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Fifty Years and Counting

By Rande Davis

This past September, the Poolesville High School class of 1960 held its fiftieth graduation reunion which obviously sets a remarkable milestone. On the one hand, for this class, even this achievement is just one of many. You see, this was their fifteenth reunion. In fact, since 2000 they have gotten together every year. My guess is that as you get older, you have reunions more often on the premise of not being sure who will show up.

Actually, the secret to their cohesion is simple enough. They turn their reunion into a mini-vacation of fun, frivolity, and food. Is there a better formula for success? You might not know many of them, but you sure do know many of their names. Check out some street signs and developments and you will understand — names like Allnutt, Beall, Aud, Butler, Hall, Hunter, Offutt, Spates, just to name a few.

Each year, they use the home of one of their classmates as the point of destination. This year, they traveled for a



Reunions for the PHS class of 1960 have become annual events. Here are the 2010 organizers: Nancy Hall Holmes, Barbara Allnutt Cushman, Virginia Hall Daily, Janet Spates Hogan, Mary Williams Brandenburg, Joan Titus Carroll, and Carol Williams Sullivan.

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Crafts-A-Plenty — And Ears-A-Plenty

We have been planning to do a Focus on Business article on Reva Hoewing of Crafts-A-Plenty in Poolesville for some time now, and then a writer named Marc Acito beat us to the punch on www.walletpop.com in his column called "The Upside." We enjoyed his take on Reva so much that we are reprinting his article below.

Since the store is in the center of town, and Reva specializes in all things crafty and gifty, we suspect most of you have already visited her by now. Crafts-A-Plenty, along with a huge inventory of supplies for crafts, specializes in some very popular one-of-a-kind items like the Cat's Meow series on Poolesville, a booklet on the history of Poolesville (authored by her husband, Ray), vintage tables and chairs, and her newly-published 2011 Calendar offering unique historical pictures and stories of Poolesville. With the holidays coming up,

it's good to remember she has many gift items not found in your standard box store.

Of course, what makes the store special is Reva, as Mr. Acito captured her in his article:

Crafty Great-Grandmother Mends Broken Hearts — With Glue Gun

By Marc Acito
"So many people need someone to talk to," says Reva of Poolesville, "I just listen."

The seventy-six-year-old owner of Crafts-A-Plenty does a lot more than that. The mother of five, the grandmother of twelve, and the great-grandmother of eight, she still works five days a week in



Reva Hoewing with her best friend Ray.

the craft shop she opened over thirty years ago.

Back then, Hoewing worked as a teacher in a program for underprivileged children. Her craft lessons proved so popular that locals in her small town of 5,000 began

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Poolesville Town Election Results

Jim Brown: 698 (elected)
Chuck Stump: 573 (elected)
Jennifer Kasten: 555
Charter Revision: Approve - 369 Against - 575
Changing Name to Town of Poolesville: Approve - 909 Against 94.

Family Album



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Parents and friends came out to the PHS fall concert at Whalen Commons. Among them were Amelia Hall, Sherri Hall, and Joel and Gayl Tjornehoj.

The Collins Bauer family traveled from out of state to come to the St. Mary's Ham and Turkey dinner. They had plenty to eat!



The PACC held its social networking night at Finder's Keepers gift shop in Poolesville with some of the refreshments provided by Bassett's Restaurant. Enjoying good conversation and good treats are (left to right): Bernie Mihm, Tom McCartin, Kathy Mihm, and Berry Thompson.



Emily "Snow White" King (little sweetheart in the cape) helped serve food at St. Mary's Ham and Turkey Dinner. Joining her are Grandmother Linda Walker (left), mother Becky, and Bill Jamison.

Scoutmaster Bruce Kirby congratulates the newest Eagle Scouts, Nick Yarmas and Kevin Connor, who had their Eagle Boards on October 29, making them the fourth and fifth Eagles for Troop 496 this year!



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The Pulse

Hey, Buddy, Take a Hike

By Rande Davis

Our headline for Pulse sounds quite rude, doesn't it? Actually, our intent is just the opposite. Pulse is dedicated to volunteer organizations serving and representing the lifeblood of our community. Our report this issue is on just such a group: Sugarloaf Regional Trails (SRT). This is an organization whose mission is not only to help educate others about our local environment but also to foster enjoyment of historic Montgomery County and Sugarloaf Mountain.

Serving our area since 1974, it may be one of the better-kept secrets of any of the civic groups benefiting our community. A 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that is financed entirely by grants and donations from individuals and businesses, the group has conducted cultural research and educational activities, published historic theme trail guides and books, and has held conferences on preservation and environmental issues. Sugarloaf Regional Trails has been a leader in the development of the county master plan for preservation.

Sugarloaf Regional Trails has researched and published fifteen elaborate trail guides, most meant for biking, others for walking or as an automobile tour, and even a couple of canoe tours. Each trail guide comes with complete directions and historical notes with pictures on various sites along the way.

The Poolesville Town Walking Trail is an absolute must for anyone living or interested in Poolesville

and especially for visitors to the town. The five-page guide presents a condensed but very enlightening history of the town, offering eighteen historical sites of note.

For walking tour fans, there are two trail guides for Hyattstown and Potomac Bottomlands. They offer a hiker/driver tour of the Monocacy Battlefield and an auto tour of our rural churches. For canoeists, there are two canoe tours, one for the Potomac River and the other for the Monocacy River.

If you are in the mind for some fresh air, good exercise, and intriguing history, SRT has created bike trail guides for Boyds, Dickerson, Barnesville, Seneca, and the C&O Canal. If you prefer to sit back, relax, and take it easy, the rail tour puts you on the train from Rockville to Brunswick with explanations about various stops along the way.

Sugarloaf Regional Trails was founded by Frederick "Fritz" Gutheim, a gentleman whose background and resume make for a long trail of experience, from writer/historian to urban planning and environmentalist and includes our favorite, editor/newspaper reporter.

The leadership today consists of its Board of Directors: Peg Coleman (president), Chet Anderson (vice president), Carol Oberdorfer (secretary), Tom Proctor (treasurer), and members, Betsy Lyman, Boyce Miller, Bev Thomas, and Gary Valen.

All the trail guides are free of charge and available at www.sugarloaftrails.org. Take our advice, check them out, read about the organization, and then: Take a hike, will ya?

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Commentary

On the Outside Looking In

By John Clayton

As I write this, the election has not yet occurred, and you may not even have voted yet (unless, of course, you took advantage of early voting). If you have already voted, I guess I shouldn't assume that you won't vote again, especially if you are a Democrat, as it is a given in some Upcounty circles that early voting is a cover for repeat voting by the majority party. Well, lighten up, guys, it isn't that at all. Democrats don't have to vote twice in a one-party state, they already know they're going to win. It may not be North Korea, where the winner gets at least one hundred percent, but it's probably the next best/worst thing.

This one-party thing is, of course, not healthy. I grant you that I am probably more accepting of it if it is my party instead of your party, but on the off chance that I wake up tomorrow and my wife tells me we're moving to Wyoming, I should not speak kindly of one-party rule. While I have my partisan side, I have always seen the value, in government at any level, of having elections that periodically go to the out-of-power party. This is the principle known as: Throw the Bums Out. It is a house cleaning; it is desirable and absolutely necessary for good government. If nothing else, with a bow to the pathologically cynical, it at least gives the other folks a chance to feed at the trough for a few years, but as I retain a semblance of faith in the existence of honest legislators and the possibility of effective governance, I will reject that premise and move on.

If the Tea Party is ever truly successful, I wonder if its principles will survive actually getting the job. If a basic premise of your politics is that professional politicians are bad, do you have to throw yourself out the next year? If so, are we condemned forever to government by the inexperi-

enced? By the neophyte? By an endless parade of rookies? I do not think this is what the founding fathers had in mind, but what do I know? I don't even own a tri-cornered hat.

On the topic of disenfranchisement, are we of the Upcounty now pretty much disenfranchised? In a less pejorative sense, are we now so outnumbered by populous Germantown precincts that the chances of electing Upcounty-oriented local representation are virtually impossible? In the recent Democratic primary, there were three decidedly Upcounty candidates for the District 2 Montgomery County Council seat: Royce Hanson, Sharon Dooley, and Eddie Kuhlman. Mr. Hanson and Ms. Dooley are strong Agricultural Reserve advocates and had the support of a number of like-minded advocacy groups. Mr. Hanson collected the most votes of the three, but the combined votes of all three would not have matched the total of the eventual nominee, Craig Rice. Mr. Rice had stepped down from his state delegate seat to run for the county council and had the endorsement of his incumbent peers in the county delegation. A quick review of precincts confirms the obvious: Mr. Hanson won a few precincts out this way, but Mr. Rice steamed ahead in the more populous and down county precincts.

Is this the way of the future? Will there be no more successful Upcounty candidates like Jean Roesser, Jean Cryor, and Nancy Dacek? I realize that the party affiliation issue is working here as well, but that was once surmountable for strong, capable, centrist candidates such as these, and Royce Hanson got defeated in his primary. Lest I appear to be oversimplifying this point and not giving Mr. Hanson his due, it should be noted that he is well known and respected across the entire county and was far more than a local-interest candidate, but he was clearly not a Germantown candidate.

Republican Party nominee

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Elections 2010: How'd It Happen?

By Rande Davis

In thinking about general elections, I had a flashback to a hair-raising experience I had in high school in 1964. That's a rather odd juxtaposition, I know, but somewhat understandable when you realize most of my high school years were in Binghamton, New York which is famous for being the home of IBM and Rod Serling. When you grow up in a community that has such a wide cultural spectrum with the straight-laced, crew-cutted, white-shirted, thin-tied IBMer culture on the one hand, and the wild, totally out-of-the-box imagination of the creator of the Twilight Zone on the other, it's no wonder I have a thought process more in line with a pinball

machine than dominos.

Anyway, getting back to my high school days, one afternoon I found myself the fourth person in the back seat of a car being driven by someone I hardly knew at the top of Smith Hill. I can't tell you how many people have found their last moments on this Earth somewhere on the dangerous curves of Smith Hill, but I'm sure it is more than just a few.. From that hill, you can look down about a half mile toward the Chenango River. It's steep, very steep. It has more turns and changes in direction than a drunken sailor leaving a bar.

As the driver started down the hill, the car began to accelerate. I mean, really accelerate, going faster than anyone in the car thought possible. At times I was sure we were only one bump away from going airborne. At first, I remember thinking, Who is this guy? He was nice enough to give me a ride to my hoped-for

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In the Garden The Wild Gardener

By Maureen O'Connell

A few weeks ago when I was in London, I spent a few days traveling around the Sussex area of England. This is an easy two-hour southeast drive from central London. I visited several National Trust historic houses and gardens. I find October a wonderful time to visit southern England; the trees and shrubs are starting to take on their brilliant autumn hues; the late season flowers are still blooming, and the weather is usually fair and mild (or I have just always been lucky). I actually went there to visit one house and garden in particular, Gravetye Manor. Richard Infield built Gravetye in 1598 for his bride, Katharine Compton. The initials R and K may still be seen over the main entrance door from the formal garden, and their portraits are carved in oak over the fireplace in the master bedroom. There are still vestiges of that era in the house and the gardens. A lot has not changed. Allow me to tell you about this home's most notable owner, William Robinson (1838-1935). He is considered by many as one of the greatest gardeners of all time and the "Father of the English Cottage Garden Movement." Many Englishmen do not like to admit that an Irishman had the greatest influence upon the development of English garden design in the mid 1800s to the early 1900s.

Today, if you ask people to describe the look of an English garden, many will think of a Cottage Garden however, this style did not become popular and accepted until the mid-1800s. For centuries, English gardens were modeled after French and Dutch formal garden designs. This design appreciated balance, symmetry, and geometry. It found beauty in linearity; right angles defined this concept. In the mid-1700s, England's three most influential garden landscape designers were William Kent,

Lancelot "Capability" Brown, and Humphrey Repton. These three gardeners led the way to the gradual transition from the classical to a natural style of garden design. Kent still had a close connection to the classical world, and Brown's gardens looked more like idealized visions of the English countryside. There are several historic gardens in Sussex which exhibit this style of Brown. His landscapes combined trees and lawns with a body of water as a focal point. Humphrey Repton was well received by plant lovers, as he introduced the concept of planting flowers next to the house.

William Robinson was born in Ireland in 1838, a year after Queen Victoria ascended the throne. He moved to London as a young man and studied at the best horticultural schools in London. In 1867, he became foreman for the herbaceous section of the Garden of the Royal Botanic Society at Regent's Park in London. Robinson was also an accomplished writer. In 1870, he published *The Wild Garden*, but his most important work was *The English Flower Garden*, first published in 1883. Robinson traveled extensively in Europe and North America. His observations of the many gardens he visited started to shape his own vision of what a garden should look like. In New York City, he was impressed with Central Park, which was just then nearing completion under its principal designer Frederick Law Olmsted. All along, his ideas regarding landscape design were evolving into what became known as the Cottage Garden style. He revolted against the formal and constrained highly-geometric gardens of the Victorian Age that depended heavily on greenhouse-grown tropical plants. Robinson advocated the use of hearty perennials, native plants, and ground covers in natural-looking drifts. His visionary ideas were considered groundbreaking at the time, but his desire to use plants to sustain wildlife and to work with nature

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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crimes

November 9, 1908 Two suitcases were found along the railroad tracks near Boyds. One suitcase contained men's apparel and the other men's clothing. Excitement in the area was high and speculation ranged from a case of foul play to a simple case of suitcases falling off of a passenger train.

November 10, 1936 Judge Charles Woodward swore in the new grand jury at Rockville. He warned the jurors that it was their duty to investigate and indict if a crime had been committed. But he said that it was not their duty to criticize and if they did not indict that they should remain silent about the case. Frank Leizear, president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co, was sworn in as foreman.

November 17, 1938 Miss Helen Kiendl, a pretty New York society girl, was excused from testifying before the grand jury by States Attorney Pugh. Miss Kiendl was expected to be a witness in the highway robbery case against Edward Jackson. Mr.

Pugh explained that detaining Miss Kiendl would interfere with her schooling in New York.

November 18, 1910 Raymond Jenkins of Germantown was arrested at the Freedman's Hospital in Washington by Sheriff Viett. Jenkins was being treated for a bullet wound inflicted when he attempted to break into the home of James Dorsey at Germantown.

November 18, 1950 Four school children were injured and sixty others were shaken up

when their school bus went off the road and struck a culvert on Route 109 between Beallsville and Poolesville. Charlotte Wilson was treated for a bruised foot, Connie Ward, abrasions of her leg, Jane Thompson bit her tongue, and Nancy Chapman had cuts on her leg. All of the students were taken to the home of Dr. Gordon Smith who treated them. Bus driver Clarence Offutt said that a truck ran him off of the road.

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three-day excursion to Maine where Barbara Lynne (Allnutt) Cushman was the hostess. By keeping the three days open for personal things of interest—touring, golf, beach, shopping, etc.—they have found participation has been strong. Of course, their special banquet night is the primary draw and a time that they can share memories and update each other on current happenings. Each year, they give tribute to someone who was special to the class, and this year they honored Betty Titus in her role as Class Mom. Betty brings special memories to this class not only for the meals she prepared for them in their school cafeteria but for special pies and food from Titus's Tasty Cupboard (now Bassett's) when she had become infamous for her baked goods.

One of the traditions, possibly lost to newer generations but carried on by this class, is the practice of class poems and limericks. We don't know who

the class poet was this year, but the writer created a twenty-stanza poetic invitation reminiscent of such ditties from the forties and fifties.

Congratulations to the class of 1960 on its fiftieth reunion. We can't be sure where they will go next, but we wouldn't be surprised if it was Disney World.

P.S. The young man in the picture is Don Hoffacker.



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Dog Meets World

By Elaine Clayton

Poolesville Day, homecoming, birthdays, graduation, what do each of these events have in common? Most Americans have documented at least one of these important days through photographs. A picture captures a moment in time and takes us there again and again, creating and preserving memories of special people and places. Cameras and photographs have become ubiquitous in our daily lives. We have instant access with digital cameras, cell phones, and iPods. In a world where we can share those photos in an instant through email and Facebook, it is easy to forget that many people around the world do not have the seemingly simple luxury of a photograph and do not have an opportunity to document special events or take a picture of a

treasured loved one.

This is where Dog Meets World (DMW), the nonprofit for which I am interning, comes into focus. Dog Meets World founder Carolyn Lane recognized that millions of people all over the world do not have access to photographs. Her innovative project aims to change that. The mission of DMW is to give children/families in developing countries personal photographs, often for the first time. Dog Meets World is a photo diplomacy project that seeks to change the way people see others, and rather than simply taking pictures while on vacation, to give them as well.

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I AM Children's Family supports over 200 children orphaned by AIDS and other diseases. Its ministry is based on a strong Christian background and focuses on nurturing honest, God-fearing leaders of tomorrow, as well as providing the five basic needs of a child: food, shelter, clothing, education and parental love.

The Choir is under the umbrella of I AM Children's Family and has a supporting organization in the USA called Artists in Christian Testimony. The major objective of the Choir's 2010 tour is to raise funds to build a multi-purpose facility, primary and secondary schools, a hospital, and sports facility for the children.

Join us on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm for a free concert by the Mwamba Ugandan Children's Choir at Poolesville Baptist Church, 17550 West Willard Road, Poolesville, MD 20837.

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Youth Sports

On the Links With Clarksburg And Poolesville High Schools

By Jeff Stuart

The Clarksburg Golf team finished with eleven wins and seven losses. "We had twelve kids try out," said Head Coach Thomas Laddbush. "I picked eight boys and one girl based on a three-day tournament. The girl, Lauren Miller, is a beginner." The golf team is allowed one or two practice times a week by MCPS, and the team tries to arrange its own practice on a range or a golf course, then there is one match a week. "We try to practice five times a week, Monday thru Friday. We can't go on Saturdays because the courses are too busy," added Laddbush. Meets are arranged between four teams,

each playing with their top six golfers. "If you beat all three teams you get three points...and [you] count your first five scores in nine-hole matches."

The remarkably-consistent Conner Miller, a junior, was the number-one player for CHS. "He averaged, like, forty-one for all the matches, right on the money. Conner shot an 82 at the MCPS District Tournament on October 4 at Poolesville," said Laddbush. With a team made up of mostly juniors and seniors, there are two seniors in the starting lineup, Alex Hall and Chris Viqueira. "We didn't have any superstars, but we had three really good players. (Conner Miller, Alex Hall, and junior Stefan Wroblewski). Conner and Alex qualified for the Montgomery County Invitational." The other regular players are juniors Alex Belman and Mike Opiekun. The team was undefeated last year allowing them to move up to the middle division. This year, the Coyotes finished in third place this year and will remain in the middle division."



The Clarksburg High School 2010 golf team.



The Poolesville High School 2010 golf team.

Alex Belman figured prominently in the September 28 contest at Worthington Manor. "It came down to the last match," said the coach. He shot a 49. "Alex didn't even know he needed to make a couple of good shots for us to beat Sherwood—but he did. That was our best day and it cost me a lunch. I had to buy them all pizza and coke." CHS won all three matches, shooting 223. Mac Raum and Uda Virk round out the team.

"The big story this season," said Poolesville Head Coach David Gillespie, "was that Victoria Huang (Sr) qualified for

the State Tournament. She missed qualifying by one stroke last year and made it by one stroke this year. When she was a sophomore she was a middle of the pack golfer, but she took the initiative over the summer to get her own golf coach and came back for her junior year a much, much improved player. Her stroke averages were, like, six, seven, or even eight strokes less than the previous year. She became a major force on the team." Victoria is also an honors student. The State Tournament was held at

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Our Mystery Photo in the September 17 issue was taken at White's Ferry. Everyone who entered got that right, and the winner of the drawing was Charlie Heyda.

Entries must be received by 3:00 p.m. the Friday following the date of this edition. The winner will be announced in our next issue.

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School News

CHS, PHS Boosters Make a Difference

By Jeff Stuart

Lisabeth Belman is the 2010-2011 president of the Clarksburg High School Athletic Boosters Club. She is joined by current officers: Vice President Stephanie deCelis - events, Vice President Fred Levy - sales, Treasurer Donna Sheehan, and Secretary Laurie Lane. Boosters are hard-working volunteers who spend many hours helping at the school, and their main focus is to provide additional equipment, uniforms, and supplies to the athletic department that are not provided by MCPS, says Belman. "In this economic climate, with the schools coping with budget cuts, it is so important. Each year, we are given a wish list by the athletic director," she continues, which they try to meet. Along with the new athletic director, Jeff Sullivan, who has created a new slogan—41 Teams, One Pack—there is also a new spirit team called the Blue Brigade. "The Booster Club has been very successful in meeting the yearly goals put before us."

Various events are planned to help raise funds. "We typically hold a golf tournament fundraiser in the fall," adds Belman. This year that tournament was at Little Bennett Golf Course. A round-robin style student Dodge Ball Tournament is being planned for late winter. A staff basketball game with CHS and Damascus High School has also been a traditional fundraiser. These events, combined with the banner sponsorships, booster memberships, spirit wear sales, and the concessions, make up most of the fundraising efforts.

In 2010-2011, the CHS Boosters provided championship patches for athletes, field blankets, lacrosse helmets, senior nights, and new uniforms for basketball, soccer, track, and wrestling, as well as the stadium

lights. In addition, the Boosters will award two \$500 Athletic Scholarships to senior student athletes (one male and one female) who have demonstrated superior athletic and academic performance. All nominated student athletes who meet the pre-determined requirements will have an equal chance of winning. The scholarship award will be applied toward an educational institution for post high school education. Information for the scholarship and other events can be found on the Boosters' link on the CHS athletics site.

The Poolesville High School Athletic Booster Club has recently helped PHS make improvements to both the baseball and softball fields with more to come next spring, purchase a variety of new audio-visual equipment to be used by coaches to film and evaluate their own teams as well as scout upcoming opponents, and to install a new Bermuda turf field at the stadium. Coaches, PHS Boosters staff, and Athletic Director Ed Ross seeded the field last spring. The club also awards scholarships to deserving male and female athletes who meet pre-established criteria. Without the assistance of the Boosters, much of the team equipment and stadium improvements could not be done. Fundraisers include the sale of food and spirit wear at the concessions stands, the sale of stadium banners, a spring mulch sale, the Jake Perkins Memorial Golf Tournament, held in May, the sale of spirit wear at Poolesville Day, and a free-throw shooting contest held at half time of all varsity basketball games. The PHS Boosters will also be active at the concessions and admissions at a Girls' Holiday Basketball Tournament at Poolesville sponsored by the Poolesville Basketball Association and the girls' basketball team.

Jeff Oyer is the 2010-2011 president of the PHS Boosters. Laurie Oyer and Marshall Michaels are vice presidents. Kris Baker is secretary, and Pam Flick is treasurer. The PHS Booster website is also linked to the PHS athletics webpage.

Tidbits

Great Things Start in Small Sizes

Eleven-year-old Alivia Tetlow was watching Animal Planet's Whale Wars and became concerned about endangered animals. It was then that she decided to have a fundraising event to help World Wildlife Fund, an organization that seeks to aid animals from the Amazon to the Arctic.

Alivia told the *Monocle*, "I figured if no one else would help, I could help." She has lots of favorite animals, especially seals, giraffes, butterflies, pandas, and, well, the list gets a bit too long as her love of animals is pretty large. She went to Dr. Peter Eeg of Poolesville Veterinary Clinic, and he was thrilled to help her. With her display and poster of a giant paper giraffe to get attention, she smiled and coaxed passersby to contribute.

Wear a Blue Ribbon

All Poolesville Cluster schools recognize the immediate

and potentially devastating effect of bullying. While efforts to stem this terrible problem are ongoing, the schools have designated the week of November 8 through 12 as Blue Ribbon Week. Blue Ribbon week is a designated spirit week promoted at the schools with activities and lessons that focus on respect and bully prevention. Businesses in town were encouraged to help promote the initiative by placing Blue Ribbon Week posters in their windows and by having employees wear blue ribbons.



Eleven-year-old Alivia Tetlow held a fundraiser for the World Wildlife Fund at Poolesville Veterinary Clinic last month. Joining her are Ellen Pearl, April Houndegla, and Dr. Peter Eeg.

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rather than shaping it to our ideals is very relevant and accepted today. We talk today about sustainability and growing our own food locally. This is nothing new; these were Robinson’s ideas.

In addition to writing garden books, Robinson was a columnist for The Times. After several years, his writing career brought him financial success, and, in 1884, he purchased the Elizabeth

Manor of Gravetye, located in West Sussex, along with two hundred acres. It was here that Robinson was able to explore and develop his ideas of Wild Gardening. It was his home, garden, and field laboratory. The regal stone house, gardens, and rolling meadows still exist, much as they were in the sixteenth century. After Robinson died, the manor had several owners and uses. Today, it is a country house hotel with eighteen bedrooms and a world-renowned restaurant.

While in London, I spent

several days at Gravetye, exploring the gardens and speaking with the garden team of paid professionals and volunteers. Robinson’s Wild Garden blends into the larger landscape of the lush, crocus-covered meadows, the papyrus and bamboo plants at the many ponds’ water’s edges, and the woodland edges and openings. When I was there, most of the summer-flowering plants had stopped blooming, but the autumn display was in full bloom with delicious-colored dahlias, floppy dark red sedum, pink and purple asters, light blue cosmos, and indigo-blue lobelias. The stone-walled kitchen garden still supplied the restaurant with many herbs, vegetables, berries, and flowers. Some things have changed at Gravetye Manor, but much is like it was years and years ago when it was Robinson’s dream. It still exudes Robinson; it is still his creation and memorial.

P.S. Recently, a friend said to me that after reading my last *Monocle* article, she now knows how I keep my many gardens alive and beautiful. “You have

two garden helpers, Tom and Sam, to help you with the labor.” Now, that is true, and I am enclosing their picture. As you can see, Tom and Sam are my two well-loved Labrador Retrievers. Their idea of “helping in the garden,” is to dig up whatever I plant and to take naps in my hosta beds.



Garden helpers Tom and Sam



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 Fall Festival
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 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

November 6
 Team Butler Relay for Life: Basket Bingo
 Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
 Games: 7:00 p.m.
 20 Regular Games, 3 Specials, Door Prizes, Raffles
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Christmas Bazaar
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 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mwamba Ugandan Children's Choir
 Free admission for concert
 Poolesville Baptist Church
 17550 West Willard Road, Poolesville
 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night
 Featuring: Doug Bell
 8:00 p.m.

November 7
 Butler School Open House
 15951 Germantown Road, Darnestown
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 2:00 p.m.

Montgomery Countryside Alliance Fundraiser
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Button Farm, 16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown
 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 8
 Commissioners' Meeting
 Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 9
 Poolesville Master Plan Work Session
 Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 10
 Parks Board Meeting
 Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 11
 American Legion Post #247
 Veterans Day Observance
 Whalen Commons
 Raffle Winners Announced
 11:00 a.m.

November 13
 Poolesville Library
 Puppet Show
 Candy and her teddy bear Cupcake share songs, stories, puppets, and lots of fun. Each story contains wholesome, warm, and friendly adventures for the whole family!
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Cugini's Entertainment Night
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November 14
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Among the speakers will be Cathy Carnahan, mother of Dale who died in an automobile accident nineteen months ago not far from Poolesville. Cathy will speak of that day and how the decision to donate came to life. The Carnahans have lived in Poolesville for many years. The second speaker will be Michael Taylor, who is Julia's Dad.

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Robin Ficker will carry the Upcounty banner against Mr. Rice, but I haven't read or heard anything that suggests he was going to make it close, although if those green "Robin Ficker Term Limits" road signs could vote, I think he might have given Mr. Rice a run for his money.

There are issues of concern out our way that may not be evident to the casual voter east of Seneca Creek. It will be increasingly incumbent upon us, and

perhaps more difficult, to exert our influence upon the politicians who can get elected in our districts. We will have to influence them because it doesn't look like any of our more Upcounty-focused candidates are going to be able to squeak through occasionally, as they did before. It will be an educational process, and it may take time to bring some of them up to speed. Throwing them out every election might not be the answer.

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destination, but did I really know him? The faster he was taking us down hill, the more I realized, Nope, don't know 'im at all. At each curve and bump I kept thinking, He's only sixteen, how much experience at driving can he have? Halfway down the hill, I realized I had made a terrible, terrible mistake, and all I wanted was for him to hit the brakes, pull over, and let me out. After closing my eyes, gritting my teeth, and making all kinds of mental deals with God, I found that he had finally taken us all the way to the bottom. Right then and there, I vowed never to let an inexperi-

enced, lead-footed driver, someone I really didn't even know, drive me anywhere again.

To my way of thinking, a way that I admit is a bit bizarre, that's why the voters have so resoundingly rejected the direction and speed of change we have experienced. Better to be a car momentarily in a ditch than one driving off a cliff.

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On Saturday, October 9, Stephen Herbert Paley, of Dickerson, Maryland, died at the Montgomery Hospice's Casey House after a long and courageous fight with cancer. He was 71.

Mr. Paley, a native Washingtonian, graduated from Wilson High School in 1957. He received a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1961 and a law degree from Georgetown University Law School in 1964.

Mr. Paley served in the U.S. Justice Department's tax division before he co-founded the law firm Paley Rothman in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. Paley was a member of the Potomac Hunt Club since 1971, where he served for many years as its treasurer.

He is survived by his wife Lana Paley of Dickerson; three

"CHS-PHS Golf" Continued From 9.

the University of Maryland Golf Course on October 26. "Our team goal," said Gillespie, "was to remain in Division II, a more competitive division that we were in a couple of years ago, and we did that. Individually, Charles Smith was consistently number one, followed by Anthony Caputo, Andy Baker, Alex Yee, Cory Thomas, and Swami Rajaram." On August 30, at Blue Mash Golf Course in Laytonsville, the Poolesville golf team (8-9-1) began its 2010 season defeating three opponents. The Falcons scored 233, edging

children from his first marriage to Maralyn Griff Paley, Kevin Paley, Hebron, Kentucky, Shawn Paley, Germantown, Maryland, and Stacey Bradshaw, Austin, Texas; two stepchildren, Natasha Gorgue, London, United Kingdom, and Alex Parvizian, Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Stephanie Blum, Delray Beach, Florida, and Susan Gordon, Rockville, Maryland; and nine grandchildren.

Magruder (234), Blake (242), and Springbrook (289). Smith led the effort, shooting 43. Caputo won his group with a 45, while Rajaram came through with a 46. Also scoring for Poolesville were Thomas (48), Baker (51), and Huang (52). In the Girls 9 Hole Tournament at Laytonsville just two days later, Lindsey Kalor and Huang both scored 46, tying for sixth out of eighteen players. Whitney Carmack came home in sixteenth.

On September 7 at Worthington Manor, the Falcons (242) lost to top finishers Sherwood (213), Gaithersburg (220), and Blake (225). The leaders for Poolesville were Smith (44), Caputo (47), Thomas (50), Kalor (50), Alex Yee (51), and Baker (60). In the second Girls Nine Hole Tournament at Laytonsville on September 15, Kalor again led the team, posting a 43. Carmack showed what she could do with a round of 44. Huang also played well, posting a score of 47. On the same day at PB Dye Golf Course in Ijamsville, Poolesville, shooting 235, posted

wins over Clarksburg (245) and Springbrook, but the top finisher was Gaithersburg with 225. Smith and Caputo again led the Falcons, both scoring a 43. Baker played well, shooting a 47. Yee was next with a 49. September 21 at Little Bennett Golf Course, Poolesville (236) bested Blake (251), but could not get past Rockville (223) or Clarksburg (224). Baker was low man coming in with a 44. He was followed by Smith who posted a 47. Next were Craig Morton and Rajaram who both came home with 48s. The regular season ended on September 28 at Worthington Manor shooting 233, giving them a win over Magruder (236) but losses to Sherwood (224) and Clarksburg again (223). Smith was low man with a 42 while Yee came through with a 43.



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Nov. 13:
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Nov. 13: Hard Place in the Rock

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Nov. 20: The Haunts
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asking her for classes—but a fondness for cross-stitching and making pine cone wreaths isn't what keeps her working after all these years. "It's the interaction with people," she says. "I could do crafts at home."

So she's become Poolesville's unofficial mother confessor. "I think half the town goes to her with their heartaches, including me," says longtime customer Philomena Roy. "She should work for the FBI. She has a mouth like a clam."

Hoewing never turns anyone away, never hurries someone out if they don't buy something. "I enjoy talking to people," she says. "I think it's my mission. Someone needs someone to talk to, and here I am. Some days I go home exhausted, but I'm back the next day. My daughter says I should change the name of the store to the Crying Towel."

"I call her the glue gun for broken hearts," says Roy.

Hoewing, who sings in her Methodist church choir, credits her faith with sustaining her. "If you don't have God in your life, it's hard to do things on your own."

Spirituality aside, the business does make a profit, though Hoewing reports she's not getting rich doing it—and she's proud not to owe anyone, either.

But her biggest craft is a skill increasingly in short supply in the too-much-information age: she listens. "I don't try to give people solutions or guide them a certain way."

"She speaks with such gentleness of voice," Roy adds. "It's easy to talk to her."

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"Things to Do" Continued From Page 13.

Julia received Dale's heart. Julia was ten years old at the time and was suffering from Congestive Heart Failure. Michael will speak about what this "gift of life" has meant to him, his daughter, his family. All are welcome.
10:30 a.m.

November 17
Planning Commission Meeting
Community Economic Development Committee Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 18
Poolesville Library, Pre-school Storytime
Stories, fingerplays, music, and other activities for children, with parent, guardian, or caregiver. Pre-registration is not required.
Ages: Preschool (3 to 6)

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Local News

Rejected by Fannie Mae, Concerned Citizens Rebound

By Rande Davis

When Catherine Beliveau found out that Poolesville Presbyterian Church's annual participation in the Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless no longer qualified for matching funds (they were too small), she wondered aloud whether they should do their own walk for WUMCO at Whalen Commons in Poolesville instead. Others agreed, and another great idea was born.

Once the ball got rolling, the local churches jumped on board along with the Community Economic Development Committee (now pretty much experts on all things in the park). It wasn't long before the business community joined in, and the result was more than a walk-a-thon—it became a wonderful fall festival for the town.

Organizers of the day also included Lynn Bodmer, Cathy Bupp, Helen Gunther, Kileen Wiley, and a whole bunch of enthusiastic volunteers.

The local businesses sponsoring various events (i.e., moon bounce, face paint, ring toss, lamas on display, and the pet dog contest) were: Homestead Farm, Total Automotive, Glad-I-Yoga, Corporate Network Services, Peachtree Veterinary Clinic, Hilary Schwab Photography, Wild Acres Farm, The Paul Harney Family, and Kettler Forlines Homes.

Also on the thank you list of the organizing committee for the WUMCO Fall Fun-Raiser are: K-9 Barkery (for the donation of prizes for the dogs), Master of Ceremony Ray Hoewing; contest judges, Jane Stearns, Karen Micheals, and Lori Gruber; all the vendors; and especially the youth of the Poolesville High School National Honor Society and St. Peter's Episcopal Church for donating the proceeds from their booths.

How'd they do? Along with a really terrific fun-raiser and beautiful day, they raised \$2,600.00 for WUMCO.



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