but we need some balance. I believe in the two-party system, as I think most people do. It's healthier all around.

There are a number of one-party states in the world—Russia and Maryland come to mind—and I don't think it contributes to good government over the long term.

I really am worried about the Republicans, even though I am not now nor have I ever been a member of the Republican Party. I want them to be a nationally viable party which appeals to more people, even people like me. Competition is good, and it's much better when there are two quality choices. Right now, they're barely in the game. As near as I can tell, their remaining

supporters are the right wingers and those that are just rooting for the uniform and hoping things will get better. As a Nats fan, I can sympathize.

The Republican Party has a golden opportunity to remake itself into a compelling alternative to the Democratic Party. They have been cast out into the wilderness and will have to come back as something a little different. Presently, the Republicans are marginal at best, and fairly or unfairly viewed as a party of cranky middle-aged white men who kind of liked things the way they were, with no reason to change. Is there any chance they will stop isolating themselves with the Rush Limbaughs of the world, move on from Dick Cheney, and actually listen to people like the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Maryland's own Michael Steele?

The current situation isn't healthy for the republic. The lose-lose scenario is that some new opposition leader emerges with more old wine in new bottles (cut taxes, business is good, government is bad, cut taxes) and succeeds by default when the current mess gets messier. We are then choosing between two recent failures and perhaps some third party I can't even imagine.

So I'm trying to keep an open mind and refrain from just rooting for the uniform. That's fine for baseball, but not for the problems of the world. I honestly think we are in for better times—I don't think the Obama administration is going to fail, although I'm sure they will have some bad days. Any reasonable person knows that they do not now and will never have a monopoly on good ideas. I'm ready to entertain a new voice, but I don't expect it to be one of the old voices. And if he or she knows any available relief pitchers that would be willing to wear a Nationals uniform, that would be okay too.

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Town Meeting

Town Commissioners' Meeting – June 15

By Rande Davis

A public hearing was scheduled as part of the June 15, 2009 meeting on a proposed amended report to the town's master plan which was required by Maryland House Bill-1141 on "Water Resource Element and Municipal Growth Element." The two documents are required so as to update the state on municipal growth and the impact on water resources of such development in the coming years. The proposed document on growth reported new home development in the town of an estimated 400 homes with a town population not to exceed 7,500. The document on the impact of growth on water resources reported that the town will have available 600 gallons per day per new household which provides a redundancy supply double the amount of average household use.

The seventeen-page Municipal Growth Element discusses various issues such as town growth history, land impacts, redevelopment, implementation guidance, historic and heritage issues, and impacts of planned growth on public services. The Water Resource Element, also a seventeen-page report, presents requirements for drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and sensitive-area management as it relates to potential growth. No residents came forward to make a public comment on the two reports, and the documents were accepted by the commissioners for submission to the state. Both documents are available to residents at the town hall.

A resolution to change impact fees (charges on each new home built) to cover the cost to the town for infrastructure needs due to the new construction was passed with comments submitted in writing by Winchester Homes, Kettler Forlines Homes, and Mr. Robert Pierce. No other comments were

made at the meeting. Mr. Pierce requested that taxes on his property paid over many years should be considered in assessing impact fees for homes he may build on his property in the future. This request was denied as the commissioners determined that impact fees are always for future home construction only and any taxes paid previously on existing property were for its share of existing, not expanded, town infrastructure. Impact fees, by definition, are set to cover the costs of the "impact" from new construction to the municipality.

The revised Impact Fee Resolution #006-09 was passed with four votes while Commissioner Jim Brown abstained from the vote as he may build on his property in the future. The new impact fee for each new home will assess \$10,588.

The commissioners reviewed recommendations by the Park's Board for proposed sidewalks and extensions of walking trails in the town. Mr. Kuhlman raised a concern about curbing on Fisher Avenue, as proposed as part of the trail recommendations by the Parks Board, which might prove harmful to agricultural vehicles. Town Engineer John Strong was asked to complete a survey on the proposed trail area so commissioners could be more specifically apprised of its impact on public pedestrian safety and on vehicular traffic. A vote on the recommendation was postponed as they await the survey results.

Resident Jeff Yarmis spoke during the public forum to protest a decision not to cover the costs for re-grading his property to resolve a water runoff problem at the entrance to his driveway. The discussion centered on whether the problem was caused by improper removal of a tree from a nearby storm drain two years ago by town employees or is caused by erosion from his property. The town agreed to review and possibly re-grade areas where the tree removal may be causing the problem, but did not agree to cover costs of re-grading the property to fix erosion problems.

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In the Garden

Early Summer Chores

By Maureen O'Connell

What a wet and wild spring we have had this year. April gave us four inches of rain compared to a normal amount of three and a half inches; May doubled the month's normal rainfall of four inches to an almost record-setting eight inches; and by mid-June, precipitation was at four inches, compared to a normal 1.39 inches. Besides all the rain, the weather was quite unpredictable, with heavy thunderstorms four or five days a week, many of them quite severe for this time of the year. It played havoc with home gardeners, landscapers, nurserymen, and farmers in our local Monocacy area. The cool, rainy weather of early spring produced record plant growth, but it also set up ideal conditions for fungal growth on plants and an invasion of moisture-loving slugs.

Unlike last year, when blackspot attacked most of my roses in May, this year I started spraying for diseases as soon as the first leaves appeared, before there were any signs of disease. You can prevent many diseases, but you can rarely cure them. Heavy pruning is the only answer. Through a lot of hard work on my part, my gardens have survived and flourished in this unusual rainy season. The foliage in the gardens is young and unblemished. My roses and other perennials have never looked better, but I know that these "glory days" will soon slowly fade away. Enjoy your June gardens; July and the dog days of high summer will soon be here. Like clockwork, the Japanese beetles usually arrive in our area by about the Fourth of July. We will see more days with the temperatures in the mid to high nineties with high levels of humidity. As we head into the last week of June, our gardens will be in need of some early summer chores if we want them

to look their best until the first frost. Here is a checklist of things to do in the garden now.

Spring-flowering bulb foliage. The flowers of the tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and other spring bulbs are now just a memory, but their foliage remains upright and green for a time afterwards. If you want them to rebloom next season, never cut the foliage back after bloom time. Wait until it turns yellow and limp. About now, it should be ready to gently pull up. If it offers any resistance, wait a few more days and try it again.

Spring-flowering plants. Many perennials bloom only in the spring, but others will rebloom all summer if you cut back the dead flowers after each bloom period. Dianthus, delphiniums, digitalis, euphorbia, salvia, coreopsis, and heuchera are some examples of perennials that enjoy a summer haircut.

Peonies. The foliage on peonies should not be cut back until it has been killed by hard frosts. The food manufactured in the foliage is stored in the roots, and thus helps produce flowers the following year. If the foliage is cut back shortly after blooming, the plants are deprived of their next year's food supply. In the fall, the removal of the foliage helps to prevent the spread of disease. During the summer and fall, the foliage is not an eyesore, as its summer and autumn coloring is usually quite attractive.

Chrysanthemums. Many garden mums produce larger flowers if just one (the terminal) buds remains on each branch. Tall-growing types should be pinched back at intervals during early summer. Give first pinch when nine to twelve inches high, second when about fifteen inches high, and a third in late July.

Lilies. When I first started my Oriental and Asiatic lily garden many years ago, I could hardly wait for them to bloom, so I could bring armfuls of them into the house for their wonderful and powerful scent they could give to the entire downstairs area. It took almost five years of growth to produce that large a bouquet. Unfortunately, it harms the lily

bulbs to cut the flowers. One can scarcely avoid removing a considerable portion of the foliage together with the blooms, and these leaves are needed to manufacture food to build up the bulbs for the next season's growth. As the lily blooms, remove flowers as they fade. This encourages the development of larger plants the following year. Towards the end of the summer, as the lily stems dry up and die, gently pull up or cut off the dead stems. I adore lilies, especially Casa Blanca (the finest white) and Stargazer (the florist's choice). Now, I add more bulbs every year, so that the lily bed becomes a cutting garden for my house.

Phlox. If you have planted the phlox 'David' and its new sport 'David's Lavender,' you don't have to worry about phlox's biggest problem, mildew. These two varieties are the best choices for mildew resistance. They are the only phlox I will grow in my garden. These plants need good air circulation around them in our hot, humid weather. If you have phlox with poor mildew resistance, it helps if you thin the plant to about three or four healthy stems. This will give them more air.

Perennial plants emerge and retreat over the seasons. Others have a shorter life cycle, so they migrate in and out of a garden's picture. I like to fill these gaps with seasonal annuals. They can be boisterous and garish, or they can be soft and quiet; there is an annual for any location or any theme. Some of my favorites are marigolds (there is no better

earthier scent than a marigold), zinnias (orange don't apply), coleus, caladiums, petunias (especially Wave), verbena, heliotrope, and lantana.

The garden is now about to enter middle age. Don't waste all the hard work you did in early spring to get the garden where it is today. With a little bit of extra work, your garden will be in better shape to go the distance to the fall.

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Youth Sports

Raum Picks Up Clarksburg Lacrosse Squad

By Jeff Stuart

After a .500 finish in 2008, its second year of existence, and with several returning starters, Clarksburg had high expectations for the 2009 boys' lacrosse team. Then at the start of the season, injuries dimmed their hopes. Two of their leading scorers from last year, attackmen Zach Hills and Mike Kimerow, were out with injuries. Defender junior Chris Williamson, a wrestler in winter (Gazette Honorable Mention), was also out hurt. Facing five key injuries, someone new had to step up. That someone was freshman Mac Raum.

In the season opener at Northwood, Raum, a cross country runner in the fall and a wrestler in winter (Gazette Honorable Mention), came through, scoring four goals and with two assists, to lead Clarksburg to a 14-1 win. Brent Kidwell started the season off strong as well, scoring four goals, one assist, and winning five face-offs. Juniors Bryce Apple and Mike Dixon also played strong, setting a hopeful tone as the season got started.

When Clarksburg hosted division rival Poolesville, winner of nine games in 2008, anticipation was high. The Coyotes showed spark with Raum, the smallest player in the game, finding the net four times. Apple, playing after only two days of practice, logged a goal and an assist. Kevin Campos scored twice, but PHS senior midfielder Dylan Haas had three goals and five assists to beat the Coyotes, 16-8. Coach Belcher tipped his cap to the Falcons.

As they approached spring break with a 2-2 record, the Coyotes headed to Rockville and came away with a key victory defeating Rockville 6-5. Donny Sivert led the defense, grabbing four groundballs. Goalie Kelly

was kept busy with thirteen saves.

When play resumed after spring break, the Coyotes crushed Einstein at home, 15-2, to improve their division record to 4-1 and their overall record to 5-3. Apple led the offense with a season-high six goals. Raum scored twice and had four assists. The defense was led by Kory Wells, who grabbed five ground balls. Then consecutive losses to 3A Damascus, 4A Magruder, and non-league Thomas Johnson slowed their progress. Against Magruder, the Colonels held off an initial surge by Clarksburg that put considerable pressure on the Magruder goalie for the first few minutes and then scored the first six goals of the game before Mac Raum finally got the Coyotes on the board. Magruder won, 8-2.

The Coyotes entered the playoffs at 6-6, second only to Poolesville in Division 3A/2A/1A. Clarksburg earned a number five seed in the 2A West Region, defeating number twelve seed Northwood for the third time before losing to the number four seed, Winters Mill.

The girls' team started off their 2009 season with a new coach, former girls' Poolesville coach May Shlash, and with a 7-4 win at Northwood. Seniors include Captain Brianna Moylan on defense, Amanda Kostolansky on defense, Delaney Tenca on attack, and Elysa Marchicelli on defense. Other captains are Madison DeFrank, midfield, and Elyse Lapham, midfield a junior. The varsity record was 1-6. They were seeded thirteenth in the region tournament and lost to the number four seed, Walkersville in the first round. The JV team had a very successful season.



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Gazette Honors CHS and PHS Track Athletes

Congratulations to area athletes selected by the Gazette to their All-Gazette Track and Field Team. Clarksburg's Avery Graham was named Athlete of the Year for outstanding achievements at the Class 2A state meet, contributing 40 of the team's 76 points. Avery captured gold medals in the 100-meter, 200-meter, and two sprint relays to lift the Clarksburg team to its first state title. Clarksburg's coach, Scott Mathias, was selected as Boys' Coach of the Year by building a program from the ground up when the school opened in 2006 and guiding the team filled with elite sprinters to the Coyotes' state championship.

Clarksburg's 4X100 boys' relay team of Sam Oluyemi, Devin Moreno, Mark Small, and Avery Graham and its 4X 200 relay team with Naseem Zietoon replacing Moreno made the Gazette's first team selection.

On the girls' side of the selection, Clarksburg's 4X200 relay team of Charnay Ryland, Page Harris, Courtney Clark, and Turquoia Johnson made the first team selection. Johnson was also honored for her achievements in shot put by winning the county championship, finishing runner-up at state and regional meets. She holds the county best record of 37 feet, 11 inches. Bailee Freeman of CHS made the first team for the long jump. This first-year athlete took the Class 2A title and was runner-up medalist at regional competition with a 17-foot, 10-inch jump.

PHS elite track star, Olivia Durr, made the first team in the 300 hurdles. Olivia ends her high school competition with four state titles.

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Poolesville, and Our Lady of the Visitation in Darnestown, has an ongoing project to recycle wheelchairs. They currently have regular and transport wheelchairs available, and will provide them at no cost to those in need. If anyone needs a wheelchair, please call Peter Davio, chairman, at 301-540-2039 or email him at daviop@verizon.net.

Williams Earns Veterinary Medicine Degree

Theresa Williams (PHS class of 2001) graduated on May 15 from Virginia Tech. She received a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Her undergraduate work was at the University of Maryland, College Park, class of 2005. She is the daughter of Howard and Christina Williams. She received an internship with the Anne Arundel County Veterinary Clinic in Annapolis, Maryland where she will begin her career in July.

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JPMS Students Recognized at Star Award Ceremony

Four students from John Poole Middle School were recognized on June 10 at the annual STAR (Stand Tall and Reach)



JPMS Star Award recipients Cameron Eichorn, Stanley Snowden, Brandon Prather, and Essence Scott

Award ceremony held at Walter Johnson High School. The JPMS students were recognized for their academic excellence at the middle school level. Mr. Paul Peck, a local philanthropist, established the program to encourage minority students in their scholastic journey and to provide post-graduation scholarships for academic and vocational education for African-American students.

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started out pretty mundanely for them in 1941 as George went to work for IBM. When the war broke out, the humdrum changed quickly. George Kephart's service to America in the Central Intelligence Agency resulted in the couple travelling abroad for many years of their life together. Living in Japan and Belgium, along with sharing a lifelong passion for sailing, provided them a most exciting, educational, and cosmopolitan life experience.

On the second day of their marriage, George queried Mary Ann as to whether she liked sailing. When she responded that she loved to sail, their lifetime of worldwide sailing would begin, peaking from 1978 to 1994. It was during this sixteen-year period that they would spend from four to eight months every year sailing to ports all over the world. Their thirty-six foot sailing boat was named the Sarah Frazer after their granddaughter, Sarah Frazer Prestemon.

In 1955, while living in Rockville, the Kepharts sought a new home. Their search brought them to Gray Haven Manor, a 135-acre farm on the edge of Poolesville and whose previous owners were relatives of Mary Ann going all the way back to the property's origins in 1756. They renamed the property, incorporating its original patent identification: Chiswell Inheritance.

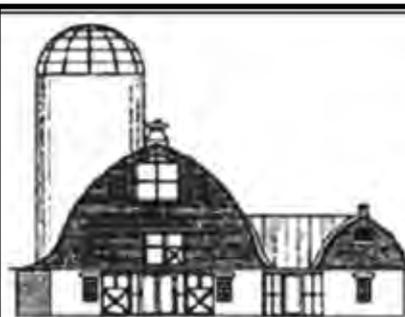
Mary Ann was a woman who followed her heart—and she had

a big heart. While she was well-regarded for grand achievements in preservation, gardening, and travel, the private character of this fine woman may be even more understood by two small actions of compassion.

In the first, Mary Ann was driving through Poolesville when she noticed a young woman walking along Fisher Avenue in tears, obviously distressed. Mary Ann immediately stopped the car and told her to get in. Asked about her troubles, the young woman told her she was upset that she had just left her car off for repairs but, with young children, had many obligations in the coming days and just didn't know what she was going to do. Mary Ann immediately turned her car back to her home, went inside, got the keys to their other car, came back, and said, "Now, you are to use this for however long you need it, and when your car is ready, you can return it."

In another instance, when her granddaughter was too ill to attend some classes in college, Mary Ann went to the classes and recorded them so that her granddaughter would not skip a beat in her educational pursuit.

Whether it was helping neighbors, being there for her family, or simply making sure the altar flowers at St. Peter's or the National Cathedral were just right, Mary Ann Kephart was a woman of great compassion and just as importantly, woman of action.



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Growth Policy Vision for Montgomery County

A comprehensive planning process is being undertaken by Montgomery County to determine what growth policy should be pursued in coming years. The County's Planning Board is preparing recommendations to the County Council on a growth policy for 2009-11 which "is about balancing growth with the needs of (the) residents".

In a newspaper interview Royce Hanson, chair of the Planning Board, stated "In the past, our growth policy has been based on what you cannot do" and he continued "instead, the county ... should look for ways to allow growth while trying to ensure a high quality of life ...".

In order to manage this concept the Planning Board staff introduces four themes "that position the County to grow sustainably and stay competitive". They are **Environment** (make the County greener), **Connections** (development closer to transit and jobs closer to where people live), **Diversity** (tax credits and other incentives to encourage services to residents near Metro), and **Design** (smart building practices).

Residents of the Agricultural Reserve should be pleased with most of the staff recommendations. While the planners believe that the County has reached "an important juncture" in setting a future growth pattern they squarely state that "future growth must be in existing urban areas". This thinking is commensurate with past growth policies creating corridors for development along major roadways and leaving remaining areas rural.

However, while the staff planning documents stipulate where development should occur we believe that there is need for a much stronger statement on why the boundaries of the Agricultural Reserve should be maintained and safeguarded. Past experience indicates that exceptions to the stated growth policy continue to reduce the area under agriculture. The Agricultural Reserve is not only a natural habitat sequestering carbon but a place where food is being produced. In addition to the proposed tax credits to builders we believe that the County should provide incentives to food producers who locate in the Agricultural Reserve and market their goods to the expanded residential base that is anticipated for Montgomery County.

A public hearing on the new growth policy was scheduled for June 22, 2009 and the website www.montgomeryplanning-board.org monitors the process.

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Local News

Father Herbert Leaving Our Lady of the Presentation

By Rande Davis



Rev. Herbert is heading to Ft. Washington, Maryland

Spring this year seems to be a time of transition with many changes in leadership in the community taking place. At Poolesville's Our Lady of the Presentation, Father Paul Herbert has announced his reassignment to St. Ignatius in Fort Washington, Maryland. Rev. Vincent Rigdon will be taking his place beginning July 1, 2009. As he heads to a parish church even smaller than Poolesville, Father Herbert reflected on a calling that began in 1980 when he entered seminary in Kentucky and with his ordination in 1986.

He has appreciated being a part of the Poolesville area and in leading Our Lady of the Presentation in its initial years of growth since the completion of the sanctuary in 2002. Father Herbert told the Monocle his time in Poolesville has been very special because of the people in the parish and in the community.

Father Herbert has been fully engaged in the ecumenical events held by the Poolesville churches from the annual Thanksgiving Service to the summertime

ecumenical gatherings in town parks. The Poolesville clergy gathers nearly each month for a lunch to discuss community concerns of mutual interest. "I appreciated the Rev. Steve Heyward (formerly of St. Peter's Episcopal Parish), for his role [in] bringing together Poolesville clergy once every month and how the Rev. Ken Fell of Memorial United Methodist Church has carried on that role since Steve's departure." When the recent funeral for Becky Selby was certain to overwhelm the facilities at Memorial United Methodist Church, he graciously offered the sanctuary of Our Lady so that all who came to honor her would have room.

Father Herbert will continue in his work in the Diocesan Tribunal, a church court similar to the civil courts except that it deals with church law.

He added, "It has been six and a half good years

during which I have had the privilege of meeting and knowing wonderful people. When I received the telephone call in October 2006 asking if I would assume the pastorate at Our Lady of the Presentation, I said, 'I will do what the cardinal asks.' That evening I happened to be with the cardinal, and he said to me, 'You are ready.'" He was ready, indeed, and people of many faiths in the area will miss Father

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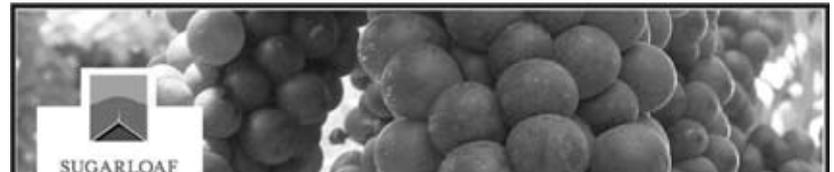
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Local News

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The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department's Saturday Fourth of July celebration at the Polo Ground on Hughes Road in Poolesville will get started as usual at 6:00 p.m. with food, games, and music entertainment. The fireworks display is scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

If there is rain, the fireworks will be postponed until Sunday, July 5. Admission is \$5.00 per car for parking, and it would be helpful for drivers to have the exact amount in hand upon arrival. There will be two entries: one for Poolesville attendees on Hughes Road near Sugarland Road and another for traffic coming from River Road. There will be three exit areas. Those exiting the River Road entrance will have to exit toward River Road. Parking on

Hughes Road is illegal, and cars will be ticketed.

The very popular Jim Bowie band will be performing starting at 6:00 p.m. Food and drink vendors will be there offering Cugini's Pizza, Smokin' Ray's Barbeque, ice cream bars, funnel cakes, soft drinks, and water. Calleva Outdoors will have the climbing wall, and Poolesville Boosters will be selling 3-D firework glasses.

Visitors may bring a picnic or their own drinks, but coolers and alcohol are strictly forbidden. Guests bringing chairs and blankets cannot set up in the parking areas for safety reasons. In case of lightning, visitors will be directed to go to their cars. Sponsors of the event are PACC, Town of Poolesville, Mike Rubin, Jamison Real Estate, and Selby's Market.

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performances.

As a single mother of fourteen children—her children and the children of her deceased sister—Felicia Jackson was struggling to keep her family intact; they had no place to live and were on the verge of being placed in foster care. Classic Homes-Maryland, along with the ABC television show, teamed up to build a home for the Jackson Family, as many viewers saw on the September 28 in the season premiere of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

Four years ago, Felicia Jackson made a promise on her sister's deathbed to keep all ten of her nieces and nephews together. With that one act of kindness in 2004, Felicia went from being the mother of four to a single mother of fourteen. Felicia has been supporting all fourteen children by working as a security guard at a mall. Unable to afford and find permanent housing, this family of fifteen had been living in a motel since December 2007.

At the time, Felicia was told that she would have to give the children up to the foster care system. With the county behind her story and fight for self-sufficiency, she was deeded a piece of land with a small five-bedroom house that was unlivable and in need of major repairs. Felicia could not afford these renovations since she was raising and taking care of the growing children ranging in age from four to eighteen.

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School News

PHS AD Swick To Retire, Ross From Watkins Mill Replaces Him

By Rande Davis



PHS Athletic Direct Fred Swick may be retiring, but he isn't ending his coaching career.

Poolesville High School Athletic Director Fred Swick has decided to retire as department head but plans to stay active in local sports. "I have totally enjoyed the position, but at the same time, look forward to getting back to some coaching. I plan to keep involved by helping with the football team as a defensive coaching assistant and might even do some substitute teaching."

A teacher in Montgomery County since 1978, Swick joined the PHS sports program in 1983 and the faculty as a physical

education teacher in 1988. He has coached baseball, football, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball.

He accepted the position of athletic director three years ago at a challenging time in PHS sports with the opening of Clarksburg High School resulting in many transitions in staff and coaching assignments. At that time, he told the Monocle that in accepting the position of AD, "It was not an easy decision by any stretch of the imagination. I just thought for the good of athletics that we needed somebody who was familiar with Poolesville, familiar with the school's athletic program and athletes, and so I just thought I would give it try—see how I will do."

Upon retiring, he voices satisfaction that the sports program at PHS has developed under his tutelage, noting that he started with a strong coaching staff. "Having Gina Grubb as my assistant has certainly been one of my most appreciated parts of the job. She is so dedicated."

His top goal at the time was to find good people to replace exiting coaches and make sure that the athletic experience at the school was rewarding. Under his leadership, Poolesville has enjoyed its share of championships and individual records, but for Coach Swick, there is an even greater benefit to sports. He wanted to make sure that all the students participating in sports gained the full experience and educa-

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Remembrance

Jim Kirby: Sought the Lost Treasures of History

By Randé Davis



James Kirby

Friends and family of James Kirby gathered for a memorial service on June 12 to celebrate his life. Mr. Kirby passed away on May 9, and the service which was held at Memorial United Methodist Church was officiated by the Rev. Dr. George Gately, the brother of Jim's wife, Claire.

Jim was well known to many in the area for his passion for seeking Civil War artifacts using a metal detector. Many readers will recall the wonderful and enthralling Civil War displays he and close friend, Greg Shores, presented at fourteen past Poolesville Day celebrations at the John Poole General Store and Museum. Mr. Shores credits Jim for encouraging his interest in searching for artifacts by graciously lending him his own metal detector. "He gave it to me to use for six months, and after that I became hooked." Shores recalled. "I am so thankful for his friendship and the times we shared our passion for items of lost history."

Jim Kirby was born on August 27, 1936 in Silver Spring to the late Joseph and Ruth Gaither Kirby. After serving in the army as a military policeman, he went

on to become an investigator for the Motor Vehicle Administration.

Perhaps it was his career choice that sparked his passion for looking for historical treasures. From his large collection of artifacts, he had two especially intriguing discoveries. The first was a federal soldier's I.D. coin found near St. Peter's Church. There was a practice at the time to scrape bare a coin and mark it with the owner's initial and last name. On Jim's coin was etched "DMunson." Not satisfied to just take the coin home and move on, he spent time researching Civil War records until he finally found the Pennsylvania Unit in which the young soldier had served and died. In fact, one of his contacts even found the grave where the soldier was buried and sent Jim a picture of the tombstone.

The other discovery was a button with the letter Z on it. Convinced it was an artifact from the Civil War, other experts insisted it was not. Sometime later, Jim's hunch was proved correct. Jim found an old picture of a French soldier who fought in the Civil War with a button on his cap clearly engraved with the letter Z. It turned out the officer was part of the French Zouave fighting force. The experts were surprised and stood corrected. Friends of Jim were anything but surprised.

As he did with Mr. Shores, Jim enjoyed encouraging interest of the Civil War in others. It was not unusual for him to give a bullet to a young person in awe of holding a piece of history in the palm of the hand. Once, a visiting congressman from Texas was taken aback when Jim, seeing the politician's interest in a button with a five-pointed star, donated it to be put on display in the U.S. Capitol.

Surviving Jim besides his wife are his children, Douglas Gunster (stepson) of Derwood, Charles Kirby of Frederick, Michael Kirby of Adamstown; one brother, Parker Kirby of Frederick; one sister, Elizabeth Musgrove of Florida; eight grandchildren, numerous in-laws, nieces,

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nephews, and his beloved dog, Chase.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Edward Kirby, and one sister, Virginia Wilson, and his devoted golden retriever, Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Jim's name to the American Heart Association or Goldheart Golden Retriever Rescue, P.O.

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(Goldheart.org).

Police Blotter: Past and Present

Present

The Montgomery County Police Department announced that Operation Smooth Operator will be conducted during from July 5 to July 11. During that time, police will aggressively enforce violations of speeding, tailgating, unsafe lane changing, failing to yield the right-of-way, and ignoring stop signs and red lights.

Police responded to investigate assaults at the following locations: 21300 block of White's Ferry Road, 17500 block of Hoskinson Road, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue.

Police responded to the following locations for complaints of disorderly persons: 20000 block of Fisher Avenue, 21300 block of White's Ferry Road, Poolesville High School, 17501 West Willard Road, 19950 Fisher Avenue, and the 20500 block of Beallsville Road.

Police investigated reports that drugs were being used at

these locations: 17700 block of Elgin Road and in the 13900 block of Schaeffer Road, Boyds.

Police investigated thefts at: 17200 Lightfoot Lane and the 17400 block of Soper Street,

Vehicles were stolen at these locations: 24300 block of Peach Tree Road and the 21500 block of Dickerson Road.

Burglary: 16100 block of Morrow Road.

Past

June 26, 1917 Norris King, of the Clarksburg district, was seriously injured, perhaps fatally, when the machine in which he was riding overturned on the Rockville Pike. He was a passenger in an automobile owned by Mr. Watkins, also of Clarksburg, when it struck a pile of stones and overturned.

June 27, 1905 William House, of near Frederick, was fatally injured by a pitchfork.

He was riding on a load of hay when the wagon upset driving the pitchfork through his chest, killing him instantly.

June 28, 1935 The Montgomery County Commissioners decreed that county police officers could not drink alcoholic beverages either on- or off-duty. The drastic regulations were immediately contested by members of the department who said that the commissioners could not interfere with their off-duty activities.

July 1, 1975 The body of a fourteen-year-old Rockville youth who had been missing for some time was found in a drainage ditch near Urbana.

July 3, 1944 Thirty persons were injured when a freight train plowed into the rear of a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train a half mile east of Germantown.

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tional benefits that high school sports can provide. "Sports is really learning to get along with other people, working as a team to get success, and learning to face challenge, and even, at times, facing disappointment."

Over the past two decades, he has been a central figure in youth sports in Poolesville beyond high school athletics. As a summer coaching director, he has worked with athletes of all ages. "Being part of a small community, it is extra special to work with these kids at times as young as T-ball and watch them grow right up through their high school years and sometimes into college athletics." Area youth sports fans will be pleased to know that he plans to continue to work the summer programs and to stay involved in youth sports, even if it isn't always at the high school level.

Ed Ross, currently the AD at Watkins Mill High School told the Monocle, "I have known of Fred Swick for many years as a successful coach and teacher,

Remembrance



Mrs. Ida Frances Williams of Poolesville passed away on May 31, 2009. She was the wife of the late Golden Ellsworth Williams.

Ida was born on June 2, 1910 at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. She was the daughter of the late Erwin Orlando and Bessie Frances Beall of Alexandria, Virginia.

Ida is survived by her three children, her daughters, Frances "Billy" Poole, Poolesville, Roberta "Bobby" Chauncey, Culpeper, Virginia, and her son Erwin Williams of Frederick. Ida had ten grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Poolesville United Methodist Church.

Ida and her husband Bill owned and operated Williams Store, a grocery and dry goods store in Poolesville for many years. She was a beautiful person who touched the lives of all who knew her.

Funeral services were held June 2 on her ninety-ninth birthday at Hilton

and for the last three years he has been one of my colleague Athletic Directors in MCPS. During his tenure at Poolesville, Fred has been nothing less than a rock of stability for many of the most successful coaches at Poolesville [High School], and he has been a consistently positive influence on Poolesville student-athletes for decades. As the new Athletic Director at Poolesville [High School], I welcome Fred's advice and experience as I work hard to fill his shoes."

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School News

Richard Bishop Retires from John Poole Middle School

By Rande Davis

It came as a surprise to the community when Richard Bishop announced that he would be retiring as principal of John Poole Middle School. The highly-popular principal, who has been with Montgomery County Public Schools for thirty-eight years, told the Monocle that the decision was something he and his

family had been considering for some time, and that this year, the "stars all lined up right."

With his youngest graduating from college this past spring, and with his oldest daughter expecting their first grandchild in September, the Bishops looked at this as the right time. "My daughter and her husband own a business, Elite Soccer Tournaments, and with the fall and spring being their busiest time along with the baby being due, it seemed like a good idea to make myself available to help them in some way."

Looking ahead to the immediate future, Mr. Bishop sees some home and yard projects keeping him busy; and volunteering to help the Special Olympics or senior citizens is something he would like to pursue.

In reflecting on a long career, he noted "Through the years, each time I had a change of assignment, I learned a great deal and had both rewarding and challenging experiences. The kids are what always come to mind first—the relationships you build and the growth you see in children make sense as to why you are in this business." What has made his four-plus years at JPMS unique were the relationships and support with the adult community. Declining to name names for fear of leaving someone out—"especially now that I am an old retired guy"—he observes that JPMS is an outstanding school because the staff prepares the students so well for the challenges they will face in high school. He regards the school's success as being due to

educators being a "community of learners that continue to work to improve their skills to best serve their students." He also sees the general friendliness of the community as something that further benefits the educational experience in Poolesville.

Melanie Dahlen, president of the JPMS PTA, reflected on how easily and naturally he blended right into the school community, never being an outsider from day one. "He is respected and admired for his work ethic—always someone to be there for all events and pitching in to help no matter what the task. We always referred to him affectionately as our worker-bee." Fred Swick, who is also retiring this year, had a perfect answer as to why Mr. Bishop was always considered such a great principal. For Fred, the answer was obvious: "He was a physical education teacher first."

Mr. Bishop's successor is Charlotte W. Boucher, the current principal at Eastern Middle School. Ms. Boucher told the

Monocle, "I've known Mr. Bishop for years, and I have always been impressed by his genuine love of kids and commitment to their success. He has a big heart which he has generously shared with the entire John Poole Community. We will always welcome him back to visit, and I hope his retirement plans will allow him the time to come see us often."

He may not have to pop out of bed at 4:30 a.m. anymore, and he may be assuming a new role as Mr. Mom, but he can rest assured he has left a legacy of positive energy that has been central to the great success in the educational experience at John Poole Middle School.



JPMS Principal Rick Bishop

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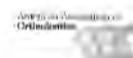
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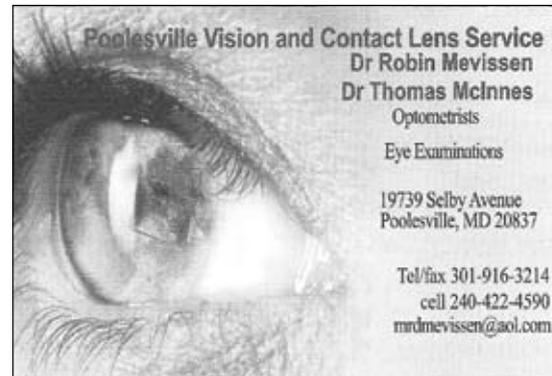
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Local News

Poolesville Soldier Comments on Progress in Iraq

The following is taken from a report by *Blaze News Service*, a military wire service providing updates on the war in Iraq. The article was written by Private First Class Baily Jester.

Returning the Keys to Baghdad

Soldiers from the 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 1st Cavalry Division transferred responsibility of the Joint Security Station (JSS) Basateen, JSS Suleikh, and Tharwa II to the Government of Iraq (GoI).

"When transferring JSSs back over to Iraqi control, we aren't just returning the keys to buildings," said Poolesville native, Maj. Sean Davis, supply officer in charge for the Ironhorse Brigade, "it's more like we are handing them the keys back to the city—for them to regain control."

Transferring these three facilities resulted in the completion of six out of eight bases being returned before June 30. According to Col. Tobin Green,

1st BCT, 1st Cavalry Division commander, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Coalition Forces have launched hundreds of combined patrols and dozens of joint operations, all with the common purpose of protecting the Iraqi people and bringing security and stability to the neighborhoods surrounding this base.

Progress over the past several months has allowed the Ironhorse Brigade to take the next step forward under the Security Agreement, said Green, a Sioux City, South Dakota native. The ISF have proven that they are now more stable and effective than ever before, and grow stronger each day. Most soldiers with experience in the area understand there may be some difficulties after the handoff.

"The Iraqis are going to run into problems similar to ours," said Davis, "but, they will learn how to work with it, like we did. It is going to be difficult—not impossible—but difficult."

A ceremony to be held at JSS Sadr City will represent the last of the facilities which the Ironhorse brigade will transfer to the GoI before June 30.



Boulder, Colorado native, Maj. Geoffrey Norman, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team executive officer, speaks with Poolesville native, Maj. Sean Davis (right), support operations officer for 115th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, about their mission May 28. Ironhorse's mission was to transfer responsibility of joint security stations to the Government of Iraq. They were successful in transferring two of the JSSs. The last six will be turned over no later than June 30.

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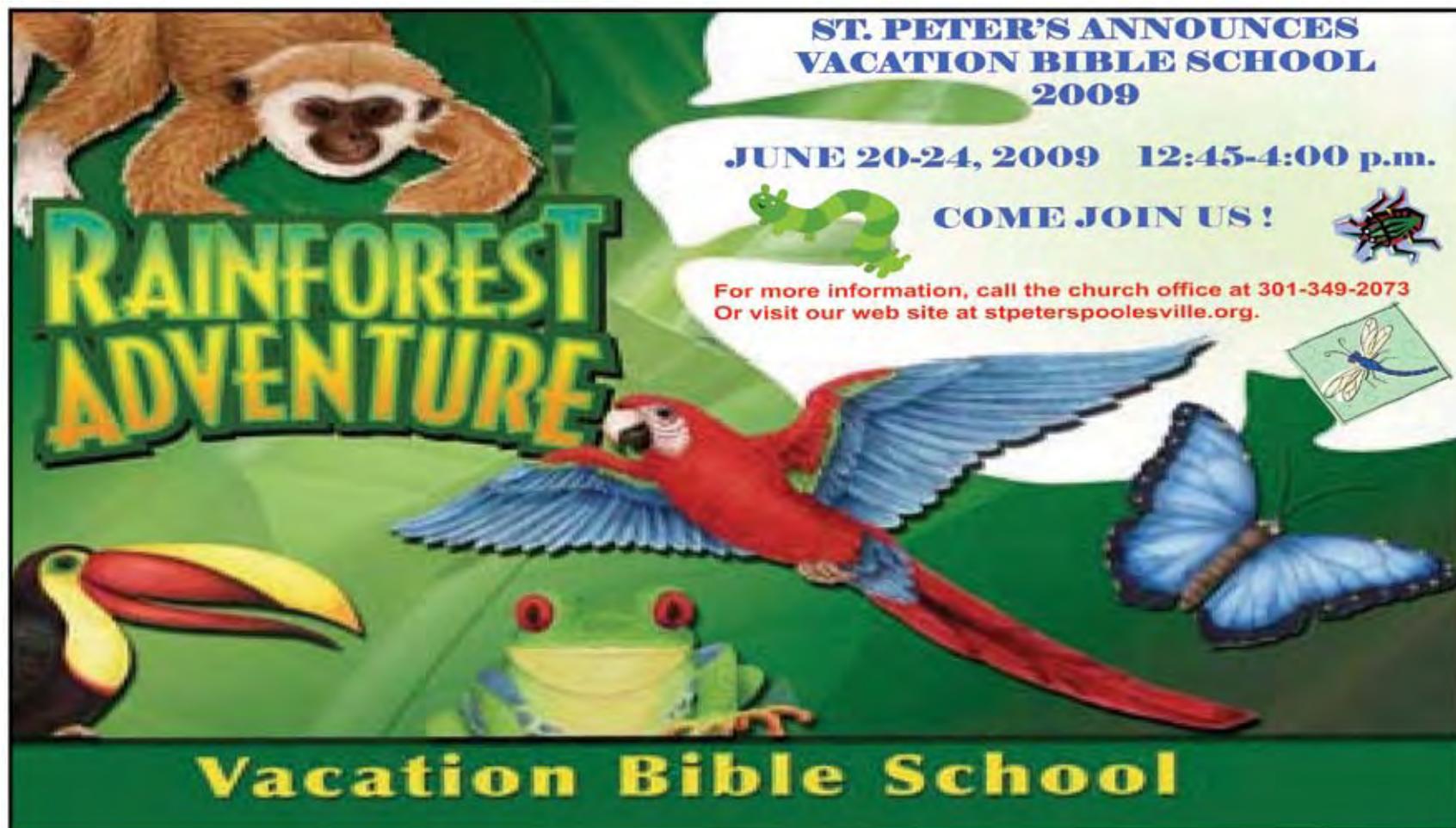
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