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Find out why WUMCO's Jane Stearns is smiling in Business Briefs on page 3.



PACC held its first monthly breakfast meeting. Read more about in Focus on Business on page 22.



Potomac twins Ben and Elizabeth Safford won the Culligan guess-the-candy contest at Poolesville Day. More pictures of other events are in the Family Album on page 2.

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

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## Comptroller Franchot Visits Poolesville, Extols Importance of Fiscal Values

By Rande Davis

Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot came to Poolesville on October 7 to have lunch and conversation with members of the region's business community in one of a number of planned business sector visits throughout the state. Hilary Schwab, as president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, greeted him and introduced the attending business people who had accepted the PACC's invitation to the meeting: Tom Kettler of Brightwell Crossing; Barbie Stull, owner of Cugini's (who hosted the luncheon); Theresa Daly of Vanity Fair Wedding and Special Event Planning; Marshal Michaels of Corporate Network Services; farmer Eric Spates; Sarah Blackburn of Blackburn Associates CPA;

and Bernie Mihm of Fine Earth Landscapes. To provide Franchot with background on the local business economy, Schwab presented him with the PACC directory and its tourism map of the area. Franchot went from individual to individual asking about their background, business, and concerns, and then shared his thoughts on Maryland's economic and taxation issues.

Mr. Franchot, a former twenty-two-year state legislator from Montgomery County, noted that he has become much more moderate, even conservative, based on his position as comptroller, a position where he has to "write the checks." He decided to seek re-election



PACC members Tom Kettler, Bernie Mihm, Theresa Daly, Hilary Schwab, Barbie Stull, and Sarah Blackburn joined Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot (third from right) for a lunch discussion on the economy.

rather than run for governor, and noted that Maryland is only one of a handful of states that have an independently-elected state comptroller.

Franchot, in describing the Maryland economy as sluggish and weak, called on other state agencies to join what he calls—and says he founded—the two percent club. He informed the group that the name comes from his voluntarily reducing his department's budget by two

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## 2013 PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inducted

In 2012, the Poolesville High School Athletic Department, in partnership with the school Athletic Boosters, established a Poolesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The second class of inductees includes fourteen individuals and one state championship team.

These inductees are honored with plaques displaying their likenesses on the Hall of Fame Wall in the physical education/athletics hallway of the school.

The newly-inducted members of the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame are:

Louis Naylor: A 1962 graduate, he earned varsity letters in basketball, baseball, and track. Louis was a member of both the 1962 and 1963 boys' basketball state championship teams.

Leonard Ramey: As a



Attending members of the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame at the induction ceremony September 20.

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# Family Album



These kindergarten students held their first reunion of the Goddard King Farm preschool at Lewis Orchard's pumpkin chunkin' event.



At the MUMC Lord's Acre Festival, Josh Borman high-fives his daughter Kate for getting a strike while siblings Jack and Lauren cheer.



The Blue Ribbon Week anti-bullying program at JPMS included students dressing up funny for Wacky Wednesday.



John Poole Middle students came in force to ask for funds to help build a weather bug at the school.



Blue Ribbon Week at JPMS was devoted to an anti-bullying message as demonstrated on a student's t-shirt.

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# Correction

**Correction:** The Monocle would like to acknowledge and express its appreciation to Heather Soskin Photography for the use of the picture showing the vigil for Roy Selby on the front page of the September 27 issue.

# Business Briefs

## Kettler Forlines Homes Goes Hog Wild for WUMCO

Kettler Forlines Homes at Brightwell Crossing recently donated a processed 242-pound Yorkshire hog to the food pantry at their local social service organization, Western Upper Montgomery County Help, Inc. (WUMCO).

The hog was purchased from Hannah Leibrand, a thirteen-year-old 4-H member from Dickerson at the 2013 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair as part of the Annual 4-H Livestock Auction. Kettler Forlines Homes donated the meat to WUMCO, Inc. in memory of Roy Selby, Jr., who represented the local embodiment of community service. Roy lost his battle with cancer on September 14, 2013.

Tom Kettler, vice president and co-owner of Kettler Forlines Homes, personally delivered the meat to Ms. Stearns. Mr. Kettler said he is delighted to continue his company's tradition of giving back to the Poolesville communi-

ty. "We see this as a win-win-win situation. We are able to support the local 4-H members, WUMCO and its mission of serving the community, while recognizing a true local hero, Roy Selby, who will be greatly missed."

## Poolesville Nails Has New Owner



Poolesville Nail's Hannah Pham.

Welcome to Hannah Pham as the new owner of Poolesville Nails located in Poolesville Plaza (near CVS Pharmacy). Hannah, who has a business degree from the University of Maryland, was licensed in 1996. This new entrepreneurial venture for her is natu-

ral as her family has been in the nail care business for many years in other locations. Some of the new things she is offering include massage and waxing, and she also is pleased to announce that the store will be open on Sundays.

She and her husband Duy Ngo reside in Rockville, and she is excited about joining the Poolesville community through her business. She plans to rejuvenate the store's appearance and assures us with a very warm smile, "The customer will see better service at the same prices."

**Welcome to the Newcomers in Town**

We are pleased

to introduce two new people in our government service sector.

First is Postmaster Debbie Weber. Debbie first came to Poolesville last October and became postmaster just this past September. She has been with the United States Postal Service for twenty-three years.

The Poolesville Library has a new head librarian, Annie Dash. Annie is new to the Montgomery County Library System, having joined it just seven weeks ago. Previously, she was with the NASA-Goddard Library and also the NASA Center for Outreach, handling aerospace information reference services. This Howard



Poolesville's new librarian: Annie Dash.



Poolesville's postmaster: Debbie Weber.

County native got her master's degree in library sciences from the University of Maryland. Be sure to welcome both Annie and Debbie next time you visit their facilities.



Brightwell Crossing's Tom Kettler.

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**Commentary**

**The New World Of October 1**

By John Clayton

October 1 marked the implementation of a number of new laws in Maryland. No, I'm not referring to the restrictions on gun purchases—the less said about that the better. I assume that anyone who wanted one of the banned firearms—and could afford it—placed his or her order by September 30.

The new passenger car laws are the ones that will affect us the most. Talking on cellphones while driving has been illegal for some time, but you could only be cited if you were pulled over for some other violation. Now, if you are seen engaging a handheld cellphone while driving, you can be pulled over for that very violation, and you will be subject to an escalating menu of fines for each offense. This law differs from the law against texting because you can talk on your cellphone while stopped. You cannot text or even read texts anytime, even while stopped at a red light. This worries me, and I think it makes enforcement pretty tough. Can I check Google Maps at a light? Can I read an email? Hey, that was my iPod I was checking, not a text message. If I can talk on the phone with a handheld while stopped at a red light, can I punch in a number to call, or is that texting? It's a complex world, and I can't believe the police are enjoying this part of it.

Admittedly, I don't think we should talk on the telephone while we're driving, although I conveniently and hypocritically forget this when my wife calls. I remain annoyed at drivers flying towards me on our high-speed two-lane Upcounty roads, cellphones to their ears and two wheels over the line, causing an immediate fight-or-flight adrenaline surge. It happens a lot, and it gets old. Another special peeve of mine is the person who chats on his phone while he backs out

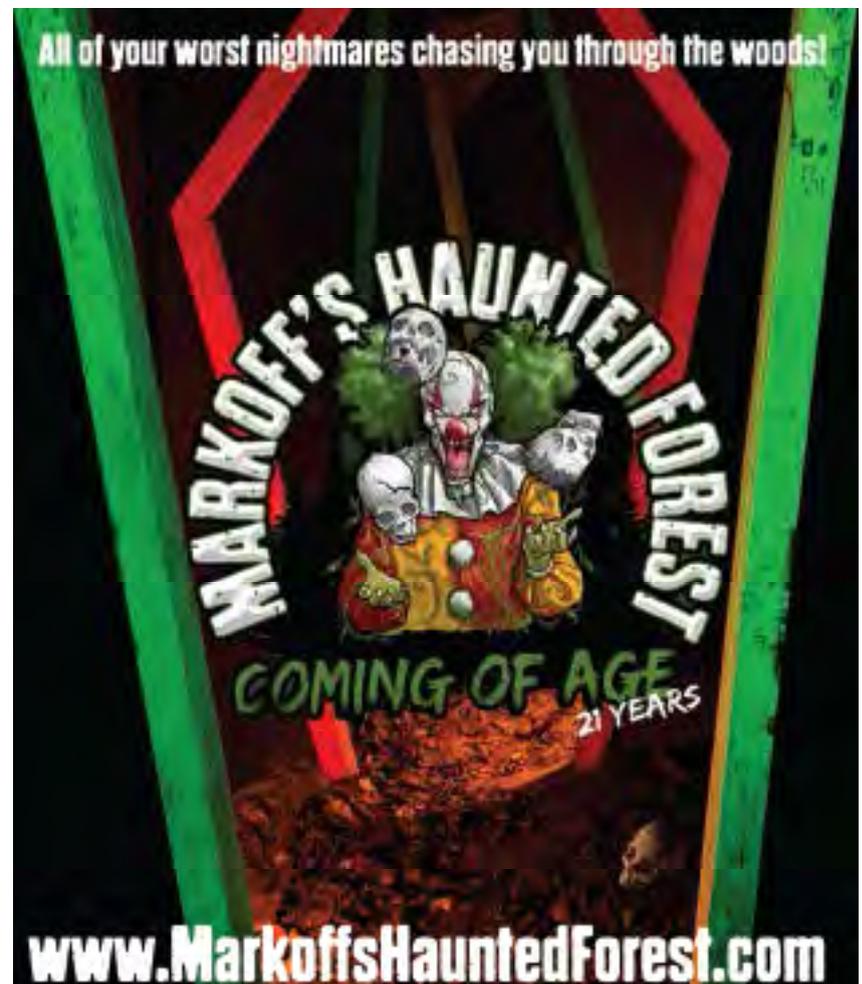
of a parking space in a parking lot chock full of other cars and pedestrians, and who then speeds off without ever missing a syllable. I'm not sure how many accidents it would take to justify my outrage.

Nevertheless, I admit to ambivalence about these laws, about whether it will really make a difference and whether the county police are really committed to spending their valuable time and highly-trained efforts on such pursuits. I also admit to some libertarian annoyance at the creeping nanny-state. I was sifting through websites reading about the new laws, and some wag, answering an inquiry on this topic, said, "You live in Maryland. Everything is against the law." I suspect that unless the state or county police plan to make a big enforcement splash, the cellphone law will become about as relevant as the fifty-five-miles-per-hour speed limit on Interstate 270, where the average speed, when it is moving at all, is about seventy-five miles-per-hour, exceeded only by the occasional police car hurtling down the HOV lane at about eighty-five; however, consider the Inter-County Connector, where the limit, recently raised to sixty miles-per-hour, is visibly enforced. I use the ICC occasionally, love it, and carefully set my cruise control to sixty-four or so and sail happily past at least one speeder getting a ticket on any given trip. That's the key: Will the law be made credible?

The seatbelt laws were also changed to require their use in the back seat by everybody including us adults. The state has already gone to a lot of effort and expense to make us comply with seatbelt laws: "Click it or Ticket." Perhaps some similar initiative will attack cellphone usage. Stuff it or rough it? Belay it or pay it? Hang up or pay up? (I'm not good at this.) The county police could also take a page from the Virginia State Police and its treatment of radar detectors. I remember driving on I-495 in the Commonwealth one day and seeing a

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## Town of Poolesville

### Town Government Report

By Rande Davis

The October 7 Poolesville town government meeting was a long night of visitors, administrative housekeeping, legal matters, and economic transactions.

#### Councilman Berliner Pays Visit to the Commissioners

Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner attended the meeting to hear about town concerns and to share a brief dialogue about matters important to the commissioners. Among some of the topics brought up were new school construction plans for the high school, the county intention to repair bridges on White's Ferry Road, the significance of farming in the Ag Reserve, Ride On bus service, and county assistance in economic development of the town in line with its geographic location.

Commissioner Halbrook wanted to make sure that Mr. Berliner was aware of the town's interest in leveraging agriculture as a way to help the local economy through, as an example, the use of a food hub to connect local produce farming with the food needs of schools, restaurants, etc. He also asked for the councilman's take on the Farming at Metro's Edge initiative. Mr. Berliner voiced support for the goals to advance farming and to find ways to bring a new, younger population of farmers into the agriculture industry.

Chuck Stump informed Mr. Berliner, who is chairman of the county transportation committee, that there is interest by the town in taking ownership of some county roads in the future. The goal of that initiative would be to give the town authority on traffic control issues relating to those roads.

Val Dickerson expressed her interest in increasing Ride On bus service hours during the mid-day period, explaining the need to help accommodate college students attending Montgomery College and especially high school students who otherwise have to

sit around until seven o'clock to get transportation down-county. Citing his chairmanship role with the county DOT committee, Berliner emphasized that expanded hours are a matter of the number of people who would benefit from the expanded service.

Commissioner Klobukowski stressed the need of commitment by the county council in support of new school construction in Poolesville, additional county safeguards to protect the Ag Reserve and the ability of farmers to succeed, and support of senior recreational services as seen in the Am Kolel Senior Citizen Gathering Place program. Klobukowski stressed that as our county representative, Mr. Berliner cannot allow any further slippage in the timing of construction of a new high school. Councilman Berliner stated the council's role in school construction matters as being limited to approving MCPS budgets and that "Poolesville High School is scheduled for 2022 and is third in line for a new school behind only Seneca Valley and Wootton." He said, "No school has moved ahead of Poolesville. It is also true that during lean years, there has been postponement of school construction.

Unless the town could verify that the criteria for determining the priorities of building new schools is fundamentally unfair to Poolesville, the county council has no way to effect a change in the building schedule."

Commission President Brown promoted the town's role as the guardians of the Ag Reserve and small town America and sought Mr. Berliner's understanding that support for our needs is more than a simple numbers game and that our uniqueness as a community requires the county council's realization of our exceptional importance to the county. Brown requested Mr. Berliner's pledge to do everything in his power to make sure there is no further slippage in the plans to construct a new high school. Mr. Berliner responded by saying, "You have my commitment."

Brown asked for the county's

partnership in helping the town grow in the right way through our unique economic opportunities without altering our small town nature. Again, Mr. Berliner replied, "I pledge to be your partner."

Finally, Mr. Brown asked Mr. Berliner to continue to recognize "the specialness of what we have here in Poolesville. We are never going to have the numbers, but we are the jewel of the county and deserve special dispensation for what we bring to the county." Mr. Berliner remarked on how struck he is each time he comes to Poolesville by the uniqueness and the need to preserve the vision of the community.

#### JPMS Students Ask Help to Build Weather Bug

Seven science students from John Poole Middle School presented a PowerPoint request for a grant from the town to help build a Weather Bug system for the school. Weather Bug watch systems provide real-time reports

on weather conditions for specific localities and are picked up by broadcasters in their weather reports to viewers.

The students, with the encouragement of teachers and the school's PTA, have raised two-thirds of the \$8,600 from various sectors to complete the project and came to ask for a \$1,000 grant from the town to help complete the project. The commissioners approved the grant request.

#### Moving Ahead on Sale of Town Property

The commissioners voted to direct town attorney Jay Gullo to prepare a contract for the sale of a lot in the Westerly subdivision to a party who has offered to pay the full appraisal amount. Once the contract has been signed by the potential buyer, the decision to accept that contract will be voted on.

#### Settlement Discussions Underway

Town Attorney Jay Gullo

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## Local News

# Government Shutdown Affects Area

By Jack Toomey

As the first week of the shutdown of the federal government came to a close, many Upcounty residents were becoming frustrated about the inaction of Congress. Some were upset that they were not being paid while others were denied access to the C&O Canal National Park.

An informal poll on the Poolesville Community Facebook Group revealed that in one hour's time, over forty people volunteered that they had been told to stay at home and presumably were not being paid.

Marie Fischer-Wyrick moved to Poolesville from St. Louis and works for a government contractor at the National Institutes of Health. She said, "I am new to

this area and not used to it (shutdown). Most of us thought that they would work it out, but they didn't. At NIH, they are doing clinical trials on sick children and these can't be delayed."

Michaela Huelbig commented that her daughter, Riley Huelbig, is a midshipman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy and, because of a mix-up in funding, the academy was closed and all classes were halted. Riley left the academy and arrived home last Friday.

Jake Miller works for the Consumer Product Safety Commission and was overseas when the shutdown happened. He said, "The trip was cut five days short; five days, which required six weeks of planning, gone in an instant, to strengthen our relationship with international product safety leaders, time that we will never get back, priceless."

Scott Spencer is a civilian employee of the air force. He said that he had spent his time doing odd jobs around the house and walking his children to school.

The C&O National Park at Edwards Ferry is closed. At Seneca, huge blocks of cement had been brought in, but someone had removed the gate, and the park was accessible. In two hours, over a hundred bicyclists, hikers, and fishermen were observed using the park, yet area residents took to Facebook to complain that they could not get access to the Potomac River to fish unless they went to White's Ferry. A passerby noted that he was able to access the towpath, but all of the portable toilets had been chained shut.

Gerry and Mary Gilhool of Gaithersburg were preparing to bike down the towpath. Gerry remarked, "I come here all of the time, and I feel like it's my park. All of those hillbillies from the southern states should keep their

hands out of it."

A man from Darnestown who did not want his last name used said that the barricades and a gate had been in place the day before and speculated that a frustrated citizen had knocked down the gate.

Area merchants who were contacted said that they had noticed no decrease in customer traffic, although a spokesperson for Cugini's Restaurant said that mid-day business had improved.

The MARC parking lots at Barnesville and Boyds appeared to be about half full.



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## Local News

# Poolesville's Paul Kelly Awarded Purple Heart

By Rande Davis

Sergeant First Class Paul Kelly recently was presented the military's distinguished Purple Heart as a result of combat injuries received on June 1, 2012 in Afghanistan. Kelly's unit received direct attack by enemy forces at Forward Operating Base Solarno in Afghanistan. In helping to successfully repel the attack, Kelly was wounded.

Kelly, who has had four tours in the mid-eastern combat theatre (one in Iraq and three in Afghanistan), serves in the Army Reserves as a construction engineer and is employed with the federal government at Walter Reed

National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. Additionally, Paul is one of the founding leaders of Poolesville's Military Support Group (PMSG), an organization that has provided rest and recreation at White's Ferry numerous times for wounded warriors. PMSG has raised thousands of dollars for the Fisher House Foundation whose mission is to provide free overnight residences and services for visiting family of wounded military personnel.



Sergeant First Class Paul Kelly with his wife Annie at his Purple Heart award ceremony.

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# Youth Sports

## PHS Cross Country

### A Pack of Runners

By Jeff Stuart

"I am in my twenty-second year, and Co-Coach Prasad Gerard is in his sixth, and this is our biggest team yet," said Head Cross Country Coach James Vollmer. "We have thirty-three girls and forty-five boys." The number of runners marks the largest cross country team in the school's history. Coach Gerard has some idea of why the team has grown. "The kids have created a good program here. They enjoy it, and they are working really hard," said Gerard. "It's the camaraderie. They are supportive of each other."

"Anyone can run. It is non-discriminatory," said se-

nior Allison Gaynor. "It is a fun atmosphere to be in. I like taking really long road runs with my teammates—seven-mile runs. My favorite moment so far has been the first meet in Brunswick, because it was the first time we realized we are going to do really well this season."

"We've just been building up our runners since my freshman year," said senior Captain Chelsea Pennello. "We've had a really good program here. Hopefully, we will go undefeated this year." She hopes to do well in the county, region, and state competitions. As a track runner, though, she does find some things to prefer about cross country. "There are a lot of things about cross country that are very different than track. The hills in cross country are harder. I actually like running on a track better... In general, though, the cross country team is a lot closer. It is a lot more like family. The track teams are a lot larger, so it is harder to get that feeling."

Said senior Rebecca Basehore, "It is such a great sport. We have



The 2013 PHS varsity cross country team takes off.

a fantastic turnout this year... This team has bonded so well over the years, so every moment is great."

Senior Chase Weaverling's personal goal is to run a race under fifteen minutes and to qualify for Footlocker Nationals. "Two weeks ago we ran at the Oatlands Invitational. There was some really good competition. I actually got second there," he said. "Counties shouldn't be too bad... In the regionals and states, there will be one guy that will be with me." Chase's favorite moment? "Definitely from last year my fa-

vorite moment would be winning the County Championship. I beat Will Bertrand (Clarksburg) by .3 seconds."

At the Brunswick Invitational on September 7 at Brunswick High School, junior Claire Beautz finished fourth overall in 19:19, beating her 2012 time by a full minute. The girls placed six runners in the top twenty, finishing first overall. Pennello finished fifth. Freshman Theresa Nardone

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**"PHS Cross Country"  
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placed eighth. The boys finished third overall, led by Weaverling's course record, 15.22. "Stephan Lang ran an impressive 17:50 as the fastest freshman of the day," said Vollmer.

Against Blair on September 11 at John Poole Middle School, Weaverling, Stamm, Psaltakis, and Lang finished first, second, third, and fourth, respectively. Junior Elan Guzman finished sixth and junior Dmitri Agnew, ninth. On the girls' side, Beautz, Pennello, Larson, Whitefield, and Gaynor took all top positions scoring the lowest possible total, fifteen. Basehore and Nardone finished ninth and tenth, respectively.

Beautz, Pennello, and Larson took the top three spots at Northwest on September 17. Whitefield, Nardone, and Gaynor finished fifth, sixth, and seventh, respectively. For the boys, Weaverling, Stamm, Psaltakis, and Lang

finished first, third, fourth, and sixth, respectively.

On Poolesville Day, September 21, the PHS varsity runners participated in the Oatlands Invitational at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, Virginia, an event hosted by Tuscarora High School. Weaverling finished second among 410 runners. The boys finished eighteenth among sixty-five schools. The girls came in seventeenth.

On September 24, against Churchill at JPMS, Beautz challenged the lead for the duration of the race and finished second overall in a school record time. Pennello matched her former course record time. Nardone ran a breakout time of 20:10, followed by Denise Larson and Whitefield. Poolesville finished six runners ahead of Churchill's top four.

Weaverling set a course and school record covering the course in 15:27. "It was his last run on his favorite course," said Vollmer. "Our top four boys' runners finished ahead of Churchill's second runner to score the win,

22-33." Stamm came in just under the seventeen-minute mark followed by freshman Lang in 17:13. Psaltakis ran the course in 17:30. Guzman completed the run in just over eighteen minutes.

September 28 found the team at Fort Washington Park in Prince George's County where both teams took first place. Beautz, Pennello, Larson, and Gaynor led the girls. Weaverling, Stamm, Lang, and Psaltakis led the boys' team.

At Richard Montgomery,

against RM and Walt Whitman on October 3, both teams cinched the division titles. The girls won against both teams, finishing 5-0 in the division. The boys beat Walt Whitman but narrowly lost to RM, finishing 4-1 in the division.

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# Remembrance

## Boo Painter Davis Memorial Service Scheduled for October 19

Anne Elizabeth (Boo) Daniel Painter Davis, wife of John W. Davis, of Dickerson died on September 30 at Homewood Retirement Community in Frederick. Born October 8, 1924, she was the daughter of William and Elsie Lee Daniel. Boo graduated from Poolesville High School in 1942. She attended secretarial night classes sponsored by the Montgomery County Board of Education, worked in various offices at the Rockville courthouse and at Farmers' Banking and Trust Co., also in Rockville. Later, she went back to Poolesville High, where she retired as secretary in 1981. Boo had been active with the American Field Service, UMCVFD auxiliary, Historic Medley

District, Daniel/Jeffers Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. She was a valued member and leader of the Women of St. Peter's, and as its secretary, Boo was well regarded as a one-woman welcoming committee. Friends will always remember her as sending out birthday cards, greeting new members with her warm smile, and sending cards of concern whenever a parishioner was in poor health. The Episcopal Diocese of Washington recognized Boo with its Senior Ministry Award for her years of dedication and service to the senior community within the church. Her passion in life was sharing time with her family, friends, and being involved in a real competitive game of bridge. In addition to volunteering for many service opportunities at St. Peter's, she volunteered in the gift shops at Shady Grove Hospital and Asbury Retirement and Nursing Home for many years. The family has scheduled a memorial service for Boo at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on October 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Boo was mother of Garland Edward Painter, Jr., who predeceased her in 2000, and William Daniel Painter of Laurel; mother-in-law of Jacqueline Painter and Kathleen Constable; grandmother of Susan Shealer, Danielle Painter, and John Constable; and great-grandmother of Madelyn Shealer and Grant Shealer. She was also predeceased by brothers William and Mansfield Daniel and first husband Garland Edward Painter. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Building fund.



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Understanding how dogs and cats see and deal with their relationship to us and the humans in our world is not completely known, even by the most well trained veterinary animal behaviorists. There are volumes of books, articles, and clinical data that tries to make sense of the intricate dance that people participate in on a daily basis with their pets. It is important to note that dogs and cats have repeatable patterns of responses to physical and sensory (see, hear, smell) input from their housemates and their world. Unfortunately, the people who care and love these amazing creatures are the least consistent when it comes to repeatable patterns of responses to physical and sensory input from other people, their pets, and the world around them. This often leads to behavior issues for the pet.

Think of it this way. If you have a friend that every time you say or do a specific action reacts differently, sometimes happy, sometimes sad, sometimes angry, sometimes scared towards you, you would have great concerns and apprehension when interacting with this friend. They would have difficulty understanding your changing responses to them.

Typically when you or your human friends are inconsistent in behavioral response to your pet, the pet starts to make up their own mind as to how to respond. These responses are typically not what you would expect and can sometimes lead to stress and problems dealing with the pet. These "abnormal" behavior responses from the pet as we see them can multiply and eventually create a serious management problem for you as the owner.

It is also very common for people to be completely "clueless" as to how their pet may interact with strange humans or other animals. These humans have never given their pet any groundwork behavior cues to go by, yet take them out into situations where they are forced to make independent behavioral responses. While your pet may have managed to get a general understanding of their "human pack's" behavior at home, they will likely be unprepared for uncontrolled interactions with strange humans, pets, and the big world. When their response is to jump, pull, bark, growl, or release bodily fluids, their human(s) act totally surprised that this behavior has occurred. The typical response from the owner is to raise their voice and utter completely rational statements (to themselves), "NO, BAD DOG, STOP THAT." What the dog behaviorally inferred from you, is Aggression in your voice, high intensity to the situation, and a defensive posture. What the dog heard is, "BLAH, BLAH BLAH, BLAH BLAH." This makes the dog think that he/she behaviorally responded correctly since their human is behaving that way and they (the dog) should increase their efforts at that behavior. This creates a behavioral feedback loop between the owner and the pet that only reinforces and magnifies the negative behavior.

This does not have to be the end point that is all too often the outcome when new pet owners fail to understand the very complex behavior dance they are doing with their pet.

Simple steps can be taken at the start of the relationship to help reduce or eliminate chronic and potentially dangerous behaviors from your pet.

Take your new pet (puppy, kitten, young adult animal, senior citizen) to your veterinarian as soon you get them. Your veterinarian can often see early signs of behavior issues. In some cases, there are medical conditions that can affect behavior.

Ask your veterinarian for their recommendation on a good general training book for your pet (this includes cats). Then actually read the book and take preemptive action to get your pet well and consistently "bad behavior" proofed.

See your veterinarian as a source of information and guidance on behavior issues between you and your pet throughout your relationship. When it comes to relationships and behavior with your pet(s), there are no silly questions. The sooner you ask about a behavior concern, the faster it can be controlled or eliminated.

Most importantly, think before you expose your pet to a new or unknown situation or environment. Ask yourself if you know how your pet will respond to new behavior experiences and what you expect from your pet. If you do not have a ready answer, then it is probably not a good idea to take your pet into that situation.



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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault:** 19900 block of Fisher Avenue.

**Theft:** 15200 block of Montevideo Road, Selden Island, Potomac River.

### Past Crime

**October 11, 1955** A five-year-old Layhill girl was struck and killed by an auto after she ran into the street from behind an ice cream truck. The girl had just made a purchase and was running to her house.

**October 13, 1955** County police detectives were investigating the mysterious death of a forty-four-year-old Dawsonville man. His wife had found him dead near the barn on their property. A .22 caliber gun was found at his side, but it had not been fired.

**October 14, 1955** Police Chief McAuliffe warned parents about their children taking shortcuts through wooded areas. His warning came after a nine-year-old

county girl was molested on a path that she normally took while walking home from school. The incident, committed by a masked man, was connected to two other crimes committed by a masked offender. The entire county detective force was said to be working on the case.

**October 15, 1955** County police, juvenile court judges, and social workers were confounded on how to handle a case of two teenagers who could not stay away from each other. In the first week of October, the seventeen-year-old boy took his girlfriend, thirteen years of age, from her parents' house at the point of a shotgun, and then took off for Cumberland in the boy's car. That escapade ended with a traffic accident and the young lovers trying to hitchhike west. A week later, they left again and were found in a picnic grove in Roanoke where they had ingested a potion of rat poison. The boy and girl were taken to a local hospital where they recovered. Juvenile Court Judge Pugh held a hearing when the teens returned to

Montgomery County and ordered that both be detained and receive psychiatric care.

**October 17, 1955** Officer Henry Davis made short work of a high-speed chase on Rockville Pike when he fired two bullets into the tires of the fleeing car. An eighteen-year-old airman had robbed a man of his car at gunpoint and headed up Rockville Pike where he was spotted by Davis who pursued him and ended up firing at the car.

*Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of The Washington Post.*

**"The New World" Continued**  
From Page 4.

Virginia State Trooper smashing a radar detector on the ground and stomping on it with his boot. Oh, cyber-bullying in social media is also now against the law in Maryland, so if you don't like this column, and feel compelled to say so, keep it friendly. You have been warned.

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# Tidbits

## Mixing Frisbee with Faith

A coed group of teenagers ran, shouted, and laughed for over an hour in Whalen Commons as two teams battled each other in a robust game of ultimate frisbee. They picked sides the old-fashioned way, one player at a time by team captains. What looked like an informal pickup game was actually an organized event by Poolesville's Young Life organization under the adult supervision of Inch Hartman. This non-denominational Christian organization for high school and middle school kids has been in Poolesville for three years but has actually existed nationally for more than seventy years. Their goal is to meet kids where they are and build authentic relationships with the hope of sharing a little faith. The mission is to help kids see that their lives have great worth, meaning, and purpose.

Young Life in Poolesville meets every Monday in various local sites and even has taken recent summer trips to Young Life

camp in Michigan, New York, and Colorado.

## Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat

When kids are collecting candy through the month of October, theatre students from John Poole Middle School will be collecting nonperishable food at the middle school for WUMCO as a part of a nationwide community service project called Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat (TOTS-EAT). TOTS-EAT is a program run by the International Thespian Society. On October 31, while they are trick-or-treating, they will also be accepting your donations.

## Embrey Gets Hitched (Again)

Congratulations to Danny James Embrey and Adrienne Terry Embrey who celebrated their first wedding anniversary by getting married—again. They were wed one year ago, September 27, 2012, on Sugarloaf Mountain with an intimate gathering of family. Almost a year later to the date, on Saturday, September 28, they exchanged vows

with family and many friends in attendance in a festive celebration at the Calleva Farm, home to renowned Markoff's Haunted Forest (though no ghouls were in attendance). Danny and Adrienne renewed their vows in a scenic amphitheater nestled in a hollow in the woods. A short trek out of the woods and up a gravel road led to the reception revelry at the Mother Ship Barn, where Stefan Zimmerman not only served as a DJ but played the guitar and sang.

Family in attendance included: son Max James Embrey, Adrienne's brothers Billy and Sean, sister Audrey, father Jim Terry and uncle Mike Terry; Danny's sister Christina, brother Randy Embrey and his wife Lauren and children, Kaelin and Randy, Jr., mother Jennifer Ofsthun, stepfather Tor, stepsister Kara, and stepbrother Ian Ofsthun. Friends from all walks of life rounded out the remaining 130 well wishers.

## Corrections

In our September 27 issue, the *Monocle* misrepresented the ages of some Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences students and graduates who had won various competitions and awards. The correct information follows: Alexis Zukowski, age twelve, seventh grade; Hailee Tull, age ten, fifth grade; Samantha Hoover, age fifteen, 2013 graduate; William Edwards, age twelve, seventh grade; and Grace Carter, age eleven, sixth grade.



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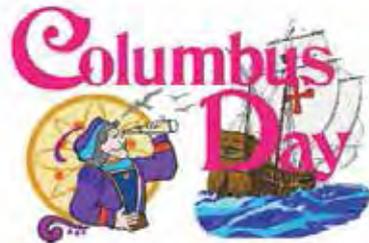
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### Fall Festival to Benefit WUMCO

By Rande Davis

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ber 18 and goes to 9:00 p.m. on October 25. In-person voting is available at the festival only. The Walkathon, organized with the help of Gail Lee, starts at noon, with check-in and last-minute registration starting at 11:30 a.m. Walkers get a free wristband (valued at \$5.00) with their paid registration. The wristband provides access to all the other activities and events. Youth registration is \$15 and adult registration is \$25.

For non-walkers, a purchase of a wristband at \$5.00 allows participation in all the other activities: Crafts for kids, including pumpkin painting, scarecrow stuffing, and spin art, carnival-style games with prizes, Calleva rock wall, moon bounce, and corn hole. A very popular event is the Halloween costume contest for dogs and children. There will be prizes with judging for dogs at 1:00 p.m. and for the kids at 1:30 p.m. The festival also features a basket auction under the big tent, local food and craft vendors, with DJ Valaree Dickerson spinning the tunes.

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## Remembrance

### Woody Rupp

By Rande Davis



Marwood "Woody" Rupp

Marwood (Woody) F. Rupp passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 23 at his home in Clarksburg at the age of eighty-six years. He is remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, supportive grandfather, and loyal friend.

Woody was born on November 23, 1927 in Saginaw, Michigan where he became an Eagle Scout, an achievement that served to inspire his grandsons in their

scouting experiences. During WWII, he served in the navy and earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a graduate degree from the University of Minnesota in civil engineering. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity.

During his forty-year career as a transportation engineer and urban planner, he acted as city manager for several towns, created road and city development projects throughout the United States and the Middle and Far East, managed the Northeast corridor rail improvement project, and helped engineer the Washington Metro system. His work took him all over the world, and he lived in Tripoli, Libya from 1964 to 1967. He lived in Park Ridge, Illinois from 1967 to 1975. In 1975, he moved to his home on Peach Tree Road in Clarksburg. He retired as a vice president at De Leuw Cather, which later became TRW.

For the last twenty years, he was a dedicated volunteer at the Monocacy Lions Club and

Damascus American Legion Post 171. In his two-decade membership with the Monocacy Lions, he participated in their community service events, social programs, and fundraising activities. One of his favorite contributions to Lionism was heading up the annual peace poster contest, something he enjoyed not only for its mission but also because he loved working with the students. The Lions always looked forward to hearing Woody's baritone voice and high degree of professionalism whenever he presented the winners of the contest each year. He was not shy in expressing his opinions, and Roger Brenholtz, former King Lion, recalled how, at one meeting when a guest speaker inappropriately indicated that perhaps the Civil War was not quite over, Woody interrupted him with his booming voice to announce, "Yes, it is and right now," sending the speaker to scurry to a quick conclusion and to depart in a bit of a hurry.

His grandson, Chris McDermott, recalled with great fondness the times he joined his

grandfather at the Montgomery County Fair dipping ice cream cones to benefit the good work of the Monocacy Lions Club. Chris also recalled when he was a young boy how Woody's passion for gardening was also a way to share life's lessons with his grandchildren. Woody helped set up a tomato stand that he called Chris's Market and, through the tasks involved therein, taught his grandson some rules of doing business, but especially taught him how to work hard while enjoying life.

Family and friends remembered Woody for his warm personality, leadership qualities, welcoming nature (he was renowned for always having chocolates and bubble gum to give to visitors), and as an accomplished cook and very smooth dancer.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-three years, Marjorie Rupp; his four daughters, Tammy, Terrill, Toni, and Tracy; and their families.

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## In the Garden

# Fall Plantings

By Maureen O'Connell

People often ask me when is the best time to plant trees, shrubs, and flowering plants. Well, it depends somewhat on what you are planting. I prefer to plant flowering perennials in the spring. I am in the mood then for planting my gardens for the upcoming season, and perusing the garden catalogs and visiting the garden centers in April and May are my Rite of Passage for this time of the year, but the fall has been proven to be the most effective time to plant trees and shrubs; however, if you look at consumer spending at garden centers, sales of trees and shrubs are higher in the spring than in the fall. My theory is that many gardeners by September and October are tired of gardening chores and believe that plants have an easier time adapting to their environment in the warm days of spring than in the fall with the advancing winter weather.

On the contrary, trees, shrubs, re-seeded lawns, new lawns, and newly-laid sod are subject to a less stressful environment in the fall. Usually, temperatures are moderate, rainfall is more adequate, and the soil is still warm. The cooler day and night temperatures slowly harden off tops of plants' structures to prepare for colder winter weather. Protection of a plant's root system is paramount to its survival. A deciduous plant's roots continue to grow even after it drops its foliage. By planting in the fall, plants experience less loss due to acclimation to the cold. This is especially true in our area where we very often progress from spring-like weather to the heat and dryness of summer. Spring can be short lived.

If you do decide to plant shrubs and trees in the fall, I have a few tips to consider. If you are planting trees yourself, choose small trees; they are better able to adapt than larger trees. It is risky to transplant in any season, but

more so when foliage is present. Select balled-and-burlapped or container-grown specimens rather than bare-root stock. You want to have time for a plant to develop a good root system. To ensure this, water well until the ground freezes. Wrap trunks of thin-barked, young trees in late November to prevent frost crack damage, sun scald, and animal damage, but remember to remove wrapping in March.

What should you plant? There are many choices; let me give you some of my favorites.

For many gardeners, the first plants to come to mind to plant in the fall are spring-flowering bulbs, especially tulips and daffodils. With the large deer population in my garden area, I have all but given up trying to grow tulips, even though I love them. My last resort last year was to plant some in a container in front of the horse barn; the deer usually do not come that close to a building. It worked; twenty-four pink tulips blossomed on time in May. I might be daring this year and plant some a little further from the barn.

Daffodils are a ubiquitous bulb in many spring gardens. In our area, they are valuable because they are deer resistant.

For a change this year, plant fragrant daffodils. 'Thalia,' 'Kinglet,' and 'Cornish Chuckles' are my favorites. Please note that many daffodils are not fragrant, so check their description. Lily-of-the-valley and hyacinths are also reliable and fragrant.

There is a world of bulbs beyond tulips and daffodils. Alliums are loved for their unique shape, height, and posture. They bloom in May and June and look very regal planted among lower growing spring and early summer perennials.

One of my favorite shrubs for foundation planting is the Dwarf Cotoneaster. Growing to about two to three feet with a similar spread, it is covered in the spring with small white flowers and in the fall with bright red berries, which provide food for birds into early winter. It is maintenance free, a little pruning will keep it in check, and is deer resistant. I have

a row of these behind my house along the foundation wall. They are over twenty years old and are still beautiful.

Spirea, daphne, hydrangeas, ilex (especially 'Winter Bounty') and viburnum are also very good shrubs that do very well in our area.

If you are looking for a wind break, privacy hedge, or garden specimen, you can't beat Thuja 'Green Giant.' It is fast growing, deer resistant, and very adaptable to heavy loads of snow and ice. I planted several of these trees for exactly the last reason. I have lost many evergreens over the years from ice storm damage. At maturity, they reach thirty to fifty feet tall.

A tree I love to recommend for our area is the Heritage River Birch (*Betula nigra*). This handsome, deciduous tree, native to the southeastern United States, is one of the most adaptable of the birch trees and truly a tree for all seasons. In the summer, it is covered with medium-green leaves on long, graceful, drooping

limbs. In the winter, I believe it looks even more spectacular. Its bark is reddish to pinkish-brown and peels off in papery strips. The exposed bark is a lovely shade of gray-brown to a cinnamon-reddish brown. This North American native can grow to fifty to eighty feet, but it usually tops out at about thirty to forty feet. It is a good choice for an average-sized lawn in our area.

Gardeners, don't get too lazy yet and don't put away your garden tools. Take advantage of the rewards of fall planting.



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### Wednesdays in October:

Café Connection: coffee, chat, and computer help. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 10 to October 13

### St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale

This spectacular semi-annual event includes clothes, sports equipment, household goods, books, toys, furniture, tools, and much, much more.

Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 11

### PHS Home Varsity Sports

Football. Richard Montgomery. Homecoming. 6:30 p.m.

October 11 to October 13

### Countryside Artisan Tour

Visit fourteen artisan venues throughout upper Montgomery County. For details on the artisans, visit [www.countryside-artisans.com](http://www.countryside-artisans.com), noon to 5:00 p.m.

October 12

### 5K Pump It Up for Platelets Walk

Help support PHS alumna Kelly Brown who was diagnosed with Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) TP two years ago. If you can't join, consider a generous donation to help PDSA. Donations of water, food, and items to sell or raffle would be also appreciated. To register or to make a donation, visit [donorpages.com/Pumpitup-Poolesville2013](http://donorpages.com/Pumpitup-Poolesville2013). For questions or donations, contact Cathy Brown at [Brown0716@aol.com](mailto:Brown0716@aol.com). Whalen Commons, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum**

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### Rural Women's Republican Club's Annual Saturday Night in the Country

Proceeds help support PHS scholarship fund, WUMCO, UMCVFD, Save the Bay, and Toys for Tots. Open bar at 5:30 p.m., BBQ chicken dinner at 7:00 p.m. B-CC Izaak Walton League Chapter House, 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville. Adults: \$40.00, children (5-12) : \$15.00.

### CMRC Party for the Park

The Carroll Manor Recreation Committee is the sponsor of this family event to benefit the development of the new community park. The party features live music by The Special Believers Band, food, drinks, chili contest, bingo/pull tabs, games, and more. Cost is \$20.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Adamstown Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Cugini's Special Event: PHS Class Reunion for 1950 to 1980s** 1:00 p.m.

October 12 and 13

### 7th Annual Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards Grape Stomp

Grape stomp contest, tours, tastings, live music, food and craft vendors, Cost: 21 and over - \$15.00, Under 21 - \$5.00, noon to 6:00 p.m.

October 14

### Community Day with Superintendent Starr

Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will be visiting staff and students as he visits schools throughout the Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill clusters. He will end this Community Day with a Town Hall meeting for parents, where you can ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas. The Town Hall meeting will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Clarksburg High School, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg. Free childcare (ages 4 and up) and interpretation services will be provided. For more information, visit the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) and search "Community Days," or

call 301-279-3100.

### St. Mark's United Methodist Church Golf Tournament

Glade Valley Golf Course, Walkersville. \$70.00 per player. Prizes and lunch served after play. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. To sign up or for more information, call Minnie Tyler at 301-829-1462.

October 14 to October 21

### PES Annual Book Fair

2013 Theme: Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books! This event takes students on an imaginary journey back to ancient Egypt to an oasis overflowing with fun, engaging, and affordable books that kids want to read. This gives kids the opportunity to choose books that will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Extended Hours: Tuesday: to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you are out of town or can't make it to our Book Fair, you can also shop online at [bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/poolesvilleeemsch](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/poolesvilleeemsch). For more information contact Patti Geehreg at [pgeeheing@msn.com](mailto:pgeeheing@msn.com).

October 15

### PHS Home Varsity Sports

Girls' soccer. Seneca Valley. 5:00 p.m.  
Boys' soccer. Seneca Valley. 7:00 p.m.

October 16

### PHS Home Varsity Sports

Girls' volleyball. Einstein. 6:30 p.m.

October 17

### PHS Home Varsity Sports

Football. Brunswick. 6:30 p.m.

### Town of Poolesville Special Event: Open Seminar to Explore Further Economic Development in the Town

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**"2013 PHS Athletic Hall"  
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1963 graduate, Leonard earned varsity letters in basketball, baseball, and track. Leonard was a member of the now-fabled 1962 and 1963 state championship boys' basketball teams, and he is remembered by his coach, PHS Hall of Famer Bob Mowen, as one of the hardest-playing members of both championship teams.

Wayne Owens: A 1969 graduate, he earned varsity letters in baseball, basketball, and track. In track, Wayne excelled as one of the fastest runners in all of Montgomery County, and after more than four decades, he still holds PHS record times in the 200 meter dash, the 4 x 100 meter relay, the 4 x 200 meter relay, and the 4 x 400 meter relay.

Richard Lyles: A 1976 graduate, he earned varsity letters in football, wrestling, and track. He was a member of Poolesville's first varsity football team in 1973, and he scored an eighty-yard touchdown on the first play from the line of scrimmage during Poolesville's first ever post-season football playoff game. Richard was named All-Montgomery County as both an offense and defense player in 1975.

Michael Curtis: A 1985 graduate, he earned varsity letters in baseball, basketball, and football, and he was team captain and an All-Montgomery County player in both baseball and basketball. In football, Michael was a two-way varsity starting player on offense and defense, and during his senior year, Michael captained the 1984 football team that went on to play at the University of Maryland in the state championship game.

Jim Cangiano: A 1991 graduate, he earned varsity letters in golf and basketball. In 1990, Jim became Poolesville's only state golf champion. He was twice selected by the *Washington Post* as All-Metropolitan and three times recognized as an All-Montgomery County player.

Kjetil Lowe: A 1998 graduate, she earned varsity letters in cross country, soccer, and swimming.

In 1997, Kjetil earned the distinguished honor as Poolesville High School's only female county, region, and state cross country champion.

Gary Ward: A 2004 graduate of Poolesville High School, he earned varsity letters in football and baseball. In football, Gary led the 2003 team to an undefeated regular season record as the quarterback. He threw for 1500 passing yards including seventeen passes for touchdowns and six rushing touchdowns. Gary was named as the All-State honorable mention quarterback in 2003. In basketball, Gary excelled as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1425 points in four years playing for the varsity boys' team. He was named first team All-Montgomery County in both his junior and senior seasons, averaging twenty-three points as a senior and scoring thirty or more points on ten separate occasions.

Jacqueline Orona: A 2007 graduate, she earned varsity letters in lacrosse, soccer, and basketball. In lacrosse, Jacqueline was a high school All-American and Academic All-American player, and she was the school's leading scorer for three seasons, scoring more than two hundred goals in her high school career. As a two-year team captain in her junior and senior years, Jacqueline led her team to division championship seasons, earning her post-season accolades as an All-Division, All-County, and All-Metropolitan player. Following her senior year season, Jacqueline was named 2007 PHS Female Athlete of the Year; she was named to the Montgomery County All-Star Lacrosse Team.

Rachel Stream: A 2008 graduate, she earned twelve varsity letters in field hockey, basketball, and softball. In field hockey, Rachel excelled as the team's all-time scorer with fifty-five goals, leading her teams to four region championships and two state finalists. In 2007, Rachel was named to *The Washington Post's* first team All-Metropolitan team, and she was honored as Field Hockey Player of the Year in *Gazette* and *Frederick News-Post* papers. Additionally, in 2007,

Rachel was named as a first team player by the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association, *Washington Examiner*, *Montgomery Gazette*, and *Frederick News-Post*. She was named the field hockey team's Most Valuable Player in 2007. In 2010, Rachel was named to the *Gazette* All-Decade Field Hockey Team.

Scott Mathias: A 1989 Poolesville graduate, Scott was the state silver medalist in shot put and discus, and he is inducted as the coach who came back to his alma mater and led his indoor track, track and field, and girls' soccer teams to six state championships in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. During these years, Scott was named *Washington Post* All-Metropolitan Coach of the Year in girls' indoor track; and in the *Gazette*, *Sentinel*, and *Journal* papers, he was named All-County Coach of the Year in track and field, indoor track, and girls' soccer. Also, Scott was selected as girls' indoor track "Coach of the Decade (2000-2009)" by MocoRunning.com.

Fran DuVall: Quoting Poolesville Athletic Director, Ed Ross, "Fran DuVall is as good as any coach I have worked with from all of my experiences as a high school, college, and professional level coach. Fran coaches her players in great detail, with great passion, and she has a professionalism that serves her players as aspiring young leaders." During her sixteen years coaching girls' volleyball, she has accumulated a win/loss record of 187 and 77, winning seventy-one percent of games played. Her teams have been region finalist four times, region champions six times, state semi-finalists two times, state finalist three times, and, in 2008, her team earned a state championship with a perfect, 19-0, record. Fran was named *Gazette* Girls' Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2008; *Gazette* Coed Coach of the Year in 2001, and the *Washington Post* Coach of the Year in 2008.

Bob Cissel: As a PHS Athletic Booster member from 1988 to 2000, Bob planned the construction of the stadium concession stand, bathrooms, blacktop, and

fencing. He worked tirelessly to raise private funding for the stadium and for many other school improvement projects such as the indoor and outdoor scoreboards; and this includes his personal contribution of approximately \$50,000 for team equipment and uniform needs. Bob worked with town commissioners to support booster projects; he adjusted and repaired athletic equipment to be sure it functioned properly; and he worked with the county school system to secure new stadium grandstand seating. All the while, Bob continued his love for working with kids by serving the coaches as a volunteer.

Bill Moore: As booster president, Bill was instrumental in the vision and leadership needed to transform a sleepy, country sports field into the wonderful high school stadium PHS students and fans now enjoy. Bill oversaw the construction of the stadium concession stand, bathrooms, and storage garage, and he was instrumental in the design and function of these buildings; and he secured tens of thousands of dollars for the project from Montgomery County Government when it seemed the project plans might have otherwise stalled. In addition, Bill led the boosters in many other projects including the baseball and softball dugouts.

The 1963 State Championship Basketball Team: In 1963, Poolesville High School had only twenty-five boys in a senior class of forty-seven students, and they still had to compete in sports with much bigger Montgomery County schools such as Gaithersburg, Springbrook, and Whitman. The '63 basketball team followed the efforts of the 1962 team by repeating as Maryland state champions. The players who participated on the 1963 state champion basketball team were: Leonard Ramey, Eddie Sewell, Bob Lawson, Grant Bell, Otis Burdette, Otho Thompson, Charles Elgin, Charles Jamison, Steve Johnson, Eugene Hamilton, George Lyles, and Coach Robert Mowen.

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percent and returning those funds to the state. "We need to change. We can no longer just spend more, borrow more, tax more."

He reported that due to the sluggish economy, withholding revenues at the end of the fiscal year this past June were \$171 million less than anticipated, but, more importantly, he has determined that those revenues will be down \$324 million next year. "The wealthy are doing fine, but the middle class, the working class, are experiencing problems with unemployment and wage stagnation. Maryland is forty-six in the country in wage growth. That has got to change."

He believes the answer is for the state to reverse its reputation and practices that have been what he describes as heavily favorable to the public sector and recognize that it is the private sector that is the engine of job growth. "Many Marylanders, when they are young, stay because of our school systems, but once their children are out of school, they begin to change their

perspectives. Our dependence on the public sector (Federal government) is normal, but that has got to change."

He believes that even through reduction in budgets, quality can be maintained, citing his priority of customer service in his department. He believes that improvement also comes from clarity of direction from leadership. Franchot introduced Joe Shapiro, whom he describes as his department's ombudsman, and to make clear his desire to have an effective advocate for the public within the comptroller's office to improve public services, he had Mr. Shapiro hand out his phone number. That number, for persons wanting to voice concern on matters of responsibility to the Comptroller, is 410-460-4020. He told the gathering that the most "fireable" offense for any of his 1100 employees is to not provide good customer service.

Before leaving, he presented Hilary Schwab, as president of the PACC, with a gold coin medallion that he hands out through his own personal expense to persons who "have made a difference."

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speaker David Ivan conducts community and economic development programs for Michigan State University Extension. Based in St. Johns, Michigan, Ivan is a frequent guest lecturer on small town success with state municipal associations and other regional small town conferences. He has conducted previous research on community sustainability, including a 2002 USDA Fund for Rural America project entitled "Small Town Success Strategies," and a 2005 MSU Land Policy study entitled "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" Dave serves as a member of the Michigan State economic development, community development, and land use area of expertise teams. His seminar topics have included community sustainability, downtown development strategies, and community entrepreneurship strategies. Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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**1st Annual PES PTA Golf Outing Fundraiser**  
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October 19  
**Sundowners: An Event to Benefit and Celebrate Hope in South Africa, a Mission of St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
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October 21  
**PHS Home Varsity Sports**  
Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser  
Girls' volleyball. Bethesda-Chevy Chase. 6:30 p.m.

October 22  
**PHS Home Varsity Sports**  
Boys' soccer. Churchill. 7:00 p.m.

October 26  
**Art & Craft Show in Urbana**  
The Urbana Indoor Art & Craft Show will be held at the Urbana Fire Hall located at 3602 Urbana Pike, Urbana. Sixty-five artists and crafters with over eighty-five tables will sell their original handiwork. A wide variety of items will be for sale such as

woodworking, floral design, jewelry, textiles, soap, stained glass, candles, crocheted and knitted items, photography, artwork in several mediums, as well as seasonal and holiday items. A large breakfast and lunch menu and a bake table will be available. Free admission and free parking. [www.wesleychapelinurbana.com](http://www.wesleychapelinurbana.com). 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October 26 and 27  
**Barnesville Basement**  
A giant indoor community yard sale at the Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences. Books, clothes for kids and adults, housewares, toys, music, electronics, sporting goods, furniture, baby equipment, luxury items, and more. The school is at 21830 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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# Focus on Business Businesses Helping Businesses

By Rande Davis

Through the leadership of Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) Board of Directors members Gail Lee and Jeff Stempler, a PACC forum with the theme "Businesses Helping Businesses" held its first organizational meeting on October 3 at the Brightwell Crossing model home on Elgin Road.

Twenty-two local business owners and executives came to the light breakfast meeting. Jeff

Stempler, of REMN, opened the meeting encouraged by such a large turnout of twenty-two business owners and executives for the breakfast meeting which ended promptly at 9:00 a.m. Stempler emphasized that this style of business networking requires a consistent commitment from participants to succeed. While this first meeting was sponsored by the chamber, there will be a slight monthly fee to cover the cost of breakfast in the future.

Realtor Gail Lee also welcomed the PACC members in attendance as well as some newcomers who had not yet joined the chamber. She pointed out that by mutual cooperation and the sharing of ideas, there is much to gain from working together. She encouraged some of the more

experienced business owners to mentor the newer business owners just coming into the area.

The meeting began with all the business owners introducing themselves, and each speaker was encouraged to be specific in letting the other attendees know how he or she could be helped by the others. The forum plans to feature guest speakers, and for this inaugural meeting Valaree Dickerson of Gopher It and DJ Val, Rinnie Magaha of Cornerstone, Inc., and Karen Wilson of The Blue Hearth were given extended time to present their operations to the participants. Future topics will be chosen from the group as it gains momentum and, as an example, an upcoming meeting dedicated to marketing is planned. PACC has scheduled



A PACC breakfast meeting drew nearly twenty-five business owners, who meet the first Thursday of every month.

the first Thursday of the month for future meetings. For more information, contact the PACC directly at 301-349-5753 or info@poolesvillechamber.com.



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provided a report on the progress on follow-up to the legal settlement in the Hernandez lawsuit which cost the town \$650,000. Mr. Gullo has begun the slow, difficult process of trying to determine the level of responsibility by various contributing parties to the errors made that resulted in the lawsuit. Acknowledging that the town may share some degree of responsibility for the errors made, Gullo announced that he has been in discussion with the town’s engineering consulting company, Huron Consulting, to determine ways to resolve the matter outside of further expensive legal entanglement. While not necessarily accepting blame for errors made by others, Huron has so far demonstrated a willingness to help the town come whole on the issue.

Noting the difficulty inherent in public discussion with potential adversaries in a lawsuit, Gullo objected to the commissioners’ insistence on maximum transparency as not being helpful in facilitating a resolution. He noted that even the representatives of the individuals and firms involved are not pleased with too much open dialogue at this point either; nevertheless, he voiced optimism that the town will be able to reach a satisfactory resolution with the various parties in the matter but noted the painfulness of the process, especially with firms that have a close, professional relationship with the town.

**Marketing RFP Yields Two Prospects**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) from marketing firms to assist the town in its economic development goals has yielded two prospects of interest. The commissioners agreed to invite both firms to separate working sessions to iron out the particulars of each RFP prior to awarding a contract to one of them.

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