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Linda Lewis with her freshly-baked pies. See more pictures in Family Album page 2.



Darby Johnson, 14, was Mooney's Frozen Yogurt's first customer. Read more on page 6.



Abigail Tjornehoi sharing with children on a mission trip. Read about the mission in the Pulse on page 12.



Her job is done here, it's time to move on to a new challenge. The story is in Tidbits on page 16.

The Community Mourns Tragic Loss of PHS Senior

By Rande Davis

Poolesville and the surrounding community were rocked by the death on September 30 of PHS seventeen-year-old senior Jacob Robert "Jake" Jesuitas. He was the son of Montgomery County Police officer John "J.J." and Stacey Jesuitas, brother to Nicolas, age twenty and a 2012 PHS graduate, and grandson of Robert and Dorothy Renne, Purie Jesuitas, and Ray Miranda.

The loss of the very popular and outgoing young man who was a skilled skateboarder, a devoted actor and tech crew member with the Phantom Players in middle school and with the Midnight Players in high school, was compounded by the tragic nature of his passing that left close friends and family confused as well as the rest of the community frightened about the negative consequences of depression. The school administration informed the student body of his death during Wednesday morning announcements and sent out an email to students and their families advising that a support team of psychologists, counselors, and pupil personnel workers from Montgomery County Public Schools would be providing counseling and support to students.

On Wednesday and Thursday, fellow students wrote personal notes of condolences on posters which were placed on the walls of the school hallways—notes expressing love, memories, and the loss of his friendship. The posters were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Jesuitas as a memorial keepsake for the family at halftime during the Thursday night varsity football game against Catoclin High School. This year was Jake's first on the varsity football team (#80) where he played wide receiver. He had been recently recruited to play for the Falcons after the coach

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Jacob Robert "Jake" Jesuitas

Poolesville Man Wins 2014 Stockholm Water Prize

By Rande Davis

Poolesville resident and Harvard professor John Briscoe has been named the 2014 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate for his unparalleled contributions to global and local water management, inspired by his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of people.

The Stockholm Water Prize, sometimes described as the Nobel Prize for water, is a global award founded in 1991 and presented annually by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) to an individual, organization, or institution for outstanding water-related achievements. The Stockholm Water Prize Laureate receives \$150,000 and a crystal sculpture specially designed and created by Orrefors.

In covering the event, the *Harvard Gazette* reported that Briscoe is an expert in water policy and development issues, and holds appointments on the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, the patron of the prize, presented the award at a ceremony in Stockholm on September 4.

The Stockholm Water Prize was awarded to Briscoe for his "unparalleled contributions to global and local management of water—contributions covering vast thematic, geographic, and institutional environments—that have improved the lives and livelihoods of millions of people worldwide." Citing Briscoe's expertise as a researcher, policymaker, and

hands-on practitioner of water policy management, SIWI lauded him for "providing the world with tools for peaceful, productive, and equitable management of the Earth's water resources."



Professor John Briscoe receiving an award from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

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Family Album



What's a football game without brass and drum band support to help keep the crowd pumped?



Prior to start of the October 2 football game, the team paused for reflection in memory of teammate Jake Jesuitas.



Barbie Stull and Dan Glazier report that Cugini's first car show fundraiser for Operation Second Chance was a big success, and they are already planning for next year.



Mrs. Parker holds baby Emma and joins Daniel Reed and Kaydence Harper with everyone's favorite clown and best friend, Rick Arnold.



Cover your ears! Fire in the hole with punkin' chunkin' time at Lewis Orchards.



Mary Hobbs, Gwen Boe, and Remy Anderson join with motivational speaker and musician Jake Ballantine (teaching respect of self and others) after a JPMS Blue Ribbon Week assembly.



Aiden Oberman and Kelsey Szafrancki at Blue Ribbon Week assembly. The theme for this day was to wear PJs to school.

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Town of Poolesville Town Commissioners Approve Proposals to Strengthen Staffing of Key Town Services

By Link Hoewing

At their meeting on October 6, the Town of Poolesville commissioners focused primarily on a report prepared by town manager Wade Yost concerning staffing in key town departments. The report provided the commissioners with an assessment of the current and future challenges that are likely to face the town due to high staff turnover and greatly increasing workloads in all departments.

The town is able to maintain its parks and streets and keep the water and sewer systems running, but Mr. Yost noted that, due to a number of factors, town staff is stretched thin in trying to get all of the work done. The town has two major departments: Water and Wastewater, and Parks and Streets. Within the Water and Wastewater Department, the management of the wastewater plant requires special licenses and training, and limits how much sharing can be done of workloads between departments.

Using the twelve-year period since he took over as town manager as a benchmark to assess trends in staffing and projecting forward over the next ten years, Mr. Yost said that in virtually every area, workloads have increased significantly and will continue to do so. As one example, in the Parks and Streets Department, overtime pay has increased significantly this year, from fifteen percent of total salary expenditures in the department to twenty-three percent.

Mr. Yost pointed to a number of specific examples to demonstrate how much workloads have increased. The number of parks, green spaces, and water retention ponds that must be mowed has increased as new developments, such as Stoney Springs and Brightwell Crossing, have been completed. In the past, the town essentially had one major event requiring staff support from the Parks and Streets Department, Poolesville Day. Today, there are many more events such as the Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Springfest

that require staff support. Street maintenance work has increased as more roads have been built in the new developments. While staffing in the department is not experiencing high levels of turnover, the staff of five employees has not changed for years despite ever-higher workloads.

Staffing challenges within the Water and Wastewater Department are similar in some respects, but the causes are different. Turnover in both divisions of the department are high because staff have to be on call so often in case of emergencies. In the case of the wastewater treatment plant, special licenses and training are needed to run the very-complex facility, and pay levels of employees are low in comparison with other jurisdictions. As a result, staff are often lured away by larger jurisdictions offering higher pay and fewer hours of on-call duty.

Mr. Yost offered a number of recommendations to help address these problems. He proposed that an additional employee be hired to join the Parks and Streets Department to provide more support. He suggested, in addition, that a test program be considered to determine whether contractors could assume some of the load for mowing in an efficient and effective manner. Currently, when water main breaks and other major sewer or water line problems occur, the town often does not have the heavy equipment needed to efficiently reach deeply-buried lines so Mr. Yost suggested a plan be developed to outsource such work in special cases, something he does not currently have the authority to do.

To help ease the workload at the wastewater plant, Mr. Yost recommended that an additional employee be hired immediately (although it will take several months to complete the hiring process).

Finally, town staff had to work such long hours during recent snow events to clear streets that Mr. Yost said they were exhausted, something which could become a safety concern. He recommended that a plan be developed to have outside contractors on standby to help remove snow in emergency situations.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve all recommendations. In doing so, they realized that funding sources for new staff hires needed to be identified, although Mr. Yost also made the point that the new hires would only impact the budget for less

than half a year since the new fiscal year will begin in the spring. The key issue of whether pay levels are competitive enough in key functions such as staffing the

wastewater treatment plant was not dealt with during the meeting, but this issue would be on the table when the budget is considered early next year.



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Commentary

Just Blowing Smoke

By John Clayton

The November 4 elections approach, and I anticipate the Anthony Brown-Larry Hogan contest with about the same level of enthusiasm with which I anticipate the St. Louis Cardinals-San Francisco Giants playoff series. I should follow this comment with an apology for any inadvertent besmirching of Major League Baseball and its fans.

Honestly, I have tried to follow this contest intelligently and drill down to the details to better understand the candidates' positions. I looked for substance, and I found nothing but people Blowing Smoke, an exercise better known by its initials: BS.

The discussion seems to resolve mostly around taxes, as well it might in a state that is, by most measures, fairly heavily taxed. This is also, except in certain rural areas and the Baltimore suburbs, pretty much a one-party state, dominated by Democrats. I noticed that Anthony's website has a dropdown list under Vision, but nothing that really talked about taxes, although there were many worthy projects on which one could spend taxes. Hogan's Vision link launches into a discussion of tax hikes by the

O'Malley-Brown administration and describes plans for tax-cutting and being more business-friendly.

In other words, both candidates seem to, in my estimation, live down to a stereotype of Democratic and Republican candidates without a lot of specifics. Brown wants expanded pre-kindergarten, for example, and would pay for it with, you guessed it, gambling money. As we all know, Maryland is now the Land of Pleasant Gambling, with glitzy new casinos popping up everywhere. I seem to remember more modest goals back when we were voting for all of this. We were helping the schools and building casinos at race tracks which would encourage horse farms and support more open land. Whatever happened to the horse part? At any rate, even if that money is already spent, Brown will spend it again.

Hogan is cutting taxes without really committing to cutting any of the important things that tax money supports. Schools? Transportation? The environment and the Chesapeake Bay? Healthcare? No, he's for all of those. No real cuts there. Stop me if you've heard this one, but there's \$175 million in state government waste, fraud, and abuse he will eliminate.

In a BS election, it's tough to decide how to vote—please vote, though. If you can't vote in favor of someone, there's always someone to vote against.

Rande(m) Thoughts Poolesville— Going Global

By Rande Davis

I was reminded twice this week of the importance of reading in obtaining strong, positive childhood development. The first time was in watching former NFL Atlanta Falcon linebacker Tim Green promote his new public service initiative entitled Read20. He has convinced the NFL to attach his initiative for children to read twenty minutes every day with their program to encourage children to be more active, leaving the computer behind and playing outside sixty minutes a day. The second time was in writing the article about the outreach initiative of St. Peter's Church called Hope in South Africa (HISA). HISA turned old buildings in Richmond, South Africa into a community center which ultimately included a very complete children's library. I learned that a mandate given to the librarian is that she, without exception, must read to the children every single day.

All this got me thinking about the impact of reading in my childhood

development and its importance in my life all these many decades later. One indicator of its impact is that I can still name, immediately, my favorite preschool Golden Book, "Tootles the Train." As I was the fourth of six kids, by the time I came around, there were plenty of Golden Books in the house, and somehow Tootles is the one that impacted me the most. I don't know which was more enjoyable, lining up those golden-spined books on the shelf or just looking at them all scattered around the floor in a pile.

As an adult, I now can understand why it was Tootles. Tootles had a good heart, wanted to do the right thing, but, boy, did he struggle with the ability to focus. He knew he was supposed to eventually grow up, become a locomotive flyer, but first he had to learn to blow his whistle, stop at red flags, and pull dining cars without spilling the soup—but what he really wanted to do was jump the tracks and ride around the flowers. I am finally mostly grown up, but focusing and staying on track are not my strengths despite everything Tootles tried to teach me.

Somehow, all this came to mind because of the achievement of professor John Briscoe and the people at

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Tragic Loss of PHS Senior

witnessed his hard work and dedication working out in the weight room. As the evening began, the Falcons respectfully and solemnly entered the school stadium, gathered at midfield, donned their helmets in an extended moment of silence in reflection, affection, and honor for their lost teammate.

On Friday evening, October 3, despite dark clouds and the threat of heavy rain, hundreds of fellow students joined to share a candlelight vigil at the town's skateboard park to mourn and to celebrate Jake's life. The young man was a passionate and, by all accounts, talented skateboarder who was generous in sharing his love of skating as an instructor and assistant to others. Montgomery County Police Officer, past police chaplain, and former pastor at Poolesville Baptist Church, Lee Becknell, spoke to the gathering and invited individuals to step forward to share their thoughts about Jacob Jesuitas.

For over two hours, personal remembrances and stories poured forth, describing the wonderful friend that Jake always was, a joyous and very funny young man, ready to share and to help others, one to gently tease and kid around while allowing himself to be the subject of his own humor. His generous and giving spirit belied the inexplicable circumstances of his death. While thanking the friends for coming out to celebrate Jake's life, Mrs. Jesuitas talked to the students in a straightforward manner so they could better understand that depression can be a silent killer, and that those who were experiencing it must talk to their friends, if not their parents, but, most importantly, to express those feelings to someone because help is available. Mr. Jesuitas shared those sentiments, adding that, even as a trained police officer, he did not see the signs of depression in his own home. Their plea was that whatever problems the students may be experiencing, those problems did not have to result in a similar action. Many of the stories centered on Jake's buoyant personality and his many interests and natural talents, such as musician (guitar, trumpet, ukulele, drummer).

The father of one of Jacob's close friends spoke eloquently about the young man and about the concerns of depression. "Jake had a way of making things better with his smile or his ridiculously-awesome laugh. His silliness and whatever else he would do to make people feel happy are legendary.

"Besides all of the fun and happiness Jacob provided, he was also a very caring and sensitive person. He lifted people up and helped them feel better about themselves. He has been an incredible friend to my boys and has helped them in many ways; however, he didn't let people know what his struggles were and he kept his suffering to himself.

As some of you now know, my son is battling severe depression, and it is truly a battle and a fight for his survival, one he nearly lost a few weeks ago. We are doing everything we can to help him get better and to keep him safe. We had no idea that his suffering was so great and had been going on for so long. Depression is hard to understand. It will be a long process. I am amazed at my son's courage and willingness to share his struggles with his friends. He wants people to know that depression can be present in people who seemingly are doing fine from the outside when, in fact, they are not.

"The actions that Jacob and my son took are completely unacceptable and wrong. The devastation this causes to loved ones is immense. The fact that they have been in so much pain and those of us around them did not see it is so scary; however, there are ways to overcome this pain and it is critical that people get help when they are hurting so much. I'm speaking today to remember and honor Jacob as we loved him dearly, but I am compelled to tell this audience that you must seek help if you are hurting so much and having any thoughts about hurting yourself. While you might think those close to you should see it (and we should), I can tell you from firsthand experience that this is not always the case. You have to speak up about your pain and let others know, and to everyone else, I would ask that you be open to others and check in with them. Please encourage those who are hurting to seek attention or do it for them. There is absolutely nothing good about the loss of Jacob, but

I hope some good things can come from such a tragic situation. I hope we can all take a little of piece of Jacob with us and that it changes us—makes us smile more, laugh more, care more. My son said he always came away feeling better after being with Jacob. Let's see if we can make others feel better after being with us."

Just as the dark and thick clouds that gathered on the night of the candlelight vigil opened with a drenching rain, the crowd huddled closer together under the pavilion, and the dark reality of losing Jake lay heavy over the gathering, bringing the students spiritually together in the pain and sadness for the loss of their friend.

The communion of grief continued on Saturday, October 4 at the funeral held at the Poolesville Baptist Church. The mourning line stretched from the church sanctuary all the way to the parking lot to the far end of the community center. The convocation of mourners was so large that the main service had to be held in the community center with overflow capacity in the main sanctuary. The Montgomery County Police Honor Guard was present to give respect

to Officer Jesuitas and his son. The Archangel Riders, a motorcycle club that dedicates itself to charitable causes, served as an escort to and from Hilton Funeral home.

Pastor Lee Becknell spoke of the pain of grief reflecting the intensity of the love we feel. When Stacy Jesuitas, Jake's mother spoke, she reiterated that she would never stop feeling the pain because she would never stop loving Jacob, who was "a gift from God" sent to her to bring her joy, and that she would always be grateful for his life. Mr. Jesuitas expressed the family's deep appreciation for the support from the community and from his associates from the Montgomery County Police Department. The service ended with Kyle Broady, pastor of Worship and Family Ministries at Poolesville Baptist, singing "Amazing Grace." As was demonstrated by the tears and hugs shared by fellow students and mourners alike, it was obvious the special grace of Jake was his amazing gift of friendship to others. The mournful day ended with a special message—the message that love is greater than death.

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Focus on Business

Mooney's Frozen Yogurt: A New Dessert in Town

By Susan Petro

On September 20, the residents and visitors of Poolesville celebrated both the ever-popular Poolesville Day festivities and the opening of a brand-new storefront: Mooney's Frozen Yogurt. A line formed outside the door with eager customers waiting to try out the newest dessert place in town. Once inside, customers were treated to a long row of self-serve yogurt flavors, and a wide variety of toppings from which to choose. The opening was so popular that some of the yogurt flavors were sold out by the end of the day; however, there were plenty of flavors remaining, including low-fat, no-fat, and sugar-free options. Owner Mandy Sorto estimates that Mooney's served approximately one thousand customers on its first day of business.

Mooney's Frozen Yogurt is the creation of local Beallsville residents, Mandy "Mooney" Sordo and her husband, Steve Sordo. Mandy is a 2007 graduate of Poolesville High School who is also pursuing a Master's Degree in at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She is taking a semester off from her studies to get the operations under way. It just so happened that her childhood nickname of "Mooney" turned out to be the perfect moniker for their dairy-related business. Mandy's husband, Steve, a local chef in Germantown, is also actively involved with the store operations.

Mandy said that she thought that Poolesville lacked a variety of dessert options in town. She and Steve thought that, with the popularity of frozen yogurt chains rising, they could combine her business background and his experience as a chef to turn Mooney's Frozen Yogurt into a popular destination for both local residents and passersby like the bicyclists and sports fans who come to town to watch or participate in games held at the high school and local ballfields.

Local Poolesville High School student, Darby Johnson, got in line early so he could be the first customer to purchase the frozen treat on opening day. He chose Cookies and Cream yogurt topped with a variety of berries. "It's the best frozen

yogurt I've had in a long time," said Johnson. Mooney's has already become a favorite destination for many local students as evidenced by the steady stream of teenagers who came by to purchase some dessert on a recent early-release school day.

Mooney's offers a variety of self-serve yogurt flavors along with a wide array of toppings, including fresh fruits like blueberries, strawberries, pineapple, kiwi, and mangoes, plus a variety of chopped nuts, candies, gummy worms, chocolate chips, and Fruit Loops. Mandy said they plan to rotate the yogurt flavors, toppings, and fruit to satisfy the palates of all of their patrons and to keep the selection interesting. When fresh fruits are in season, the Sordos plan to buy their produce from local farms.

On any given day, customers can choose from approximately thirty different toppings. Additionally, Mooney's has different flavored syrups and fresh whipped cream to top off the dessert. Mandy said they plan to add sorbet to their lineup in the near future.

Although Mooney's will be primarily run by Mandy, the effort has been a family affair from the beginning. Steve Sordo still works as a chef during the day but is often found helping with the operations on his off hours. Mandy's sister-in-law, Rachel Smith, helped to create the cow mascot that was seen marching in the Poolesville Day parade and which also adorns an interior wall and the new exterior sign that was created by local sign company, WetchCo Signs. Mandy's mother, Maggie Smith, can occasionally be found helping out at the register.

The brightly-colored blue and orange walls reflect Mandy's desire for a cheerful and welcoming storefront. Orange is Mandy's favorite color, and she chose blue as the naturally-perfect complementary color. There are plenty of modern-style tables, chairs, and stools available for customers to sit down and visit with friends and family as they enjoy their dessert. A water cooler offers free refreshment for thirsty customers.

Mooney's is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. They are located in the Poolesville Town Center next to Subway. To learn more, the Sordos invite you to come by and pick out your own favorite yogurt dessert or to visit their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MooneysYogurt for promotions and specials.



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October 9, 10 and 11

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October 10

Music in the Park

Hard Swimmin' Fish. Whalen Commons. 6:30 p.m.

October 11

Annual Pig Pickin' Dinner and Bluegrass Concert

Barnesville Baptist Church, featuring the fabulous Gold Heart Sisters. Dinner: 5:30 p.m. (no charge); concert: 7:00 p.m. (love donation accepted).

House of Poolesville Event

Bobby Lewis Blues Band. On the patio. 4:30 p.m.

Pet Art Poster Contest

VCA Peachtree Animal Hospital. Judging and awards for poster contest with special guest and judge, Dr. Chet Anderson. Raffle and fundraiser for Equine Therapy Associates Martial Arts Exhibition. Located at 18620 Darnestown Road (Route 28), Beallsville. Art show and ceremony. Noon to 3:00 p.m.

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8th Annual Grape Stomp at SMV

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Annual Saturday Night in the Country

Dinner and live auction. Sponsored by the Rural Women's Republican Club to benefit WUMCO, UMCVFD, PHS scholarship, Save the Bay, Toys for Tots, and club activities. BCC-Izaak Walton League Chapter House, 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville. Open Bar: 5:30 p.m. Chicken BBQ Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$40.00 Children, 5 to 15: \$15.00.

October 15

PASC Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. **Zumba Gold.** 17550 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

October 16

PASC Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. **Alzheimer's: The Basics.** 17550 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

October 17

House of Poolesville Event

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

October 18

Sundowners

A free event to benefit Hope in South Africa. Fun for the whole family. Food (please bring a dish to share), live music (Brian Keith Gross; Brian Jamison and Strange Company), rugby. Bring chairs and, please, no dogs. Look Overview Farm, 20500 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. 1:00 p.m.

Movie in the Park

The Sandlot. Whalen Commons. 7:30 p.m.

House of Poolesville Event

My Walker Company. 8:30 p.m.

October 20

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

7:30 p.m.

October 22

PASC Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. **Bocce and outdoor games.** Whalen Commons. 1:00 p.m.

October 23

PASC Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. **Brain Health with Leni Barry.** 17550 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

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PASC Event

Tai Chi. 6:30 p.m.

October 24

House of Poolesville Event

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

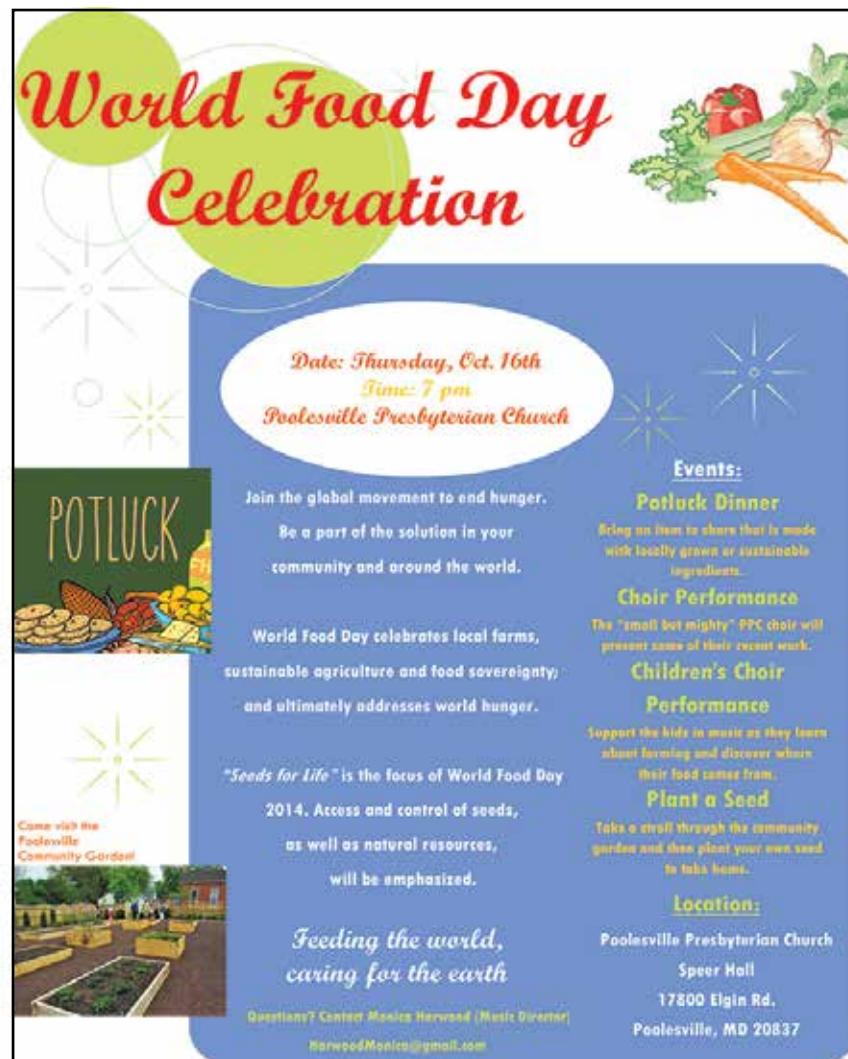
October 25 and 26

Barnesville Basement

Books and clothes for kids and adults, housewares, toys, sporting goods, electronics, music, furniture,

baby equipment, luxury items, and more. BarnesvilleSchool.org. Barnesville School, 21830 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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World Food Day Celebration

Date: Thursday, Oct. 16th
Time: 7 pm
Poolesville Presbyterian Church

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Youth Sports

PHS Sports Hall of Fame: 2014 Inductees

By Jeff Stuart

Each year, at the second home football game of the football season, Poolesville holds its Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, a tradition that began in 2012. On Friday, September 20, at half time of the Falcon football team's, 21-0, win over Walter Johnson, the school honored seven individuals and five state championship teams. They will be remembered with plaques displayed on the Hall of Fame Wall in the hallway of the main gymnasium.

fourth in the state. He was also named the Poolesville High School 1991 Male Student-Athlete of the Year. At Ithaca College, he lettered in soccer, wrestling, and rugby and, in 1995, was selected to the NCAA Division III All-American Scholar Wrestling team.

Katelyn Poss, a 2006 graduate, excelled in field hockey, basketball, and track and field. In 2005 and 2006, she was regional and state champion in both the shot put and discus, and was named to the 2006 All-Gazette and All-Examiner varsity letters at the University of Maryland.

Jeff Oyer, Booster Club president from 2009 to 2012, helped modernize the football stadium.

past May and was memorialized by the PACC 2014 5K Run/Walk on Poolesville Day.

Kevin Dorsey provided volunteer services to the school for many years, including providing the foundation to the new concession stand and storage garage in the 1990s. More recently, he renovated the baseball and softball stadium fields, and he designed and built the gorgeous new stadium entrance. As a wrestling coach, he built a division champion program. Through his influences, Kevin has taught hundreds of young men and women to do their very best and to never give up, while inspiring them all to pursue greatness in their life endeavors.

This year's team inductees included the 1964 and 1966 State Championship Cross Country Teams and the 1966, 1967, and 1969 State Championship Track and Field Teams.

In the 1960s, Poolesville High School was not only the smallest school in Montgomery County but also one of the smallest in all of Maryland. In those years, nearly all of the athletes played three sports.

The 1964 cross country team members included Charles Elgin,

Steve Johnson, Charles Owens, William Frank, Roy Young, Tim Austin, Raymond Williams, and Coach Boswel. The 1966 squad included Wayne Davis, Dale Ferril, Jerry Owens, Danny Heger, Harry Owens, Andres Heger, Chris Owens, and managers, Ronald Jackson and Ronnie Randolph.

The members of the 1966 track and field squad were Jerry Owens, David Lyles, Harry Owens, Fletcher Honemond, Tim Smith, John Smith, Gene Turner, Donald Ramey, Lewis Bell, Chris Owens, Larry Hale, Arnold Ramey, Charles Onley, Dale Ferril, Wayne Davis, Andres Heger, Danny Heger, and Wayne Owens.

The 1967 track squad included Wayne Davis, Chester Harper, Arthur Williams, Ronnie Randolph, Ervin Lee, Ray Grubb, Larry Thomas, Harry Owens, David Lyles, Wayne Owens, Albert Hall, Milton Moore, John Smith, Jerry Owens, Danny Heger, Dale Ferril, and Andres Heger.

Finally, the 1969 state track champions included Wayne Owens, Andres Heger, Ron Randolph, Jerry Owens, Harry Owens, and Danny Heger.



PHS Hall of Fame Class of 2014: Troy Mason, Carla Thomas, Katelyn Poss, Jeff Oyer, and Kevin Dorsey (not pictured Chris Pierce and the late Jim Vollmer).

The 2014 individual inductees:

Troy Mason, a 1989 graduate, earned varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. In baseball, he was an All-Area player and team MVP. He played baseball for Montgomery College and Wingate University. He went on to play minor league professional baseball for four years and played for the USA International baseball team, winning a bronze medal in the Third World Baseball Classic held in Cuba.

Carla Thomas, a 1983 graduate, earned varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and track and field. One of Poolesville's outstanding female athletes, she set school records in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes that have stood for more than thirty-three years.

Chris Pierce, a 1991 graduate, earned eleven varsity letters in soccer, wrestling, and baseball. As team captain of the wrestling team in 1991, Chris was the 135-pound Montgomery County wrestling tournament champion. He was ranked second in the region and

Under his leadership, the baseball and softball fields were also improved. The upgrades included new goal posts, digital scoreboard upgrades, and paved walkways. A tireless worker, he spent hours raising money, mowing, weeding, and selling concessions. He recruited career professionals to donate thousands of volunteer service hours. During his tenure as president, the PHS boosters raised more than \$100,000 in support of student-athletes, and raised twice that value in in-kind services

Jim Vollmer was hired in 1990 to rebuild the cross country team. He started with less than a dozen runners and ultimately built the cross country program into a competitive team of seventy-five runners. In his twenty-four years of coaching at PHS, Jim coached two state champions (including the 2013 team) and numerous state meet place finishers and was named cross country coach of the year by the *Gazette* in 2013. Sadly, Jim passed away suddenly this

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Garden

Students Step Up to Help Out

By Maureen O'Connell

On Monday, September 22, Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD) was given a gift by the Poolesville High School Ecology Program: eighty-two eleventh grade students to spend the day working at two of HMD's properties, the Seneca Schoolhouse (SSH) on River Road, and the John Poole House (JPH) in Poolesville. Volunteers are hard to come by these days, so the offer of the time and efforts of eighty-two, young, able-bodied boys and girls was readily accepted: an awesome work force!

washing windows, and cleaning the wood and metal of the old school's desks. In the winter, the only source of heat for the schoolhouse is a small pot-bellied stove in the middle of the classroom. Several students walked the nearby woods and gathered small wood pieces and kindling. They stacked it neatly in the new wood shed. There is now probably enough wood for a good part of the winter.

Dan Seamans, contractor for the SSH renovation project, worked with several students constructing a French drain, using bricks, around the base of the school building. This would help divert rainwater from the building's foundation and stop the splash back onto the newly-cleaned and repointed Seneca stone and mortar.

This year, HMD reclaimed the original parking lot for school buses



Students from the PHS GESP worked on the arboretum garden and other yard cleaning at the John Poole House.

At 8:00 a.m., forty-two students arrived by school bus at the Seneca Schoolhouse with Global Ecology teachers, Dan Savino and Marcia Snavely, and para-educator John Sparrow. Along with eight members and volunteers from HMD, they put on their work gloves, divided into teams, and headed out to their chores. HMD's challenge was to keep these very bright teenagers busy and interested for over two hours.

HMD is completing a two-year renovation project at the schoolhouse, funded by a state bond bill, but there were still many small projects to complete. One group, armed with shovels, spades, and picks, created a long, narrow garden plot in front of the new, split-rail fence along River Road. With the addition of many bags of Leaf Gro, graciously donated by the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, they transformed a hard, rocky piece of land into friable soil in which to plant one hundred new daffodil bulbs. Other students worked inside the schoolhouse cleaning floors,

and volunteers cars. It was neglected for years, overgrown with invasive trees and vines and littered with broken bottles, old tires, and other trash. It is now functional, bordered by mulched areas and a gravel-lined walkway from the parking lot to the school. The students helped with the woods cleanup and the spreading of the mulch and gravel. To take back the parking area, some trees had to be removed. In keeping with Montgomery County's Reforestation Program, HMD had to plant twelve new trees at SSH. Twelve native American trees were graciously donated by Peter Driscoll of Dogwood Hill Farm. It was the students' job to plant them. Now, this was no easy task, as, due to lack of rain, the ground was like concrete. They persevered, and, with the help of Leaf Gro, they planted all the trees. At about 10:30, the students got back on their bus and returned to school, tired and hungry.

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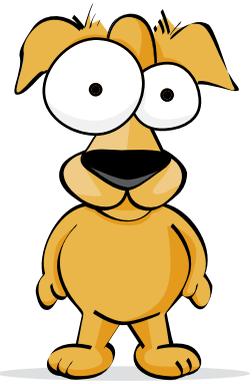
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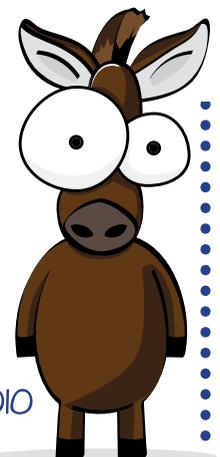
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Pulse

Event to Celebrate Hope in South Africa

By Rande Davis

On October 18, an annual celebration is to take place marking a most remarkable achievement by members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Nine years ago, former Episcopal Diocese of Washington Bishop John Chane challenged his flock with a call for a mission of outreach to South Africa. The Rev. Steve Hayward, St. Peter's priest at the time, answered the call by challenging the members of the church to come up with a mission project.



Poolesville's Hannah Dowdy on a mission trip to Richmond, South Africa.

At the time, parishioners, Joel Tjornehoi who led the church's outreach mission, and Jonathan Warner who was a student at Yale and later was employed in South Africa, became intrigued. Soon after, a committee to consider the bishop's challenge was formed. Committee members included Jane Bupp, Bill and Teresa Kraegel, Gail Tjornehoi, and Mary Pat Wilson. Because of Warner's experience in South Africa, he followed up the meeting with a phone call to a friend in South Africa who recommended Richmond, a community halfway between Johannesburg and Cape Town, as an excellent place to launch an outreach mission.

Warner was soon to discover another strength greater than its location. Despite their abject poverty and health problems, the people of Richmond were surprising in their joy for life, heartfelt sense of gratitude for the little they had, and a heartwarming trait of abounding laughter. In their island of despair, their gift to others turned out to be hope for how wonderful and

precious life could be. The people of St. Peter's were determined to return some of that hopeful spirit to them.

In August of 2005, Warner traveled to Richmond to familiarize himself and the St. Peter's committee with potential areas of help that the parishioners might target. He came back with a modest first step: Starting a soup kitchen. From there, the program grew exponentially, ultimately including the development of a community center that would hold a children's library with books in English and Afrikaans. Today, the mission feeds 150 to 200 children a day, five days a week, and focuses on HIV/AIDS and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention.

On October 18, scores of Poolesville friends and supporters of Hope in South Africa (HISA) will gather for their annual celebration for the mission in a Sundowner event. Sundowner is a term that South Africans use for that twilight time of the evening so suited for relaxation and reflection on the day, a time to appreciate life and share fellowship. While the event will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Warner's LockOverlook Farm,

20500 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson, the spirit of the evening reflection will be present. Food and beverages, most of which is donated potluck from participants, will be served. Attendees will get the chance to watch a rugby game, take part in a silent auction, and listen to wonderful music by Brian Jamison and Strange Company, and Brian Keith Gross and friends. The public is encouraged to join the many friends of HISA to give honor to an amazing organization that was a simple vision by a small group from a rural church in Poolesville.

Joel Tjornehoi, HISA president, encourages all in the community to join them. The ticket of admission is a side dish to share. His message is to come and be uplifted by learning about a people of hope who have dreams of their own, and whose appreciation for the simple gifts becomes a special gift of its own.

To learn more about HISA, visit hopeinsouthafrica.com and be sure to like them on Facebook.

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Students Step Up to Help Out

At 11:30, forty more Global Ecology students made the short walk from school to the John Poole House for their afternoon chores. Their teachers followed in a van filled with any and every tool.



Students from the PHS GESP devoted over 200 hours to grounds maintenance at Seneca Schoolhouse.

HMD is in the process of restoring the Edward L. Stock Arboretum. It is a collection of trees, bushes, herbs, and perennials indigenous to western Montgomery County before 1850. The students worked in three areas: the eight plots within the herb garden, the old garden shed, and the garden's perimeters. The herb garden needed a lot of work to make it usable. The students, their teachers, and HMD members weeded, worked lots of Leaf Gro into the soil, and heavily mulched the plots and the garden's walkways. It is now ready to be planted in the spring.

Towards the back of the garden area, there is a white, wooden shed topped with a bright, red cupola. It was stuffed with old tools, hundreds of clay and plastic flowerpots, an old white tent, two old chairs, and odds and ends accumulated over the years. The students removed everything and placed them into

two piles: one to save and the other to visit the Beauty Spot. After thoroughly sweeping out the old brick floor, they neatly put back everything to be saved and used for another day of gardening. The perimeter of the back yard area was overgrown with weeds, dead tree limbs, invasive trees, and

copious, tree-strangling invasive vines. Armed with pruners, loppers, shovels, and pickaxes, they reclaimed the area, enabling visitors to see the many beautiful trees that grow there. Lee Peyton of Lee's Tree Service of Poolesville graciously donated the services of his company to do the heavy work of dead tree and limb removal and a general cleanup of the backyard area. When the Global Ecology students left JPH to return to school, they left a much-improved garden area. They made a big difference.

HMD would like to thank the following people for their tremendous help on September 22 in preserving and protecting their properties: the eighty-two Poolesville High School students; their teachers; HMD volunteers; Dan Seamans; Dogwood Hill Farm; Sugarloaf Citizens' Association; and Lee's Tree Service.

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Professor Briscoe and his wife, Conceicao Andrade, moved to Bethesda a few years ago, as he continued teaching at Harvard during the spring semester and periodically throughout the year. The couple fell in love with the Upcounty community through their daughter's equestrian interests, and those enjoyable visits and dining at Bassett's led them to buy a horse farm in the area about a year ago.

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Poolesville—Going Global

St. Peter's Church. Both could have been sidetracked from their goal. Instead, both stayed on track, and now these residents from Poolesville have truly impacted the world in a very real, positive, and profound way, and not in an artificial Facebook or YouTube kind of way. Theirs is not a viral virtual success—a flash of news with a lifespan of lightning. By developing something that deeply helps people in need, both have put Poolesville on the global map. I wonder what was the favorite childhood book of each person involved in both stories. Maybe not Tootles, but, regardless, I am willing to bet that each had one.

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Past Crime

October 10, 1958 Three squirrel hunters were arrested on the White Flint Golf Course on the Rockville-Bethesda Road. The three Rockville men forfeited \$7.50 each. One of them said, "I didn't know that the area was restricted. I found out the hard way." County police pointed out that maps showing legal hunting grounds were available at the various substations.

October 12, 1958 Montgomery officers were investigating the death of a Boyds man who was found lying in the middle of Route 355 in Hyattstown. Police said that the man and a companion were apparently hitchhiking from Frederick to Boyds when they were found unconscious at about 4:45 a.m. Police were confounded by the circumstances which suggested a hit-and-run collision, but an examination of the clothes of the victims showed no trace of paint, glass, or other auto parts. The living victim at first claimed that he and his companion

were forced into a car but later denied that version.

October 18, 1957 A Frederick man stopped his car on Martinsburg Road to get water for his car's radiator. As he was scooping the water out of a stream, he was peppered by a shotgun blast that had been fired somewhere in the vicinity. A neighbor noticed the man lying in the stream and called the Beallsville fire department.

October 19, 1957 Montgomery County officers responded to the Dew Drop Inn in Emory Grove, near Gaithersburg, for the report of a wild fracas in progress. When they arrived, they found that an eighteen-year-old man had been shot and a twenty-year-old had been slashed with a broken beer bottle. An investigation revealed that the fight broke out after a dispute about whose beer was whose. Both were arrested and charged with various offenses.

October 20, 1957 A Rockville ophthalmologist was arrested for making indecent advances towards a twelve-year-old girl who was one of his patients. Police said that the girl had complained that the doctor had made improper advances towards her while she was in his office. Detectives then arranged for the doctor to come to the girl's home. The detectives were hidden in a closet, and when the doctor tried to hug the girl, the detectives arrested the man.

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Gala for Hospice Caring

To mark its twenty-fifth anniversary, Hospice Caring, Inc., a volunteer-based, non-medical hospice and grief support organization serving Montgomery County, will hold Silver Linings, a gala, on October 18, 2014, honoring some of their most generous supporters from the past quarter century. Michelle Freeman, president of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation and president and CEO of the Carl M. Freeman Companies in Rockville, will accept a legacy award in memory of her late husband Joshua Freeman.

In 2006, just weeks after Joshua's tragic death in a helicopter accident, Hospice Caring, Inc. completed construction for a training addition to their building which was funded by the Carl M. Freeman Foundation's first-ever \$100,000 Opportunity Grant.

"The irony of this all is not lost on me," noted Michelle, remembering that one of her husband's last projects was focused on helping others feel comfort at the end of their lives.

Hospice Caring's Silver Linings Anniversary Gala will be held at the

Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland. All board of trustee members from the past twenty-five years will also be honored at the event. Proceeds from the gala will go to expanding Hospice Caring Inc.'s patient and family caregiving and bereavement support. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or place an advertisement, please visit www.hospicecaring.org.

Fall Means Fruit

The annual fruit sale by the Poolesville Odd Fellows Lodge #97 has begun, and orders can be placed until November 1.

Pickup date is November 22, just in time for Thanksgiving. The location will be determined later. The selection includes: Navel oranges (4/5 bushel for \$30 or 2/5 bushel for \$16), red grapefruit or tangelos (4/5 bushel for \$25 or 2/5 bushel for \$12), juice oranges (4/5 bushel for \$26 or 2/5 bushel for \$14), and tangerines (4/5 bushel for \$32 or 2/5 bushel for \$17). They will also have apples (red or yellow delicious, Fuji, or gala (bushel for \$21 or half bushel for \$11).

You may place your order by contacting Dale Nestor (301-349-5450), Richard Norwood (301-349-5103), or Spencer Schmidt (301-349-2057).

In Time for Halloween Reading

Poolesville author George Crawford (*Manhunting: Reversing the Polarity of Warfare; Paw*, a quarter-finalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award; and *Soldiers of the Night: Green Berets vs. Vampires*) contributed to a book called *Bill of Fright* available at Amazon. It is a D.C.-area ghost story anthology written by members of the League of Eclectic Authors, a writing group. The book was reviewed and received advance praise by Robert Ben Garant, screenwriter (*Night at the Museum*). George wrote one of the stories in the anthology called "The Last Post" about a Civil War soldier which takes place at White's Ferry. Traci, his wife, created the cover for the book.

Rev. Kimberly Still Leaves St. Peter's

In July 2013, the Rev. Kimberly Still arrived at St. Peter's to serve as an interim rector to lead the parish through its transition after the departure of the Rev. Tom Purdy in April 2013. Mother Kimberly agreed to be here for one year, and that year was extended as the church continued its search for a new permanent rector in accordance with the guidelines of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. The church is presently working through the final steps to issue a call for a new rector.

This month, Mother Kimberly accepted a position as Associate for Ministry Development with the Episcopal Church of Bethesda by the Sea in Palm Beach, Florida. Her new assignment starts later in the month.




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I just completed giving two days of lectures to the District of Columbia Academy of Veterinary Medicine on the subject of Therapy Lasers in Veterinary Medicine. Yours truly has had the good fortune to work with some of the most advanced Laser Therapy Devices and experts in the field. I have been honored to lecture in the USA and internationally on this subject and the related subject of Laser Surgery in Veterinary Medicine for the past 15 years. You may not know this about our local veterinarian at large, but I have co-authored a book on the subject, *Veterinary Laser Surgery; A Practical Guide*. What a great Holiday Gift. Wink!

Therapy Lasers' positive effects on our selves and our pets is well established in clinical papers and journals for improving many injury and disease conditions. Therapy Lasers utilize high intensity laser light within the Diode laser range of 635 to 1064 nm wavelengths. Laser light is special in that it is made up of only one or a very few wavelengths of light that are produced in a coherent, concentrated, and focused beam of light. Light is made up of photons. Photons have essentially no mass, but in highly concentrated forms and delivery systems can produce a variety of work (effect) on tissue. These types of work are in the form of Photo-chemical, Photo-mechanical, and Photo-thermal effects to the tissue (mostly at the cellular level). It is these aspects of specific light energies that help cells, tissues, and body systems improve and recover from disease and injury. They work by affecting compounds in the body tissue called Chromophores that are able to absorb the specific photons and change their energy into one of the aforementioned photo-effects. It is important to have a veterinarian that understands that not all wavelengths of laser light affect tissue the same way. Many companies have made "their version" of a therapy laser, then marketed them to the veterinary profession with claims that may not always be as advertised. So make sure that when your veterinarian recommends therapy laser for your pet, that they have a working knowledge of the many wavelengths available and their effects. A simple test is to ask them which wavelength they are planning to use. If they cannot tell you the wavelength(s), then they may be relying on the company's recommendations. The most advanced systems have multiple wavelengths in a synchronized wavelength dispersion pattern that provides the maximum range of positive effect to the tissues being treated. They also can be used with different application heads to produce even more specific and positive tissue responses.

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