



The Poolesville Band Project performed at Whalen Commons at the first concert in the park event of the season. See more Family Album pictures on Page 2.



Father Paul Herbert (center), pictured in his younger days, has left Our Lady of the Presentation. Once again, we claim that the story is in Local News on Page 13, and this time, it really is. We apologize to those who searched in vain for it in our last issue.



Improvisational actors Max Vonduerckheim, Erin Kaufman and Ky Knutson perform a skit based on a story about life in Barnesville. The troupe returns to the Barnesville town hall from July 24 to 26. See Local News on page 7.



Do you know where this room with a view is? See page 8.

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Health Officials to Update Town on Cancer Concerns

By Rande Davis

State and county health officials will be returning to Poolesville to update the community on cancer issues in our area. The presentation will be on July 20 at the Poolesville Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

According to the statements from the January 26 meeting, the county's first objective was to determine the validity of the concern regarding a cancer cluster. Officials will examine data from the Maryland Cancer Registry (MCR) which collects information on cancers directly from physicians, hospitals, and laboratories rather than individuals.

Clifford Mitchell, the State's Director of Environmental/Health Coordination, and Ulder Tillman, the county's Chief of Public Health Services, appeared before the Poolesville commissioners at the January meeting to discuss the highly-publicized question as to whether the community experiences unusually-high incidences of cancer.

In a follow-up letter to the town, Tillman wrote that the "initial analysis by the Maryland Cancer Registry showed no pattern out of the ordinary. However, additional reports from the community have raised questions for which we do not have complete data."

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (MDHMH) agreed to invite the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assist in

defining the extent of the cancer in the community.

Tillman said the most common cancers—lung, breast, colon, and prostate—would not be a primary target of the analysis because they are not typically environmentally related; however, those diagnosed with such cancers were still encouraged to report them to the county for inclusion in the study.

The answers to questions raised from the previous meeting are posted on the town website at www.ci.poolesville.md.us. Residents are encouraged to review that report prior to attending the upcoming meeting.



Dr. Ulder Tillman, a health officer from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Clifford Mitchell from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at a public hearing last January. County officials will update the community on July 20 on their investigation of cancer incidences in Poolesville.

First Love Revisited

By Dominique Agnew

Once a horse lover, always a horse lover—so it is with equine artists. Self-identified as a horse-crazy little girl, Fran D'Antuono can remember saving her allowance to ride

at Wheaton Park Stables—she also remembers that her first artwork focused on horses, as well.

Although her passion for horses waned as she grew up, her life and career would continue through art. Before she even finished high school, she was discovered at a small art show in Chevy Chase and was offered a job for a T-shirt company; they wanted someone who could draw. Since then, even during her college years (she graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's in Applied Design and a minor in Fine Art), she has been steadily employed. "I have never been without a job that involved graphic design," she says.

Since 1990, she has worked independently as



Fran D'Antuono

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Family Album



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Members of Historic Medley District Inc. were on hand during their Heritage Days Art Show at the organization's bank museum currently under restoration.



Doug Jimerson, a recording artist of music from the Civil War era, performed at Edwards Ferry during the recent Heritage Days events.



Members of the Oddfellows serve guests at the annual Widows and Widowers luncheon.



The Frederick County Parks and Recreation Summer League Championship was won by Poolesville. Pictured in the back row are coach Jason Kramek, Josh Mayer, Billy Green, Zach Zapata, John Newberry, Keith Neville, Derrick Miller, Brendan McFall, and coach Jimmy Bowen. Front row: Brian Hammett, Dylan Wohnhas, Kevin Cabrejas, David Schramm, Kevin Baker, Marty Michaels, and Tyler Holsten. Not pictured is Kyle Bredice.



Cancer survivors and caregivers light the torch that will light hundreds of other candles in their Poolesville Relay for Life Luminaria ceremony held at Whalen Commons. More pictures at www.monocleonline.com.

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

July 5, 1927 Miss Julia Foley, county health nurse, was in charge of a health conference held at the public school in Poolesville. A physician from the state examined preschool children, and physicians from the county were in attendance to vaccinate those who expected to enter school in the fall.

July 7, 1933 Miss Olivia Green and Mrs. Ruth Compher left Poolesville for Burlington, Vermont where they planned to attend summer classes at the University of Vermont.

July 23, 1934 Miss Myerly and Mr. Dollarhide's Sunday School classes enjoyed a picnic at Great Falls.

July 24, 1932 Franklin Roosevelt and John Garner were endorsed at a meeting of the Poolesville branch of the Progressive Club of Montgomery County. The meeting was held

at Henson's Hall, Poolesville. Members of the executive committee were Mr. Jones, Mr. Darby, Mr. Oxley, and Mrs. Weller.

July 27, 1927 The Poolesville Community League and Women's Club held a large picnic at Monocacy Park on Furnace Ford Road. Several hundred people attended. The Poolesville Band played at frequent intervals, and there were games and various contests for all age groups. A fine feast was enjoyed, and Judge Woodward and John Oxley delivered addresses.

July 28, 1929 Misses Mary and Virginia Fyffe entertained at bridge. Helen Willard and Eleanor Allnut left for Boston by boat while Catherine Hall had just returned from Boston.

July 29, 1928 The Catholic Church at Barnesville hosted a picnic where everyone who could brought fried chicken.

July 29, 1937 The District of Columbia Motor Club assailed

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Letter to the Editor

After all the diatribe directed at Mr. Janet and the *Bulletin* by other members of the local media and some of the Commissioners of Poolesville, I was very disappointed when I read "Town Commissioners' Meeting - June 15" in the June 26, 2009 edition of the *Monocle*. Since I was out of town on business on the day of the meeting, I do not know how factual the bulk of the article is; however, based upon the characterization of the substance of my comments to the commissioners regarding the impact fees, I have no faith that anything was reported accurately.

My written comments to the commissioners were just over three pages in length. Two and a half pages were devoted to the cost basis for the computation of the impact fees. The last half page was devoted to the cost of the impact fees on all of the individuals on the one- to four-lot water allocation list, myself included. A reading of the *Monocle* article leads one to believe that I simply wanted my property to be treated differently than all others. Perhaps the commissioners portrayed the substance of my comments that way, but the *Monocle* knew better because it had a copy of my complete submittal. My comments went to the substantive computation of impact fees

and the equity of the twenty-five property owners that have been paying residential property taxes for extended periods.

I was naïve to expect more of the local media than of any other: take the difference between FOX and NBC. Whoever controls the printing press (or the network) can put their own spin on the facts. In that respect, I find that the *Monocle* is no different from any other media organization. The truth probably lies somewhere between the presentations in the *Bulletin* and the *Monocle*. I would appreciate it, however, if everyone would cut out the sanctimonious bovine excrement and stop asking candidates for office to renounce an endorsement from the *Bulletin*. Leave First Amendment rights out of the debate over local politics.

Finally, assuming that the pertinent part of the article is accurate, I would like to compliment Commissioner Brown on making the ethically-correct decision to abstain from voting.

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Local News

County Planning Board Decisions for July

By Kristen Milton

Center Continues Road to Townhouses

With the recession continuing, a Germantown shopping center might be better off someday as a townhouse subdivision, a hearing examiner ruled last month. In his June 25 report, examiner Philip Tierney noted how unusual it was for an owner to wish to rezone a property from commercial to residential but said it was indicative of the economic climate. In spite of heavy neighborhood opposition, he supported the change for the 8.5 acres at the intersection of Mateny and Clopper Roads. The County Council will have the final say on the rezoning.

The center currently hosts a Grand Mart, a dry cleaner, and a beer/liquor store as well as the Seneca Cluster Satellite Facility, a police substation that opened in 1998. A 7-Eleven gas station on Clopper Road directly in front of the center would not be affected by any rezoning.

According to Tierney's report, David Fink, president of Finmarc Management, Inc., testified that store closings or razings of buildings was not imminent. Fink said the rezoning would simply provide an option that he could act on quickly when the residential market improved; however, "He has stopped retail marketing efforts to find new tenants," Tierney wrote in the report.

The illustrative plan for the subdivision, which is not binding, showed 112 three-story townhouses and 426 parking spaces as well as parks and open space. A new homeowners' association would be tasked with the upkeep of the Graff-Musser

Family Cemetery, an 1800s burial site near the current shopping center parking lot.

As with the April hearing before the Montgomery County Planning Board, residents came out in opposition to the plan. Tierney said there were two speakers, seven letters, and 145 petition signatures advocating preservation of the shopping center. Opponents called the center a community meeting place and said residents who accessed shopping by foot and bus would be hard-pressed to find another center as convenient.

Boyd's Monopole to Grow

The Montgomery County Planning Board voted to support a request that would add 30 feet to a 120-foot wireless phone tower near Little Seneca and Black Hill Regional Parks.

AT&T had requested to add the height and new antennas to the tower at 14615 Clopper Road in Boyds, as an alternative to building a new tower nearby. The Montgomery County Tower Committee determined that there was a "justified engineering need" for the change.

The planning board, which heard the case June 11, recommended approval for the needed setback waiver. Recommended conditions included specifying no lighting or signage for the pole.

A representative for the wireless company testified that once the new antennas were installed, park patrons who currently do not have AT&T service at the parks would be able to use their cell phones there.

There was no opposition to the request from neighbors or park staff. The Montgomery County Hearing Examiner was scheduled to hear the case later in July.

School Clusters under Development Moratorium

Clarksburg and Seneca Valley school clusters were placed under a development moratorium by the planning board last month as reports show student

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In the Garden

A Hodge-Podge Of Summer Garden Thoughts

By Maureen O'Connell

July and August are prime times for many family vacations. If you are a gardener, you might feel a little anxious about leaving your well-cared-for garden home alone with no TLC. Maybe that is why I usually vacation in February. You can ask friends or neighbors to check on your garden while you are away, but they probably are not going to care for it as if it were their own. They also probably don't know what different plants in your landscape need. No one can replace the care you give your garden, but there are some things you can do to minimize plant damage. You have spent considerable time, money, and effort cultivating your flower and vegetable gardens since early spring, and there is still a good two to three months of glorious garden time left before the first frost hits our area. Here is a checklist of things to do to ensure lush and healthy gardens and lawns while you are away.

Water deeply. For your lawn, water the yard thoroughly the day before your departure. If the lawn needs mowing, wait a couple of hours for it to dry after watering, or mow it first. Cut the grass to a slightly shorter length

than usual, but be careful not to get the grass too short, for in the event of a heat wave or dry period, the grass will brown out. For your vegetable and flower gardens, give them a good, long drink. Don't water the foliage; water the ground. This will help stop the creation and spread of fungal diseases. A soaking hose is an ideal way to water gardens.

Check for problems before you leave town. Look for insects, rot, and diseases. Depending upon your preference, spray with a chemical or natural compound; avoid spraying when the bees are active. If you see any signs of rot on any of your plants, cut it out and discard. Pick all ripe fruits and vegetables and fully-developed flowers; give your neighbors and friends a gift from your gardens—just don't give them any zucchinis the size of baseball bats. To encourage future blooms, cut back annuals, such as petunias, salvia, dianthus, coleus, impatiens, heliotrope, fuchsia, geraniums, and marigolds almost by half. Give them a dose of general flower fertilizer, and by the time you return from your trip, they should be ready to set new flowers.

Move plants out of direct sunlight. Moving container plants, hanging baskets and houseplants is very helpful for their continued health. I place all of mine in dim shade. By cutting back their light supply, you minimize their growth and decrease the amount of water they will need during your absence. Before you leave, water them deeply.

If the pots are sitting in saucers, remove them. Sitting in water, the roots will die faster than from a lack of water. Here again, cut everything back by one half. If someone is coming to your house to water all the plants, place all of the pots in one location so that your

friend does not have to canvas the whole yard to find what he or she has to water. For next year's garden plans, consider incorporating a wide variety of xeriscape (thriving under arid conditions) plantings in your garden. These plants are accustomed to surviving with little water. While visiting the Desert Botanical Gardens in Scottsdale, Arizona last year, I did some research on these types of plants. As a result, I started a new garden area this year in the sunniest part of my patio. I planted six different succulent plants. They are doing very well with very little water, and they have not been attacked by any pests or diseases. Keep that in mind for next year.

Random thoughts. Trees in your home landscape design can add a lot of scenic beauty and value to your property. Mature trees also help to cool your house in the hot, summer months. Good, healthy trees, especially those over sapling size, represent a costly investment. You should check them periodically for signs of disease and storm and wind damage. We will soon be entering the hurricane season. While the effects are not nearly as severe as in other areas of the county, our area can still be hit with storm remnants that can do a lot of damage to trees and shrubs. I recently noticed three dead white pines in my yard and some dying limbs on several pin oak and maple trees. I called the arborist from a local

tree company that I have used for years to check these trees and the others on my property. In addition to thorough tree health care, this inspection can identify potential risks and hazardous conditions relating to your trees and shrubs. The white pines had suffered borer damage and had to be cut down. The pin oak had possible Bacterial Leaf Scorch; I will have to keep an eye on that for it cannot be cured. Several white pines had to be trimmed as they were shading a beautiful Japanese Maple. Most of the trees had too much mulch around their bases. Many people, my husband included, apply mulch incorrectly. They pack it too deep and too close to the tree trunk. Mulch rings should be no more than two inches in depth and should not cover the bark of the tree trunk. Keep it pulled twelve inches back from the trunk. You can do some of this work yourself, but some should be left to a professional. The cost might seem high, but it is not when compared to the cost of replacing mature trees and the loss of landscaping to your property.

P.S. Good news from the Japanese beetle front. So far, my sightings of this garden nemesis have been very small, for what reason I don't know. I hope that this trend will continue.



Silk Road in all its July glory in the author's garden.

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Local News **Open House Raises over \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity**

By Rande Davis

On Saturday, July 11, the Jackson Family opened their home to the public so that area residents who watched the Extreme Makeover – Home Edition television show last fall could have a chance to tour the inside of the home. The \$5.00 admission fee was a fundrais-

er for Habitat for Humanity. Over 500 people made the visit as Felicia Jackson and the children were on hand to greet them and thank everyone for their support and interest in the well-being of the family.

The highly-festive day included free ice cream, a moon bounce, entertainment by Doug Bell, and

every visitor went home with a DVD of the episode of the show and a goody bag of other gifts.

Vice President of Classic Homes – Maryland, Amity Jain, told the Monocle that the turnout was “just wonderful and more than we expected.” Individuals were able to walk through the home or join a guided tour which gave details of the design, workmanship, and objectives of Classic Homes in building the home.

Jain pointed out why the experience in visiting the home was so special. While most visitors were fully aware of the TV show and saw the episode, they were “actually seeing the rooms, the family, and everything made it all so very real.”

When advised of the event, the producers of Extreme Makeover-Home Edition were surprised and very pleased since using the home as a fundraiser to help others is unique and unusual. The producers advised Classic Homes that another family in Maryland is being considered for next fall and invited them to repeat their experience. The timing of the event, however, would not work for Classic Homes, but they hope to have a similar opportunity sometime in the future.

In preparation, Classic did some minor refreshment and painting in the home and added to the landscaping. Felicia Jackson is so grateful to all and wanted to thank everyone and let them know



Over 500 people came out for the Jackson family open house fundraiser. Photo by Berry Thompson of www.20837biznet.com.

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Local News

Life Brought Back to The Old Town Hall

By Rande Davis

The Barnesville Town Hall has had a wonderful restoration—not only in terms of the physical structure but also in restoring its original purpose. On August 7, 1925, the town hall was established for the purpose of providing “a hall for social engagements, entertainments, and public meetings of religious, political, and social nature.” The hall, complete with stage, served for many years for plays, dances, suppers, and town voting polls. Potomac Edison installed lamps in the hall in 1931. The hall was sold to the Lions Club during World War II.

In 1954, the Town Hall closed its doors.

Recently, neighbors and friends gathered together to share stories of life in Barnesville which then came to life through the talents of an improvisational acting troupe from Washington, D.C.

One by one, long-time residents came forward to tell a unique story from their experiences living in the town—a sort of patchwork quilt of memories. Following each story, Max Vonduerckheim, whose mother, Marsha, lives in Barnesville, along with fellow actors, Erin Kaufman and Ky Knutson, created an improvisational performance based on the tale. The delightful skits, often very humorous, showcased the highly-imaginative and creative talents of the actors.

Some of the tales were of historical note, like the one told by

John Menke, as to how and when the town’s train station came to be located in its present-day site. Originally a gas metering station in Washington, D.C., the building was moved to Barnesville and dedicated on October 15, 1977.

Veterinarian Chet Anderson shared a story from his early days of setting up offices in Barnesville about a time when his brand-new Jeep Cherokee was ruined “by the smell of animal parts.” It is difficult to explain how Max Vonduerckheim actually brought the smell to life by creating a hand-waving, Grinch-like creature with evil facial distortions hovering in the back seat of the “car” causing drivers and passengers alike to flee the vehicle. One would never expect to actually see a smell, but Max succeeded in bringing sight to the audience.

Charlie Knutson shared his story about a herd of goats he owned, while William Price spoke about growing up in the town working at his mother’s shop which doubled as the post office, and another person told the story of a young man who stole license plates from a car that turned out to be owned by a Montgomery County police officer. With each story, the actors instantaneously devised a skit, easily playing the roles of goats, chickens, cars, horses, and other animate or inanimate objects to the full appreciation of the audience.

The town hall, which had sat empty and silent for over fifty years, was filled with laughter and applause. The acting troupe will return on July 24 and July 25 at 7:00 p.m., and at 5:00 p.m. on July 26.

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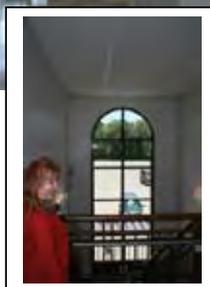
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An Open House to the new PHS science building addition is scheduled for August. The *Monocle* was given an early tour of the new facility that will serve all high school students in the school's science programs. With large windows and a peaked roof, the design sought to resemble its historical roots of the old PHS high school which had its last graduating class in 1953.









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a freelancer, mainly in the souvenir business for zoos and museums across the country. She does a lot of work for the National Zoo and is a member of the Museum Shop Association.

Now a resident of Boyds, one must understand the series of changes in Fran and her husband's life that brought her back to painting and to her once-beloved horses.

When Fran and Rich decided to seek the tranquility of life in Western Montgomery County, Rich chose to also leave behind his business as a personal trainer to become a carpenter. Having just built a new house together, Fran did her first painting in many years to decorate their home. With strong encouragement from friends and family, she continued painting—and her art became intertwined with Rich's. "When I started painting," she explains, "he started building frames for me." His handmade exotic frames are designed and selected to best display each of Fran's paintings, setting off the richness of the colors used and vibrancy of the animals depicted to best advantage. Usually, the frames are then individualized even more with details added by Fran and Rich.

In conjunction with these drastic changes, Fran turned fifty. As a birthday present to herself, she began riding again. The proximity to the horses and the time she spends with them has inspired her even more.

Her works are visually striking, the frames bursting at the seams with horses as seen from unusual perspectives—horses expressing their character and emotions, strong and stormy, gentle and mysterious. "I like to fill space with as much of the horse as possible," she says—and with as much life and vigor as possible as well. Fran's works feature "the horses at liberty, no tack" with a make-believe background inspired by her travels out west—usually vivid, turbulent, colorful skies. Her art fits squarely into the Western art genre.

It helps that Fran has chosen gouache, an opaque watercolor, as her main medium. She explains that the technique used for gouache is more similar to oil painting than to watercolor. It dries fast, it comes alive, and it can be manipulated. It also is very fragile and must be protected under glass. She also works strictly on Arches paper handmade in France, a heavy-weight paper with a rough surface.

Since she began painting again, Fran's work has seen surprising success. Her paintings have been recently accepted into a number of art shows including: the American Royal Western Art Show in Kansas City, the Western State Horse Expo in Sacramento, California, the American Juried Art Salon, an online exhibition, and the Wild Horse Art Show and Sale in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She was also invited to become a member of Women Artists of the West (WAOW), a nationwide unique and respected organization of about two hundred

women artists.

Fran has also turned her brush to painting botanicals, a series of succulents. "I love to garden," she explains, "and I have all these crazy house plants." True to her style, the paintings come alive with lush colors and details, the frames barely able to contain them.

This past winter, Fran suffered a setback when she broke her leg falling on the ice, then while still in a cast, broke it again in a car accident. After months of enduring pain and discomfort, she is finally on her feet, and was happy to have been able to start riding in June.

After many years away from horses and equine art, Fran has

returned to her first love: horses, riding, and the art that shares that love. Wheaton has been replaced by Boyds, and childhood drawings by fine art, but the horses—they're forever changing, forever unique, forever magnificent.



Sundance by Fran D'Antuono

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enrollment preparing to exceed capacity. The annual school test, which compares projected student enrollment against projected capacity, is conducted by Montgomery County Public Schools for each of its twenty-five school clusters. The latest test used estimated figures for 2014.

Three clusters—Clarksburg, Seneca Valley, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase—showed figures for students that would exceed a 120 percent cap specified in the 2007 Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO). As a result, the board said in a press release, "Starting July 1, the board will not approve residential subdivisions in those three areas unless they are communities for retirees or subdivisions of three or fewer units."

In nine other school clusters, such as Northwest and Quince Orchard, developers will have to pay a school facility fee as the predictions showed overcrowding in 2014 reaching more than 105 percent.

The restrictions are likely to be in place for the next year, until the tests are conducted again in 2010. Changes to the figures may be caused by school expansions

or drops in enrollment over the coming year as well as other factors.

**New Water Quality
Amendments Possible for
Clarksburg**

The Planning Board was slated July 9 to hear from planners who hope to better protect water quality by revising the Clarksburg Master Plan. According to a press release, evidence that area creeks are "feeling the effects of development in their watersheds" led to the writing of a report that advocates delaying stage four construction in Clarksburg until the master plan can be revised to address the water quality concerns in the Ten Mile Creek watershed. Such a revision would need to be supported by both the Planning Board and County Council.

The 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan describes staged construction with the final phase tied, in part, to protecting water quality in Ten Mile Creek, a major tributary of the Little Seneca watershed and part of the Clarksburg Special Protection Area (SPA). Rapid development in Clarksburg has meant more impervious surfaces such as paved areas and rooftops, which keep stormwater and other runoff from filtering through the soil.

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Business Briefs

Stoney Springs's Grand Opening Draws Good Turnout

Despite the troubled housing market, Winchester Homes, developer of Stoney Springs, was very pleased with the turnout for the grand opening on June 27 and 28. By mid-afternoon on Sunday, over seventy people had toured the model home. Vincent Mendel, Division Sales Director, told the Monocle that "the level of interest shown has been very encouraging and, to date, we have five homes sold with other sales pending."

Winchester Homes opened the Belmont, a

3,800-square-foot, four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath model for the grand opening. The spacious home has a special feature: a spectacular family and entertainment room with a full bar, movie theater, and wine-tasting room.

Stoney Springs, with 98 home sites, offers ten different model homes with starting prices ranging from \$590,000 to \$804,900. The largest model, the Randall II, is 5,139 square feet and features full baths for all four bedrooms.



Nick and Melanie Psaltakis joined dozens of others in touring the Belmont model home during the Stoney Spring Grand Opening on June 26.

"Jackson Family Habitat"
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the family is doing fine. She is particularly pleased that the two oldest graduated from Poolesville High School this spring and will be attending Montgomery College in the fall.

For readers who were unable to attend but would like to obtain the gift package and make a donation to Habitat for Humanity, it's

still possible. By sending a minimum \$10.00 (to cover shipping) to Classic Homes - Maryland, 50 West Edmonston Drive, Suite 405, Rockville, MD, 20852, the builder will send out gifts while supplies last.



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Disorderly conduct complaints – 19200 blocks of Walters Avenue, 19200 block of Lightfoot Lane, 19600 block of Westerly Avenue, Poolesville Elementary School, 19565 Fisher Avenue.

Past

July 17, 1929

Members of the Rockville Fire Department recovered the body of twenty year old Earl Price who was found in the quarry at Dickerson after he had drowned while swimming with his brother. After unsuccessfully using dynamite to find the body dragging equipment was used and Price's body was found.

July 20, 1951

A nineteen year old Gaithersburg man was sentence to one year in the state penitentiary after being convicted of manslaughter. In May he had been the driver of a vehicle that

wrecked causing the death of a seventeen year old Damascus high school student.

July 23, 1898

Deputy Sheriff James Tschiffely, of Darnestown, went to Seneca in an attempt to arrest George Jackson. In the process Deputy Tschiffely was severely beaten and a manhunt was in progress in an attempt to find Jackson.

July 25, 1911

After receiving reports that the Glen Echo amusement park was open in defiance of the Sunday closing laws Judge Reading and Sheriff Vielt went there to see for themselves. Judge Reading set up court in a ticket office and 82 employees of the park were fined more that \$1600. Almost every family in the town had at least one member appear before the court.

July 25, 1927

Richard Dorsey was arrested and confessed to a number of break-in's of stores and homes in the Germantown and Boyds area. Residents had been terrorized before the arrest and authorities were convinced that they had the right man.

"Tidbits From the Past" Continued From Page 3.

the Montgomery County commissioners for their choice of improving Montgomery County roads. The D.C. group took reporters to Poolesville and pointed out a stretch of road to be called Wil-

lard Road which was planned to run from Poolesville to River Road. They claimed that only three houses were situated on this road. In the meantime, they claimed, roads near the District line were in need of repairs.

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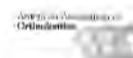
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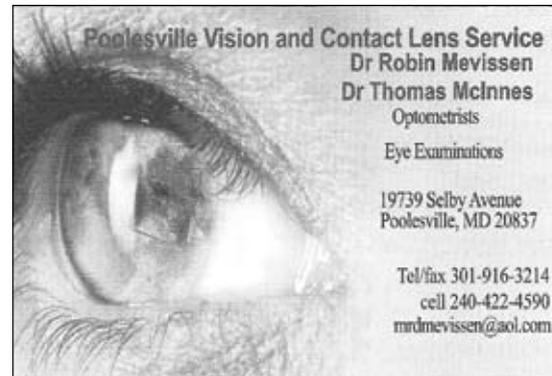
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Local News

Father Herbert Leaving Our Lady of the Presentation

By Rande Davis

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 Herbert as he takes on his newest assignment in this change in his journey of faith and service.



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July 18

Movies in the Park
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Whalen Commons – Poolesville
8:30 p.m.

Bassett's Entertainment Night
Featuring: Mindy Miller
10:00 p.m.

Art League of Germantown
Show and Reception

The Art League of Germantown announces "Historical Montgomery County," an exhibit of two-dimensional art at the Waters House History Center, 12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown. The show began on July 11 and will run until September 19. Times are Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The reception is Saturday, July 18, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.alog.org or call 240-731-9549.

July 19

Music in the Park
Whalen Commons
Featuring: Drew Simms
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7:00 p.m.

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July 20 to July 24

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Free
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 22

CEDC Meeting
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

July 23

Summer Reading Special Event
Poolesville Public Library
Representatives from the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will have a demonstration with surprise animal guests
2:00 p.m.

July 24 to July 26

An Oral History of Barnesville
Improvisational performances by visiting actors of stories about growing up and living in Barnesville, as provided by Barnesville residents (see article this issue.) The program will be at the Barnesville Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on July 24 and 25 and at 5:00 p.m. on July 26.

July 25

134th Annual St. Mary's Chicken Dinner and Fair
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July 26

Music in the Park
Whalen Commons
Featuring: Brian Gross
Brian Gross and friends
7:00 p.m.

Networking in the Park
Members of the PACC and businesses considering joining the local chamber are invited to a

networking reception on Whalen Commons at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Poolesville Community and Economic Development Committee will also be there to have the opportunity to hear about business concerns and ideas. Refreshments will be catered by Cugini's Restaurant. Join the group and then stay on for the concert that evening at 7:00 p.m.

July 27

Book Discussion
Poolesville Public Library
For adults, Michael Pollin's book,

Omnivore's Dilemma
7:30 p.m.

July 30

Summer Reading Special Event
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Tidbits

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November Combes, Germantown, Shar Ann Combes, Germantown, Bercu Crothers, Germantown, Barblin Essien, Clarksburg, Michael Fitzpatrick, Germantown, Deborah Flores, Germantown, David Franklin, Germantown, Cyrus Garmestani, Potomac, Michael Giacolone, Germantown, Zulgarnain Jamal, Germantown, Samuel Kui, North Potomac, Bich they Le, Germantown, Menging Lei, Rockville, Kiancarlos Linares, Potomac, Stephanie Linares, Potomac, Erin McCauley, North Potomac, Jinkle Mody, Germantown, Ashleigh Nesselt, Germantown, Gideon Nyamekyer, Germantown, Rahul Kumar Patel, Germantown, Gediminas Petraitis, Germantown, Melanie Premo, Beallsville, Al Roshdieh, Germantown, Kevin Roshdieh, Germantown, Job Sutton, Germantown, Arman Troncone, Potomac, Sahar Wahed, Germantown, Carly Williams, Germantown, Jesse Yates, Poolesville, Naseem Emad Zietoon, Germantown.

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