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Selby's Market Closes: Thoughts from Roy Selby

By Rande Davis

In what can only be described as a community-wide and personal heartbreak, Selby's Market, a Poolesville cornerstone since 1946, has closed its doors for the last time.

The outpouring of concern for the family coupled with the deep regret for the loss of a local grocery store stirred the community's emotions to a degree difficult for comparison.

As the store began its close-down process, Roy bravely stood as he always has, at the service counter greeting customers and, in this instance, accepting their thanks and best wishes.

With so much on his mind, his attention was still with

the community. First and foremost, "I want to thank the community for all these past years of letting us be a part of the community and allowing us to serve them." Additionally, he expressed a personal apology to the community because the situation "will leave them in a tough spot." He spoke of his gratitude for the public sentiment as it came from personal visits, emails, and posts on Facebook; they were all sincerely appreciated.

When asked if he felt the government might have done more, he replied, "The government can't do anything. They cannot sustain me with any money. Eddie (Kuhlman) and I have spoken on numerous occasions. The discussions were appreciated, but there really wasn't anything that could be done."

With so much industry experience, we wanted to get his feel for a possible replacement. "What might happen in a year



Family friendly service has come to an end with the closing of Selby's Market.

or two, when the Kettler and Winchester new home build-out is complete, the prospects will be much better. Those homes will have a tremendous impact on all the businesses in town, including whoever comes in here."

Selby's Market's sixty-five-year history mirrored the changes and growth in Poolesville. Roy Selby's father and uncle, Roy and Roland, respectively, started in 1944

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PHS Students Named Semi-Finalists in Prestigious Competition

Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Joshua P. Starr announced that fourteen MCPS students have been named semi-finalists in one of the nation's most prestigious pre-collegiate science competitions, the 2012 Intel Science Talent Search.

Of the eighteen semi-finalists from Maryland, Poolesville

High School had three: Jack Louis Zhu, Pavleen Thukral, and Peinan Chen.

Jack Louis Zhu's project was entitled "Analysis of Electrostatic Charge on Small-Arms Projectiles."

He worked on a mathematical model for the charge on bullets created by air friction. His work is very important to researchers who are developing battlefield defense mechanisms. Jack worked at the U.S. Army Research Lab under David Hull.

Pavleen Thukral's project was entitled "Hierarchical Automatic Image Based Human Age Estimation Using Reliance Vector Machine Regres-



Intel Winners: Jack Louis Zhu, Pavleen Thukral, Peinan Chen

sion and Multi-Classifer Fusion." Pavleen used computer vision to determine a person's age from his/her facial geometry, that is, from a picture of his/her face. Pavleen worked at the University of Maryland College Park with Professor Rama Chellappa.

Peinan Chen's project was entitled "Extending the Phase -Continued on Page 17.

Family Album



*The Monocacy Monocle Thanks
The Selby Family and Their Employees
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The 2012 Poolesville High School poms squad at the basketball game against Damascus.



The students who participated in the PHS Science, Math, and Computer Science Magnet Senior Research Poster Symposium.



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Daytripper

The Generous Gift of Two Cousins: The Ratner Museum

By Ingeborg Westfall

Since its establishment in January 2001, the Ratner Museum has appeared extensively and often on lists of cultural and art must-see sites for the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area. Now attracting six hundred visitors per week, according to Stella Bernstein, curator/director, the museum resulted from an agreement by Phillip and Dennis Ratner, cousins who, as teenagers, vowed that if they became a successful artist (Phillip) and entrepreneur (Dennis), they would in some way give back to the neighborhood where they grew up. Phillip earned degrees from Pratt Institute and American University, taught at Anacostia High School for more than twenty years, and over time became a widely respected and acclaimed artist, while Dennis established and is now chief executive officer of Ratner Companies, with businesses including Hair Cuttery and Colorworks salons. Hence, in a quiet residential area in Bethesda, they established the museum.

Phillip Ratner's sculptures are on permanent display throughout the metropolitan area (at the Smithsonian, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Library of Congress,



Ratner at work.

the Folger Shakespeare Library, for example) as well as elsewhere. In New York, five of his large bronze sculptures surround the base of the Statue of Liberty, while some thirty-three more can be seen at Ellis Island. The fact that his grandfather immigrated to this country from Russia resonates in his sculptures of the immigrant experience.

Of the Ratner Museum's three buildings (the main building, Phillip's studio, and the carriage house), the main building is also the largest, at seven thousand square feet. It's divided into two floors, with his sculptures, some eighty-one in all, occupying the upper floor, along with a permanent exhibit of children's literature and art. Phillip Ratner's sculptures and tapestries represent a highly personal vision, his passion for the Hebrew Bible (what Christians refer to as the Old Testament) and depicting its characters and stories. He has expressed the hope that the museum will "foster love of the

Bible through the graphic arts." The heart of the collection, Moses, Jonah and the Whale, Cain and Abel, David and Bathsheba, the Burning Bush, and many more, are on pedestals at eye level, and people are encouraged to touch them. He formed the slender figures, all about three to four feet tall (the size he prefers to work with), by bending and welding steel rods covered with artificial clay. Most often, the figures are painted an earth-brown, although some feature colors, like Noah, whose head is surrounded by a bright rainbow.

If his museum consisted only of offering visitors depictions of an artist's walk through the Bible, it would be remarkable and unusual, but Phillip Ratner's museum offers more. The first floor of the main building is a space that can be reserved and used for conferences, lectures, receptions, and similar occasions, without charge. It also serves as exhibit space for other artists, both new and established. During my visit, I saw and greatly enjoyed a photography show titled "As I See

It," featuring eight artists' works ranging from large landscapes to intimate close-ups. Following that is an exhibit of fiber art, then a mixed-media grouping. The exhibits change monthly, and the Stella Bernstein says she's already booking into 2013.

The Ratner Museum is one of a kind. While the Bible stories illustrated there will be familiar to many and can easily be used as a frame around which to discuss religion with children, whatever one's faith, I don't mean to give the impression that visiting the museum is a religious experience, rather it's an artist's loving and generous sharing of his passion. Visit and see for yourself. It's located at 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. For more information, visit the museum's website, www.ratnermuseum.com, or call 301-897-1518. Admission is free.

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Commentary

Desperately Seeking the Light

By John Clayton

Our house is out in the country, at least by Montgomery County standards, and it came equipped with about a dozen outdoor floodlights. Two or so Christmases ago, I replaced the floods with colored light bulbs—red, green, and blue, in case you were wondering. The lights really added to my modest Christmas display, which otherwise, frankly, not many people were going to see, as we are off the main drag. I have the same problem with political signs, as we are the next to the last driveway on a long dead-end road, and it seems rather pointless to go to that trouble just to announce my preferences to one neighbor, whom I like and see no reason to annoy unnecessarily.

The colored lights were also an improvement because at least half of the original bulbs that conveyed from the previous owner were burned out, and since replacing them requires purchasing bulbs, dragging out a ladder, and well, effort, I suppose it took a little Holiday Spirit to get me rolling. The colored bulbs remained in place until just this week. I enjoyed them, and even though they provided little appreciable illumination, they festooned the place with a certain aura, and, we learned to live with them. By this year, after the other Christmas lights were balled up and stored for the year, well over half of them were burned out. My wife then, for the first time, gently suggested that it might be time to replace them with normal lights. Boy, they never let up, do they?

So I went to buy bulbs, and as you can imagine, things have changed. The original bulbs were 150-watt beasts, and when they were all on, we were probably a beacon for those jetliners going into Dulles International Airport. I have actually replaced a few over the years and had made an executive decision to go with

90-watt bulbs, which illuminated the grounds well enough for me, saved money, and let me smugly bask in that green glow of a reduced carbon footprint that we Democrats crave.

That was then. The big incandescent floodlight bulbs are gone. I cruised up and down the light bulb aisle jockeying for position with another fellow who eventually observed, quite astutely, "There's a lot of data to consider." I replied with something lame like, "This used to be simple," firmly staking out the geezer role in our encounter. I ended up with bulbs that look just like the old bulbs, but which actually have those little twisty tubes we all hate hidden inside the outer bulb. They were fairly pricey, but the box stated that I would be sucking up electricity at the twenty-three-watt rate while enjoying ninety watts of output. Hooray for that.

The bulbs are guaranteed to last for six years, which should keep that ladder right where I like it to be until 2018, the Mayan end-of-the-world notwithstanding. In fact, the manufacturer offered free replacement if one burns out before then. This is from a large multinational conglomerate famous for bright ideas and not paying its fair share of taxes, which is of course all the rage these days. To collect, all I have to do is mail in the UPC code and a copy of my original receipt and I will be mailed a free light bulb, assuming there is such a thing as "mail" in the next four or five years. I am now considering whether to go out to the recycle bin, rummage around for the receipt and the boxes, clip out the UPC codes, and store them somewhere safe where I can easily locate them over the next six years when one burns out. This seems a little excessive. What if Newt Gingrich is elected president and puts those big mirrors in space that he's talked about and I don't need floodlights anymore? I hope that doesn't happen, actually, because I like to

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Fear Not, It Could Be Worse

By Rande Davis

The closing of Selby's Market is on everyone's mind. At this point, the question is less of "Why did it happen?" and more of "Where do we go from here?"

The tragedy of the loss of our small town grocery regrettably may be more a vision of our future than a melancholic remembrance of our past.

Attracting a suitable grocery retailer will be a major problem not likely to be overcome anytime soon, if at all. The public expression of regret on the impact on the Selbys, while comforting to the family, does not change the fact that the area residents have shifted their grocery buying habits; this will not be lost on any potential grocery replacement. If local consumers did not support a beloved merchant adequately in their food purchases, why would

they support a retailer with no attachment to the region?

Adding to the problem is that the capital required to refit the facility for a smaller grocery is far greater than most people can imagine. If that was not so, Roy Selby might have made that shift himself.

Any prospective retailer that might use the full 27,000-square-foot facility most likely will have its own negative impact on already existing businesses. I have heard of ideas to split it up the building for multiple uses to include a restaurant. Sounds good unless you happen to be an owner of another town eatery that is already struggling to make ends meet.

In the meantime, while the store remains vacant, the current businesses in town will suffer the lost revenue due to less people shopping from outside the town. The economic conditions are such that even a slight drop in revenue could be a tipping point

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Members of the Selby and Brooks Families:

The Poolesville High School (PHS) Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) extends its sincere appreciation for all the many years of service and support provided by Selby's Market to the school community.

Rare has been the PHS PTSA-event or other event unique to a school community that didn't in some way depend on the generous contributions of food and meal-related supplies from Mr. Selby. Whether the event in need was a breakfast, school meeting, performance, fundraiser, or sports event, or a bake sale or car wash venue, Selby's Market has always been the go-to place around the corner.

The PHS volleyball team's DIG PINK campaign to fight breast cancer has raised close to \$20,000 over three years in part

because of Selby's Market support. Many clubs and groups, including the PTSA, have benefited from credit accounts at Selby's with flexible terms. The variety of support is just too long to recount here.

A local grocer with such a deep, generations-long connection and commitment to its cluster schools is rare today. Selby's Market will be missed for many reasons. Thank you for all your contributions to our school activities for so many years.

Sincerely,
The Poolesville High School
Parent-Teacher-Student Association

Remembrance

1940 PHS Graduate Douglas Allen Dayhoff

Mr. Douglas Allen Dayhoff, eighty-nine, of Frederick, Maryland, died peacefully at the Kline Hospice House in Mt. Airy, Maryland on December 31, 2011.

He was the beloved husband of Nell Painter Dayhoff (formerly of Poolesville) and had been married for sixty years. Born October 8, 1922 in Dickerson, Maryland, he was the son of Wilford E. and Margaret Thompson Dayhoff. He grew up in Sellman, Maryland and graduated from Poolesville High School in 1940. He attended the University of Maryland before World War II.

After joining the army in 1942, he studied engineering at Kansas State University as a student in the Army Specialized Training Program. After that program was cancelled, he served as a Technical Sergeant in the 922nd Field Artillery Battalion, 97th Infantry Division. He was responsible for installing emplacements for a battery of twelve 105 mm howitzers. The 97th Division served as part of General George Patton's Third Army in France, Belgium, Germany, and Czechoslovakia until the German surrender. After the war in the Pacific ended, he also participated in the disarmament of the Japanese. While serving in Japan, he was promoted to First Sergeant.

After returning from the war, he graduated from Strayer College, then began his career in public accounting before joining the

Montgomery County Department of Finance as an auditor in 1948. There he served successively as an auditor, chief accountant, Deputy Director of Finance and Director of Finance, a position from which he retired in December 1972. He then joined Maryland National Bank as Vice President for Governmental Services until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Terapin Club, American Legion Post 0011, Frederick, and VFW Post 3285, Frederick. He loved to travel with his family throughout the United States and Canada as well as Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. He also spent many enjoyable hours at the University of Maryland watching his beloved Terps. Surviving in addition to his wife are his son, Douglas A. Dayhoff, Jr., of Frederick, and two sisters, Margaret Dayhoff Downs and Louise Dayhoff Bennett, both of Frederick. He also had many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Ann Dayhoff, and by three brothers, Robert T. Dayhoff, Marion B. "Buzz" Dayhoff, and W. Ellis Dayhoff, Jr.

Funeral services were held on January 4, 2012, and interment followed in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. Contributions may be made to the Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702 or to Frederick Memorial Hospital, Office of Development, 400 W. Seventh Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Condolences may be shared with the family by going to www.keeneybasford.com.

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Steve Wright

In the Garden

Vietnam Revisited

By Maureen O'Connell

In December, I spent two weeks on a photographic study course in Vietnam, specifically in Hanoi and the surrounding mountain villages near the Chinese border. This trip was not of the sit-on-the-beach-with-a-margarita variety; it was of the eye-opening, rugged, fascinating, and adventuresome variety. For many of us of a certain age, our memories of Vietnam are linked with the United States involvement in the war in Vietnam during the 1960s and the 1970s. At that time, I worked for the U.S. State Department, Agency for International Development, Vietnam Bureau. I knew many colleagues who worked in the many provinces of Vietnam and never made it back from there. The U.S. lost

many lives in this country trying to stop the spread of communism there and to several other Asian countries included in the Domino Theory. That was over forty years ago. Today, Vietnam is a very popular tourist destination. It is a communist country, and Ho Chi Minh, father of the New Vietnam, is revered in a large mausoleum and park in Hanoi. People (myself included) wait in long lines for hours—single file, no talking—to view Uncle Ho, considered the best Russian-embalmed body in the world. He will soon have competition though, as the recently-deceased ruler of North Korea will have the same Beauty Treatment from similarly-trained Russian experts.

Hanoi is a big, bustling, high-octane city and an economic success story. The old quarter part of town is a warren of small, narrow back streets, teeming with street vendors hawking everything from flowers, fruits, vegetables, pastries, cooking utensils, clothing, live chickens, grilled dog meat, lacquer bowls, and, on ev-

ery street corner and in between, the iconic Vietnamese soup pho. Downtown Hanoi is home to over four million motorbikes and thousands of cars, buses, and trucks. Here, one must relearn how to cross a street. To get from one side to the other, you must enter the fray with determination; once committed, do not stop or make any fast moves, or you will be hit. Keep walking and the traffic will go around you. It's an exercise in faith. Crossing a street in Hanoi is akin to the early video game Frogger. Conversely, there are some calm areas in the midst of this fast-paced city. In the center of the town is Hoan Kiem Lake, where, at six in the morning, its banks are filled with young and old, practicing tai chi, yoga, or martial arts.

You can't stay in Hanoi too long; it wears you out, physically and emotionally. To escape its traffic and cacophony, I took the overnight sleeper train to Lo Cai. This border town is the link to Sapa and the surrounding mountain villages that dot

this area close to the Chinese border. My train left Hanoi at 9:30 at night and arrived in Lo Cai at 4:30 in the morning. This train was not by any stretch of the imagination the legendary Orient Express, but I could still imagine Inspector Hercule Poirot stealthily slipping down the long polished wood corridors outside the sleeper cabins in pursuit of a murder suspect. The tracks were laid in the very early 1900s and have not been changed or repaired too often since then. Lying on your plank-like mattress in your sleeper coach, you could feel every bump along the way.

To see and really understand the Vietnamese people and culture, you must leave the big cities and travel to the small tribal villages that punctuate the high mountains in North Vietnam. These people still live, dress, and eat in much the same ways as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago. Each village, however

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February 3
PHS Girls' Basketball Home Game
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February 4
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PHS Boys' Basketball Home Game
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10:30 a.m.

February 13
Mother's Day Out
St. Peter's Church
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PHS Girls' Basketball Home Game
Urbana 7:00 p.m.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

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Thefts from vehicles: 17300 block of Dowden Way, 17200 and 17300 blocks of Chiswell Road, 19500 and 19700 blocks of Bodmer Avenue.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 19600 block of Gott Street, 19500 and 19600 blocks of Fisher Avenue, 17600 block of Kohl-hoss Road, C&O Canal in vicinity of Edwards Ferry.

Past Crime

January 16, 1932 George Nicholson filed a defamation of character suit against Officer Guy Jones and Chief Alvie Moxley. Nicholson contended that the officers obtained a search warrant for his house in an attempt to find intoxicating liquor. Instead, they

found nothing. Nicholson, a well-known citizen of Montgomery County, said that his reputation had been damaged.

Officer Jones explained that the warrant was for the home of Nicholson's son who also lived on the farm near Olney. When the police discovered that the son did not live in the same house, they left and obtained a second warrant. In the son's house, they found a still and a keg of liquor. When the criminal case came to trial, he was acquitted by Judge Woodward when young Nicholson testified, "I have a still to make me a little applejack for my own use."

January 23, 1932 Montgomery police were actively searching for the suspects who fatally shot Horace Waters at his store in Germantown. The seventy-nine-year-old merchant, one of the most well-known storekeepers in the county, was murdered when two men entered his store and demanded cash. (Note: This case was solved in 1936 when three men were charged with a series of

stick-ups including that of Waters Store.)

January 24, 1932 Officer Ralph Howard saw two bedraggled people walking along the Frederick Road near Clarksburg. Later, he saw the same pair approaching Gaithersburg. When he stopped to inquire, they produced a letter promising a job in Yakima, Washington. Howard took the pair to police headquarters where they explained to Chief Moxley that they thought that Yakima was a suburb of Washington, D.C. Moxley fed them and offered them a place to sleep. The next morning, they were last seen walking west.

January 30, 1931 Corporal Roy Bodmer was off-duty and searching for a pair of valuable hunting dogs when he approached the house of Edward Welsh near Travilah. Bodmer detected a strong smell of cooking mash. He left and went to the courthouse where he obtained a search warrant and then returned with Officer Howes. They found a twenty-gallon still and three

gallons of whiskey. Welsh was captured after a foot chase and was charged with selling intoxicants.

February 1, 1930 Patrolman D. L. Snyder stopped a speeding coupe and became suspicious when the driver acted nervously. The officer took the driver and automobile to the police station and found a large assortment of wines and liquors. The driver, of Baltimore, said that he was delivering the illegal liquor to an exclusive club in Kensington but declined to reveal which one.

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Local News

Poolesville Residents Come Together to Help Others

By Rande Davis

A group of residents have come together to form Poolesville

Helping Poolesville Families (PHPF), a new organization that is raising funds to assist families in the area immediately affected by the closing of Selby's Market.

On Saturday, January 28, Val Dickerson, who is spearheading the initiative, addressed between fifty and sixty individuals at McDonald's on the goal of the group.

Team captains were chosen to organize a door-by-door campaign to carry the message of PHPF to homes within the town

limits and to request donations to the organization. Persons not living in Poolesville were encouraged to assist and donate, but the personal door-to-door drive will not extend to the out-of-town homes at this time.

The group is dedicating itself in honor of Roy and Betty Jean Selby who have been models of community service throughout their lives. The organization hopes to raise adequate funds to help those in need and to provide a gift of gratitude to the Selbys for all that they have meant to the community these past sixty-five years.

Those wanting to donate or to assist the drive, may write a



Valaree Dickerson addresses nearly sixty persons gathered at McDonald's to organize Poolesville Helping Poolesville Families.

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Tidbits

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PHS Athletic Hall of Fame

The Poolesville High School Athletic Department, in partnership with the Poolesville High School Athletic Boosters, is establishing an Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletic Director, Ed Ross, envisions a very special recognition and place of honor for the school's most outstanding inter-scholastic athletes, teams, and significant contributors who have demonstrated an exceptional support for our athletes. Former Indian and Falcon student-athletes from any period in the school's history may be nominated for review by a committee who will select inductees based on athletic excellence. On Friday, September 14, 2012, we will conduct our

first annual induction ceremony during our Hall of Fame football game. We hope to announce our first class of inductees by June, 2012.

To nominate a prospective candidate, nomination forms can be found at the PHS athletics website (poolesvilleathletics.org).

Talented Writers Advance to County Competition

The JPMS English department has announced the winners of the "Celebrating Diversity through Creative Writing" contest which is sponsored by Montgomery County Public Schools in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Libraries. The following seven students will have their work judged against their peers from across the county. Excuse us if we think having creative young writers for the future of the *Monocle* isn't too self serving.

The winners are: Taylor Behrens, Rachel Childress, Elise Evans, Victoria Gruber, Lenox Knudson, Abigail Nalesnik, and Allison Nalesnik

Hope Garden Blossoms in Grand Prix

Six ballerinas from Hope

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Youth Sports

Who Are These Guys?

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville High School boys' basketball team (8-7, 6-4 in their division) won their fifth game in a row on Friday, January 20, defeating Damascus at home, 57-38. Senior guard DeAndre Parrott scored

the first seven points for Poolesville in the first half, giving his team an early 7-1 lead.

Junior guard Kirby Carmack scored the first seven points for PHS in the second half, constantly breaking the Hornets press and forcing DHS, who had to play catch up, into an up tempo game.

Kirby, who finished with sixteen, scored on a driving layup with twenty-six seconds left in the third period, pushing

the lead to nineteen. Sophomore guard Anthony Papagjika scored eleven points. The win moved the Falcons into a first-place tie in the Montgomery 3A/2A Division.

The Falcons' five-game winning streak included back-to-back overtime wins over Northwood (double overtime) and Rockville. They do not have that one go-to guy, so they share the load. Papagjika scored eighteen in an opening night win over Whitman. Sophomore guard Andy Baker and senior center Eric Jansson each had eighteen at Clarksburg. Jansson also had eighteen at home against Watkins Mill and fifteen against Northwest. Baker had fifteen against Watkins Mill. Carmack scored seventeen against Whitman and sixteen against Northwood. Parrott has scored in the double figures five times, posting fifteen against Rockville. Five Falcons scored in the double figures in a home win against Gaithersburg. Senior

forward Ean Hill-Addison scored ten in that game.

The Falcons have a common focus.

"I thought my best game was against Gaithersburg," said Baker, who may be becoming that go-to player. "It wasn't my most points, but I thought I handled the pressure really well and made a lot of good decisions. We've had a lot of close games and a few overtime games.

It's good to see that we can close out games well and get the W. I think that we can definitely make a playoff run. We've got a lot of good kids, and Coach [Tom Lang] is really teaching us a lot and getting the best out of all of us."

"We're coming together as a team and working together



Brendan Carney takes the ball down court for the Falcons.

[well]," says Jansson, who has been a model of consistency and who has become a force in the paint, scoring in the double figures eight times, "We've been through a lot—a lot of close games. It was pretty intense, but we were able to pull out some

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

February 2, 1936 Mrs. Wilson Ward entertained at bridge at the Hungerford Tavern. Mrs. Emma Pyles of Poolesville was one of her guests.

February 4, 1931 A delegation of citizens from Poolesville, Seneca, and Potomac appeared before the county council. They presented a petition asking that Old River Road be improved from the end of the concrete highway at Potomac to a point near White's Ferry. They claimed that a better road would intersect with a new Virginia highway that was planned.

February 5, 1936 A heated discussion was held at the Farm Bureau meeting in Rockville. Of particular concern was the proposed repeal of the anti-steel-trap law. Citing an increase in vermin, the bureau asked that a Number Two-style trap be inscribed with the owner's name and be visited once every twenty-four hours.

February 7, 1936 The Poolesville, Barnesville, and

Dickerson Homemakers Club met at the Poolesville School. Miss Edythe Turner, county homemaker agent, was in attendance and gave an address.

February 9, 1930 The University of Maryland freshman team defeated Poolesville High School, 34-13. Ruble scored five points for Poolesville while Elgin, Rubble, Hough, and Ball added two points each.

February 14, 1934 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Knill gave a delightful Valentine's Day party at their home. About forty young people attended.

February 16, 1930 A 165-acre dairy farm near Poolesville sold for \$12,500. It had been owned by William Dowd.

February 18, 1934 The senior class girls of the Poolesville High School Home Arts Club were studying child care. They gave a unique part where they each invited a mother and a child as guests. *Material for this article was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*

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Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre (HGCBT) entered the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) Semifinal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Veronica Contreras, Danielle Creedon, Suzanne Creedon, Camilla Feeley, Kimora Maier, and Hannah Wills. The YAGP is the largest international student ballet competition in the world and gives out over \$250,000 in scholarship money per year.



These talented dancers, all competing in the twelve-to-fourteen-year-old age group, scored consistently in the nineties, placing them in the top eighteen out of over a hundred other dancers. Twelve-year-old Ellie Creedon not only placed in the top twelve for both classical and contempo-

rary, she ended up earning third place in contemporary dance.

Fran Ichijo, artistic director of HGCBT, received many admiring and complimentary comments from others at the competition. Despite the grueling competition evening, each of the girls danced three different variations over the course of the six-hour competition, Fran said they were exemplary in their behavior and demeanor. “They handled themselves with aplomb, and they demonstrated professionalism,” she says.

The next concert by the HGCBT will be on June 2, titled Pas de Dudes, at Poolesville High School.



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wins. Then we go to the playoffs and hopefully go far. I think my best game was against Watkins Mill. It was a good game. I really think, basically, they thought they were going to beat us after they came back on us, but they didn't do it." West Virginia and Salisbury are among the schools Eric is considering attending after high school.

Parrott's lay-up with seconds to go gave the Falcons a 58-56 win against the Wolverines. Outscored 19-8 in the third quarter, PHS trailed by five points (54-49) with less than three minutes to play, but from that point on, the Falcons executed their plays while WM missed several layups.

"When it comes down to it, at the end of the games, that's when we play together the best," said Parrott, who has shown a penchant for hitting crucial shots. "With five seconds left or something like that, we do what we need to win. The best game

for me this year was against Rockville. I scored fifteen points and rebounded [well] and had a few assists. I feel like we really played together as a team that game." He is not looking ahead to any one game in particular. "Honestly," he continues, "every game is the biggest game left on the schedule. I want to win it all." Can they make a run in the playoffs? "That's the goal, sir," says DeAndre, matter-of-factly. As he considers his prospects for after high school, he says, "I am looking forward to playing in college, but it depends on who is looking at me."

"We got up six in overtime against Rockville," said Coach Lang, "and then missed free throws at the end to allow it to be close. They hit a three with three seconds to go to cut the lead to one. DeAndre made a free throw with less than a second to go for the final margin (45-43)."

In the double overtime win at Northwood, Poolesville led by four at the half, but the Gladiators

outscored the Falcons, 20-9, in the third quarter, taking a seven-point lead. Poolesville hung tough and outscored Northwood, 13-6, in the fourth. With 1:42 left in regulation, PHS hit a free throw, putting them up, 43-45. With twenty-seven seconds left in regulation, Northwood scored and the game was tied at 45. In the first overtime, each team scored two baskets. In the second, the visiting Falcons outscored their opponent, 9-7, eventually winning it at the free throw line, 58-56.

The Falcons lost their important conference game against Seneca Valley, 64-53, on January 27.

"The team is a blend of new and old with seven returning players and seven newcomers," said Coach Lang before the season. That blend is turning into a pretty decent basketball team, gaining confidence and experience. They believe they can make a playoff run.

"In the Garden" Continued From page 6.

small, is self-sufficient. They make their own clothes and provide for their own food: they grow vegetables, fruits, grains, sugar cane, flowers; they raise cattle, pigs, chickens, ducks; they fish in the abundant waterways. Vietnam is the second highest rice producer in the world. Rice paddies line the terraced hillsides everywhere, and local men, women, and young children provide the labor, along with the help of the native water buffaloes. In one of the villages I visited, there was a good-sized vegetable plot in the middle of the area. One night, as I walked by there early in the evening, I noticed a small young boy, probably no older than eight or ten, carrying a small, wooden watering can back and forth from a long, narrow, shallow communal water conduit. He was watering his family's vegetable plot.

As poor as an area was, I saw everywhere examples of sound, well-conceived agricultural and forest management plans. The rice paddies were all situated in terraced hillsides to stop land erosion. Along the roadsides, there were miles and miles of cement drainage ways to collect and redirect any of the rainwater that over-flowed from the paddy fields. Amongst all the poverty and primitive farming methods, the local people understood that they must be proper stewards of the land; their existence depended upon it. Community forest

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Local News

EPIC Receives Grant to Expand Breezy Loop Trail

Equestrian Partners in Conservation (EPIC) received a \$2,000 grant from the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) on January 21, 2012. The website manager for EPIC, Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore, accepted the check on behalf of the organization during an awards ceremony at the Maryland Horse World Expo in Timonium, Maryland.

Equestrian Partners in Conservation applied for the grant to expand its existing Breezy Loop trail off Bucklodge Road in Boyds. The new as-yet-unnamed equestrian trail will add approximately two and a half miles and forty-five minutes of riding time

to the existing fifteen miles of trails which include Breezy Loop, Turtle Trail, and Little Bucklodge Branch Creek Trail. The trails are located on private land owned by conservationist Mike Rubin and are preserved and protected for public equestrian use.

"We are very excited to be able to expand Breezy Loop," said EPIC President David Tobin. "This grant allows us to continue EPIC's mission of preserving land in Montgomery County for equestrian use."

The new trail is located off Turtle Trail on the northeast side of Breezy Loop, east of Old Bucklodge Lane. It already has been mapped, and markers will be installed in early spring. Equestrian Partners in Conservation will officially open the new trail with a public trail ride. The trailhead for the Breezy Loop trail system is located at the Potomac Pony Club Field at 19301 Bucklodge Road.

Equestrian Partners in Conservation was one of fifteen organizations to receive \$21,441 in grants out of fifty-two applica-

tions. Projects were evaluated for value to the industry, degree of industry promotion, size and scope of the activity, financial need, and quality of the written presentation.

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School News

PES and JPMS Hold Anti-Bullying Assembly

Poolesville Elementary School and John Poole Middle School work hard to address the issue of student bullying on an on-going basis and each year hold a special assembly to drive the point home. On January 25, both schools sponsored the BMX Bullying Prevention team in an exciting and highly-relatable presentation the students will not soon forget.

The performance was led by internationally decorated X-Game competitor Stephen Cerra. The Flowstyle BMX trick team athletes have been providing their educational and entertaining assembly for schools and youth

groups for over ten years. With a focus on the value of embracing a healthy and active lifestyle, the show communicates the importance of physical and mental wellbeing through such topics as goal setting, fitness, diversity, bullying, and personal safety.

In between some of their trick riding, they involved the students in demonstrations, questions and answers, and participation in games and activities. Judged by the rousing applause throughout the event, it appears the message of the day was well received.



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Local News

Selby's Market, Charter Amendments, And Contract Awards Dominate Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

The January 23 Poolesville Town meeting began with a discussion and public comment on the announced closing of Selby's Market. Town resident Kathy Bassett opened the meeting with a request for the commissioners to take some action that might reverse the closing.

Commission President Eddie Kuhlman responded by assuring the speaker of the shared concern by all the commissioners. He noted the loss of Selby's was much more than an economic loss but a personal loss for everyone. He

recalled his personal experience upon first coming to Poolesville. He and his wife shopped for groceries and discovered that neither of them had thought to bring their wallet. "Roy Selby's response is the one so many have experienced. He told us to take the groceries and come back and pay him later."

Speaking on behalf of all the commissioners, Kuhlman reported on a number of actions taken to attempt to find a solution to the loss of the store. Over the previous eighteen months, he held a number of discussions with Mr. Selby hoping to find something that would be significant enough to ward off the problem. No solutions were found.

Mr. Kuhlman met with state and county representatives in the area of economic development to find possible assistance that could help. Those investigations also came up empty handed.

Finally, Kuhlman and town manager Wade Yost met with Gary Dobbs, a representative of the shopping center owner. While previous assistance has

come from the property owner to help keep the store running, again nothing could be found that would change the direction of Selby's.

At the same time, they discussed ways the town might assist in obtaining a grocery retailer and reviewed the prospect. While the intention of the owner is to pursue a grocery, those prospects are not encouraging, as explained by Mr. Kuhlman. "We learned that our population is far smaller than sought by the supermarkets. As an example, Whole Foods requires a population of 100,000, and even a smaller store like Trader Joe's needs around 70,000. Giant and Safeway do not open stores less than 50,000 square feet and Selby's is 27,000 square feet. While the prospects are bleak at this time, it is still hoped something appropriate may be found to help meet our grocery needs."

Direct discussion by Kuhlman with Harris Teeter did not succeed.

In new business, the commissioners held an initial discussion on the next stage of the revision of the town charter concerning Boards and Commissions. Town attorney Jay Gullo reviewed the standard practice of townships regarding the matter (Mr. Gullo is a past attorney for the Maryland Municipal League). He explained that a town charter is like a constitution, outlining the rules of governance and is not used for most boards and commissions to specify regulations and requirements that govern them. Like other forms of legislation, town ordinances fulfill the role for regulation.

As regards the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeal, Maryland Article 66B-Land Use supersedes all town ordinances regardless of what the town may legislate.

While it was agreed that the charter revision should allow for the mention of boards and commissions, the regulations governing their structure and actions will be moved to ordinances.

Since it was only an exploratory discussion, it was requested that Mr. Gullo prepare working models of his suggestions for further review prior to public hearings on the matter.

The commissioners approved previous recommendations for Charter revision (Charter Amendment 002-11 through 008-11) concerning housecleaning and grammatical changes.

The commissioners awarded a contract for work in the Westmond Subdivision for sewer line cleanout installation to Mid-Atlantic Utilities for \$247,868. Of that total, \$200,000 will come from the unrestricted funds account reducing that reserve to \$800,000.

Environmental Quality Resources was awarded the bid for grading and stormwater management improvements at Hersperger and Fisher Roads for \$62,000.

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"Rande(m) Thoughts"
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for others just as it was for Selby's Market.

"Shop Local" and "Keep Poolesville Poolesville" are great slogans, but slogans alone don't cut it. Failure to support Selby's Market has as many reasons as the persons who took their business elsewhere. I know it didn't help that as the situation deteriorated, reasons to shop elsewhere expanded. Only a committed effort to shop local businesses, even at times that may seem counter to our personal interests, may prove to be essential to protect the larger concerns like property values and maintaining small town vitality.

The simple fact is that the new homeowners cannot arrive soon enough for our businesses, churches, and schools. Beyond that, additional population over the current projections may need to be looked at again. Boarded-up buildings and loss of local employment opportunities will be

felt beyond the obvious to include reduced financial support for all our worthy nonprofit groups seeking assistance. A deteriorating business sector is not a formula for keeping Poolesville Poolesville.

This is not meant to be a doom and gloom diatribe, but it is to present a case for change. We need a new high school. As most people know, half of our school population comes from down county. There is no guarantee that the programs that draw them here will stay here. The decision to do so is not ours to make. It does not help that we have little or no political power over down county forces.

I have lived here for over three decades. Change has come in very many ways, but for the most part, Poolesville has not only essentially remained Poolesville, in most every way, the town is even better than in 1976. It can be better still. Change does not need to be something to fear.

"Desperately Seeking"
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go out at night and identify constellations, and now that I think about it, I don't particularly like houses with big floodlights. What was I thinking?

If they do burn out before their time, I also suspect I will receive a markedly different bulb, maybe with a miniature fusion reactor or bioengineered lightning bugs, hopefully attached to the same old base. By then I may

also have to pay someone to go up the ladder. I wonder if they'll pay for that? That guy in the store was right. There is a lot of data to consider.

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management is a high priority in North Vietnam. After centuries of denuding to provide materials to build houses, there is now a national reforestation plan in place. Most buildings are now made of stone or cement. I was amazed to see in Vietnam and Hong Kong scaffolding built of bamboo. I thought, How strong can this be? Bamboo is stronger than steel and a sustainable natural resource that grows everywhere in China and Vietnam.

Through my trip, I have learned that today’s Vietnam is an industrious, educated country hoping to make a difference in today’s world economy. They are a hardworking and determined people. They are not the global powerhouses of China and India, but their work ethic can give India a pause for thought. The Vietnamese have been battling outside colonial powers for centuries. They are not Chinese,

Japanese, French, or Portuguese; they are Vietnamese. It was Ho Chi Minh who, in 1954, after the defeat of the French at Dien Bien Phu, declared Vietnam an independent country with its own language, culture, and its own government. There is no going back.

Vietnam is a photographer’s dream location. I saw India as a land of vibrant, eye-popping colors of pinks, greens, yellows, and blues; Vietnam was a kaleidoscope of people, everywhere.



“Intel Award” Continued
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Diagram of Methane to Extreme Conditions.” Peinan worked on his project every summer from ninth through twelfth grades at the Carnegie Institution of Washington under Dr. Ho-kwang Mao. In addition to being an Intel semifinalist, Peinan was chosen as a Siemens semifinalist this past October.

The competition is administered by the Society for Science and the Public, a non-profit organization dedicated to public engagement in scientific research and education. Nationwide, there were three hundred semi-finalists chosen from 1839 entries. Forty semi-finalists will go on to compete this spring in Washington, D.C. for the top prize of \$100,000.

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"Selby's Market Closes"
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in Germantown but came to Poolesville in 1946. That simple building at the corner of Elgin and Fisher Roads was replaced in 1973 with a more contemporary structure that now houses Healthworks Fitness Center.

Then in 1993, with publicly-expressed plans to grow the town to seventy-five hundred and the building of the shopping center offering a large space for a supermarket, the pressures to meet the future resulted in opening the store in its current location.

At the time, it was believed the new homes would be completed by 2001, but the new homes and new customers did not come, and, without them, the struggle began to mount. Faced with expanding supermarket chains, specialty stores, club membership retailers, and other changes in purchasing habits, competition took its toll and began to show up in reduced inventory which, in turn, aggravated the situation.

Through all the changes in Selby's Market and in the grocery marketplace, one thing has always remained constant and robust: the caring support of the family for the community.

Obvious to all was how Selby's offered up its storefront for local groups needing to raise funds. Often such fundraisers sold products that competed with existing inventory, yet Roy always said yes. From direct donations to ads in school programs, the name Selby was almost always there.

Many people won't volunteer

because of demands of work, but not the Selbys. Even during the early years of working seven days a week, they still were leaders in civic responsibility.

In 2009, Betty Jean and Roy Selby were celebrated as the Grand Marshalls of the Poolesville Day Parade and no wonder: Their résumé of civic service includes Roy's active volunteer work with the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. Betty Jean was honored just a few years ago for her fifty years of work with the UMCVFD Ladies Auxiliary. Roy served the town as a commissioner from 1961 to 1973. Both are active in their church, Memorial United Methodist, where Betty Jean has been involved in the church's hospitality service, the Crafty Ladies and Gents.

A Monocacy Lion since 1984, Roy is a past president, past Lion of the Year, and ultimately was honored with the organization's highest honor as a Melvin Jones Fellow. He even served as the president of the Mid-Atlantic Grocers' Association. From all this to sponsorships of little league and softball teams, our grocer sustained us with food, fellowship, and contributions.

The good news is that Roy, Betty, and the family remain part of the community. Roy faces treatments for cancer but reports that his doctors are encouraged, and he remains positive. He has no immediate plans for the future other than to deal with the issues faced in closing the business.

Concern for the family remains paramount. "I worry about them, and they worry

about me." He reports that members of the family are hopeful for employment and will begin to seek new positions. Roy's son, Lin, fifty-one years old, has worked for the family business since his pre-teen years. He said he did try picking fruit once at Lewis Orchards with friends during a summer, but asthma moved him over to making boxes. With the struggle of the business and concern for his father, he has not been able to focus much on immediate employment prospects.

The loyal staff will face challenges for local employment but are hopeful that opportunities will develop. Longtime employee Pat Rosser expressed a shared opinion of her fellow workers. "I can find work elsewhere, but what I really will miss is coming here every day, working with these people and the Selbys."

A family business has closed, but the individuals will remain our friends and neighbors. The

community is grateful for three generations of the Selbys: No apology is due from the family. To Roland and Roy and Frances Selby, Roy and Betty Jean Selby, Becky and Lewis Brooks, Lin, Lisa, Mike, Bruce, Bobby, and Jody: The town is grateful. There is public awareness that replacing Selby's Market with another grocery store will be challenging, but replacing the Selbys cannot be done.



Roy and Betty Selby were honored as grand marshalls of the Poolesville Day parade in 2009.

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