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Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard held its first annual grape stomp. Stompers of all ages participated. See Family Album on Page 2.



Claire Jones of the Poolesville High School golf team. See Youth Sports on Page 11.



Twice a year, they queue up for the opening. See where they go in Family Album on Page 2.



Selby's Market as it once was. See Focus on Business on Page 8.

## Bishop of Diocese to Dedicate Long-Awaited St. Peter's Expansion

By John Clayton

The expansion of St. Peter's Parish Episcopal Church will be dedicated on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The dedication service will be conducted by interim rector Charles Hoffacker and will be attended by the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

St. Peter's building project is close to completion, and the parish is in the process of passing its final building inspections and receiving a permit to occupy the church. Since actual construction began in the spring of 2006, use of the existing building has slowly been lost to the march of renovation, and the church's offices have had to migrate to the church rectory, next door on Fisher Avenue.

The construction project was originally scheduled to be completed in August 2006, but due to a number of factors, which included contractor management turnover and significant rises in the cost of building materials, completion was delayed for over a year. The congregation has endured limited parking and virtually no space



St. Peter's Parish Episcopal Church

for church activities for much of the last year, and the resumption of normal operations in a much larger facility is expected to be a welcome change both for church members and for the community which has relied on the use of St. Peter's space for many years.

St. Peter's last expansion was in the 1980s, when the "old" parish hall (named Hosler Hall in honor of long-time parishioners Bill and Mary Lou Hosler), a kitchen, and church school

classrooms were constructed. By the late 1990s, the church realized that another expansion was needed. The dedication will mark the completion of a process, from fundraising through contractor selection and construction, that has lasted longer than anyone had expected.

The expansion project was conceived and championed by former rec-

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## Clarksburg Football Team Defeats Poolesville to Remain Undefeated

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Falcons knew the task would be formidable going against the undefeated Clarksburg Coyotes and their former coach, Larry Hurd. In the end, Clarksburg's running back Mark Small was too much for the Falcons, with his individual effort of racking up 238 yards in 30 carries. The night seemed dominated by #22 sweeping left and then sweeping right. The 5-foot-8, 160-pound junior has led the Coyotes, averaging 164 yards per game with the Falcons' game being the second time this year he has run for over 200 yards.

CHS fullback, Rob Osborne,

scored three touchdowns and ran 64 yards on 11 carries. Senior Osborne, although a fullback for the Coyotes, has signed a letter of intent to play with Towson University next year—not as a running back but on the defensive line. In scoring their 40 points, the Coyotes ran 420 yards on 48 carries.

The drama in the game was not well represented in the final score, however. The game behind the game was in the intensity of the Falcon play

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Clarksburg's Mark Small has averaged 164 yards per game this year. Photograph courtesy of 1-800-905-GEEK.

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*At the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard 2007 Stomp the grape stomping team of Joyce (Lucy)Fisher of Germantown and Carol (Ethel) Long of Gaithersburg beat the challengers, Bill Marmon and Dick Allen of Chevy Chase.*



*Jim McKenna of Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard at the First Annual Stomp with District 15 State Delegate Craig Rice and his family: Caelyn, Anaiya, and his wife, Tia.*



*The action at the Women of St. Peter's Rummage Sale, in the church's new parish hall.*



*Stompers anxiously await the decision of the judges at the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard Stomp Event.*



*The Twelve and Under Select Falcons are off to a 4-0 start. Front row: Thayer Sealy, Connor Hall, William Durr, Zack Long, Back Row: Matt Schramm, Kyle Brown, Jake Long, Andy Baker, Trevor Stottlemeyer, Mitchell Poe, and Robert Jacobs. Not pictured: Steven Morningstar. The coaches are Keith Jacobs and Kenny Kramek; assistant coaches are John Long and Chris Hall.*

## Local History

### Trouble at the Picnic

By Jack Toomey

On Clopper Road, between Germantown and Gaithersburg, a little country church sits by the side of the road and reminds travelers of a simpler time when parishioners either walked to church or rode in buggies pulled by horses. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church was founded in 1834 on land donated by the Clopper family, prominent landowners in the area. The present-day church, painted white with a green roof, now used as a chapel, was built in 1883 after a fire destroyed the first church built on the site. There came a time when a summer picnic was held for the benefit of the church. There may have been dancing, food prepared by the ladies of the church, performances by amateur musicians, and athletic events.

One of the most devoted families in the church community was the Stangs. Their ancestors had emigrated from Germany and had settled in the area of Germantown. Joseph Stang was a mechanic and had married a childhood sweetheart in 1883. They had built a house across from the church, and both of his children were entrusted with the care and upkeep of the church. Their oldest child, also named Joseph, was a veteran of World War I, and Marie was a popular young girl and was said to have attracted

the attention of many admirers. On August 18, 1921, the annual picnic was held in a field near the church. People from all over the area came probably because it was known as a popular social event and for the chance to meet friends from all over Montgomery County. Later in the afternoon, three brothers from Poolesville, Eugene, John, and Archie Pearson, all in their twenties, came to the picnic. They were the sons of Alfred Pearson who farmed on O. W. Anderson's farm at Sugarland. It was said that they had been drinking and almost immediately they got into an altercation with a young man from Brunswick. The Pearson fellows knocked down the

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A 1905 photo of the Stang family: Marie, Mrs. Stang, Joseph Sr., and young Joseph. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Gene Domalski.)



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The eleven-stop tour includes Kiparoo Farm (Adamstown), Lindenwood Farmgoods (Poolesville), Alden Farms (Beallsville), Sugarloaf Studio (Barnesville), Dancing Leaf Farm (Barnesville), Lahara Textile Gallery (Barnesville), Morningstar Studio (Barnesville), Stone Wall Farm (Boyd's), Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard and Winery (Comus), Plum Stuff (Comus), and Art of Fire (Laytonsville). Visit [www.countrysideartisans.com](http://www.countrysideartisans.com) for more details and map.

### Huge Indoor School Community Yard Sale

Don't miss The 12th Annual Barnesville Basement to benefit the Barnesville School. Bargains Galore! Rain or shine—Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 21, noon to 4 p.m. Items include gently used, brand name children's and adult clothing, baby gear, toys, books, sports equipment, electronics, furniture, and much, much more! Come early for the best selection! The school is at the corner of Barnesville and Peach Tree Roads, Barnesville. For more information, 301-972-0341 or [www.barnesvilleschool.org](http://www.barnesvilleschool.org).

UMCVFD Open House Festivities

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department will have its open house on Saturday October 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Numerous demonstration events, hands-on activities, and educational opportunities are planned. One of the real kid-pleaser activities is the brush truck fire hose challenge. Kids and parents have the chance to safely handle the fire hose under the watchful care of the firefighters. Hit the target with the water stream

to break the balloons. The hay wagon will be rolling on the fire station grounds to take kids and parents up to the pumpkin fields. Kids can select a pumpkin to keep, free of charge, of course. The firefighters will welcome Pockets, the wonderful clown, for the enjoyment of all. Pockets's balloon-shaping proficiency is one of his many skills.

The Auxiliary is serving pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, sodas, and juice. For further information, please contact public relations firefighter Jeffery Eck at 240-529-3438.

### Fall Is a Perfect Season for Poetry

Hyattstown Mill Arts Project will host its now-annual Fall Poetry Reading and Pot Luck Event Saturday, October 20. Please join the festivities at the mill at 7:00 p.m. for the Pot Luck Dinner or join in by 7:30 for the poetry and prose and open mic. For more information, check the HMAP website at [hyattstownmill.org](http://hyattstownmill.org). While on your travels, try to drive through Hyattstown to see the Sixth Annual Road Show. Take your time and enjoy the sculptures.

### Kingsbury's Centennial Anniversary

Kingsbury's Orchard and the Montgomery Countryside Alliance invite you to celebrate the 2007 Royce Hanson Award (presented in recognition of outstanding commitment and leadership toward the protection of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve) and the hundredth anniversary of Kingsbury Family Farm Saturday, October 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy live bluegrass music with the Randy Barrett Trio, pick-your-own Fuji apples, freshly-made apple butter, eight varieties of apples available for sale, and delicious food. Come rain or shine to Kingsbury Orchard, 19415 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson, Maryland. For more information, visit

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tion, visit [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org) or call 301-600-2828.

### In Search of Ghosts

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# Center Stage Singing His Praise—for Half a Century

By Dominique Agnew

Every Thursday, they met. There was no need for reminder calls. No emails were sent out to the group. Thursday was their day; they all knew it; they all showed up. They were the Royal Harmonizers. Those Thursdays fell in the months of the fifties, the sixties, the seventies, the eighties, the nineties, even into the new century.

Founded in the early fifties by Berkley Bell of Dickerson, the Royal Harmonizers, five men united in their faith and in music, proclaimed their beliefs through music. Says lead singer and manager, Berkley Bell, "It's almost like a preacher preaching the Word because you're trying to lead the [audience] in the right direction."

As with many musical groups, the Royal Harmonizers didn't congeal into the quintet that would play all through the mid-Atlantic states right away. It took a few years, a few

band member changes, and at least one name change. Berkley Bell began singing in a gospel group at a young age, and soon after, his high school classmate, William Ridgely, joined the group. Of this original group, some older members left, and at first, it was almost a musical-chair game as the new members sang different parts to take the places of those who left. One of these new members was William's younger brother, James Ridgely. It just so happened that James worked at NIH, where an extremely talented guitarist by the name of Victor Chance also worked. When James heard him playing during their lunch break, James invited him to also join the group. By 1953, four members were in place to call themselves by their new name, the Royal Harmonizers: Berkley Bell as the lead singer, William Ridgely as tenor, James Ridgely as bass, and Victor Chance on the guitar able to sing all voices. They were still missing a baritone, and Fuller Ming would join the group in 1959. So the Thursdays began. "Thursday was our night," recalls Berkley Bell.

The Royal Harmonizers were in demand, and they did a lot of traveling. "Where we were invited, that's where we were." They traveled from as far north as New York

to as far south as the Carolinas. Sometimes they made appearances on Friday and Saturday nights, but, without question, every Sunday, they sang. They sang straight gospel music the way they heard their parents singing it, and the way they heard it in their churches growing up. "We just stuck to the old-fashioned way of gospel singing," says Berkley Bell.

In 1974, the Royal Harmonizers recorded their first album, *Jesus Is Real*, then in 1979, they recorded their second, *Singing in the Christian Band with the Royal Harmonizers*. While both albums had familiar favorites, the second had two original compositions by James Ridgely. Not only did the group receive playing time on the air, they continue to do so to this day. Just two weeks ago, an acquaintance informed Berkley Bell that "When the Saints Go Marching In,"



Victor Chance, Berkley Bell, William Ridgely, Fuller Ming, and James Ridgely in the early 1970s.

from their second album, had recently been broadcast on WFMD.

Sadly, in the past few years, three of the original members have passed away: Fuller Ming (who had already moved back to Florida a number of years ago), Victor Chance, and James Ridgely. They had been quite like a family. The Royal Harmonizers have been able to continue performing despite the losses of band mates. Wil-

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## Local News

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Fire from three sheds caused siding to melt on a home in the Westerly subdivision in Poolesville.

and Sue Smith of 17100 Hoskinson Road suffered the greatest damage when the heat from the three burning sheds caused the siding at the rear of their home to melt. Sheds owned by adjoining neighbors, John and Tracy Windall, and Gareth and Judy Parry, were also destroyed. No one was injured in the fire. Mr. Smith, who was at work at the time of the fire, voiced special appreciation to the fire department for its quick response that otherwise would have left their home destroyed. As a precaution, fire units from the Carroll Manor Fire Co. were also called in since the winds were quite strong on the afternoon of the fire, and Chief Earl Moore was particularly concerned that if fire began to hit the home, other houses would be threatened. The origin and cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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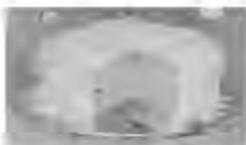
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## Daytripper

# The Hagerstown Aviation Museum

By Frederic J. Rohner

For more than ninety years, the city of Hagerstown has been linked with the science and engineering of flying and the manufacture of flying machines. The Hagerstown Aviation Museum pays homage to this relationship with exhibits that chronicle the evolution of flight during the twentieth century through the eyes of Hagerstown's aircraft factory and its workers, the citizens of Hagerstown.

The story begins in 1916 when Giuseppe Bellanca began designing airplanes for the Maryland Pressed Steel Company. When the company closed, a former employee, Lew Reisner began Reisner Aero Service in 1921, which became Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Company in 1925 with the addition of former shoemaker Ammon Kreider. The Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Company produced the famous Challenger airplane series before being purchased by Sherman Fairchild in 1929. The introduction

of Fairchild, as well as the Great Depression and World War II, cemented the relationship between Hagerstown and the aviation industry.

For the next five decades, the city of Hagerstown was nearly centered on the Fairchild Aircraft Plant and the aviation industry. At one point during the 1950s, one third of the population of Hagerstown worked for Fairchild in some capacity. This period was a boon for the city of Hagerstown and the Fairchild Aviation Corporation which saw the development and evolution of the aviation industry through the aircraft produced at the Fairchild factory. The F-24, PT-19 Trainer, C-82 Packet, C-119 Flying Boxcar, and A-10 Thunderbolt II, also known as the Warthog, all rolled off the assembly line from the Fairchild Aircraft Plant in Hagerstown. The Warthog was the last plane manufactured at the factory in Hagerstown, and on March 20, 1984, when the last of 713 A-10 Thunderbolt IIs was finished, the Fairchild Aircraft Plant in Hagerstown closed after operating for over fifty years.

For the two years since it was created, the Hagerstown Aviation Museum has been housed within the Discovery Station, an interactive ed-

ucational museum oriented around science and technology, featuring exhibits which focus on agriculture, biology, and astronomy, as well as every child's favorite: dinosaurs. The relationship between the two groups is a logical one because both are nonprofit organizations, and the Hagerstown Aviation Museum fits in well with the Discovery Station with which it shares space. Because the two attractions are housed within the same building, there is a lot to see and do in one trip, especially for families with children.

The purpose of the Hagerstown Aviation Museum is to pay tribute to these technological marvels and the everyday people who built them. Museum president and acting director Kurtis Meyers said that when people leave a visit at the museum, he wants them to come away with the knowledge that Hagerstown was "a community that helped build an industry." According to Mr. Meyers, the Hagerstown Aviation Museum has plans to move to a new building soon, most likely one near the airport so that the museum can be closer to their collection of Fairchild planes. When asked about the acquisition of a Warthog for the museum in the near future, President

Meyers said that while many of the A-10 Thunderbolt IIs were loaned to towns and museums for display, most were actually called back into duty for the U.S. Air Force, a testament to the design of the Fairchild engineers and the craftsmanship of the workers in the Fairchild Aircraft Plant in Hagerstown.

The ninth annual Hagerstown Fly-In will be held this weekend from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 6 and 7 at the Hagerstown Regional Airport. The Hagerstown Aviation Museum will be displaying its collection of historic aircraft for the event. For more information, visit [www.hagerstownaviationmuseum.org](http://www.hagerstownaviationmuseum.org).

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## Focus on Business

### Selby's Market: Family Business, Community Commitment

By Rande Davis

It was 1944 and one brother was just coming home from service in the navy, and the other had sold his dairy farm and was a meat cutter for Sanitary Grocery, the forerunner of Safeway supermarkets. Roy and Roland Selby joined together to open Selby's Bros., their first grocery store in Germantown. It was just two years later that they moved their venture to Poolesville.

The sixty-one year history of this family business had its roots on Fisher Avenue at the corner of Elgin Road. After Roland Selby decided to move on and open a diner and tourist cabins on Route 355, Roy and Frances Selby continued to run the small grocery store. Together, they established a reputation for quality meats and customer service. This company culture continues today through the direction of their son, Roy. He proudly points out, "All our meats are choice cuts or better; we do not sell anything less."

Roy's sister, Becky Brooks, who spent time working for the federal government, and her husband, Lewis (who is now retired), joined the family business. Selby's really is a family affair. Roy's wife, Betty Jean, runs the payroll and scheduling, and children, Lin, Lisa, and Bruce are all currently working with the company. Becky's

son, Bobby, is also with the family business. Michael Selby, who recently started his own distribution company representing Thomas English Muffins/Arnold Bakery, still works one weekend a month just to keep a hand in things.

As with any business that has lasted for decades, Selby's Market has seen many changes. The first one came in 1974, when the original building was torn down, and a more open, brighter store was built (where Healthworks is now located). Selby's Market made the big move to the supermarket level when they opened their current building in 1993. For a short period they went under the name of Jubilee as part of an agreement with that distribution company's system, but, to nearly everyone's relief, returned to the Selby's Market name a short time later. Keeping the family name is more suited to the important service role that three generations of Selbys have made to the community. At any given time, the company employs around forty people, but that, after six decades of operation, doesn't give justice to the total number of workers who have drawn a paycheck from the company at one time or another.

Through decades of working nearly every day, both Roy and Betty Jean still found time to be highly involved in the community. After spending seventeen years as an active volunteer (and former treasurer) with the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, Roy is

now a life member. Betty Jean Selby, along with Janet Bliss, Doris Glass, and Carolyn Repass, was recently recognized for her fifty years of service and leadership with the UMCVFD Ladies Auxiliary. In 1984, Roy joined the Monocacy Lions Club and was the club president in 1988. Through nearly twenty-five years of service with the club, he has had many honors including Lion of the Year. In 2001, he was selected by the club to receive the highest honor in Lionism, the Melvin Jones Award. Betty Jean has always been very involved with the United Memorial Methodist Church, especially being very active with UMC's Crafty Ladies and Gents.

Roy Selby's community service extends beyond civic groups to include serving Poolesville as a town commissioner from 1961 to 1973. It was during his time of service that the sewer system was introduced to Poolesville. His leadership in the grocery industry includes being a past president of the Mid-Atlantic Food Dealers Association.

Selby's Market, over these many years, has become a critical contributor to the community. Not only are its direct contributions far too numerous to list (suffice it to say, that the name Selby's Market appears as a donor on

just about every good cause in town), but they also contribute through their generous willingness to allow non-profit organizations in the area to use its "front door" as a location for fundraising programs.

From Little League team sponsorships to donations for the Fisher House program that serves military family, from individual participation in various civic organizations to company cooperation with non-profit groups needing help in their fundraising, Selby's Market has always been there for the community. It can be said, that for Poolesville, Selby's Market is much more than just a grocery store or supermarket. For their contributions of service to the community, Roy and Betty Jean, along with all the Selbys, have earned a special place in the hearts of the residents of Poolesville and the surrounding area.

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## Garden

# The Indoor Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

As we approach the middle of October, the availability of fresh flowers from our outdoor gardens becomes quite sparse. I judge it a good year for my rose gardens if I have roses in bloom on my daughter's birthday, October 26. Some years, the roses make it to this date, and other years, they don't. In our Monocacy area, we can usually count on six months of flowering plants in the garden. But come late fall, as our outdoor source dries up, there is no need to go through the winter without beautiful flowering and foliage plants in our homes.

Many people say that they have no luck with houseplants—they have the proverbial brown thumb. I don't believe this has to be true. It all depends on your choice of plants. Most houseplants are hybrids of plant species which grow wild somewhere in the world. For indoor plants to flourish and flower, one must choose varieties that are tolerant of special unalterable conditions of light, heat, and humidity. Indoor plants have, to a degree, different requirements, but there are certain basic needs shared by all. There are conditions of light, heat, humidity, moisture, food, and rest which are common to all plants.

### Light

All plants require a fully-lit location. Fresh-from-the-greenhouse plants stuck on a table in a dark foyer or set at the mantle's end in a dim living room are destined for a short life. You would be better off with plastic flowers—not that I recommend them. Plants need light for photosynthesis to occur, but you don't always need bright, direct sunlight. There are many excellent foliage plants which need no direct sunlight—ferns, ivy, spider plant, wax plant, snake plant, the Peace Lily *Spathiphyllum*, scheff-

flera, and dracaena. There is another category of plants that do well with bright, indirect light. Old, faithful African violets fall into this group. They might seem like "old grandmother plants," but I love them. I have a small table in my kitchen which receives good light all day, and this is where my eight violets live. They are in bloom most of the year. They get a shower and a dose of African violet fertilizer when I water them, which is when the top soil is dry. Don't over water them, or they will rot. Several years ago, I bought at a nursery a small vine-like plant with beautiful purple and white flowers curling in and around a small trellis. They looked like clematis flowers, but I had never seen a clematis houseplant. This is one amazing plant. It has bloomed non-stop for many years. Its name is Bloom Rite Clematis, Garland Series, Viennetta Evipo006. It was specifically bred for indoor living, and it will remain relatively small. It is nearly indestructible. Last winter when I was out of town for two weeks, this plant was not watered. When I came home, the vines were withered and dead. I stuck the pot in a corner in the garage and forgot about it. A month or two later, I noticed new, green growth emerging from the dry soil. I placed it in the sun and watered it. Within two weeks, its vines were climbing up the small trellis and were full of buds. Now again, it sits on the kitchen table and amazes me with its hardiness. Most flowering plants, such as geraniums, wax begonia, and fuchsia, need sunshine—not an occasional hour or two—but all that a southern or eastern window can afford.

### Temperature

Most houseplants flourish with a temperature much cooler than many homes. Sixty to sixty-five degrees F. is an ideal temperature. Outdoors, there is a night drop in the temperature which helps the plants. Begonias, geraniums, cyclamens, fuchsia, and primroses will set buds and bloom consistently with

lower temperatures.

### Humidity

The great enemy to successful indoor gardening is lack of humidity. With our indoor heating systems, our air is too dry. Humidifiers can help this problem, to a degree. You can also place flowerpots on a tray on top of a one- to two-inch layer of pebbles over water. Another way to increase humidity is frequent showers from a ball syringe or under a faucet. There is a school of thought that applying water to hairy-leaved African violets, gloxinia, Rex Begonia, and cyclamen will do more harm than good. I don't believe that. I shower all these plants when they look a little dry, and they are all happy.

### Watering

I believe that more plants are killed by over watering than anything else. The general rule of thumb is to water when the plant's top soil feels dry to the touch. Then, water thoroughly so that the entire root system is saturated, and the excess water seeps out into the pot's saucer. Make sure that you remove this excess water. This is the same principle that applies to the watering of outdoor plants. It is better to water less often with a good soaking than a little-and-often method. You don't want the plant to have a too wet upper half of soil and a too dry lower half. Room temperature water

is better than cold, which may have a retarding effect on growth.

### Ventilation

All plants need some fresh air, even when the outside temperature is cold. Admit some fresh air indirectly from a window in an adjoining room. My husband and I have differing views in this regard. He claims that I am paying to heat the outdoors, so I have to sneak in my airings.

### Pruning and Training

With reduced daylight in the winter, plants have a tendency to become leggy. Don't be afraid to prune them back, drastically if necessary. It will promote better health and more blooms. Geraniums and begonias brought in from the patio in late fall definitely need to be cut back by a quarter or half. This is hard to do when the plants usually have many flower buds ready to bloom. Don't forget to turn the plants frequently, so that all sides receive an equal amount of light.

### Fertilizing

Fertilizing is not just for outdoor plants and shrubs; indoor plants also need some food, but more plants die from lack of the above-mentioned requirements than from starvation. A

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**Local News**

**Tinker Bell Coming to Poolesville—Really**

It may have been some time since you last believed in fairies, and you may have been wishing on a star for a long time that Tinker Bell would visit you some day. Well, the time is now.

Margaret Kerry, the voice of Tinker Bell in Disney's *Peter Pan*, will be visiting Poolesville on November 3 at Jo's Frame Shop from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She is primarily in the area to attend the Collector's Showcase of America's auction event at the Dulles Expo Center to benefit Breast Cancer research November 2.

She will be signing some great photos of America's favorite pixie for \$20.00 on your choice of photos. Bring your cameras, kids, and kids-at-heart and get close up to a Disney icon. Margaret will be at the Breast Cancer Sports Auction tables Friday, November 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (free admission), and on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (\$5.00 admission), regaling people with stories

about Disney and the making of the movie *Peter Pan*.

Ms. Kerry, as a child actress, appeared in *Our Gang* comedies, and many films including *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Rosalie*, *National Velvet*, *My Little Margie*, and *Riding High* just to mention a few of her career highlights. She has had a highly successful voice-over career using twenty-one different dialects in over six hundred animated shows.

Walt Disney was searching for a nimble mime/dancer/actor to be filmed performing live-action work for the tiny Tinker Bell. Margaret won the role and became the alter ego of the three-inch sprite. The great animator, Marc Davis, drew Tinker Bell's antics based on Margaret's acting. She also had been the voice of two little mermaids in the movie *The Little Mermaid*.



Margaret Kerry, and the voice of Tinkerbell.



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# Youth Sports Poolesville High School Golf

By Jack Toomey

High school athletes have a variety of sports to choose from: Football, which usually attracts large crowds and has become a social event for some students; soccer that draws parents, friends, and students; and basketball that is played on frigid winter nights when the gym lights draw fans looking for some type of entertainment. Volleyball, wrestling, and tennis are other sports that are played before smaller crowds. Then there is golf that is contested almost in secret by a small group of boys and girls. Even though the golfers practice as hard as their classmates who play other sports, almost no spectators show up for their matches. Mike Aldrich, the Professional Golfers Association professional at the Poolesville Golf Course, said that matches are sometimes played with just a parent or two in attendance.

This year, the Poolesville team approached the season knowing that

they would be inexperienced with the infusion of some new players. The team also had four girls which is rather unique in a high school sport that has been historically almost all-male. James Walker, Patrick Moore, and Nick Balogh are seniors who led the team with their experience. Walker recently said, "It has been fun even when we were not winning." While Moore, who has been playing golf for five years and routinely scores in the mid-40s, added, "It has been enjoyable playing for Poolesville." Preet Mandavia, a tenth grader, had been mentioned as a key player this year. Mandavia has been playing golf for eight years and has scored as low as 39 in the past. He said, "It has been fun [this year]. We had a lot of new players." The younger players were more candid in their comments. Nikolai Foreman, who has only been playing the game for two years, told the *Monocle*, "I was really glad that I got to start playing at such a young age. Yesterday was my best tournament, and my drive [from the first tee] was the best drive of all." Peter Balogh, a freshman, has been playing golf for three years and admitted, "I was pretty nervous at the tournament when I teed off." The *Monocle* was able to talk to two of the girls who



Nikolai Foreman practices while Peter Balogh looks on.

have done well this year. Sophomore Claire Jones started playing golf when she was eight years old, and has competed in junior PGA tournaments. In high school golf, girls compete against each other, and Claire, talking about

her nervousness, said, "Freshman year it really got to me. This year, I know some of the girls from other schools." Victoria Huang, a ninth grader, inti-

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## Tidbits

### The Contest Had No Winners

We have waited for someone to come forward who could accurately name the sites in the photo contest in our Poolesville Day edition. Looks like this one was more challenging than we expected, so we won't keep you waiting any longer. The gazebo was the easy one—it is Whalen Commons in Poolesville. The kids flopping the blanket are outside of the Sunday school building at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church, the little boy and dog are fishing at White's Ferry, and the woman with the children are playing a game at St. Mary's annual summer festival. The most difficult was the woman and her daughter beating the heat at Seneca Creek. This picture (shown here) was taken by Jack Toomey, and the photograph was selected by Channel 9 as one of the top five shots of the summer. Congratulations to Jack, and for the rest of you: Good luck in our next contest.

### Lymphoma Research Foundation "Ride 2007" Came to Poolesville

Perhaps you noticed the influx of bike riders in Poolesville on Sep-

tember 30 with police helping to control cycling traffic and the many biking directional signs in the area. Poolesville High School's football field was the starting and ending point of the Lymphoma Research Foundation's annual "Ride 2007." Over 125 riders joined together on a twenty-five or fifty-mile route that resulted in more than \$200,000 in donations for the LRF. Lymphoma is the most common blood cancer and the third most common cancer in childhood. This includes five types of Hodgkin lymphoma and twenty-five types of non-



Hodgkin lymphoma. The Lymphoma Research Foundation is the nation's largest lymphoma-focused voluntary health organization devoted exclusively to funding lymphoma research and providing patients and healthcare professionals with critical information on the disease. Its mission is to

eradicate lymphoma and serve those touched by this disease. Surprising Finale of Music in the Park Series

It was not on the official schedule for the Music in the Park series, and the advance information on the performer was very slim, but when Drew Simms finished his performance at Whalen Commons, he had wowed the small crowd and gained fans for his new and emerging career.

Mr. Simms is a very talented singer in the Robert Goulet/Perry Como genre who has been a truck driver for Giant Foods. He has decided to finally listen to friends and explore the possibilities of a music career. Among the songs offered during the concert



were his renditions of Como's "It's Impossible" and Sinatra's "I've Got You under My Skin." He also gave a beautiful variation on the theme from The Titanic, a song seldom sung by a male.

We watched and listened to the concert with friends from New York and Holland, both of whom were astounded to hear such great sound coming from Whalen Commons. His style is that of the classic lounge singer whose voice is very similar to but more relaxed than Broadway's Robert Goulet. His friend, Poolesville's Brian Gross, set up the sound system using taped orchestrations to accompany his singing. Mr. Simms promises to return to Poolesville next year, and the Monocle will let you know the date of his return.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present

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**October 1.** 25200 block of Peachtree Road, Dickerson. Forced entry to a shed, nothing taken.

**On October 8,** James Harrison, 49, of Dickerson, was arrested after allegedly trying to steal cash from cash registers at the Kohl's, Macy's, and Walmart in Frederick. Deputies found keys to the registers in his possession and also charged him with possession of heroin.

### Past

**October 19, 1938** A twenty-seven-year-old Barnesville farmer was struck and killed by an auto while walking on the Barnesville-Comus Road. George Ward, who was to have been married in the next few days, was thrown onto the hood and windshield.

**October 20, 1934** Montgomery County police were investigating the murder of William Hill whose body was found in the basement of the Potomac School. Hill, a retired farmer, was believed to have been taken to the school, robbed of twelve dollars, and then struck over the head with a furnace shaker.

**October 20, 1905** A horse belonging to Mr. Michael, who lived in Buckeystown, broke free from a hitching post on Market Street in Frederick. The horse that became frightened by an automobile was caught by passersby, but only after the buggy was seriously damaged.

**October 24, 1929** Three employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were killed and four others injured when a locomotive backed into their motor-powered track car at the Rockville railroad crossing. The crew had been on the way to repair a section of track when the accident happened.

**October 26, 1947** One man was killed and another seriously injured when the small airplane that they were flying crashed into a field between Travilah and Rockville.

## School News

### National Hispanic Recognition Goes to Local Student

Enrique A. Zaldivar, a senior at Poolesville High School, has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program for exceptional academic achievement. The award was based on Mr. Zaldivar's performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship

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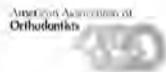
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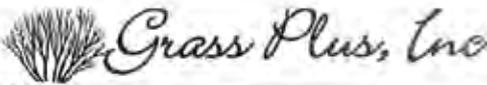
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Event

Whalen Commons — Poolesville

## Local News

### Poolesville Commissioners Award Building Contract for New Town Hall

By Rande Davis

Completing a process that began twelve years ago, the Poolesville Town Commissioners unanimously awarded a contract to Bruchey Builders of Frederick to begin building a new town hall facing Whalen Commons at Beall Street and Fyffe Road in Poolesville. After the bids on a previously proposed two-story building proved to be too costly, the commissioners scaled back the design to a one-story building and requested new bids for the project.

Bruchey Builders submitted a bid of \$1,079,500.00, the lowest of the five bids that were opened on October 9. The estimated total cost of the new structure is \$1,555,959.27, but the funds available for comple-

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Potluck dinner and poetry  
7:00 p.m.

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Weinberg Center for the Arts  
Improv comics, Colin Mochrie and  
Brad Sherwood  
6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

### October 21

Dedication Service for new  
Community and Educational Center  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Open to public, 2:30 p.m.

### October 24

St. Peter's Pre-School Bible  
Open to public, 10:00 a.m.

### October 25

Twosomes  
Poolesville Library  
Stories, music, finger play  
10:30 a.m.

tion of the new town hall project total \$1,265,796.00. The commissioners voted to move \$290,000 from the unrestricted reserves account to make up the shortfall. The unrestricted reserves account holds four months' of operating expenditures for the general operating budget and the sewer and water system.

The largest segment of funds for the project comes from \$776,249.00 held in a budgeted capital projects fund established over ten years ago for the purpose of building a new town hall. An additional \$150,000 came from the sale of the old town hall. The remaining funds for the town hall will come from \$189,547.00 in impact fees and a \$150,000 state grant. Bruchey Builders plans to start the project within ten days of the contract award and has set a projected timetable for completion within 244 days. They also plan to have the basic structure erected by winter so as to be able to work on the interior through the cold months.

Town manager, Wade Yost, estimates that the town will have an additional \$696,000 in impact fees from new home development in the coming years to help offset the reduction in the unrestricted reserves fund.

### October 26

In Search of Ghosts Montgomery  
County Historical Society  
Old Baptist Cemetery  
\$15.00, 301-340-2825  
Searches Begin at 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
Phantom of the Opera (1925)  
Classic silent film  
Weinberg Center for the Arts  
8:00 p.m.

### October 27

St. Mary's Annual Ham  
and Turkey Dinner  
Barnesville Pavilion  
Adults — \$12.00, Children under 12 — free  
Games, hayrides, baked goods  
12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### October 28

Poolesville Performing Arts Showcase  
Tea, Area Talent Show and School  
Cluster fundraiser  
\$8.00  
Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church  
4:00 p.m.

### October 29

Poolesville Library Book Discussion  
Group  
Miracle in the Andes, Nando Parrado  
7:30 p.m.

The new single-story structure will feature a conference room with a capacity of 155 attendees and a nineteen-space parking lot that will use pervious asphalt to filter runoff before it reaches the sewer system.

Town and Developer Respond to  
Citizen Concerns

A new design to address a potentially dangerous traffic situation at the proposed entrance to the new Brightwell Crossing development has been submitted to the planning commission by Kettler Forlines Homes and has been approved by the commission. The new design is in response to comments submitted by town residents, Kim Stypeck and Bob Bachman. ,

The safety issue concerned cars turning left into Briarley Hall Drive, the entrance to the new development, when traveling south on Route 109. . Because that turn is just before a sharp curve in the road at Elijah Methodist Church, the worry was that traffic would back up due to cars turning left, and other cars coming south on Route 109 would not have enough time to stop safely. Kettle Forlines's new design will establish a new twelve-foot left-turn lane. This will be achieved by shifting homeowner lots twelve feet away from Elgin Road.

### October 30

Susan Walls Puppet Monsters  
Family Special Event  
Poolesville Library  
7:00 p.m.

### October 31

Community Halloween Party  
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Candy, games, costume contests  
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### November 3

2007 Christmas Bazaar  
Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church  
Silent auction, lunch, holiday gifts, and decorations  
Many vendors  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Varsity Sport Home Games

PHS: Football: October 19, 6:30 p.m.  
— Walter Johnson

CHS: Football: October 19, 6:30 p.m.  
— Rockville

Field Hockey: Oct. 20 — 10:00  
a.m. — Sherwood

THS: Football: October 27, 6:00 p.m.  
— Thomas Johnson

The chairman of the planning commission, George Coakley, stated that "this was an excellent demonstration of citizens properly taking action, the government being responsive to such action, and the developer cooperating to find a mutually-agreeable solution."

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**"Poolesville Golf" Continued  
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mated that sometimes she is nervous on the first tee with other players watching her. She said, "On the first hole, I do really [poorly], but after that, it is not so bad." Victoria added, "It is good to feel that you are playing for a reason and not just for the fun of it." The team is coached by Jon Rogers who teaches biology, anatomy, and physiology at PHS.

Club pro Aldrich explained how high school matches and practices are scheduled and played. On a typical day, there might be four high schools holding practice, and during that time, the course could be closed for up to an hour. He said that he has received very little negative feedback from adults, adding, "If we don't nurture high

school players today, we won't have a game in twenty years." Before the season, he schedules a meeting with all teams that play at his course to explain the etiquette of the game. Aldrich pointed out that golf is one of the few sports where players call their own penalties and almost always conduct themselves like young ladies and gentlemen.

The Poolesville team ended the regular season winning three matches and ended seventh in their division. In divisional play, Poolesville finished the season third in their division. Preet Mandavia led the team scoring a 42.2 average score. Both Victoria Huang and Claire Jones finished their regular season play scoring in the top twenty players in the county.

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## Youth Sports

### Fall Sports Making a Big Noise at Clarksburg

By Jeff Stuart

On Tuesday, October 2, both the Clarksburg High School boys' and girls' cross country teams defeated Paint Branch and Einstein, ending the season unbeaten, at 5-0, claiming matching Montgomery County Division III championships. Clarksburg is the only school in any division where both the boys' and girls' teams went undefeated. The girls are now 10-0 in their two-year existence. "I am very proud of how my girls have performed," said Head Coach Nick Caretti, "How many teams in the state can say that their team has never lost a meet?"

In the girls' race, Kelsey Smith, Alexis Erie, and Lauren Sumner placed one-two-three. This was Kelsey's second victory of the season. In the boys' race, Einstein Seniors Sebi

Devlin-Foltz followed by Alex Bodaken went one-two, followed by returning all-state runner Ramon Munoz, Michael Leaman, and Jatin Narang of Clarksburg. "My first year coaching cross country was the freshman year for Sebi and Alex," said Einstein Coach Scott Soderholm. "It's been really great to see them grow in talent, skill, and leadership." Next up is the MPSSAA Cross Country Championships on Saturday, November 10 at Hereford High School.

The Clarksburg golf team finished the regular season with sixteen wins and one loss, finishing second in Kohut Division. They participated in five quad meets, closing out their season at Needwood on Thursday, October 4, with a triangular meet with Wheaton and Blair. In the Blair-Wheaton match, the team shot a season's best 224. All Coyote golfers scored in the low- to mid-forties at Needwood Golf Course. The Coyotes' one loss was to Richard Montgomery on September 19 at Laytonsville, but on Monday, October first, the Coyotes avenged that defeat, finishing first in the Kohut Division, ahead

of Richard Montgomery, in the MCPS Coed District Tournament at Poolesville Golf Course. The Coyotes thus claimed the 1A/2A District Championship. "Seniors Brandon Meadows and Skylar Jewell, sophomore Devin Brunner and freshman Alex Hall really stood out this year," said Head Coach Todd Watson. "We had a fantastic season."

The girls' tennis team is 6-4 overall and 6-1 in Division III. They are tied for the Division lead. "The season has been a learning experience for the players and for me," said new coach Scott Mathias. "I have been learning tennis, and they have been learning to believe in themselves." The leadership was provided by senior Team Captains Abigail Richards and Kelley Heffner. Other players returning players from last year's squad are: number one Khanita Suvarnasuddhi, number two Shayda Kheradmand, and number three Clara Salcedo. All have winning match records this season. The doubles teams are: number one Kelley Heffner and Melissa Beck, number two Calvine and Lucrece Tiengwe, and number three Princess Stephenson and Sruthi Pothireddi. All have winning records in the division.

"We have a nice combination of experienced players and rookies and the mix has worked well for us," said Coach Mathias. "They work hard, and they love the game, so the season has been exciting and a lot of fun for all of us. Each and every player, from number one to the alternates, has played hard and improved greatly. We look forward to finishing strong. We will miss the seniors that will be leaving us after this season, but the future looks bright for the program."

### "Trouble at the Picnic" Continued From Page 3.

Brunswick chap and then continued to circulate among the picnic-goers. Then the Pearson boys went looking for women and apparently encountered Marie and her boyfriend. Words were exchanged, and another fight broke out and the Pearsons and Marie's boyfriend were separated. Young Joseph was inside the family home but close enough to hear the shouting that the fight had caused. He came out of the house to see what the commotion was about and followed the Pearson men along with several other people. One of the Pearsons turned and punched Joseph Stang knocking him to the ground. The assault on Joseph caused Mrs. Stang and Marie to come running, and one of the Pearsons knocked both women to the ground. The elder Joseph Stang, seeing his entire family being beaten, ran to his house and armed himself with his shotgun. When the Pearsons threatened him, he fired one shot at them killing Eugene and John Pearson. Archie Pearson then snatched the shotgun away from Stang and fled.

Deputy Sheriff Gingell was summoned to the scene and arrested both Joseph Stang, the father, and his son Joseph. Two days later, a coroner's inquest was held at Rockville and the jury found that Mr. Stang had not committed a crime, and he and his son were released from the county jail. Eugene and John Pearson were buried at Monocacy Cemetery. Joseph Stang, the father, died a year later and is buried at the St. Rose Church Cemetery. His son Joseph became the caretaker of the church among other occupations and died in 1970. Ironically, the church purchased the Stang home, from which Mr. Stang had gone to get his shotgun, and used it as a church office until it was demolished in 1994.




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## Youth Making a Difference

### Local Students Give Poolesville a Lesson On Nature

Poolesville residents who take advantage of the walkway and bridge between the Tama and the Woods at Tama communities, located between McKernon Way and Doctor Walling Road in Poolesville, are now more informed about their natural surroundings, thanks to the effort of two recent Poolesville High School graduates.

As part of a senior project for their Global Ecology magnet program, Jacqueline Orona and Gisèle Agnew, both of Poolesville, chose to spend last spring identifying and labeling the trees most commonly found along the heavily-traveled path.

"We wanted to find a project that would allow us to spend time outdoors, and we thought the area around the bridge would be an interesting place to explore," said Orona, who lives in the Woods at Tama community.

Tom Kettler, a Poolesville resident and president of Kettler Forlines Homes

at Brightwell Crossing, built the bridge and encouraged Orona and Agnew to put up plaques that identify the trees.

"I was thrilled to give them the green light on the project," Kettler said. "That area is a great place to go for a walk, and I think people will appreciate the opportunity to learn about nature."

Each of the six colored signs names a type of tree found near the bridge, and the girls tied matching colored ribbons around each tree of the same type.

After spending more than twenty-five hours collecting leaves and using books to identify the trees, Orona and Agnew discovered the six most prevalent types of vegetation: Red Maple, Sycamore, American Beech, American Elm, Pin Oak, and Cattail.

The presence of Cattail signifies wetlands, Orona said, but the bridge allows people to still use the area for recreational purposes. Now, with the addition of the plaques, people can learn more about the natural environment, as well.

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*Jacqueline Orona poses with one of her nature plaques upon completing her senior AP Environmental Science project, which educates Poolesville residents about the trees found in their community.*



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**"Tama Walkway" Continued  
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The students made engraved, permanent signs and attached them to the bridge through a grant the Global Ecology program received from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation a few years ago, Orona said.

Orona and Agnew, who have always taken an interest in science, received guidance during the year-long project from Billie Bradshaw, who runs

the Global Ecology program and has taken students on field trips to the Tama communities to see the diversity of nature first hand.

Even though Orona has moved on to attend Ohio State University this fall, she is happy to leave something behind that Poolesville residents can enjoy for years to come. "Now, people strolling over the bridge can read about the types of trees they see around them," Orona said.

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**"Royal Harmonizers" Continued  
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Liam Ridgley's son, Terry, sings bass, and guitarist Tony Jones has joined the group. They still need someone to sing baritone. "Eventually, we're gonna stumble upon somebody," says Berkley Bell.

This is the first year in over fifty years that the Royal Harmonizers haven't had an anniversary performance, but they're hoping that soon they'll be ready. "We're not going to get back to where we were," says Berkley Bell, but "I would like to get as close as possible." He adds, "Our goal is to please people, to bring joy to them."

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### "Falcons Coyotes Football" Continued From Page 1.

against a much stronger opponent at a time when they could have easily given up. With only a few minutes remaining in the first half, it appeared Clarksburg's Small had once again broken loose to bring the Coyotes within ten yards of putting the Coyote up by twenty-one points at the half. Instead, the Falcons got the ball back and after a fifteen-yard penalty by the Coyotes, Poolesville moved the ball sixty-five yards in the final two and half minutes of the second quarter on a dramatic pass by quarterback Nick Loftus to Tommy Hughes. The Falcons went into the half with renewed life, down by only one touchdown. The third period saw the game remain close with the Falcons scoring on a twenty-eight-yard pass to tight end, David Johnson, and the Coyotes again scoring on a seven-yard run. When Clarksburg scored on a fifty-three-yard run in the fourth quarter, the ballgame was over. For Coach Orsini, the intensity of effort by the players on a consistent basis throughout the game is something he wants to see in them heading into the stretch.

### "Bishop of Diocese" Continued From Page 1.

tor Steven Hayward, Alf Andreassen, the senior warden at that time, and the late Frank Wilson. The facility was designed by Chatelain Architects, P.C. of Washington D.C. The completed facility is 22,486 square feet, with a net addition of 14,386 square feet. The new parish hall is over twice as large as Hosler Hall, and the facility offers expanded space for the church school, nursery, parish offices, a choir room, a library, and room for the many other functions of the church. The structure will also feature what is believed to be the second elevator in the Town of Poolesville, and we believe the largest.

This will be Bishop Chane's third visit to view the construction. He presided over a groundbreaking ceremony in 2002 and returned in 2006 to view the work in process. The dedication service will begin in the church sanctuary and will proceed throughout the new facility, ending in the new parish hall. Interim rector Charles Hoffacker has invited the community to join in the dedication.

(Editor's note: The author is a member of the St. Peter's Vestry and Building Committee.)

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resting summer-weary plant should not be pushed with a quick-acting fertilizer when the need is for quiet and not action. The geraniums and other flowering plants you bring into the house in the fall do not need to be fertilized at this time; they need time to resuscitate. I never fertilize my geraniums. All of that food will go towards improving the foliage, at the expense of blooms. If you have flowering plants in a sunny window, and you have practiced good cultivation habits, they will soon reestablish themselves and begin to bloom again. I have a few exceptions to this rule, but they apply to year-round plants such as African violets and orchids. To keep them in bloom, I use a fertilizer especially formulated for these plants.

In the next few weeks, visit one of our local garden centers and see what's new and what's blooming. Try a new plant. Closer to home, Selby's grocery store in Poolesville has a good selection of healthy African violets. Whenever I am shopping there, I am tempted to check out the violets. I usually give in and buy one or two.

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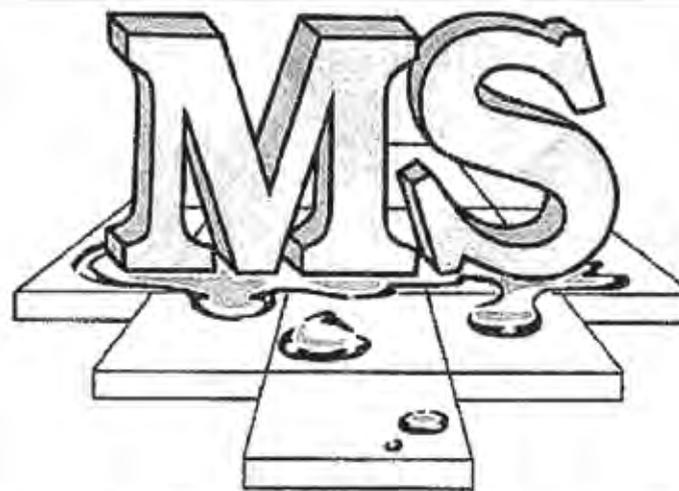
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intersection of Route 28 and West Montgomery Avenue. There will be four tours at 7:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 8:15 p.m. The tour lasts approximately ninety minutes. Cider and cookies will refresh those daring enough to participate. This program is not recommended for children under nine. The cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for MCHS members) and pre-paid reservations are required. Please indicate tour preference when making reservations at 301-340-2825.

**The Phantom of the Opera (1925)**

A Halloween tradition! Lon Chaney stars in the first film adaptation of Leroux's novel. The mighty Wurlitzer accompanies the silent *Phantom* and a selected short on October 26 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children, adults, and students. For more information, visit [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org) or call 301-600-2828. St. Mary's Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner and Fall Festival

Join the folks from St. Mary's Church in Barnesville at the pavilion on October 27 for a great ham and turkey dinner and fall festival. Along with the great dinner with

all the fixins there will be games, hayrides, arts and crafts, pre-Christmas Bazaar, fresh vegetables, baked goods, and cider and pumpkins. Cost of the dinner is only \$12.00 per adult and children under twelve are free.

**Forget about American Idol: Great Cause, Great Performers**

Do you have fond memories of the television variety shows of the 1960s and 70s? Then you won't want to miss the Poolesville Performing Arts Showcase Tea! On October 28 at 4:00 p.m., Poolesville area residents will be treated to an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments at Memorial United Methodist Church. The Poolesville Performing Arts Showcase Tea will present some of our area's best local talent in the vocal and instrumental music, dance, and theater arts genres.

The performers will include both experienced adult and student talent from within our community with some very special performances on tap. Beloved PES music teacher Bill Harris always delights the audience with his very special on-stage charisma and PHS alumna Gracie Jones, who has thrilled area

residents with her amazing vocal talents will perform. The talent includes guitarist and singer Brian Gross, owner of Poolesville's Phoenix Systems, who has developed a growing list of area fans after appearances at Diversity Day and during the Music in the Parks program. Also performing will be members of the PHS band and The Midnight Players. The organizers recognize that there is a wealth of talent in this community from which to draw and are looking forward to tapping into those talents in subsequent events.

Beverages and a variety of tasty treats baked by members of the PHS Leo Club and other volunteers are included in the price of admission: \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. The proceeds of the Showcase Tea will benefit the performing arts in the Poolesville cluster schools. So come and enjoy a leisurely afternoon with your neighbors, family, and friends while you support the performing arts in your community schools. For more information please contact Beth Fayard-Jones at [putprint@erols.com](mailto:putprint@erols.com).

**Carroll Manor Fire Co. Community Halloween Party**

In Adamstown, the Carroll Manor Fire Co. will sponsor their Halloween Party on October 26 at the fire station community center. Open to the public and free, the fun will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and there will be hot dogs, drinks, and chili, bingo and other games for kids, and prizes for costumes.

**Traditional Halloween Festivities**

On Halloween night October 31, the Monocacy Lions Club will again sponsor the community Halloween party to be held at the St. Mary's Church pavilion in Barnesville. One of the oldest traditions in the area, the party begins at 7:00 p.m. right after trick or treating. There will be loads of games and prizes including apple dunking, musical chairs, festive piñatas, tug-o'-war, and more. All will receive candy, treats, donuts, and drinks. It's free courtesy of the Lions Club and is open to all.

**Getting Ready for Christmas**

The Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its 2007 Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be many specialty vendors, a silent auction, and a luncheon put on by the Crafty Ladies and Gents. Vendor booths are only

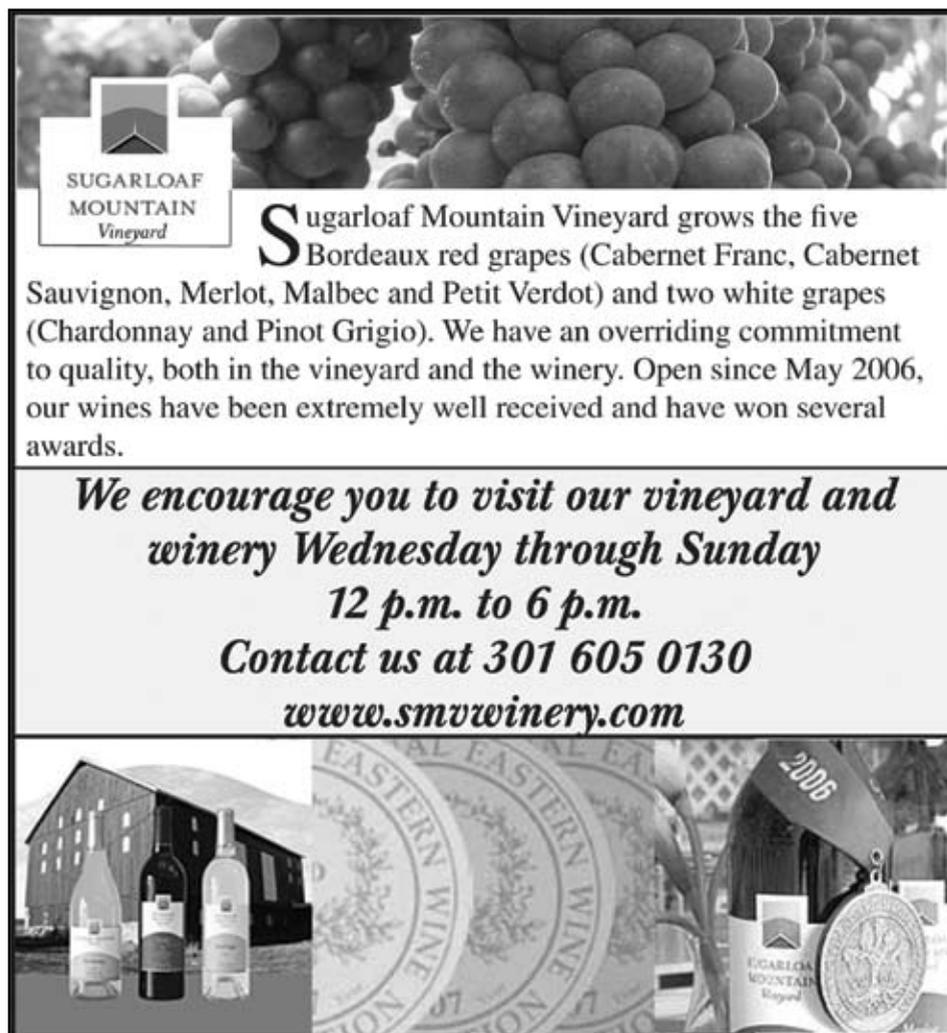
\$20.00 per space/table. If you are interested, call Betty Jean Selby at 301-972-7196.

**For Those Speaking English as a Second Language**

There is a new English Conversation Club being started, so if you have a friend who qualifies, share this information with them. This is a team effort by the Poolesville Library and the Poolesville Presbyterian Church for those who speak English as a second language. This is a club dedicated to practicing English language skills, and the club will meet at the library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, normally. The club started on October 16. With the fourth Wednesday in October falling on Halloween, the meetings in November will be on October 14 and 28. After a December break, the club will start up again in January. For more information contact Mark Gochnour at the Poolesville Library at 301-972-7825 or Marco Scappa at Poolesville MCPL at 240-773-9550.

**Brunch with the Ponies**

Personal Ponies will bring their ponies to Whole Foods in the Kentlands on Sunday, November 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be pony activities, air brush tattoos, and a magician. The day is catered by Whole Foods and Panera Breads. The event is open to everyone, and admission is free. Personal Ponies is a 501c3 non profit organization that provides small UK Shetland ponies to children that are differently able. The organization is dedicated to the belief that the life of a child with disabilities is immeasurably enriched by having a tiny pony to love and care for. The interaction and bonding that occurs between a tiny pony and a child with disabilities is nothing less than magic.



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