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Like father, like son, as Link and Ray Hoewing contemplate progress during this year's Rebuilding Together event. See more in the Family Album on page 2.



Loren, a volunteer at the 2015 Rebuilding Together project. Read more in Tidbits on page 8.



Athletes and scholars Morningstar and Hessels were honored. Read more in School News on page 10.



PHS volleyball players fear neither man, woman, nor beast. Even chickens may want to think twice before going up against a Falcon. See Youth Sports on page 15.

Officer Injured during McDonald's Scuffle

By Jack Toomey

A Montgomery County police officer was seriously injured, and a Dickerson youth was arrested after an altercation at the Poolesville McDonald's on April 14.

Police spokesperson Officer Nicole Gamard said that police were called to the McDonald's at about 8:15 p.m. for a report of trespassers who refused to leave. When the officers ordered the youths to leave, words were exchanged. Officer John Gloss was leading one person to the door when an altercation broke out. During the scuffle, Gloss suffered a broken leg.

A sixteen-year-old Dickerson youth was arrested.

Captain James Fenner, the commander of the Montgomery County Police First District, said that Officer Gloss and another officer were called to the McDonald's because of a group of teenagers who refused to leave the establishment. A large crowd was present, and when Gloss attempted to serve a Trespass Order on a

teenager, he crumpled it up, threw it on the floor, shouted obscenities, and assumed a fighting stance. Gloss and the other officer arrested him during which Gloss was injured. The teenager was charged with Trespassing, Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

Poolesville resident Vivian Bowie said that she was unable to drive into the parking lot of McDonald's because there were several police cars and an ambulance blocking the way. She saw someone sitting on the sidewalk, and rescue personnel taking a stretcher out of the ambulance. She and her friends then drove to an adjacent parking lot. From there they saw "a bunch of people [who] rushed out of McDonald's" and went to their cars and left.



A confrontation at McDonald's led to a police officer breaking his leg and a teenager being arrested.

Officer Gloss is a fifteen-year veteran of the department and regularly works in the Poolesville area. He has attended at least two of the monthly town council meetings and has answered questions; from residents.

Madison House Autism Foundation Realizes Dreams For Dickerson Farm

By Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz

The Madison House Autism Foundation is realizing its dream for its Dickerson location—the former Field of Dreams Farm on Mouth of Monocacy Road. The addition of land conveyed in the four-hundred-acre bequest that established the Madison Fields therapeutic riding center in April 2014 now includes ten building lots, six barns, three houses, a pond, and vast woods. The late Alexander "Sandy" Lankler generously gifted approximately 250 acres of the farm, and Madison House Autism Foundation was able to secure the adjacent properties.

Dedicated to raising awareness for the fact that children with autism grow up to be adults with autism, the Madison House Autism Foundation, with headquarters in Rockville, works to create solutions for the lifespan



Madison House Autism Foundation's new farm location in Dickerson.

challenges faced by autistic adults and their families.

When federally-mandated supportive services end at age twenty-one, families of autistic individuals

have the daunting task of identifying and creating a successful independent path for their loved ones.

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Family Album



These Stop Hunger Now volunteers packaged, sealed, and boxed 10,000 meals. By giving up a couple of hours on a Sunday, each person fed 232 hungry people.



The Ross family managed one of the food filling stations for the Stop Hunger Now program.



This team sealed the meals in packages to prepare for shipment.



These cub scouts looked over some really good deals offered by Troop 496.



The annual Earth Day Celebration festival at the Izaak Walton B-CC League offered many outdoor living exhibitions included a demonstration of the training of hunting hound dogs.



Instructor John Lamb guides Drew Miller and Christian Kohler with some archery tips.



This is only a small part of the 2015 Rebuilding Together crew that assists struggling homeowners in need.



Garth Seely of Gardens by Garth brought his student discovery program, LAND, to area schools to teach them how to care for gardens and to landscape the school grounds.



The local Young Life Christian kids set off an explosive (and harmless) display of colored powder to celebrate the end of their event.

Town Government Formal Agenda For Town Meeting Plays Second Fiddle to Concerns about Parking And Traffic Safety

By Link Hoewing

The public hearing on the town's FY 2016 property tax rates and a proposed increase in the quarterly water and sewer rate schedule attracted very little attention at the town's April 20 meeting. Instead, concerns about parking and street safety took up much of the discussion time for the commissioners and a few town residents.

No citizens formally signed up to offer their views at the public hearing on the resolutions to adopt increases in the quarterly water and sewer rate schedules and to increase property tax levels above the constant tax rate; however, Poolesville resident Bob Roit did decide to come forward to offer some comments after Commission President Jim Brown noted the lack of input from citizens.

Roit commented that while the overall budget showed a number of areas of decreased spending, there remained some budget categories where spending increased: the Community and Economic Development category where a thirty percent increase in spending is proposed in the new budget. Roit suggested that many of the functions in this category (such as town events in the summer at Whalen Commons) could be supported by outside groups. Increased spending in this function, given how many activities the town already sponsors, means the town is "becoming all things to all people."

Even where the town is decreasing spending, such as support for senior programs, funding is still being provided by grants from state or county agencies, Roit continued, so taxpayers are not really saving money since another level of government—supported by the taxes of citizens—is being used to pay for the programs.

The budget will be formally approved in May for implementation by July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

In the open forum, Michele Riley came forward to thank the commissioners for including funding for the new dog park to be located at Dr. Dillingham Park. She said that at the next town meeting (May 4), supporters of the new park plan to bring along their dog friends before the meeting to show appreciation for the town's actions.

The furry friends will be outside town hall with their owners to greet commissioners and others. She also said the supporters of the dog park are informally establishing a group to help advise the town as action moves forward to establish rules for the new park.

Town Attorney Jay Gullo was asked to discuss some work that has been going on to update and revise the town code with regard to street safety and parking. Chapter 12 of the town code deals with these issues, and Gullo said that he has been primarily focused on the process incorporated in the town code for making decisions about parking and street safety issues. Presently, the entire chapter is "driven by the Parks Board" which is the focal point for any complaints or concerns about parking and safety.

In Gullo's view, this is not the correct way to deal with these issues. Many of these issues involve safety or need to be looked at from a policy standpoint, and the commissioners should be the first stop in any issues involving traffic safety questions. The commissioners can always decide to send a matter to the Parks Board for review and recommendations.

Beyond the process issues Gullo has identified, the current town code is also too detailed and limits the flexibility of the town commissioners in making decisions. For example, it includes a list of restrictions on town actions, many of which are obvious or unnecessary such as asserting that the town cannot put a sign on state rights of way.

The enforcement of traffic safety and parking matters is in the hands of the county police since the town has no police force of its own, but, according to Gullo, the code is too detailed and complex, making it harder to ensure that town ordinances are enforced. Gullo suggested that making a clear declaration that the town has adopted specific state and county traffic safety policies will make it much easier to work with the police to ensure enforcement actions.

Gullo concluded that his remarks were preliminary and a lot more work was necessary to make exact determinations on what changes needed to be made in Chapter 12, mainly in a three-pronged approach: review the town code to ensure that the processes and responsibilities of the commissioners and their advisory boards are clear; revise the code to eliminate complexity and incorporate, by reference, specific state and county traffic and safety policies; and deal with some special issues such as whether RVs, big boats, and semis can be parked in residential areas.

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Commentary

Misguided

By John Clayton

I try to read a lot about important issues, in newspapers, magazines, and online, and every once in a while, a subject will stick with me for some time. That length of time, and the intensity of my preoccupation, is directly proportional to how annoyed I am with those who don't share my opinion. A recent column in the *Wall Street Journal* by Jared Diamond triggered an advanced state of pique. Diamond presented a controversy that I did not even know existed. It concerns a baseball term, specifically, "batting around."

A baseball lineup, or batting order, has nine players. When a team is at bat, each player in the lineup goes to bat in order until three outs are made. Then the other team comes to bat. A team is said to have "batted around" if a tenth player comes to bat, that is, the player who started the inning (or a substitute in his place) comes to bat once more. This is batting around. Apparently, there are those that think that a team has batted around when the ninth batter appears. They are deluded. When the ninth batter appears, one can say that the team has progressed "through the order," but they have not by any stretch of any logic or imagination batted around. When your tenth batter appears, your team has batted around. This is a good thing. At a minimum,

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Formal Agenda for Town Meeting Plays Second Fiddle...

Local residents Eric and Kristine Fessenden, who had appeared at a commission meeting earlier this year, came forward to express concern that the proposed review of the town's traffic safety and parking policies may delay efforts to deal with what they believe is a serious traffic safety issue at the intersection of Westerly Avenue and Butler Road. Town President Jim Brown assured them that the town was on a three-track process that included direct contacts with the county policy, a review of the specific situation they have raised by the Parks Board, and the broader review of Chapter 12 outlined by Gullo. He said the issues raised by the Fessendens were getting attention, and the review of the town code would not interfere with other efforts underway to address their concerns.

Editor's Note

Would you like to voice your opinion on an important issue? The *Monocle* welcomes responsible commentary on a wide range of topics, although Upcounty issues are a lot more likely to get printed. Articles for this page are subject to our discretion and may be edited. No anonymous articles will be considered.

you have scored four runs, there are two outs, and the bases are loaded. You may have scored more than that. You may have no outs and nine runs scored. The possibilities boggle the mind.

I realize that people of good conscience can disagree on many topics—fine. I am sure there are those who think we should be helping Iran build a nuclear bomb, those who think Vladimir Putin is merely misunderstood, those who think Hillary Clinton can configure an efficient and cyber-secure email server, and those who think that more than a handful of the thirty-six hopeful presidential candidates are qualified for that office, but that doesn't make them right. There may even be those that believe we should build a bridge over the Potomac River into the Agricultural Reserve, and I have no doubt whatsoever that these same people think that the ninth batter constitutes batting around. They may even approve of the Designated Hitter rule.

While I may be clueless on many things, I am not so clueless as to not realize what a waste of time and emotional energy my preoccupation with this has been. It may be related to the Nationals' recent losing streak. In fact, I did notice that during a recent game against the Braves, when the Nats fell behind, 9-1, it really annoyed me when the Braves batted around; however, when the Nats came back to win, 13-12, to break the streak, I never thought about it again. Actually, I've even noticed that the clouds have lifted and the sun has come out, as well. I'm sure this is a coincidence.

Rande(m) Thoughts

A Rose by Any Other Name

By Rande Davis

Did you hear? Mary Doyle Keefe is dead. Robustly living to 92, her life could be described as wholesome and mundane. She was married for fifty-five years, graduated college as a dental hygienist, gave birth to four children, and was fortunate enough to have eleven well-beloved grandchildren. Yet this gentle woman is remembered by many for her connection to one of the most iconic symbols of the profound strength of not just womanhood, but of humankind in general, and along the way became the rallying cry of determination for a nation. You see, Mary had a nickname, and it was Rosie—as in Rosie the Riveter.

Mary was a nineteen-year-old in the middle of World War II, working as a telephone operator with plans for much more later on. Fatefully, this young woman had an artist neighbor who thought Mary was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen and asked her to pose as a hardworking, airplane riveter, her left hand holding a ham sandwich, a riveting gun resting

on her lap, and her foot squarely crushing a copy of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Posing in various positions, she was photographed for America's cherished illustrator, Norman Rockwell. This painting would end up on the cover of the May 29, 1943 *Saturday Evening Post*, an oversized weekly publication that sold for ten cents and presented life more through pictures than words. Unlike a real riveter, who would have had to hold up a heavy riveting gun horizontally for hours at a time, Mary didn't have bulging arm muscles. Mr. Rockwell enhanced her arms to better reflect the real women whose work in sealing metal sheets onto the outside of the airplanes, which would then go on to help seal the fate of Nazi Germany.

In the mid-twentieth century, the name Rose played an unusually important role in our history. While Rosie the Riveter motivated a nation and helped raise war bonds to financially support the war effort, another Rose, Tokyo Rose, taunted American troops on the radio in an attempt to demoralize them as they fought island to island thousands of miles away from home. Tokyo Rose, though, didn't really exist as one person. There were a number of female radio hosts who goaded our marines, soldiers, airmen, and seamen with wild propaganda.

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Local News

Poolesville Bear: DNR Consulted

By Susan Petro

What to do about the Poolesville bear? Should we ignore him, implore the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to take him away, or adapt our lives to ensure the bear poses as little risk as possible to its neighboring humans? Clearly, the bear has developed a liking for neighborhood bird feeders and honey from a local beekeeper's aviary. Since reports of bear activity first surfaced in February, sightings have continued, and more raids have ensued.

presentation is scheduled on Thursday, May 14 at the Izaak Walton League BCC Chapter House located at 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville at 7:00 p.m. The presentation is being hosted by bear biologist Harry Spiker and Central Regional Manager, Ken D'Loiry, of the Maryland DNR Wildlife and Heritage Division. They plan to include plenty of time to answer questions and concerns of the attendees.

According to Preston King, the Town of Poolesville's Director of Parks and Streets, the town staff will work together with the DNR to address recent bear activity. King said that the DNR does not typically take action to remove bears unless they become a significant problem to local agriculture. Relocation efforts in the past have proven to be largely ineffective as the bears have an amazing ability to find their way

Even if the bear (or possibly bears) were trapped and removed from our area, every year more young bears strike out in search of new territory. A bear can travel upwards of 150 to 200 miles to find a new home, making it increasingly likely that some bear will pass through or even take up residence in the ideal feeding grounds of the Agricultural Reserve. The Potomac and Monocacy Rivers make for convenient thoroughfares for traveling bears. Once bears choose a new territory, they will have quite a large home range, with females covering up to ten square miles and males up to twenty-five square miles.

Even before social media outlets like Facebook brought the presence of bears in Poolesville to the public's attention, bears were already making occasional visits into town. King said that years ago, a bear was hitting up numerous trash cans on Tom Fox Avenue. Currently, there is not a recurring bear problem raiding trash cans, but the town will explore further preventative measures in the future, if necessary.

Local beekeeper, Joe Long, followed the advice of DNR officials and took steps to avoid any more bear encounters after three of his four hives suffered significant damage recently. Admittedly, Long did not have his electric fence activated on the night the bear helped himself to upwards of twenty pounds of honey, leaving only one hive undisturbed, but, in fairness to Long and all the other residents who suddenly find themselves having to make changes to how they manage their resources, bears were not a major concern as of yet. When the bear returned recently, the fence was activated, and the hives were left alone; however, the

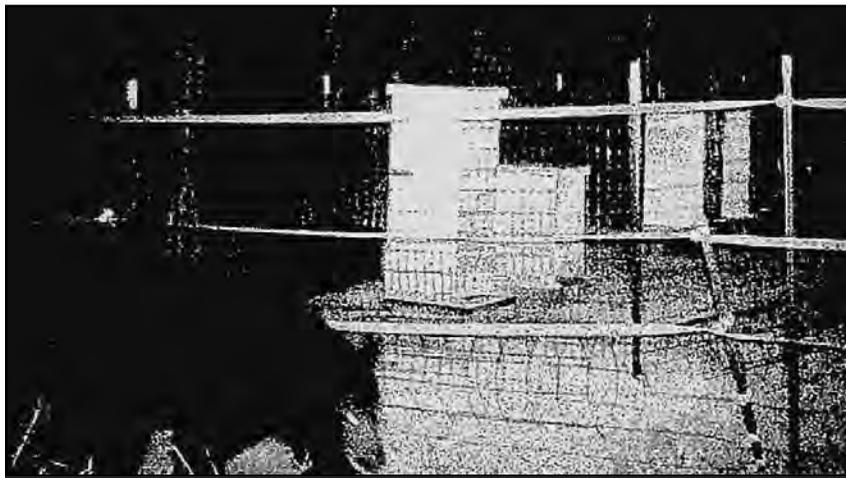
bear didn't leave before showing his displeasure by crumpling an empty bird-feeder and a trash can in hopes of finding a human-provided meal.

Although clearly unhappy at his unsuccessful raid, the bear is hopefully learning that human food sources are not his best choice. There is plenty of tasty skunk cabbage blooming all around along nearby creeks and the Potomac River. All we need to do is convince Mr. Bear that the pickings are better further on down the road.

Now that we as a community have become aware that bears are finding the Agricultural Reserve area a livable habitat, we must all do our part to ensure that bears do not find human-sourced foods more desirable than what is naturally found in the wild. For those living in the outskirts of town or the western edge of the community where the bear sightings are prevalent, preventative measures are essential. Bird feeders should be either taken down at night or placed high enough off the ground that bears cannot reach them. Leftover seed should not be left on the ground. Trash cans and grills should be kept clean and stored in the garage or a locked shed when not in use. In neighborhoods where the bear has been roaming, the trash should be taken to the curb in the morning instead of the night before. Pet food should not be left outdoors.

To learn more about how to safely coexist with bears or to voice your questions and concerns, plan on coming to the May 14 meeting being held at the Izaak Walton League BCC Chapter House or visit the Maryland DNR's Wildlife and Heritage Service webpage dnr2.maryland.gov and search "living with black bears."

Photograph by Joe Long



A nighttime security camera caught the Poolesville bear raiding these beehives. Look carefully at the lower left to see this very happy bear.

The Town of Poolesville staff has been monitoring the bear activity in and around town. In response to citizen concerns, a "Living with Black Bear"

home. Rural counties like Garrett and Allegheny already have their fair share of bears, and returning the bears would not be ideal—or welcome.

Letter to Editor

You are exhausted after a long day, and all you want to do is sit on the couch; however, your energetic four-legged buddy Fido is ready to play, so you let him into your fenced yard to play, but with no other dogs around, Fido is bored and hangs out by the fence, barking at anyone walking by. Fido isn't being a jerk; he just wants a playmate. In fact, if Fido got more exercise, he'd be a well-behaved dog. It'd be great if you could take him to a dog park to burn off some energy, but the closest one is thirty minutes away.

The Poolesville Dogs community group has been working on establishing a dog park for nearly two years. After an initial show of support from

the community and extensive research into all of the aspects of installing a park, the project was unanimously approved by the Parks Board in December. The next step was to get it approved by the Town Commissioners—which they did on April 20. We are so grateful.

Please bring your dog to Yappy Hour on Monday, May 4 at 6:45 at Whalen Commons, prior to the commissioners' meeting, to express your appreciation and thanks for their support of the dog park.

For more information about this project or to learn about all the benefits of having a dog park in town—both for dog owners and non-dog owners—please visit our website: www.poolesvilledogs.info.

—Michelle Riley

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Things To Do

April 29 to May 3

Shades of Spring

Art show and sale by the Art League of Germantown at BlackRock Center for the Arts. "Artists at Work" demonstrations on Friday, May 1, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. "Kids Create" 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and "Tea with the Artists" 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Artists' Wine Reception: Sunday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

May 1, 2, and 3

The Blue Hearth Weekend

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May 2 to June 14

Natureworks

The Hyattstown Mill Arts Project presents "Natureworks: Environmental Sculpture in Little Bennett Park." On May 2, join HMAP for an environmental sculpture discussion from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and opening reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Hyattstown. Regular gallery hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 2

Dead Men's Hollow

Special concert to celebrate the 200th anniversary of St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor in Frederick, featuring the Wammie-winning bluegrass-gospel band, Dead Men's Hollow. The band draws its influences from bluegrass, country, blues, and gospel. The result is a unique sound of tight harmony vocals backed by traditional bluegrass instrumentation: fiddle, banjo, mandolin, upright bass, and guitar. The group's repertoire comprises a vast array of original and traditional music, encompassing the early centuries of America's musical history as well as modern tales of love and loss.

Located at the St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor's Lapointe Hall, 5843 Manor Woods Road, Frederick. Tickets are \$22.50 and available at www.mdtx.com. Adult beverages and refreshments will be available for purchase at the event. 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:00 p.m.

May 2

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Brian Jamison. 8:30 p.m.

May 2 and 3

John Poole House and

The Old Town Hall Bank Museum

Open to public. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

May 4

Yappy Hour

Residents (human and canine) in favor of a Poolesville Dog Park will gather

to meet at Whalen Commons to show their appreciation to the Poolesville commissioners for their support of a dog park. 6:45 p.m.

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

May 5

PHS Varsity Home Games

Baseball versus Gaithersburg. 5:15 p.m.

May 6

PASC Special Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. Tai Chi. 17750 West Willard Road, Poolesville. 10:30 a.m.

Connection Café

Free computer assistance. Poolesville Presbyterian Church. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Community Dinner

Free. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 7

PACC Breakfast Network Event.

Town Hall, 7:30 a.m.

PASC Book Club

Poolesville Library. 7:00 p.m.

May 8

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Harden Draw Band. 8:30 p.m.

May 8 and 9

Oklahoma, Jr.

Special musical presentation of the JPMS Phantom Players. PHS auditorium. \$10 tickets. Reserved seating by contacting Dturner322@aol.com. 7:00 p.m.

May 9

Annual SCA Plant Swap

Buy, sell, swap, or give away veggie and garden plants. Everyone welcome. Perfect to find great plants for Mother's Day gifts. Free compost bins, LEAFGRO available for a donation to Sugarloaf Citizens' Association. Rain or shine. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

John Poole House and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum.

Open to public. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville

Grand opening of patio. Bobby Lewis Blues Band. 4:30 p.m.

May 13

PASC Special Event

Zumba Gold. 17750 W. Willard Road, Poolesville. 1:00 p.m.

May 14

PASC Special Event

Bocce Ball. Whalen Commons. 1:00 p.m.

May 16

St. Mary's 7 Annual Haiti Festival

Includes dinner, live entertainment, and silent auction. This is a benefit for the children of St. Joseph's School and the people of Carcasse, Haiti. \$20.00 advance tickets (email jrc57@aol.com) or \$25.00 at the door. 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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MAY MARKET WEEKEND

MAY 1, 2, & 3

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Assault: 17400 block of Chiswell Road, 16600 block of W. Willard Road.

Auto theft: 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, 19900 block of Brightwell Crossing Lane.

Theft: 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 22000 block of Beallsville Road.

Drug complaint: 17500 block of Christer Street.

Disorderly conduct: 20200 block of McNamara Road.

Past Crime

April 30, 1890 A serious injury to Mrs. Thompson, wife of the Postmaster General, was reported. She had been driving from their home, The Hermitage, to the Garret Park Station to meet her husband when the reins broke, and the horses broke away throwing Mrs. Thompson out of the buggy. Meanwhile, Mr. Thompson's train arrived and, not seeing his wife, he started walking home only to find his wife lying in the road. She was taken to her home where it was reported that she was still unconscious.

May 1, 1891 The Montgomery County coroner's jury met to examine the facts of a freight train wreck that took the lives of two Baltimore and Ohio employees. The jury decided that the blame should be placed entirely on Engineer Groff and Conductor Amey who were at the controls when the train wrecked at Waring (no longer a station but was located near Waring Station Road). Fireman Miller was reported still unconscious and resting at a home near the wreck site.

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A Rose by Any Other Name

The Allied troops gave them the nickname of Tokyo Rose. Then, of course, there was still another important Rose, a woman if by any other name would still be a woman of courage. Rosa Parks, the quintessential symbol of human rights advocacy who, also as a woman of strength and determination, held her ground steadfastly securing her civil rights and, consequently, the civil rights of others.

As my thoughts this issue reflect on these two heroic women of the past named Rose, I cannot help but think of the all the Roses of the future in America who will be women of strength and determination and leadership. My mind's eye and heart think of one in particular, a Rose yet to be born. The Rose I am thinking of will be born to my daughter Juliana this August, named after another strong woman named Rose, her mother-in-law Rose Mary Downey, who faced the darkness of cancer with courage but is remembered for her perpetual bright and welcoming smile. Ah, my very own, sweet little Rosie the Riveter. Good ol' Mary Doyle Keefe would be thrilled.

May 7, 1896 The entire detective force and as many Montgomery County deputies that could be found were said to be hot on the trail of Irwin Ford who was wanted for the murder and rape of Elsie Kregie in the city of Washington. Ford was said to have fled to his home place near Sligo (Silver Spring) and then onto Burnt Mills. Chief Moore of the Washington Police sent this telegram to all Montgomery County sheriff deputies and constables: Notify every deputy and constable to arrest Irwin Ford, 32 years old, 6-2, 190 pounds, square build, coarse features, smooth face, dressed in a blue shirt, blue overalls, and a black slouch hat. Watch carefully all passenger and freight trains and all county pikes. One hundred dollar reward for capture.

May 13, 1886 An unfounded rumor spread through Montgomery County like wildfire. It had been reported that Mr. Haviland, the miller, who disappeared a few months before, had been seen near his home near Mechanicsville (now Wheaton). When the sheriff investigated, it was discovered that a man resembling Haviland had been seen cutting wood.

May 14, 1890 Mr. A. B. Russ, a wealthy citizen of Chicago, returned to that city after a year's absence. He told a circle of friends that he had spent the year in Montgomery County mining for gold and had found a significant seam of gold running six miles from the Falls to near his place at Rockville. He produced a three and half ounce nugget of virgin gold that he had found. Russ warned that Montgomery County was full of shady characters who he feared would rob him at a moment's notice, but he managed to survive the year unscathed. He explained that he planned to go back to Rockville when he had proper equipment and men to provide security for his mine.

Planning

Development and Conservation Approved

By Kristen Milton

Rustic Road Discussion

How safe is safe enough for residents of a rustic road? was the key question for planners recently as they considered new homes proposed for the Sugarland area of the Upcounty.

As part of the conditions for construction of the two houses on Sugarland Lane, applicant Jacob Kinzie was asked by planning staff to pay for a twenty-foot-wide paving of a 300-foot section of the currently gravel rustic road and for the installation of a 30,000-gallon cistern that would be used by fire and rescue services for all houses in the immediate area.

In the April 2 Montgomery Planning Board meeting, some members worried that the requirement was a disproportionate burden on the developer and indicated that the sacrifice of the road's rustic nature was of concern. The county's Rustic Roads Program includes almost one hundred roadways selected for protection as exemplifying a rural or agricultural character.

Commissioner Natali Fani-Gonzalez said she would support the requirement if the development in question was ten condominiums, but with only two homes—one of which would replace an existing unpermitted home—she had doubts. "To me it's more important to preserve [the road]," she said.

Commissioner Amy Presley asked, if the area's current residents were unsafe, why the county had not already acted to provide better service.

"Is this the only way we can ensure safety and, if so, why is it not already done?" she asked. "Are the residents of those [existing] seven houses in a dire situation?"

Commissioner Mary Wells-Harley, who noted that Sugarland was "very near and dear to my heart" due to its history as a freed slave community, asked Assistant Fire Marshal Marie LaBaw what would happen if one of the lane's current homes experienced an emergency.

"We'll respond," LaBaw replied. "That's what we do. We make things go as well as we can; we deal with insufficient water supply; we deal with insufficient pavement." She noted, however, that the road improvements would allow the responding teams to be "as efficient and effective as possible."

LaBaw and planning staff said it had taken two years to reach the current proposal, which they said made concessions to the rural nature of the area by not requiring the typically-used cul-de-sac or roadside ditches and swales.

Nonetheless, Caroline Taylor, a resident of nearby Sugarland Forest and executive director of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, asked the board to consider "the integrity of the [Rustic Roads] program" in making its decision while testimony submitted for Gwen Reese, president of the Sugarland Ethno-History Project, supported the proposal but observed, "The rustic roads that serve the greater community provide living context for our rich history."

Kinzie briefly testified as to the project's limited nature, saying that he dug "close to one hundred holes looking for percs" indicating the ability to support a septic system, and only the two homesites were identified on the approximately forty-four-acre Sugarland Farm property.

In the end, Wells-Harley proposed approval for the project, although she said she did so "reluctantly." Board members voted unanimously to support.

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Tidbits

Local Scouts Honored by President

Ten local Girl Scouts were honored in a ceremony April 26, 2015 at Poolesville Town Hall. Each received the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) comprised of a certificate, a medal, and a letter from President Obama. The local Girl Scout Service Unit 32-11 has also earned the Gold level for 2014. The total amount of certified hours by the scouts in the Service Unit for 2014 was 2,544.

The PVSA recognizes Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The award, issued on behalf of the White House, honors individuals, families, and groups

Troop 430; **Marilyn Mense**, Gold 2014, Troop 4300; group: **Service Unit 32-11**, Gold 2014.

Rebuilding Together Aids Local Homeowner

Continuing a local tradition that goes back twenty years, a group of over sixty volunteers from the Rebuilding Together home repair project that gives aid to persons in need, wielded hammers, slung paint, replaced roof tiles, laid carpet, and made numerous other repairs and enhancements to a house on Westerly Road on April 28. It was another Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) project that left the owner "overwhelmed" with the scope and quality of improvements.

For the fifth straight year, the work day was organized, managed,



Dawn Albert, Megan Grubb, Mackenzie Gross, Marilyn Mense, Abigail Antonishek, Zoe Antonishek. Awardees not pictured: Sienna Grimsby, Jessica Mense, Sophia Mense, Charlotte Vogel.

who have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours served over the course of a twelve-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of service achievement. The volunteer hours logged by these recipients are not limited to those served with Girl Scouts. The honorees listed have recorded their activities serving their neighbors, their community, their country, and the world.

The awards to the scouts were as follows: girls: **Abigail Antonishek**, Gold 2014, Troop 4762; **Zoe Antonishek**, Gold 2014, Troop 3380; **Sienna Grimsby**, Silver 2014, Troop 4300; **Mackenzie Gross**, Gold 2012, 2013, 2014, Troop 430; **Megan Grubb**, Bronze 2010, Gold 2012, 2013, 2014, Troop 430; **Jessica Mense**, Gold 2013, 2014 Troop 4300; **Sophia Mense**, Gold 2011, 2012, 2014, Bronze 2013, Troop 430; **Charlotte Vogel**, Gold 2014, Troop 4300; adults: **Dawn Albert**, Bronze 2013, Silver 2014,

and financed by another important community assistance program, Helping Hands Poolesville, Inc. (HHP), a local "Christian volunteer organization whose members are called to help those in need, by improving lives, homes, and communities." HHP president Craig Cummins lauded the "commitment, dedication, and great spirit" of the volunteers and praised the leadership of house captain Joe Hetrick of Chrisler Homes for "making it all come together." All volunteers came from the churches that support HHP: Hosanna Worship Center, Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, Poolesville Baptist Church, Poolesville Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and Poolesville United Methodist church. HHP's sponsorship is assisted by Rebuilding Together Montgomery County that helps in identifying and qualifying income-challenged homeowners whose residences need modifications to provide safety, warmth, and quality of living.

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Local News

Event to Help Small Businesses Sponsored By Town and County

By Rande Davis

Local business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs had a unique opportunity on April 22 to hear directly from one of the nation's leading experts on business development. Casey Willson, a consulting specialist in retail/restaurant businesses with the Small Business Development Center, University of Maryland (SBDC) spoke on the topic "Staying Relevant in a Changing Market" at the 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting.

The event emanated from a conversation between Commissioner Valaree Dickerson and Judy Stephenson, Small Business Navigator for the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development exploring ideas the town might implement to help local business people or those with plans to start a business improve their opportunity to succeed.

Mr. Willson is currently the Main Street and Sustainability Programs Manager at the SBDC Network in College Park. He has forty years of experience in helping small businesses refine and promote their businesses to the public while practicing sustainable and prudent business operations. He has presented at more than two hundred town meetings to over four thousand businesses across Maryland and Virginia and meets personally with scores of small businesses throughout the state to provide confidential one-on-one counseling.

Mr. Willson, who holds an MBA from James Madison University and an MA from George Washington University, has also taught in the School of Business at JMU, and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. During his talk, he identified many key "make or break" categories of business ownership that are essential to success, giving insightful

ideas and solutions along with examples of businesses who have used these principles to guide their companies to success. Going beyond just suggestions of how to better use the new digital and mobile marketing techniques, he elaborated on effective branding concepts, learning how to identify a business's uniqueness (don't compete, differentiate), establishing core products, services, and values as ways to market to millennials, etc.

Lakisha Reid of Discovery Early Learning Center in Poolesville found the presentation very useful and described the program as "fabulous, I walked away with things I can do to immediately change and improve upon while also finding areas that affirm what I am doing right."

Rob Wells, of Absolute Auto in Dickerson, noted the convenience of the early morning meeting as being best for him and said he not only enjoyed the program a lot, but "I always like to have new things and ideas to look at to improve my business or get a fresh start. I seek different ideas because there is always something to be learned from everybody."

The county offers a host of programs to aid business owners in this high state-by-state, county-by-county competition to attract and maintain small businesses as essential job creators. An example is the county's Business Innovation Network (choose-montgomerymd.com) which promotes a lunchtime networking group to gain contacts and information to improve business opportunities.

As an offshoot of this event, Ms. Stephenson will begin to offer one-on-one, thirty-minute consultation sessions in Poolesville to help area businesses identify the many free services and assistance available to them by the county. This county program, labeled "Office Hours," is offered through by-appointment-only meetings, and is currently planned for noon to 3:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in Poolesville beginning in May at the town hall. More information on this program will be forthcoming.

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Madison House Autism Foundation...

Madison House facilitates collaborations by: Researching and disseminating information on housing and educational options for autistic adults throughout the nation; working with universities to host roundtables, art events, and panel discussions; offering medical training that gives insight to providing typical medical care to a non-typical population; and bringing communities together with artistic and vocational ventures.

"The Madison Fields farm fits within our mission. We are so thrilled to be in the Agricultural Reserve. There is a need for many types of communities, experiences, and housing for adults with autism," says JaLynn Prince, president and cofounder of Madison House Autism Foundation.

Madison Fields will be the first community created by the Madison House Autism Foundation. The foundation networks with many communities across the country to learn what works well for the autistic adult population in different settings and connects communities with innovative approaches at its website.

"Adults with autism spectrum disorder deserve as many lifestyle choices as you or I. We hope that the farm can become a national prototype," says JaLynn.

The vision for Madison Fields includes expanding the therapeutic

riding center and offering a boarding facility and riding lessons for riders with and without disabilities. The venue also will serve as an event site for activities—equine and otherwise, serving the larger community. "We want to be an integral part of this community, and a community that gives back," says JaLynn.

The farm, influenced by its location in the Ag Reserve, is the centerpiece of the foundation's vision for the property. Its hope is to create a self-sustaining agricultural enterprise that provides housing and agricultural-related jobs for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The farm also will offer volunteer experiences.

One of the newest members of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Madison House Autism Foundation hopes to expand its partnerships now that it has a physical presence at Madison Fields.

"We've had a wonderful reception from the chamber," comments senior director, Adrienne McBride. "Madison House is so grateful and privileged to be part of such a wonderful, welcoming community. We want to emphasize that while our focus is on adults with autism spectrum disorder, Madison Fields is also open to the larger community." A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the fall.

More information on the Madison House Autism Foundation can be found online at www.madisonhouseautism.org.



Casey Willson, a consulting specialist on business development, led a seminar for area firms.



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School News

New Principal Appointed to Monocacy Elementary School

Kristin A. Alban has been appointed principal of Monocacy Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year, effective July 1, 2015, replacing Cynthia R. Duranko who is retiring.

Alban has worked for seventeen years as an educator, with her latest assignment as assistant principal at Lake Seneca Elementary School in Germantown. She has taught fourth grade, special education, and has served as principal.

Ms. Alban earned her Bachelor of Science from James Madison University, and completed a Master of Science in Deaf Education and her teaching certificate at McDaniel College. She received an Administration and Supervision certificate from Towson University, and is currently working to complete her Doctorate of Education from Bowie State University.

She is a resident of Clarksburg, was raised in Damascus, and is an alumna of Damascus High School.

Ms. Alban looks forward to meeting with parents, students, and community members in the near future.

PHS Volleyball Coach Duvall Honored

Parents of the PHS varsity girls' volleyball team honored Coach Fran Duvall for her thirty-six years of coaching, including seventeen years at Poolesville, with a new five-by-eight American flag now hanging in the gymnasium. The flag's header (between the grommets) is inscribed: "In Honor of Fran Duvall: Coach—Leader—Inspiration." Coach Duvall is retiring in June.

Duvall also was presented with a citation from Maryland's Gov. Larry

Hogan for her distinguished career recognizing her commitment, skill, and leadership as a coach. Duvall told the Monocle that she is so appreciative to have coached in Poolesville and always told her athletes that playing in Poolesville makes their athlete experience something very special. She said that beyond the wonderful athletes she has had the privilege to coach, the immense support from the parents and residents made coaching immensely special.

Distinguished Guests Inspire Audience at PHS Black Student Union's High Achievement Forum

Pledging to honor the struggles overcome by earlier generations with their own successes, PHS ninth grader and president of the PHS Black Student Union, urged her peers to listen and learn from the distinguished guest speakers for the High Achievement Forum March 25 at PHS. "We want to motivate the minority students of Montgomery County to make sure your struggles don't hold you back," Nina Todd told the audience as she welcomed the events' speakers.

Judge Arthur Bennett, Sr. has dedicated his life's work to fighting for equal rights for African Americans. He spent fifty-five years as a lawyer—forty of those as a judge. From 1961 to 1964, Judge Bennett worked closely with Atty Gen. Robert Kennedy.

Judge Bennett explained to the PHS audience that as a young man from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, his mantra was: "I know I can overcome the effects of segregation on my education." With determination and grit, he graduated at the top of his class from Howard University, attended New York University School of Law, actively participated in Brown v. Board of Education, and became the first African American U.S. magistrate judge.

Dr. Gregory Bell, Supervisor of Diversity Initiatives at Montgomery County Public Schools shared his struggles with juvenile macular degeneration—an eye disease that left him legally blind at age eight. "I learned the importance of focusing on your vision, not your sight," he explained, and decided his impairment would not hold him back. Dr. Bell excelled

in sports. Though he couldn't see the scoreboard, he played quarterback and safety for his high school football team; he also ran cross-country and played basketball. Studying with books inches from his face so he could read the print, Dr. Bell's resolve propelled him to academic success at the University of Maryland, Howard University, and Ohio State. "Challenge yourself to be the best," he encouraged PHS students.

Mr. James M. Etheridge, head of PHS security for the past ten years, was in the second class of Africa Americans to be appointed to the Maryland State Police Academy in the early 1970s. He served as a criminal investigator, traffic homicide investigator, and police spokesperson. Mr. Etheridge shared his firsthand accounts of the integration of Montgomery County Public Schools at Poolesville High School in 1956. He recalled the angry protests that blocked his friend, eighth-grader George Barnes, from entering PHS,

which at that time was a junior-senior high school. Barnes was among a handful of African American students who integrated the school. Though tensions continued, the community eventually pulled together, particularly when as a junior, Barnes played on the school's basketball, soccer, and baseball teams, recollected Mr. Etheridge. He urged PHS students to make education and training vehicles for success that enable them "to walk into the room with anyone."

PHS Seniors Win Scholar Athlete Award

Congratulations to seniors, Steven Morningstar and Joel Hessels, on winning a scholar athlete award from the National Football Foundation. "The PHS athletic program is very proud of these two young men and the rest of the senior class as they leave our program as outstanding young men and leaders," commented PHS head football coach Dave Murray.

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Development and Conservation...

The current home on the property, which was never issued an occupancy permit, will be made inhabitable according to the proposal, and the new houses will use a well and a sand-mound septic system. The construction will clear approximately three acres of existing forest and more than twenty-nine forested acres will be protected.

New Lots on Gladhill Property

The future of a Damascus area farm moved toward preservation this month with the creation of new lots on the Gladhill property.

The Planning Board approved the creation of two lots on the nearly 124-acre Clarksburg Road property at its April 16 meeting, which will allow one to be sold. The other lot was a child lot deeded by the late Lew Gladhill to his son in 1984.

"All of the houses and infrastructure

are already existing, so there's no development proposed," planner Ryan Siegwad noted. "There will be no visual change to the property."

Gladhill representative David McKee said that although the farm had three development rights remaining after the approval, the family no longer planned to use them.

"They intend to just put the farm into the BLT [Building Lot Termination] program and preserve the farm," McKee said.

Commissioner Norman Dryfuss said the proposal aligned with the goals of the Agricultural Reserve. "It should be supported by all the farm people up in your area of the woods," he said.

The BLT easement program is administered by the Department of Economic Development Agricultural Services Division and limits non-agricultural uses of selected properties. The Gladhill property is located west of Damascus near the border with Frederick County.



PHS athletic director Ed Ross, PHS Hall of Fame coach Fran Duvall, with coach/former Falcon volleyball player Megan Kenneweg.

Local News

M-NCPPC to Hold Second Darby Store Meeting

By John Clayton

The Maryland National Capital Area Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has scheduled a second mandatory pre-bid meeting for the lease of the Darby Store in the Beallsville historical district. The commission intends to lease the store to a qualified end user who will reinvigorate the building while keeping in mind its historic character. The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m., in the park activity building at Owens Local Park, 19900 Beallsville Road, Beallsville. It will be followed by a tour of the building for prospective tenants.

Julie Mueller of the commission said that the ideal would be for a person or organization to set up a venture that serves the community and highlights in some way the area's heritage. Five people attended the first pre-bid meeting held on April 21. Attendance at one of the two pre-bid meetings is required for a proposal to be considered.

The original June 8 deadline for applications in response to the Request for Proposals has been extended to July 7, 2015.

The Darby Store is located on twenty-six acres on the northwest corner of Route 28 and Route 109. The commission purchased the property with Legacy Open Space funds in 2004, with the store in a state of disrepair. Its intention was to rehabilitate the building and neighboring house while adding parkland to its open space inventory. In 2011, the store was moved twenty-seven feet to a new foundation further off the intersection where its porch was once torn off by a passing vehicle. Montgomery County provided \$250,000 to rehabilitate the store and prepare the site. Very close to one hundred percent of the work on the store and the site, with the exception of the relocation of the building, has been performed by parks department staff. The new parking lot is water-permeable and constructed to drain and filter storm water to minimize runoff.

Copies of the RFP are available at maryland.buyspeed.com or on the Darby Store page on montgomeryparks.org. Questions and other requests for information should be directed to Jana Harris at 301-454-1603 or Jana.Harris@MNCPPC.org.

Youth Sports

A Young Team Building for the Future

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville softball team entered the season expecting to see continued growth. After a hard-fought 11-9 loss to visiting Northwood on a windy chilly afternoon, April 23, their record stood at 5-7. It was even more disappointing since Poolesville held a 7-3 advantage after five innings in the game and was tied at 9-9 after six innings.

"I felt like we were going to be a better team than last year when we only won seven games," said head coach Laurie Wohnhas. "We added new players: juniors Ashley Hobbs, Kristin Darragh, and Megan Wilson in the outfield, and junior pitcher Taylor Behrens and freshman Kellie Dahlin, in the infield, and our returning players now have experience of playing varsity level games. The Rockville game was our best. Behrens pitched a complete game, and our offense and defense were also outstanding. That was our first and most complete game as a team. Winning that game put us in the driver's seat to capture the division, a goal that we set at the beginning of the season. Our only senior, Alexa Vergelli, has led the team in batting with a .519 average. Sophomore shortstop Samantha Goldsborough has also impressed me with her all-around improved play. Kellie Dahlin, our lone freshman has impressed me, having a clutch hit against Rockville, and playing a new position at third base. She is going to be one of the best county players by the time she is a senior." The Falcons finished 3-2 in the division.

"This season has been going pretty well," said Vergelli, before key games with Einstein and Northwood. "The highlight of the season so far for me was our win over Rockville because they have kind of turned into a key rival for us. They won the division the last two years, and last year they beat us, but this year we played them in a really close game, and we beat them by one run."

Vergelli had two hits in that Rockville game. Freshman Dahlin singled with two out in the bottom of the sixth to drive home a run, giving the team a lead. The Rams scored two runs in the top of the first, but the Falcons came back with three in their half of the inning and led, 5-3, after four innings, but Rockville scored single runs in the top half of the fifth and sixth to tie the game. Dahlin added three hits and two RBIs. Sophomore centerfielder Lauryn Graham contributed with a hit.



PHS softball players Liesl Green and Alexa Vergelli.

"That win gave us confidence heading into the playoffs," said Vergelli. "There are some really tough teams once we get outside of our county, but if we play solid, I think we can do well."

Junior Liesl Green, who plays first base and some outfield, said, "We've all been working really hard. I think a highlight was the Gaithersburg game, especially since we won on Senior Day, 5-4, in extra innings. That game was really intense, winning by just one run. Once we got that tie-breaking run in the bottom of the eighth, it was really exciting because we have been preparing for tie-breaking situations in practice." Green started the season with three hits in a big, 13-1, win over B-CC. She also had two hits against Wheaton and one against Damascus.

In that Gaithersburg game, junior outfielder Alesya Sarakhman had three hits, Jolee Raines and sophomore Samantha Goldsborough added two more hits. Junior pitcher Jolee Raines pitched a complete game allowing just eight hits, and striking out three. Poolesville took a, 4-3, lead with a run in the bottom of the sixth, but Gaithersburg tied it with a run in the top of the seventh, forcing the tiebreaker.

The Falcons lost at Einstein on April 18, 16-5 in five innings.

The individual stats for the players point to the strength of the team, especially in hitting. Raines is batting .500 on the year, followed by Goldsborough at .433, Dahlin at .382, Darragh at .364, and Sarakhman at .333. Dahlin leads the team with thirteen RBIs, while Goldsborough has nine and Lauren Lightcap has six. Raines and junior right fielder Katie Kavanaugh each have five RBIs. Vergelli is the team leader in runs scored with nineteen. Raines has stolen stolen bases. Vergelli, Goldsborough, and Dahlin each have one homerun.

The Falcon girls' bold hitting exploded against Seneca Valley, beating the Eagles, 26-12, but they subsequently lost to Springbrook 8-7, dropping their record to 6-8.

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School News

Local Schoolchildren Perform for Patients and Families

The Upper Elementary students of Butler Montessori School performed excerpts from the musical *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* for patients and families at Children's National Health System in Washington, D.C. on April 14.

According to the Music and Performing Arts Director of Butler Montessori School, Mrs. Cinzia Maddalena, the students truly enjoyed performing at Children's National. They felt that it was a real privilege to have this opportunity. "It was an amazing experience that I will never forget," said Kenji Shimokaji, who played Prince Eric in the show.



Butler Montessori School students performing at Children's National Health System.

"The students were simply thrilled to share their songs and dances, as well as their passion for music with the children of Children's National," Maddalena added.

The lead teacher, Mrs. Linda Wilson, said, "Performing for the patients, families, and staff at Children's National Hospital was an amazing and heart-warming experience that I know our students will remember for years to come!"

Emma Pham, who played Ariel in the show, said that for her it was "a refreshingly new and extraordinary experience!"

The students learned choreographies, songs, and dialogues to perform first for an audience at the BlackRock Center for the Arts. Because the kids so enjoyed performing the show on stage, they were ecstatic at the opportunity to share their musical endeavors with the patients, families, and staff at Children's National and really hoped to raise everyone's spirits with their performance.

PHS Model UN Team Takes Fourth Place

By Emma Whitehouse

In a typical weekly Monday meeting, PHS teacher Ms. Kellert, leader of the Poolesville Model UN team, said, "We use our meetings to develop and practice the skills used to be a competitive model UN student." The choosing of conferences in which to participate is highly selective, Kellert stated. The club tries to choose quality over quantity. She's passionate about her students and the club, urging the students to push themselves in conferences.

A major conference was held at American University on March 27 to March 29. Students prepared for the conference months ahead by choosing specialized committees for the conference, and their hard work paid off. Poolesville placed fourth overall and students won the awards of Best Position Papers, Neil Agrawal and Juanita Jaramillo; Most Improved, Ritvik Jain and Samantha Goldsborough; and Ryan Carroll won for Best Speaker.

The students love participating in the club. Heather Brooks says, "It's a great way to meet people, make friends, and be a leader."

Jack Tapert says, "It's engaging, fun, and educational."

Allison Winston adds, "I enjoy the professional atmosphere, the ability to negotiate, and to feel like you're actually doing something to solve the world's issues."

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Youth Sports

New Cast, Same Camaraderie

By Jeff Stuart

"This season should be interesting!" says new coed volleyball coach Megan Kenneweg. "We have upperclassmen boys who are great athletes, girls who have been in the volleyball program and know how to manage the rotations and the pace of the game, but most of the girls have never played coed, and the boys are new to volleyball. Junior Shirley Woltz is the only returner and she did not start last year, but the athletes have found a nice chemistry and improve every time we are in the gym. Coed season feels like two sets of sprints, one before spring break and the second after. Playing Monday, Wednesday, and Friday creates little opportunity to hone in on passing and blocking and all the other skills. You get that time during girls' volleyball season, but despite the snow days and that crazy match schedule, the athletes have really done a great job at focusing during practice and having those two hours be dedicated to volleyball. It really is showing. It doesn't show in our record. That is unfortunate, because they are improving and working so hard...We have a lot of potential of the team and I am excited about coaching this group of athletes."

"I think one of the biggest things about our team this year is that all of our boys have just started playing, so some of them just touched the volleyball for the first time at tryouts," says senior Selin Altintas, "so it's been an obstacle to overcome, but I think they've really improved a lot and we work together really well and the energy is just amazing."

Junior Emily Benedict agrees. "I think we're a new team, and I really like it. We've gotten so much better than the beginning of the season. You can really see it when we're playing...I really think we keep getting better...We've got a lot of great energy and we're really starting to connect as a team."

"Given our inexperience as a team," says senior Stephen Botten, "I think the girls have done a very good job helping us out. The boys are learning new techniques, skills, and things that make our game better each game that we play. It's a little bit different playing coed because I think you always have to be more considerate and soft spoken than you would if it was an all guys' team."



Coed volleyball players: Emily Benedict, Selin Altintas, Stephen Botten, and Chase Garrett with coach Megan Kenneweg.

Botten ran with the cross country team in the fall and indoor track during the winter.

"I do love volleyball. This is a great experience," says senior Chase Garrett. "This is my first year. I just really love the game and smashing the ball really hard. I played a couple beach volleyball games, but I've never played organized volleyball...It's just a great game. I don't want to talk about 'almost winning a game,' but we have tried our hardest. That's what matters

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Youth Sports

PHS Boys' Volleyball: Win Over QO Lifts Falcons

By Jeff Stuart

In a four-set win over Quince Orchard at home on March 30, the Pooleville High School boys' volleyball team combined the same tenacious defense they displayed last year with a far more efficient offense.

"I've got seven returning players," said second year head coach Tiffany Grimes who set ambitious goals for the program last season. "I also obtained senior Eric Lee who was on the championship coed team last year. I will be running a 6-2 with Eric and junior Hansheng Zhang as my setters. I also picked up a few freshmen, one sophomore, and one junior." This makes for an even distribution in grades of players. "I can already see growth in some of my returning players...They are really starting to step up and will see a lot more court time this year. Eric has been our game changer this season with his volleyball knowledge. It's nice to have another setter to run a 6-2, and his serving (when consistent) can win us games. When we are able to run senior Andrew Wang (from basketball) in the middle, he's very effective. Sophomore Sam Komesarook is also an effective server. Our starting lineup: Eric, Hansheng, Wang, junior Heartson Fan, senior Dmitri Agnew, Sam, and sophomore Eamon Chen is always the libero...I've got a good

group of boys, and I'm excited to see where the season goes."

"It is good going into the break with a couple of wins under our belt," said Wang. "We had a couple of tough losses. Our schedule is pretty tough. We have played B-CC and Sherwood, two of the top teams in the county. I think we really came together against QO, a team that we match up against well. One of the games against Sherwood was 25-23, so we have been competitive."

"I really feel like we have more talent this year," said Chen, "but I feel like last year we had way more energy. That's one thing we need to work on. We need to call for every ball and cheer for every point. We need to support each other and build that momentum. I think the QO game was our best effort. It definitely gave us confidence. We have Churchill coming up. They beat us 3-1, last year and we want to get them back this year."

"I think we have definitely gotten a lot better," said Agnew. "We have had a few hard matches, but I feel like we have learned and are progressing as a team. I think the QO game showed that we have come together. We dominated them. We had good teamwork. We gave up that third game because we may have gotten a little bit cocky, but we came back and focused and beat them in the fourth game."

In the Quince Orchard match, Lee started the Falcons off in game one with a five-point service run. Agnew had a block to make it 17-6. Lee had a strong spike to make it 18-9. A block from the center by Wang made it 20-14. PHS won, 25-15.

In game two, Lee had a nine-point service run at the start of the game.

PHS won, 25-10, behind some strong hits by Wang and Zhang. Eric got only a single point on his service at the start of game three, and QO won a thriller, 28-26. A spike by Wang had tied the game at 25-all. There were some long rallies in that game and some great digs by Chen.

Lee had a six-point service run to start game four, and the Falcons won easily, 25-2. Wang had a couple of hits through Cougar blocks.

"I grew about four to five inches in the off season," said Lee, "and yeah, that helps. Certain aspects of the game turn out better. Just because I am taller, I can do more. I have the most experience on the team, so I lead off serving...I think we have a lot of talent on this team, and if we keep working

at it, we can go really far. I am happy that we beat QO. We needed that, but I don't know that it was our best match. Against Clarksburg, we played really well. We lost twice, 25-23, and the second game was 28-26. We came close every single time. We competed with a lot of energy. I am looking forward to playing Churchill because we would like to upset them, but then again I would like to see some teams we have already played like B-CC and Clarksburg again in the playoffs." Last year, Lee played on the coed team with his brother Justin, then a senior.

Senior Dennis Paul, juniors Jackson Malmgren and Alex Tolstoy, and freshmen John Ting, Ching Yuan-Lin, and George Chen round out the roster.

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Local History

The Last Maryland Raid: A Skirmish At Edwards Ferry

By Jim Poole

In the winter of 1864 to 1865, the Civil War was at a virtual standstill around Petersburg, Virginia. In the Shenandoah Valley, Southern Gen. Jubal Early was struggling to feed his starving army. To help take some of the pressure off Early's men and horses, Col. Elijah Viers White received permission to let the men of his 35th Virginia Cavalry leave the Shenandoah area and move to Loudoun County on the first of January 1865. Once they crossed the mountains, they quickly discovered that the Union troops had burned out a large section of the valley.



Edwards Ferry, Maryland, 1861

Companies A, B, and C of the 35th Virginia Cavalry scattered to different locations, and many were able to stay with friends and family; however, it was different for those in Company B, whose homes were just across the river in Poolesville and Frederick, so instead they stayed in the mountains near Hughesville (between Leesburg and Round Hill). The commanding officer of Company B, Lt. Edward Chiswell, set up his base of operation near the Potomac River. Their main duty at this point was to watch for Federal patrols and monitor their movements but to stay out of their sight.

It soon came to the attention of Lieutenant Chiswell that the 1st Delaware Cavalry had set up camp at Edwards Ferry on the Maryland side of the river. Even though his orders were to simply monitor their movements, he decided the union troops presented too tempting a target for needed horses and supplies; consequently, he decided to confiscate them. On the fifteenth of February, he gathered twenty-two men and started for the river. In the moonless dark, they crossed the frozen river on foot with the intention returning upon the backs of Union horses.

Chiswell chose a spot for attack

that was three quarters of a mile below the ferry where it came out near his mother's farm. Through the darkness of night, they proceeded up River Road undetected (this section of River Road is now closed) until they were just outside of the Federal campsite. Even in pitch darkness, they were spotted and challenged by Union pickets. Since they did not know the secret counter sign, they answered the northern guards' call to identify themselves with a hail of bullets, which, of course, completely astonished the pickets. Fearing the volley of bullets destroyed their element of surprise, the Rebels charged into camp with their usual Rebel-style of yelling like mad men, firing their rifles as they went. Alerted by the noise and commotion, Federal troops peeked out of their tents and, according to Chiswell's report, "It seemed the ground had opened beneath them and swallowed them, except for one man who stood to

defend his camp but his carbine wouldn't fire." In their hasty retreat, the Unionists managed to wound Chiswell and one other, but the southern forces were able to prevail and took a prisoner as well as fourteen good horses including their rigging.

Meanwhile, a small party of Rebels broke off and visited the store of Dr. Russell Brace located at Edwards Ferry. In a later report, it was to be noted that "not having the use of a light made a fair selection of goods [needed by the 35th Virginia Cavalry] very difficult." After the war, Dr. Brace tried to have Lieutenant Chiswell arrested.

Once the horses and goods were secured, Chiswell wasted no time in waiting for the Federal troops to return with reinforcements, and he and his men simply returned the way they had come across the frozen river with their spoils of battle. It wasn't until they reached the relative safety of the Virginia shore that the question came up as to what to do with the prisoner.

Since they lacked facilities to hold a prisoner, it was determined that the only solution was to dispose of the prisoner in Richmond but nobody wanted that task, so they decided to make a

trade with him instead. The offer to the Union soldier was straightforward: Give up his boots, and the Confederates would let go unconditionally.

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New Cast, Same Camaraderie

most...I've done lacrosse and wrestling, and I can't say they were not as much fun, but this is one of the most fun sports that I have done."

Other members of the girls' team, who all played girls' volleyball in the fall, are freshman Iris Yu, sophomore Hannah Lipsman, and seniors Rachel McIntyre and Amelia Stone. Other team members on the boys' side are seniors Eltayeb Abdelrahman, Muqet

The deal was made, and they parted ways. Within two months, the war would be over, and these same men would return on a different footing.

Ahmad, Richard Kim, Dave Qin, Yogith Tupakula, and Rodrigo Salamancapaz.

Coach Kenneweg has been a member of the Poolesville volleyball program since 2005. She played coed for three seasons with the Falcons and was part of the girls' state championship team as a senior. She was Fran Duvall's assistant girls' volleyball coach for the last two years. "My approach to coed is to create a higher confidence level in the girls and to teach volleyball skills to the boys. Coed is a blast! It's a nice mix."

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Garden

Winter Memories

By Maureen O'Connell

This past winter has been a challenge for man and beast. We survived a record number of single-digit temperatures, crippling ice storms, and numerous shovel-worthy snow events. Even I, a bona fide lover of everything winter, looked forward anxiously to the arrival of spring. It was a tough year for deer, rabbits, birds, foxes, and other wildlife. There was little, if anything, to eat, and with the ice and snow, there was little shelter to be found.

Our gardens also suffered. Snow can have an insulating effect, but snow with a thick layer of ice can be destructive to many plants, shrubs, and trees. Deer devoured the lower leaves of my six American holly trees; the once tall and bushy rosemary plants shriveled and died to the ground; the hydrangeas that bloom on old wood were left with brittle, lifeless stalks; most of my supposedly hardy perennial herbs were no more; and the ten beautiful peony bulbs I planted in late autumn were tasty winter treats for the squirrels or deer, or whoever found them first.

I recently surveyed my garden to find this year's survivors. There were many losses, but there were also some troopers who lived to face another spring. Let me tell you about some of my stars. The climate change naysayers will use this winter's extreme temperatures as a rebuttal to global warming, but with any amount of scientific research, the affirming facts are undeniable. Several years ago, the United States Department of Agriculture changed the range of climate zones in our country. Many of the plants, trees, and shrubs that your grandmother grew in our area many years ago cannot survive here now. I have changed my gardening practices, and I only grow what will survive with low maintenance.

I love hydrangeas. There are three main species of hydrangeas that are widely grown in North American gardens: *Hydrangea arborescens*, *Hydrangea paniculata*, *Hydrangea macrophylla*. Two terms are applied to these plants: old wood and new wood. These refer to how and where the plant makes its flower buds. A plant that flowers on old wood can only produce a flower bud on a stem that has been growing for a year or longer. Plants that flower on new wood will form buds for that summer on the growth that it begins to produce when it emerges in spring.

Generally, *H. macrophylla* plants prefer temperate climates, and our recent winters have been anything but, so they are more likely to be damaged by a severe winter. In recent years, horticulturists have addressed this problem by cultivating hydrangeas that bloom on both old and new wood. They are a good choice for our area. 'Endless Summer,' 'Blushing Bride,' and 'Nantucket Blue' are three good examples of this variety. The damage to my hydrangeas was not as bad as the previous winter. They will survive, but in a slightly diminished state; nevertheless, they are still stars.

A small tree that you don't see as much as you used to is the pussy willow tree (*Salix discolor*). Its iconic soft, velvety paws or furry catkins are striking on its bare stems and are a true harbinger of early spring. This is truly a tree for all seasons; he never hibernates or shuts down. In autumn, his leaves turn a soft yellow; in winter, depending upon the variety, his branches are red, purple, or brown; in early spring, the catkins appear; and in summer, he is covered in bright green leaves. I planted one about ten or so years ago, and today he is about ten feet tall and thriving. Every Christmas I clip several branches to add to evergreen wreaths. Consider this small tree for a special place in your garden.

Very few shrubs in our area are as tough as the butterfly bush (*Buddleia*). For small gardens, *Buddleia* 'Lo and Behold Blue Chip,' the first ever miniature butterfly bush, and his sport 'Blue Chip Jr.' are nonstop bloomers through summer into fall. They attract butterflies and hummingbirds for months, and Japanese beetles and deer have no taste for them.

Looking for a flowering shrub for a sunny area? Consider the deutzia, a woodland shrub found across Asia from the Himalayas to Japan. In the early spring, they are covered with clusters of fragrant, pink blooms, followed all summer and fall with delicate, green leaves. My two are in the direct path of winter winds; they suffered no damage this year.

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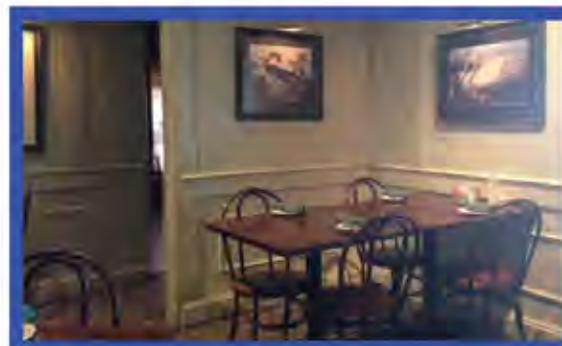
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By Jack Toomey

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April 5, 1896 The Rockville Gun Club's first delivery of two hundred partridges arrived by train from Kansas and was being prepared for distribution throughout Montgomery County. It was the intention of purchasing many more partridges to be set at liberty. A clay pigeon tournament was scheduled in May to pay for the partridges.

April 7, 1896 Mrs. Sadie Mossburg, the wife of George Mossburg, died at her home at Poolesville. Mrs. Mossburg, age 34, was said to have died of consumption. She was buried at the cemetery at Beallsville.

April 11, 1896 The Hall murder in Washington, D.C. took a strange twist when Professor Hall's body was brought to his home near Brooke Grove, Montgomery County. After his associates had raised sufficient funds for his funeral, they found that the grave had not been dug at the churchyard so no funeral could proceed. The casket was stored in the church,

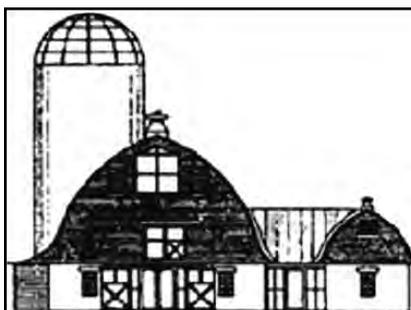
Hall's relatives dug the grave, and the services proceeded the next day.

April 15, 1896 A meeting of the Rockville Literary Society was held at the home of Mrs. W. Townsend. A piano duet, Schubert's "March Militaire," vocal solos "Farewell" and "Back to Father's Home," an essay on Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and a reading of "The Lady's Yes" were conducted.

April 22, 1898 Lawrence Allnut of Dawsonville and Miss Ella Virginia Thomas of Buckeystown were married at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Buckeystown. Mr. Allnut was a well-known and popular merchant in Montgomery County while Miss Thomas was a popular and well-connected young lady. The couple left for a tour of the southern states.

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Remembrances

Lilia Jacob

Lilia Lucia Romero Jacob gracefully finished her walk on the Earth on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the age of 83. She was welcomed home by her loving mother and father, Cristobal Barrera and Rosa Saavedra Romero; her brothers, Cristobal, Mario, Ruben, and Jesus; and her sisters, Rosa and Olga. She was surrounded by loving family as she took her final breaths.

Lilia had a deep and fierce love for her family. Her immense zeal for life infused all she encountered. She spent her life enjoying each and every day with her beloved husband Georges. They were blessed with four children, Gerard, Georges, Gabrielle, and Adrien; nine grandchildren, Ashley, Erick, Jojo, Stephanie, Renee, Michael, Christian, Corinne, and Anna; and one great-grandson, Carter. She also had loving family members, Danielle, Beth, Conchita, Tim, and Jim; a sister and brothers-in-law; and nephews and nieces that she loved dearly. She is survived by her two brothers, Raul and Lauro.

Lilia was born in Laredo, Texas in 1931. She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1949 and was married in 1953. She moved to McLean, Virginia in 1960 and lived there until 2006 when she moved to Poolesville to be closer to her daughter, Gabi.

She enjoyed many hobbies, gardening, bowling, embroidery, and traveling, but mostly spending time with her family and grandchildren and her beloved husband, Amor Mio.



Lilia Lucia Romero Jacob

During her forty-six years in McLean, she was very active in her church, St. John's, and the Lewinsville Senior Center. In her later years, she enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Gaithersburg Senior Center.

A celebration of her life will be on May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church at 17220 Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville. The family will receive friends at her daughter's home after the service (19421 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville) followed by a graveside ceremony at the Jacob family plot at National Memorial Park located at 7482 Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA 22042 on Sunday, May 3 at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you kindly donate to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Their tender care and support in her final days were deeply appreciated by the family.

Robert R. Gogolski

Robert R. Gogolski, 93, of Weymouth, Massachusetts, formerly of Clarksburg, Maryland, died peacefully at his residence on April 19, 2015. He was the husband of Dorothy J. Gogolski. Born on April 27, 1921 in Blakely, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Bernard and Marion (Shapp) Gogolski. Bob proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Surviving besides his wife are four daughters, Kathryn M. Gogolski, Deborah A. Leighton, Jean M. Gogolski, Carol A. Collar (Dickerson); two sisters, Jean Petrusiatis, Elivra Burns; two brothers, Frederick and Daniel Gogolski; and four grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters. Bob's remains will be inurned in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org) or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org).

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What Is Constipation?

Constipation—difficult or infrequent bowel movements—is one of the most common health problems associated with a pet's digestive system. Cats usually have at least one healthy bowel movement every day, but if your cat is passing dry, hard stools, straining when trying to defecate, or making unsuccessful trips to the litter box, please see your veterinarian. These symptoms may indicate an underlying health problem.

How Can I Tell If My Cat Is Constipated?

If your cat suffers from any of the following symptoms, please consult your veterinarian. These signs may also be symptoms of urinary disorders, so it's important that your vet helps you to determine the cause right away:

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| Straining or crying out in pain when trying to eliminate: | Lethargy |
| Small, dry, hard stools, possibly covered in mucous or blood | Vomiting |
| Frequent, unproductive trips to the litter box | Weight loss |
| Loss of appetite | Lack of grooming |
| Displays of abdominal discomfort | |

What Causes Cats to Become Constipated?

There are many reasons why your cat may have trouble eliminating:

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| Low-fiber diet | Ingestion of foreign objects such as string, cloth, bones, etc. |
| Dehydration | Side effect of medication |
| Hairballs/excessive grooming | Tumor or other intestinal obstruction |
| Blocked or abscessed anal sacs | Neurologic disorder |
| Enlarged prostate gland | Tangled hair on the buttocks |
| Obesity | Abnormal colon shape or motility |

How Can I Treat My Cat's Constipation?

Depending on what's causing your cat's constipation, your vet may recommend one or several of the following treatments:

- Stool softener
- Laxative
- Enema (administered by a professional, not at home, please). It is important to note that cats do not take kindly to these procedures, and some over-the-counter enemas contain substances that can be toxic to cats. This is a procedure best left to your veterinarian.
- Medication to increase the contractile strength of the large intestine
- Manual evacuation of the bowels
- Surgery to remove obstruction in the bowels
- Veterinarian-prescribed, high-fiber diet
- Adding fiber to your cat's diet with canned pumpkin, bran cereal, or a product such as Metamucil
- Increase in water consumption
- Increase in exercise

Which Cats Are Susceptible to Constipation?

Elderly pets often suffer from infrequent or difficult bowel movements; however, the condition can occur in any cat who doesn't eat adequate fiber, get enough water or exercise, or suffers from one or more of the causes of constipation.

Can Constipation Hint at Larger Health Problems?

Yes. Constipation should always be investigated, as it can be a symptom of diabetes, hyperthyroidism, or an obstruction of the rectum or a hernia.

How Can I Prevent My Cat from Becoming Constipated?

Feed your cat a healthy high-fiber diet with minimal treats, provide access all day to clean, fresh water, and make sure she gets exercise. Brushing your cat regularly will minimize chances of hairballs, which can lead to constipation.

What Can Happen If Constipation Goes Untreated?

If your cat's constipation is not alleviated, obstipation—the inability to empty her colon on her own—can occur. In this state, the colon is packed with an uncomfortably large amount of feces, causing unproductive straining, lethargy, appetite loss, and possibly even vomiting. This can result in the swelling of your cat's colon and loss of the colon's motility.



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