



Something happened here that made Vice President Biden a happy camper. Read all about it in Business Briefs on page 3.



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A familiar sight all around the area. Find out why in the Family Album on page 2.



A group of Poolesville Relay for Life volunteers sold baked goods at CVS, with some seasonal assistance. More picture of more events are in the Family Album on page 2.

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Coach of the Year

When rookie head coach, Kenny Kramek, took over the PHS boys' varsity basketball team last fall, he had a lot on his mind. One thing that did not occur to him then was being named the Gazette's Montgomery County Coach of the Year in his inaugural season. In fact, while it certainly was a goal, becoming 3A/2A Division champs for the first time in nearly a dozen years wasn't the first thing on his mental radar either.

Kramek, a 2002 PHS graduate, was excited about taking over the team he'd played on in high school, and he was glad he didn't have to concern himself with one thing new coaches usually have as a priority—getting to know his players. He had been the JV coach at PHS and even coached some of the players when they were in sixth grade as he assisted one of his key coaching mentors, Clarksburg's Coach Larry Hurd, Jr.

PHS Student Candidate for BOD

At a nominating convention on March 7 at Walter Johnson High School, Poolesville High School's (PHS) Justin C. Kim, a junior, and Andrew Zhang, a junior at Richard Montgomery High School, were the two final candidates for the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) position. The campaign is in high gear with both candidates making personal appeals and visits to county high schools in the lead-up to

during summer basketball camps right out of high school.

That connection was important and, in fact, his number one priority in taking over as varsity coach was to get his mentor's father, Larry Hurd, Sr. as his JV coach. Another key part was having P.J. Horan as his assistant coach. The two played basketball together in high school, have been friends ever since, and they have coached basketball together for four years. Kramek

understands that, in basketball, coaching is a team sport, too.

Athletic Director Ed Ross noted the pressure on Kenny in following another excellent coach, "During his first year as a head high school basketball coach, Kenny was faced with the daunting task of filling the shoes of his predecessor, Coach Lang, a tremendously-well-respected coach, and he fulfilled our highest expectations.

the election set for Wednesday, April 24.

Kim told the Monocle that he was motivated to seek the position for two reasons: He has had a passion for public service that was fostered by his upbringing and as a student advocate speaking up at BOE meetings and in Annapolis, especially seeking support for advanced technology studies in schools and for promoting more affordable college for students.

According to his website, www.justinforsmob.com, his top policy issues are: fully



Rookie PHS head coach, Kenny Kramek, was named the Montgomery County Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year by the Gazette.

Kenny began by assembling a top-quality coaching staff and together they worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide our players with the skills and strategies needed to compete at a championship level. For this effort, Kenny is well deserving of this Coach of the Year honor."

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Candidates for MC Student Member of the Board of Education: Andrew A. Zhang (Richard Montgomery HS) and Justin Kim (Poolesville HS).

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Glenn Tallia places the Eagle Scout pin onto his son Matt as his mom Suzanne looks on with pride. As his project, Matt constructed the pergola in the yard of the John Poole House.



Congratulations to the Poolesville Lady Falcons soccer club on winning the championship of the U11 Division at the 2013 Cherry Blossom Tournament at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Boyds



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Valaree Dickerson, program director of the Gathering Place Senior Activity Center, shows Billie Poole a picture album as other attendees look on.

Business Briefs

Vice President Biden Must Be Smiling

Fine Earth Landscape, a Poolesville-based landscape design/build/plant company, recently completed the Family Heritage Garden of the Vice Presidents. This bipartisan garden is at the vice presidents' official residence at the Naval Observatory. Landscape architect Bernie Mihm and senior landscape designers Judith Petersen and Joel Hafner designed and supervised the construction of a beautiful garden, which included a flagstone patio with a granite border, multilevel fountain, entranceway arbor, lighting, and lush plantings.

Let's Talk It Out

The PACC wants to hear from local businesses on a number of concerns starting with what the town might do to help



The Family Heritage Garden of the Vice Presidents

them prosper. If you are a local business owner and want to contribute to the dialogue of ideas, be sure to plan to attend a round-table discussion on Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall Bank Museum

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Town of Poolesville

Commissioners Approve Proposed 8% Increase in Water Rates

By Rande Davis

In a unanimous vote by the four commissioners in attendance at the April 1 meeting, a proposal to increase water rates eight percent in the fiscal year 2014 was approved, and a public hearing on the FY14 budget is now set for April 15. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski was absent for this meeting. During public hearings on March 18, the commissioners had considered raising the rates by twelve percent but opted for the lower rate while deciding not to hire a new part-time employee in the water department.

Even the lower rate increase eliminates the past practice of using funds transferred as a grant from the general fund to the water/wastewater budget to cover a shortage on the W/WW side of the ledger.

Additionally, the town raised the rate commercial hydrant water sales from \$5.11 per one thousand gallons to \$6.31, a rate more in line with other jurisdictions. Typically, hydrant sales come from large commercial users of water such as pool servicing companies, construction companies, etc.

Not addressed by the commissioners was a proposal made by former commissioner Roy Johnson in a written statement on water rates regarding finding a way to charge nonprofit, non-taxed properties such as schools, pools, and churches for a proportion of wastewater operating costs. These properties do, however, pay for water used and will also be subject to the increase in the proposed water rates. Commissioner Halbrook voiced interest in hearing more on Johnson's proposal for future consideration.

In other matters, the commissioners approved grants to Poolesville Military Support Group for \$1,000 and the Historic Medley District, Inc. for \$1,500.

The commissioners continued their ongoing discussion on town economic development, reviewing some possible incentives to commercial establishments listed by town manager Wade Yost. No action was taken on the proposals at this meeting.

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Commentary

That Unfamiliar Sensation

By John Clayton

There is a different feeling in the air. Yes, our long national nightmare is over—baseball is back. The most amazing thing is not that it happened, because it usually does, but that our area has two viable major league teams. For those of you just in from Mars, these would be the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Nationals. Both teams are presently blessed by the gods of the baseball diamond with what appear to be strong potentials for winning. We should enjoy it while it lasts.

Maryland is partitioned between the Baltimore (Bahlmer) region and the D.C. (Washington) region—the former roots for the Ravens and Orioles, and the latter roots for the Redskins and Nationals. I am in the latter tribe, so for the extent of this column, that's about it for Baltimore.

What is different about this spring in our area is that the game of baseball has actually penetrated our day-to-day psyche. This is the result of a recent phenomenon called Winning. If you are a D.C. sports fan, generally this is something associated with our opponents, not with our teams, but this year it looks like the Nationals will do very well. In fact, several respected sporting publications consider the Nationals to be the team most likely to not only reach the World Series, but to win it. Notwithstanding the fact that predictions about such things are invariably wrong, this is invigorating. We are walking tall, even taller than New York Mets fans, or even New York Yankees fans, and—dare I say it?—even taller than fans of the execrable Philadelphia Phillies.

Nats baseball has so infected our collective attention that all around you see Nats gear, Nats games playing on restaurant TVs, and people talking about

baseball in general and the Nats in particular. While Nats baseball would previously get a mention here and there on the local television news, it was frequently an afterthought—an unenthusiastic report of the score, maybe with a highlight or two.. The radio was even worse. On local sports talk radio, and even on the local station that carries the games, discussions of baseball and the Nats were grudgingly pursued in short bursts, primarily by people with little knowledge of or interest in the game. While the latter is still all too often true, reporters knowledgeable about the game are getting more airtime.

Even with all this attention, however, the Washington Redskins football team is still number one in the hearts and minds of the Washington fan. The Redskins don't have to depend on winning to remain popular, they're just the Redskins. This is not a complaint; I'm a 'skins fan, too, and that is just the way it is. A report on Robert Griffin III's knee will still bump out any other sports story in an instant. In fact, if RG3 suffers a medical setback, a report of the North Koreans massing troops on their southern border would probably be bumped to "and in other news..." This will not change anytime soon.

However, let us not forget how it draws us all together when a local sports team goes all the way. Baltimore Ravens fans are still in the glow of a recent championship, but Washington fans need to be a little older to recall that sensation. If you are old enough to remember the last Redskins championship, then you know what I mean. If you're old enough to remember the last Washington professional basketball championship in 1978, then you also know what I mean. If you're old enough to remember the last professional baseball championship in 1924, then more power to you.

The best way to enjoy the

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Rande(m) Thoughts

to speak up.

All this came to mind recently because some rather harsh political opinions have been thrown out to the public on Facebook lately. One was a proclamation that we live in a cancer cluster due to the cell phone antennas on our water tower. The concern about a cancer cluster was raised a while back relating to our water supply. While nothing will assuage everyone, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of the Environment did a study and gave the town a clear bill of health—one that still stands today.

As to cell phone towers, which nearly everyone during simple travel has to pass under or near scores of times on a regular basis, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has put out its opinion. It's my opinion that their opinion falls under the category of "thoughtful opin-

Thoughtful Opinion versus Alarmist Opinion

I had a teacher once who requested of the class, "As an American, if you are against someone expressing his opinion, please raise your hand." The good news is no hands were raised, but he did not drop the subject right there. Instead, we had a lively discussion about thoughtful opinion versus alarmist opinions. In an academic exercise, various examples of opinions were analyzed to see if they fell under "thoughtful" or "alarmist." While the proposition of having the right to an opinion underwent some serious challenges, in the end, the students still believed in one's right

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Local News

Small Town— Big Flea

Get ready for a treasure hunt and to make some extra cash or to just clear out some of your unwanted, useable items. Poolesville will once again host the Big Flea on April 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Whalen Commons. The town expects more than forty vendors to participate. Last year, vendors came from as far as Silver Spring to sell vintage furniture, while families in town cleaned out basements and attics and provided a wide variety of items. As one vendor said, "It's a great way to recycle and repurpose. My kids have outgrown some of this sports equipment that another family may want at an inexpensive price." Other vendors sold handmade jewelry, toys, and household items.

New this year, Hands of Love will have a trailer on site to collect any unsold items that vendors do not want to take back home. They will be accepting household items, clothes, toys, etc. Come hungry, as Poole's Store will be onsite selling breakfast and lunch. The Big Flea was the brainchild of Jan Schultz, co-owner of Finders Keepers, while she was a member of the Poolesville Community and Economic Development Committee, so people could experience the charm of our wonderful town. Vendor registration forms are available at www.poolesville.com or can be picked up at Town Hall or the Finders Keepers shop in Poolesville. Booth fees (10 x 12) are \$20.00 per space. Each registrant must bring his own tables, chairs, tent, signage, and change.



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In the Garden

A Garden for a Butterfly

By Maureen O'Connell

If you are looking for a new garden project for yourself or your children, consider planting a butterfly garden. While it is educational and fun for young children, you will also be helping to maintain our planet's biodiversity. Honeybees and bumblebees are probably the best-known pollinators, but the beautiful butterfly also plays a part in bringing about seed and fruit production. It is found on every continent except Antarctica. Bees continue to be in the news with their drastic decline, Colony Collapse Disorder; scientists have yet to arrive at a definitive cause, but it is increasing worldwide. For the past decade, butterflies have also been in a decline for a variety of causes. As more and more of our open and wooded lands are

taken over to build roads, shopping malls, and housing developments, butterflies lose their natural habitats. The widespread use of pesticides and genetically-modified (GM) crops also endangers them. Butterflies, with their high fragility to ecological change, are a reliable indicator of an ecosystem's condition.

The beautiful monarch butterfly has been the subject of research in the past decade as this species has suffered a dramatic population decline. This butterfly is the only one of its kind to make one of the world's great migrations, traveling over 3,000 miles each fall to Mexico. On March 13, *The New York Times* reported, "The number of monarch butterflies that completed an annual migration to their winter home in a Mexican forest sank this year to its lowest level in at least two decades, due mostly to extreme weather and changed farming practices in North America...The American Midwest's corn belt

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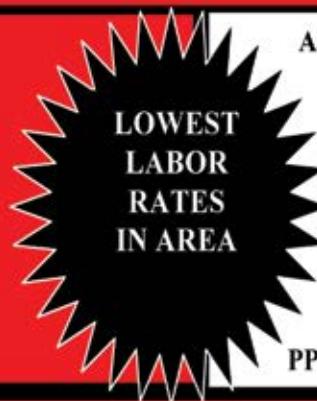
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April 18	Wesmond Subdivision
April 19	Seneca Chase, Sumner Ridge

FROM AUTHOR MARY ANN POWELL

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Planning

County Council Continues to Contemplate Clarksburg

By Kristen Milton

Progressing toward an amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan that could redraw the community, the Montgomery County Planning Board wrestled on March 14 with how to balance expectations of residents and investors with environmental responsibility and economic realities.

In October, the County Council requested a Limited Master Plan Amendment to better protect Ten Mile Creek and subsequently provided \$250,000 in supplemental funding to pay for new environmental and traffic studies. The results of some of those studies were presented to the planning board on March 14 in a work session that stretched over three hours. According to the 194-page report presented at the meeting, Ten Mile Creek remains healthy and high-quality but has shown evidence of declining habitat conditions since 2007 due to increasing development in the Clarksburg area. "What constitutes an acceptable level of stream quality decline?" asked Valdis Lazdins, chief planner for the area. "Can you go from 'excellent' to 'good'? Is that okay?"

The answer to that question may determine whether Clarksburg ultimately appears in the form presented in its current Master Plan, approved in 1994, or in some new version, illustrated in scenarios from Lazdins that included reassessing the planned MD-355 bypass, relocating the community's fire station, or reforesting county-owned land.

Board member Norman Dreyfuss said he found the amendment process "disturbing," calling it "a little bit flip-flopping" to change the master plan in the absence of any major change to

the watershed's character. Chairman Françoise Carrier, however, said the reconsideration was built into the plan's phasing. "People were on notice that Phase 4 was a maybe."

The 1994 Master Plan laid out a four-stage development process requiring specific criteria to be met at each stage. Triggers allowing development to advance to Stage 4 were met in 2008, but work was delayed by the water quality concerns resulting from development already underway.

The planning board's conflict has been reflected in the greater Clarksburg community. The County Council's decision to reexamine the master plan was hailed by county environmentalists and greeted with concern by invested developers and residents who fear a further delay in promised amenities. "You buy into a vision of what's in your master plan," observed board member Amy Presley, a Clarksburg resident.

Lazdins noted the competing concerns as he kicked off the amendment work session by summarizing wishes expressed in two heavily-attended public workshops in Clarksburg. These included improved walking possibilities and public transit, economically viable town centers, and measured residential growth. "This is a conflicted community in Clarksburg," Lazdins said.

Four different analyses of the 3,000-acre study area, including studies of impervious surface and pollutant loads, were presented in the March 14 work session. The studies anticipated build-out as presented in the 1994 Master Plan as well as some varying scenarios. There are approximately twenty-two miles of springs in the area. The staff report said build-out would result in the loss of sixty acres of forest and was likely to alter stream chemistry in multiple ways.

Ten Mile Creek feeds Little

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Tidbits

Blue Nights, Blue Knights

Maybe you have noticed homes and businesses lit up with blue lights starting around April 1. This is no April Fool's Day prank but rather is part of Autism Speaks's Light It Up Blue campaign to raise awareness of autism and issues surrounding this developmental disability.

Light It Up Blue is a sanctioned commemoration program by the United Nations and is a global initiative that will have many iconic landmarks, hotels, sports venues, concert halls, and many other public and private facilities illuminated in a shroud of blue to kick off Autism Awareness Month. If you want to be a blue knight in shining armor, you may want to light up your house and register with www.lightitupblue.org and to make a contribution. Poolesville Hardware offers blue lights for those interested in joining the campaign.

Lady Falcons Stingy on Goals Allowed

Congratulations to the Poolesville Lady Falcons' soccer club on winning the championship in the U11 Division of the 2013 Cherry Blossom Tournament at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Boyds. The girls played outstandingly well throughout the tournament, finishing undefeated. They gave up only one goal the entire tournament.

Hey Buddy, Can You Spare Some Time?

May is right around the corner, and the John Poole House and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum are hoping to set regular hours of operation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. There is only one small problem. First, they do not have enough funds to pay for hosts/doctors to be in the facility to monitor visitors and, at this point, they do not have enough volunteers. The goal of the Historic Medley District (HMD) is to establish a team of twenty volunteers to

share this duty (honor?). That way no one has to serve more than every other month for two hours, and there would be a small group of substitutes ready to step in when a regular has plans changed at the last minute.

This is an easy and interesting way to contribute to the betterment of the community. For high school students, it is a great way to accumulate some SSL hours. Middle school students can volunteer, as well, but will need to be accompanied by an adult. John Poole and his wife Priscilla try to be there as often as they can, but a team of dedicated

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Youth Sports

Falcons Softball Starts Hot Despite the Cold

By Jeff Stuart

"We have an experienced team and expectations are high," said Head Softball Coach Laurie Wohnhas, looking ahead to the start of the season. "Our goal this year is that we want to repeat as 3A/2A Division champs, and win the 2A region. Leading the team will be shortstop Kelsey Carnahan, catcher Morgan Howard, third baseman/outfielder Kelly Hughes, centerfielder Julia Duncan, second baseman Alexa Raines, outfielder Essence Scott, first baseman Sarah Beatz, and pitcher Jennifer Haller. All are seniors."

Last season, Poolesville's softball team lost four of its first five games, including a loss in its home opener to Whitman and a subsequent loss to Richard Montgomery, away; nonetheless, the Falcons rallied to finish the season with an 8-7 mark and a 3A/2A Division championship. In what may have been the coldest

start to the season in many years, the Falcons opened this season on a brighter note by avenging those two early season losses last year, beating Whitman, away, 12-3, on March 21, and RM at home the next day, 7-2. Duncan hit a three-run homer and Howard hit a two-run blast in the win over Whitman. Haller started and struck out three. Junior pitcher Madison Lamanna struck out two in relief.

Lamanna pitched a complete game in the victory in the home opener against RM. She struck out eleven, giving up just three hits. Madison got valuable experience last season with senior Patty Murray out with an injury. The Falcons trailed, 2-0, early, but Duncan singled, doubled, and scored two runs, matching the RM offensive output. Carnahan had two singles and one run batted in (RBI).

"Juniors Kathryn Fleming, Raven Matthews, and Katie Truppo, newcomers from JV squad last year will see playing time as outfielders and infielders," said Wohnhas. "All have good speed as base runners. Sophomore Alexa Vergelli, also up from the JV, will see playing time at first and the outfield."

In her first varsity game, the home opener against RM, Fleming was the coach's Player of the

Game, making a great catch on a long fly ball and starting a big rally by getting hit by a pitch.

Speed on offense and defense is a key element to the Falcons' success. If the Falcons win the division once again, it will be their fifth straight title.

Howard, Scott, and Carnahan led the team in RBIs last season. Scott led the team with a .518 batting average with Howard second at .354, Carnahan at .321, and Duncan at .300. Haller won six games and Lamanna two.

In the playoffs, the tenth-

seeded Falcons outlasted the seventh seed, Winters Mill, 10-8, in the opening round. They lost a heartbreaker, 3-2, to second-seeded Liberty in the second round.

Carnahan earned second team All-Gazette honors last season.

The Falcons, ranked fifth in the county by the *Gazette*, play at third-ranked Blair on April 13, at home against fourth-ranked Northwest on April 27, and at second-ranked Damascus on April 29.



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ion." If hearing the charge about Poolesville being a cancer cluster due to the cell phone antennas has you concerned, you may want to start by visiting the ACS website (cancer.org). If you want to express your opinion on my opinion, we will post this commentary on monocleonline.com. You can fire back right there and then. Just try to be a bit thoughtful.

long baseball season with a team that could go all the way is by assuming a baseball mentality. Our Redskins devotion infuses us with football instincts.. In football, losing is like death. In baseball, the season is long, and everyone loses a lot of games, even the good teams—so chill out a little. Losing hurts, but your mantra should be "we'll get 'em tomorrow." Don't get all keyed up: Relax and get ready for the next one. There is always a next one, until there isn't, but by then, RG3 will probably be back.

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Local News

Behrend Departs Parks Board

Kurt Behrend is about to do something he hasn't done much on Wednesday evenings for the past twenty years: He's going to watch some TV. Well, maybe not TV, but as a dedicated volunteer for two decades on Poolesville's parks board, which usually meets on that day, when Wednesday comes around, his wife will think it strange to have him home. His latest term expired in April, and he decided it was time to take a rest. He has been there through the development of most of the beautiful town parks and played a leading role in the development of Whalen Commons. Current Parks Board chair, Doug McKenney, said, "After over twenty years of dedicated volunteerism to the Town of Poolesville, Kurt Behrend decided not to seek reappointment to the Poolesville

Board of Parks, Recreation, and Streets. During his service, he was an instrumental part of the improvements to the park system, including Whalen Commons, the four-quadrant park system, and Dillingham Park, to name a few. His input, historical knowledge, and overall contributions will certainly be missed."

Commission president Jim Brown also served with Kurt on the Parks Board and said, "His knowledge of how the town works, in addition to his ability to interpret the changing needs of our residents, was critical to the town's long term vitality. He was an ardent defender of our vaunted small town atmosphere while keeping an open mind about the big picture. His dedication and historical knowledge will be tough to replace."

So, relax, Kurt—and if you are looking for a nice park in which to enjoy yourself, something tells us you know where to find it.



Town Parks Board Chair Doug McKenney (right) thanks Kurt Behrend for his more-than twenty years of service on the board.

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is a critical feeding ground for monarchs, which once found a ready source of milkweed growing between the rows of millions of acres of soybean and corn, but the ubiquitous use of herbicide-tolerant crops has enabled farmers to wipe out the milkweed and, with it, much of the butterflies' food supply." It is the sole food for butterflies' caterpillar stage. "That habitat is virtually gone." This starts a vicious circle; with the exploding world population, there is more and more demand for food crops which require the application of herbicides and pesticides, increasing the demand for GM crops.

A marvelous and mysterious point of the monarchs is their ability to survive the poisons contained in the common milkweed plant. It is deadly if eaten by any of their wannabe predators. The monarch's tissues are not harmed by the plant's chemical, which normally affects the nervous system. Very often we see this highly-invasive plant in roadside ditches and weedy areas. Talk about a great impersonator: Meet the viceroy butterfly. He is as ingenious as he is beautiful. He is similar in looks to the monarch, so possible predators steer clear of him, thinking he is a monarch and thus distasteful or poisonous. His impersonation keeps him safe, even though his diet is not milkweed.

What can you do to help, if only in a small way? Plant a

butterfly garden. You can increase the number and variety of butterflies in your garden by doing a few simple things. First, provide nectar plants for adult butterflies and host plants for the caterpillars. You should do some research to find out what kinds of butterflies are common in our area. Brookside Gardens in Wheaton is a good resource for information. Its "Wings of Fancy" exhibit is wonderful; it is in several very warm and humid (don't visit on one of our Washington summer days) greenhouses with butterflies everywhere. Children love it. It is open May 4 through September 22, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Second, select a sunny sheltered spot with access to a birdbath for water, and a few flat, small rocks for sunning. You can buy a butterfly house, but I have one, and no one seems to like it. I guess they don't like its location. Butterflies are perching feeders; they prefer brightly-colored flowers with a landing platform. They gather pollen as they walk around the flower clusters on their long, thin legs.

Butterfly host plants serve two important purposes: a site to lay eggs and a food source for the emerging caterpillar. They can be very heavy eaters, but, don't worry, they usually don't eat enough to harm the plant. Caterpillars cannot travel too far to find their own food, so locate the host plants near the butterfly nectar plants. Some examples of host plants for several butterfly varieties are: dill, parsley, carrot, snapdragons, mallow, hollyhock, willow, broccoli, cabbage,

sunflowers, milkweed, spice bush, and apple. Butterfly nectar plant choices include: butterfly bush, heliotrope, Joe-Pye Weed, oriental lilies, daylilies, verbena, milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Aster 'Monch,' Coreopsis 'Zagreb,' Phlox 'David,' purple coneflower, *Liatris 'Kobold'*, Sedum 'Autumn Joy,' cosmos, and marigold.

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Remembrances

Una Harner



Mrs. Una Fitzwater Harner, 84, formerly of Boyds, passed quietly on April 2, 2013, surrounded by family at her home in Frederick, Maryland. She was the wife of the late Charles Melvin Harner. Born June 13, 1928 in Goshen, Maryland, she was the daughter

of the late Russell and Beulah Fitzwater. Una graduated from Poolesville High School in 1946. After twenty-six years of service, she retired as Postmaster of Boyds Post Office in 1991. She was a charter member of Greenridge Baptist Church in Clarksburg. She loved her flower gardens, and watching the Redskins' and Nationals' games. Her interests included crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and being with her family. She is survived by her seven children, Charles Melvin Harner, Jr. and wife Hany of Boyds, Kathie Robinson of Salisbury, Dinah Wynne and husband Eddie of Adamstown, Terry Harner of Boyds, Robin Roberson and husband Larry of Adamstown, Amanda Bodmer and husband Mike of West Virginia, and Melissa Harner of Frederick; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Freed of Germantown,

and Curry Harding of Indiana; and brothers David of Virginia, and Dennis of Poolesville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to World Vision or the American Heart Association.

Carol Johnson



Carol Therese Johnson

Carol Johnson, the wife of former Poolesville Commissioner Roy Johnson, passed away on April 7.

She was born and raised in New York, and wherever life took her, she always considered herself to be a New Yorker, and never lost her New York accent. She and Roy were married for forty-seven years, and they shared many travel experiences together. Roy's work took them to Canada, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Italy, England, Norway, Denmark, Japan, and Korea. She had many friends all over the world.

Jean Carolyn White

Jean Carolyn White, of Dickerson, went to be with her Lord on March 23, 2013. She was the wife of the late Herbert E. White. Born on December 1, 1928 in San Mateo, California, she was the daughter of the late Melvin and Lelah Buster.

Jean enjoyed gardening, rug hooking, and nature. She loved to stay at the cabin in West Virginia that the family built in the 1970s. When her children got older, Jean was able to put her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine she earned from the University of Pennsylvania to work.

Surviving are her five children, James (Stephanie) of Upper Marlboro, Stephen (Onor) of Hayward, California, Henry Theodore of Poolesville, Mary Ann Clem (Wesley) of Poolesville, and John (Karen) of Oakland, California; five grandchildren, Tabitha, Tiffany, Rachel, Clarissa, and Herbie; and one great grandson, Nathan.

As part of the celebration of life at Carol's funeral, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung. Carol bravely, and with a strong faith in God, carried the burden of physical pain for many years, making this song particularly reflective of her courage and love of God. Father David Brault, who was the parish priest at the founding of Our Lady of the Presentation, recalled Carol's contributions and dedication in those beginning years.

Carol also was a strong lover of animals and made charitable contributions to numerous animal support organizations. She was especially passionate about the Defenders of Wildlife (hence the collection of more than one hundred wolf plates adorning the walls of her family room, which she called the Wolf Den). Also, in memory of her support of the ASPCA, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations to the ASPCA would be appreciated.

Carol is survived by one daughter, Valerie Choinski and husband Bill; three sons, Christopher, Andrew, and Brian; one grandson, Connor Choinski; and two sisters-in-law, Patricia McDermott and Angelina Johnson.

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

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April 13, 1924 The monthly meeting of the Barnesville Community League was held at the public school building. Recitations were given by Miss Darby and Miss Wood. Wilson Ward spoke on fire protection and the Washington Grove band provided entertainment.

April 15, 1923 The annual oratorical contest was held at the school building at Rockville. A boy and a girl from Dickerson High, Poolesville, Gaithersburg,

Damascus, and other county schools participated. Irving Fick of Dickerson placed fourth while Charles Elgin of Poolesville was also in the top five finalists. The winner, Stonestreet Lamar of Rockville High, spoke on "The Speech of the Hungarian Patriot Louis Kossuth at Plymouth Rock".

April 23, 1922 The cold snap of the previous night caught many fruit trees in full bloom and it was feared that the peaches, apricots, and plum trees may have been dealt a serious damage.

April 26, 1924 A well-attended debate was held at the Poolesville school building. The topic was, "That Brains are of greater influence in the world than Beauty". Arguing for the affirmative was Thomas Hall, Jr. while Miss Georgie Huff argued in the negative.

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Cugini's Entertainment Night

JB Dunn and the second band ramblers. 8:30 p.m.

April 14

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

This is the first of a nine-week program sponsored by Memorial United Methodist Church on financial guidance. 2:00 p.m.

Presentation of the Monocacy Cemetery Project

Mr. Glenn Wallace has voluntarily documented the gravesites of the 5000-plus persons buried at Monocacy Cemetery, and his work is visible online at www.monocacycemetery.com. His research lists the deceased's lot number,

picture of gravesite, and in many instances the bio and picture of the person. He has developed an enthralling lecture on his six-and-a-half-year labor of love. Whether you have a relationship connection to the cemetery or are just a local history buff, you will not want to miss his fascinating talk. Space is limited. The Old Town Hall Bank Museum. 4:00 p.m.

April 15

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Public hearing on FY14 Budget. Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 15 to 19

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April 16

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April 18 to April 20

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Thursday, April 26, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

April 19

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Martha Capone Band. 8:30 p.m.

April 20

2nd Annual Poolesville Big Flea Market

With over forty area-wide vendors of used items, there will be treasures galore to find. Food available. Whalen Commons, Poolesville. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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April 21

PACC Round Table

A discussion with members and businesses on ways to improve economic conditions for area busi-

nesses. Open to all. Old Town Hall Bank Museum. 7:00 p.m.

April 24

Poolesville Green Seminar on Designing Landscapes for Energy Efficiency

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Poolesville Community Garden

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Past Crime

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at passing trains. In the past, the police had identified youngsters and let them go with a stern warning. Judge Frank Proctor of the Juvenile Court said that in the future, any juvenile caught interfering with the railroad would be brought to his court.

April 19, 1944 An alert Montgomery County police officer was credited with the capture of two escapees from the Maryland House of Correction. Captain Leroy Snyder was on his way home when he spotted two young men dressed in dungarees walking on the Rockville Pike. The police had received a lookout for men dressed the same. Snyder placed them in his own car and drove them to the police station where they admitted that they were the escapees. They told Snyder that they were on their way to West Virginia.

April 19, 1944 The case of the Lipstick Bandits reached a preliminary hearing at the Bethesda Police Court. A man and woman

who had been arrested for the robbery of Whittelsey's Drug Store appeared in court. The case was so branded because a detective had found a note with a hotel room number written in lipstick lying on the floor of the drug store after the robbery.

April 20, 1946 The Morris Haumann Carnival Show was closed by the Montgomery County Police. The show that had been operating at the Kensington fairground was shut down after the police received numerous complaints of rigged games and customers not receiving prizes after winning. In addition, there was a large fight among carnival employees.

April 25, 1944 A fourteen-year-old Potomac boy was being held after beating a three-year-old boy over the head. The boy had been on leave from the Rosewood State Training School because of overcrowding at the

juvenile facility at Rockville.

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This April marks St. Mary's Parish and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima's fifth anniversary of their mission work in Carcasse, Haiti. Construction of a rectory and administrative offices for St. Joseph's Parish and School are underway with hopes that they will be completed later this summer. St. Mary's, along with their partners, continue to support a school, medical clinic, adult education, micro finance, and a fair trade coffee association in Carcasse. The coffee association has started two coffee nurseries with 30,000 seedlings under production. The free trade model not only pays growers a fair price for their coffee but also returns all profits, after transportation, roasting, and marketing, back to

the growers.

To celebrate this milestone, to raise more awareness of the mission, and to hopefully raise donations for the cause, the church is holding a festival on April 20 with a wonderful Caribbean meal, and silent and live auctions. Kim Lamberty, President of Just Haiti, will be the guest speaker. Kim has been developing and managing faith-based justice, peace, cross-cultural, and community service programs for nearly twenty years. She is currently senior program advisor at Catholic Relief Services' Haiti Partnership Unit, based in Baltimore. She is also a founder of Just Haiti, a fair trade coffee exporter that works with rural, coffee-producing communities in Haiti to build economic independence and social justice.

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School News

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Winners

Poolesville High School had a great showing at the Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium program which has been an annual event since 1958. PHS had two winners and two finalists. Anand Patel took first place in the poster presentation category while Ying Ngo took fourth place in the oral presentations. Patel's area of study was: Searching for Transverse Wave Instabilities in the Maryland Centrifugal Experiment. Ngo's

topic was: Potential Therapeutic Delivery System Using the Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV) with an Attached Cell-Penetrating Peptide Tag. Mahad Ahmad and Stephanie Zhang were finalists.

The annual national symposium brings together 240 high school students, their teachers, university faculty, and other educators and scientists. The Academy of Applied Science, a nonprofit educational organization in Concord, New Hampshire, administers the National JSHS Program.

Montgomery County History Day Winners

Congratulations to Alivia Atkins, Antonnia Atkins, Aidan Auel, Alec De Luna, Julia Fisher, Kaley Fisher, and Danny Geehring, who represented John Poole Middle School in Montgomery County History Day on Saturday March 16. All did wonderful jobs presenting their very creative History Day projects.

Special congratulations go to Alivia Atkins for her exhibit, "Power of Education," about desegregation in

schools, which won the special prize in Local History, and to Aidan Auel, Alec De Luna, and Danny Geehring for their exhibit, "Power of Ancient Roman Weapons," which won the special prize in archaeology and will be advancing to the state competition.



Stephanie Zhang, Anand Patel, Ying Ngo, and Mohammed Ahmad.

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funding the FY 2013–2014 Budget, hiring more teachers to reduce class sizes, increasing student involvement in policy decisions, closing the achievement gap with real and lasting solutions, prioritizing Capital Improvements and School Modernization.

Kim is the vice president of PHS's student government, has served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Montgomery Regional Student Government Association, the Director of Events for current SMOB Alan Xie, and member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council's Executive Board.

On a more personal level, he has been a volunteer at Shady

Grove Adventist Hospital and as a teacher of elementary students at Bethany Presbyterian Church. For two summers, he participated in summer programs providing food and other necessities in an impoverished region of Philadelphia.

Andrew Zhang states on his Facebook that as an MCPS student for nine years, he understands the problems the county faces and hopes to work together with other students to fix them and promises to work hard to solve the problems.

His top policy issues are: being against standardized testing, bridging the gap between middle schoolers and high schoolers,

open lunch, more flexibility in determining courses and schedules, increased funding for magnet programs and magnet school busing, changes in the Teacher Evaluation System, SMOB voting rights on budget issues, and the energy conservation movement.

The BOE student member can vote on all issues that come before the board with the exception of capital and operating budgets, and collective bargaining and school boundary decisions. The SMOB position is unpaid, but he or she receives social studies credit, a minimum of 250 hours of Student Service Learning hours, and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

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April 27, 1925 Poolesville High School announced that the following students would graduate. Alice Darby, Florence Fyffe, Margaret Grubb, Matilda Fox, Emma Haller, Georgie Hough, Helen Willard, Boyd Brooks, Reno Darby, John Elgin, and Thomas Hall Jr.

April 27, 1925 The Poolesville Woman's Club elected Mrs. A. E. Mann as president.

April 30, 1922 Plans were announced to start a new Veterans of Foreign Wars Post at Poolesville. Archer Clothier and Charles Bodmer were in charge.

April 30, 1925 The first of

a series of warmup games was scheduled to be played. Glen Echo took on a team composed of players from Boyds, Bethesda, and Dickerson. At the same time the board of directors of the Montgomery County Baseball League announced that they would go forward with only six teams. Washington Grove had dropped out of the league.

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"Coach of the Year"
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know the players out of the way, the other concern most new coaches have is finding a way to build cohesion in the team. Again, his experience working with these boys for many years resolved that issue, and he was able to focus on building an offensive strategy that plays off the strengths of the team. He knew he could "build a five-man offense—five ball handlers, five passers, and five shooters—designing an offense that gave all the players a chance to be part of the scoring, unlike other teams that rely on just one or two standouts."

Another key to success according to Kramek came from the board play of Trevor Stottlemyer, who was outstanding, "getting rebounds and giving the team second chances in shots, and his exceptional effort was an extremely important part of the success of this team." Another standout was junior Collin

Turner. "He really came into his own, building his confidence as the season progressed."

Kramek played three sports in high school: baseball (centerfield), golf, and basketball (a sort of light forward). He didn't get to play at the University of Maryland, where he graduated with a degree in finance, but the sports world seemed to cling to him as he took a job after graduation with Head First Sports. His passions and interests moved him to pursue his teacher certification. Today, he teaches math at Hadley Farms Elementary in Gaithersburg. From there, he became JV coach at Clarksburg High School, then at PHS. When Lang decided to step down as head coach, recommending Kramek as his replacement, his opportunity to sit on the PHS basketball bench as its head coach was like a dream come true.

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Seneca Creek and the Little Seneca Reservoir, which are part of the county's water supply. Carrier called an aerial photo of Little Seneca Lake that showed a browner, muddier color in the arm nearest developed Germantown and Clarksburg "very dramatic."

At one point in the March 14 work session, board member Casey Anderson asked a staffer his hypothetical position on the percentage of single family homes that should have been approved for the area – a request that triggered Presley to argue that such a hypothetical was problematic.

"We've got at least half of what was envisioned on the ground, so when you start to think about revising, you don't have a clean slate," Presley said. "If the county wants to raze the whole area, pay everybody to move out, and label it rural, then we could have a clean slate, but we don't, so I'm not suggesting

we be ignorant about looking for potential alternatives ...but you don't have the benefit of having a clean slate."

Carrier said the task would be difficult, but the board would continue to gather information in hopes of making new recommendations. A new set of studies, including a traffic analysis, is expected for presentation in April. Lazdins further said he hoped to have a draft amendment by May with a public hearing in June and a final version forwarded to the County Council for approval in October.

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