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JPMS Teacher Finalist as County Teacher of the Year

By Rande Davis

John Poole Middle School English teacher Jane Lindsay has been named one of three finalists in the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year award sponsored by the Marian Greenblatt Education Fund. In congratulating all finalists, Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools, said, "They (recipients) truly represent the dedication and hard work of our entire staff."

It's a difficult path to be named a finalist. Each nominee must be interviewed by a panel of educators, Board of Education members, MCPS staff, and representatives from the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, as well as a member of the Greenblatt family.

Now in its twenty-sixth year, the family and friends of Marian Greenblatt established the fund to identify, publicly acknowledge, and reward exceptional teaching.

Marian Greenblatt was a high school history teacher in New York and later a professor of history at

Dr. Greenblatt always focused on the good teacher as the heart of the education process who



Dr. Marshal Greenblatt, Jane Lindsay, and Charlotte Boucher.

the University of Maryland and Hampton University, a historically-black college in Virginia. She also was a member and past president of the county board of education.

"deserves the maximum in resources and should be recognized."

Mrs. Lindsay was recognized at the middle school ceremony by Dr. Marshal Greenblatt, the late

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Secret Agents in Town By Rande Davis

They are not coming. They are already here. Mysterious visitors have swarmed into Poolesville. One group is on a statewide treasure hunt of sorts, while the other is part of a worldwide society seeking to control sections of Poolesville for its members.

The global group is an unnerving invasion of secret agents that have infiltrated the community of Poolesville. Their purpose is as mysterious as their method of spying. Perhaps you have witnessed some of them yourself. They have been spotted, usually by themselves in cars or walking around different locations within the town. Sometimes they are in small groups. Their common identifier is

that they hold their iPhones intently close to their faces, seemingly lost in an intense effort to record information, appearing to be nothing more than a loiterer. The fact is they are here to secure a secret portal that otherwise would be destroyed by their archenemy.

The Maryland treasure hunters are more benign. Their approach is simply a venture with a GPS locator that looks something like a metal detector to find lost treasure. When they find the hidden box they exchange one gift from the box with something they've brought with them.

Both groups are made up of innocent individuals, mostly millennials, having fun and

combining a passion for all things technological with the pleasure of being outdoors.



Secret agents of the Resistance have infiltrated Poolesville: Joey Bettinger, Nick Bower, and Sandy Seltz.

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The Midnight Players are at it again. Lots of them. See how many in School News on page 10.



Edwin and Winsome Brown attended a local meeting that you can read about in the Pulse on page 8.



These mythological characters were part of the Humanities Fair at JPMS. See more pictures of other events in the Family Album on page 2.



Precision teamwork—the PHS boys' volleyball team. Read about them in Youth Sports on page 13.

Family Album

The annual Destination Poolesville Business Fair had much for young families to do.



The JPMS faculty taught lessons of World War II as living history at the JPMS Humanities Fair.

These young and aspiring future stars are getting ready to go on stage at the Business Fair.



Congressional candidate Dan Bongino spoke at a book-signing event at the Rural Republican Women's Club.

The JPMS Phantom Players held an art show fundraiser for their upcoming Cinderella production on May 9 and 10. Taylor Byrd, Dee Turner, Ashley Argueira, and Gabby Capobianchi.



The kids from Bar-T daycare entertained the adults at the Poolesville Area Senior Organization.



All lined up for the start of the St. Peter's Rummage Sale.

Business Briefs

Mihm Receives PACC Community Service Award

Bernie Mihm of Fine Earth Landscape was selected for the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) Community Service Award for 2014. Mr. Mihm was unable to attend the annual chamber dinner this year, so his award was given at the Destination Poolesville Business Fair cosponsored by the PACC and the Community Economic Development Committee.



PACC president Hilary Schwab presents the 2014 Community Service award to Bernie Mihm of Fine Earth Landscape. Joining them at the Business Fair is Kathy Mihm.

Among his many community service contributions, he is the treasurer and an active participant of Helping Hands Poolesville, which includes the Rebuilding Together Project each spring. This annual event completes home repair work for various needy families in addition to repair work at WUMCO.

Over many years, he has donated materials and labor for landscape projects for local schools, including maintenance of the pond and garden in the elementary school courtyard, tree plantings at schools, and miscellaneous cleanup projects. Fine Earth has donated supplies and labor in support of the John Poole House gardens and lot. Similarly, he has aided his church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church; volunteered on the Poolesville Day Committee heading up its sponsorship drive; and assisted in the PACC's annual 5K Walk/Run.

Frozen Yogurt Shop to Open in Poolesville

Newlyweds Mandy and Steve Sordo are planning to open a frozen yogurt shop next to Kicks Karate

in Poolesville in the second half of May. Mandy, a 2007 PHS graduate currently working on her master's degree at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, will be operating the shop full time while her husband will be pitching in part-time. Steve is the chef at the Bretton Woods Golf Club. The name of the store, Mooey's Frozen Yogurt, comes from a family nickname for Mandy. Mandy plans to operate the shop with the friendly ambience of a mom and pop while offering up the self-serve product in a similar fashion that franchises currently use.

Hurrah for the Business Fair

Over two hundred area residents stopped by the 2014 Destination Poolesville Business Fair held at the Poolesville Baptist Church on March 29. The event featured over forty business and service vendors including a paper/electronics shredding service sponsored by Corporate Network Services. On the stage was an ongoing array of performances such as the Denise Shores Dance Studio, Hope Garden Ballet Academy, Kicks Karate, John Poole Middle School Phantom Players, and Zumba. D. R. Hartman Construction company won the best vendor booth award.

Last Hurdle for Tractor Supply Company

Tractor Supply Company passed through its final town review by the Board of Zoning Appeals with a unanimous vote on an agreement on how to handle outdoor displays of products at the location previously occupied by Selby's Market. With renovations to begin soon, no date for the grand opening of the 26,000-square-foot building has been set.

Healthworks to Seek New Location

Healthworks Fitness Center is scheduled to close this May as its lease comes to an end. A new agreement with Charles Jamison Real Estate, the landlord, had not been worked out as of the date of this issue. A possible site mentioned by members for a new location for the fitness service is the building at the rear of the small mall next to St. Peter's Church.



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Commentary

Our Very Own Mess

By John Clayton

Our great state of Maryland has the outrageous distinction of possibly being the single most dysfunctional state in the delivery of a workable healthcare exchange for its citizens. This is a disgrace of galactic proportions, in my humble opinion. Yes, of all the states in the union, at least of those that tried to implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka Obamacare, Maryland's web-based system has crashed and burned with a ferocity that would dwarf the worst NASCAR event one can imagine. This is supremely ironic, at best, and many other things, at worst.

To put this in perspective, consider that Obamacare participation state to state falls into two distinct categories: They either developed their own system or exchange, or they defaulted to the federal system. Some states in the latter category include those that, for various reasons, don't want any more participation in Obamacare than necessary. Their teeming masses, lacking a state system, must access the federal system if they want that new shiny federally-subsidized policy, or if they found out they couldn't actually keep that policy that they were told they could keep. Of course, the federal website was not exactly Captain Billy's Whiz Bang at the launch, but one was still better off than someone trying to use the Maryland system. That's right, if you wanted service from Obamacare, and you lived in a state where the powers that be didn't give two hoots if you got insured or not, you were better off than if you lived in one of the most pro-Obamacare states in the country, where our efforts produced less than one might get from an infinite number of monkeys on Commodore 64s during a power failure. It boggles the mind.

This is very awkward for a one-party state like Maryland, and this is as good a time as any to

mention that I am personally a strong believer that a country of our great size and wealth should be able to, and should be trying to, provide affordable health insurance to everyone in some reasonable fashion. There was an excellent column in the *Washington Post* by Michael Gerson that touches this and other related issues, and I should note that he has solid Republican credentials and is nobody's raving liberal (well, maybe somebody's somewhere). He offers that it has long been true that this country should provide healthcare to all its citizens, even in the absence of the flawed Obamacare effort, and "those advocating repeal and, well, nothing—are inhabiting their own ideological daydream." His great opening line is "Supporters of Obamacare are celebrating that the law is not an unmitigated disaster, just a mitigated one." Someday I will write a line like that.

Maryland's disaster remains unmitigated. Where does a state that is about ninety percent Democratic go from here? I mean, what are we going to do, elect Republicans? I doubt we have heard the last of that suggestion. There's a lot of denial and backpedaling going on. Our governor, who plans to be our next president if Hilary doesn't run, seems to have stepped away for the moment to consider marijuana laws, having conveniently handed the project off to his lieutenant governor, who is also running for governor, and away from the healthcare exchange. What's worse, another Democratic state that supports Obamacare, Connecticut, developed a spiffy system that we are apparently going to adopt in some fashion. That hurts. Isn't it enough that their men's and women's basketball teams are better than ours? What's next? Are their casinos better than ours?

Our governor has characterized calls for impartial outside evaluations as political attacks. We deserve better answers than that.

Town of Poolesville Town Government Report

By Rande Davis

Snag in Development Plans

Progress in bringing the Delmar Deli Provisions, LLC, distributors of Boarshead deli products, and the Dollar General Store to Poolesville has hit a new and very significant snag. The State Department of Transportation has again altered its requirements regarding storm water impact surveys and maintenance upgrades along Fisher Avenue that could raise costs for development by \$60,000 to \$70,000. Whether either party can sustain the additional costs and still move forward remains to be seen. The town management, engineers, and commissioners have scheduled a meeting with the state along with Senator Brian Feldman to see if anything can be worked out, but failing to do so may cause the building of the businesses to be dropped.

Wide Open for Business!

The Van Eperen Company, the firm hired to foster economic development, has produced a new brochure designed to encourage business development and employment using the theme: Wide Open for Business! The pamphlet promotes business-friendly fast-track permitting, close proximity to metro-Washington, and the advantages of our "reverse commuting" (opposite standard rush hour direction) for employees.

The progress in selecting a general marketing theme to further promote Poolesville is moving forward through the Community Economic Development Committee. The CEDC has a list of fourteen proposed slogans ranging from "Timeless Charm" to "Chill in the Ville" that will ultimately be reduced to five from which residents will be surveyed for the final selection.

UMCVFD Requests \$12,200

Jeff Eck of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department requested that the commissioners approve the town's

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Remembrance

William Joseph Roberts

William Joseph Roberts of Poolesville, passed away on April 2, following a long battle with brain cancer. He was born in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 1956 to Russell and Dodie Roberts. He grew up the youngest of three brothers, often working with them for his father on golf courses. He attended Gaithersburg High School and received his B.A. from Allegheny College in 1977 and his Juris Doctorate from Catholic University in 1981.

He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Maria Engborg, in 1977, and they lived together in Darnestown before moving to Poolesville, where he built a home, in 1983.

Bill, or Billy Joe, as his friends called him, was an attorney by trade, and a member of the American Bar Association since 1981. He formed his own private practice in 1986 in Poolesville, so that he was never far from home. Bill was also involved in the Barnesville School community, where he served on the Board of Directors and, in 1987, received a Distinguished Service Award for his dedication. He served as president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce from 1990 to 1991 and was honored by the Council of Chambers of Montgomery County in 1991 for outstanding contributions to the business community of Poolesville. That same year, he received a governor's citation for impressive commitment to the people of Montgomery County, contributing



William Joseph Roberts

to a strong and productive economic climate for Maryland, as demonstrated by his quality business practices and record of caring and community service, which earned him the respect of his peers and the public at large. He represented the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association and the town of Barnesville for whom he fought valiantly to protect the integrity of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve and to preserve the beautiful landscape of Upper Western Montgomery County. He represented the town of Washington Grove, which, in 2011, recognized that without his "untiring efforts, focus, and advice, the town would not have been able to protect its historic nature." In addition to his work for local municipalities, Bill served as Hearing Examiner for the Montgomery County Board of Education for many years. In 2013, he received an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, a testament to the fact that his peers ranked him at the highest level of professional excellence.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Town of Poolesville is requesting a proposal from a local licensed real estate agent to list and sell two (2) surplus lots owned by the Town, at a commission rate of five (5%) percent and with the customary brokerage administrative fee. Listing agreement term shall be for ninety (90) days. The successful agent will be chosen at random from the pool of all qualified agents. The Town reserves the right to set the list price after consultation with selected agent. An appraisal has already been conducted on both properties. A bid containing a statement accepting these terms and any other pertinent information must be submitted by April 25, 2014 before 4:00 PM to Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street or email townhall@lan2wan.com.

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Focus on Business

A Tranquil Oasis

By Susan Petro

The proprietor of Glad-I-Yoga and Glad-I-Sparkle, Maria Briançon, never dreamed of becoming a yoga instructor or having her own studio when. She was an English major in college and worked as a journalist and grant writer for mostly political nonprofit organizations.

Maria started taking yoga classes when her oldest daughter was in high school. By then, she had three children with fifteen years between the oldest and the youngest. One day, her yoga instructor and mentor pulled Maria aside after a class and asked her if she would like to be an instructor. The instructor told her she noticed how engaged Maria was and how much she enjoyed the classes and said they needed instructors who could show the clients how yoga can be cherished.

With her instructor's encouragement, Maria took her first instructor's course in Hermosa Beach, California. She found it awesome and rewarding to be taking classes right on the beach.

Once she received her certification, Maria returned to Fitness First where she taught for a few years. Then, Maria noticed that a local Tae Kwon Do business wasn't using its mats during the day. She offered to lease the space and mats and began teaching classes in Poolesville. While teaching her classes, Maria met two ladies: one with a marketing background and the other who was a graphic artist. The ladies encouraged Maria to create a brand for herself, to become an entity—something Maria hadn't contemplated before.

Maria's daughter helped her come up with the name by asking Maria to remember her favorite flower when she was growing up. Maria said her grandmother, who had very limited means, used to grow gladiolas and would give them to Maria for her birthday. Her daughter first penned the name to be pronounced glad-ee-yoga after the word gladiola.

Maria tweaked the word play into the clever expression: Glad-I-Yoga.

When the Tae Kwon Do studio closed, Maria found her current location between the Liberty Gas Station and Poolesville Hardware. She spruced up the building to make it a serene and inviting space perfect for a yoga studio.



Maria Briançon of Glad-I-Yoga and Glad-I-Sparkle.

Maria likes to provide personal attention to every student. In addition to numerous certifications in yoga, Maria also obtained her personal trainer certification. She usually limits her class sizes to a maximum of four students. Additionally, she has many private clients with whom she works individually. Maria also teaches a cardio-Pilates class that she has specially adapted to her clients.

Many people never ask why they are doing certain exercises or pushing their bodies to such extremes, Maria said. She believes good health and fitness shouldn't be all about how high one can kick the leg or about pushing the body to unnatural extremes. "It doesn't have to be about getting all twisty or trying to get into the most elaborate pose," Maria said. "The basic tenets of yoga are to honor the body and to move, to challenge yourself, but to know when you've hit your boundaries and to honor that."

Maria says that yoga can reduce stress and possibly lower one's blood pressure. Yoga helps to expand one's flexibility and maintain it as we grow older. "Our bodies are meant to move," Maria said, "and the more you practice, the more yoga becomes a way of life."

Glad-I-Sparkle began as a natural progression of Glad-I-Yoga. She originally added a line of comfortable clothing that fit well for yoga exercises and eventually added her jewelry line. "When you are

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Local News

Clarksburg Master Plan Amended

By Kristen Milton

In a unanimous vote, hailed repeatedly by council members as historic, the Montgomery County Council passed a Clarksburg master plan amendment intended to protect Ten Mile Creek while permitting much of the development previously anticipated in the area.

The April 1 vote gained the support of Council President Craig Rice, who represents District 2 which includes Clarksburg and who was the lone holdout during an earlier unofficial poll. Rice spoke of the difficulty of balancing the needs of the environment with the desires of residents and landowners. "Balance as beauty is in the eye of the beholder," he said, stating he would continue to work toward creating an attractive community with a viable town center.

Other councilmembers were less ambiguous/uncertain in their support of the amendment, which has a lengthy history already as planners, residents, investors, and elected officials wrestled with the issues. Councilman Roger Berliner (D-Dist. 1) of Bethesda seconded "all the shout-outs" of appreciation voiced by colleagues before observing, "It took an entire community; it took an entire government to get us to this place."

The updated amendment adds new limitations placed on two major properties in the Clarksburg area in hopes of better protecting Ten Mile Creek, whose habitat remains healthy and high-quality

but has shown evidence of declining conditions since 2007 due to increasing development.

Clarksburg's 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. Ten Mile Creek feeds Little Seneca Creek and the Little Seneca Reservoir, which are part of the county's water supply.

The new amendment significantly limits the amount of land that can be developed, imposing a six percent cap on impervious surface on one property and a fifteen percent cap on two others.

"We are imposing impervious limits never before imposed in Montgomery County," acknowledged Councilmember Nancy Floreen (D-At Large), but she said the amendment did so with enough flexibility to allow the expectations of a thriving Clarksburg to be met.

"This is an important day for the future of the environment," said Councilmember Phil Andrews (D-Dist. 3) of Gaithersburg. "This was not an easy thing to do...[but] I believe the council has served the future very well."

Legislative Analyst Marlene Michaelson said the next step will be for the council to pass regulatory enforcement measures that will ensure the goals of the amendment are met. "We'll come back to you with a series of recommendations," she told the council April 1.

Caroline Taylor, executive director of Montgomery Countryside Alliance and one of those recognized by Councilman Marc Elrich (D-At Large) for her participation in the amendment process, hailed

the council's vote in a press release. "Getting to this vote has been labor intensive," Taylor wrote, "but the reward is clear: much stronger protection for high-quality Ten Mile Creek and conversation properly focused on protection of our region's shared water resources. So we celebrate today and brace for more work tomorrow."

After the changes imposed by the amendment, the 538 acres west of MD Route 121 (Clarksburg Road), known as the Pulte property, will be permitted up to

538 housing units. In May, representatives of Pulte Homes presented a plan that envisioned 1,007 homes on the property they claimed already represented a more than \$60 million investment.

The Miles-Coppola and the Egan/Mattlyn Enterprises properties, which received the higher development cap, are part of the 635-acre Clarksburg Town Center District. The zoning imposed would concentrate commercial development in acreage close to the town center area.



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Pulse

Sugarloaf Citizens' Annual Meeting

By John Clayton

April in our area not only means that we're down to our last blizzard or two, but that it's time to start cleaning up the yard, take down the Christmas lights, and attend the annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association at Linden Farm in Dickerson, an organization which states it is "41 years strong!" on its meeting agenda.

The tone of the meeting was dominated by reflection on the past years' battle over development parameters that would affect the Ten Mile Creek watershed, a battle that ended with a compromise agreement modifying the Clarksburg Master Plan and supported unanimously by the Montgomery County Council. Multiple speakers hailed this as a success for civic action and environmental sanity, although there was no discussion of how Pulte Homes or the Peterson Companies, whose development plans were scaled back, will react to the change of plan.

Outgoing association president Jim Choukas-Bradley praised the agreement in his opening remarks, saying that they had taken "great steps forward in protecting a gem of biological diversity." He referred to the development as "an incursion into the Agricultural Reserve," and noted that the fight involved a coalition of thirty-two organizations. Choukas-Bradley credited SCA board members Anne and Jay Cinque for having "brought this to our board as an issue SCA should be involved in." He also noted the efforts of SCA board members Beth Daly and Jim Brown (the Barnesville Brown, not the Poolesville Brown). The continuing battle against the development plans of the Global Mission Church on a tract near I-270 and Old Hundred Road, currently held up due to restrictive covenants on the lot that would provide access, was also noted as a success during the previous year. Other ongoing projects of note included board member Dan Savino's efforts to

implement beekeeping at Linden Farm, projects with Poolesville High School's Global Environmental Studies Program, and the annual meetings of the organization, Farming at Metro's Edge.

Choukas-Bradley announced that long-time board member and past president Anne Sturm would be retiring from the board, and that secretary Linda Pepe was stepping down as secretary. Choukas-Bradley lamented the death of Poolesville attorney Bill Roberts, who recently "succumbed to cancer." Roberts, who represented the SCA on many land-use issues, received a moment of silence in his memory, and will receive this year's Royce Hanson Award in October, a decision that was communicated to Roberts before his death.

The featured speaker was Françoise C. Carrier, the outgoing Montgomery County Planning Board Chair, who also addressed this meeting in 2011. Carrier is completing a four-year term and has elected not to stand for reappointment. The focus of her address was the planning board's March 2014 zoning ordinance rewrite. She discussed the necessity of the rewrite, noting that zones and conditions were added one by one over the years, resulting in an unwieldy and ineffective code. In particular, she said the current scheme didn't accurately reflect the realities of development in urban zones, where the lion's share of future development will occur. She said that "the Agricultural Reserve is sacrosanct," and there was no desire to change the character of suburban neighborhoods. She stressed that the zoning ordinances needed to support changes in areas close to mass transit.

In the Ag Reserve, Carrier highlighted a number of new changes, including a new definition for farming, which supports agricultural processing not only of products produced onsite but also by the same farmer in separate locations. Mulch and compost makers will be allowed to bring in twenty percent of their raw materials from offsite. She also described new zoning regulations for education and tourism, subject

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Secret Agents in Town

The treasure hunters are members of the Maryland Geocache Society, individuals armed with a personal GPS locator that directs them to towns throughout the state each hiding a box of simple trinkets as treasure. They have been slipping into town for a few years now. In Poolesville, we have two hidden boxes, one near the Town Hall and the other near historic sites in town. As they find the boxes, their visit is recorded in a notebook, a treasure removed from the box and replaced with something the hunter has brought. Little toys, pencils, stickers, and buttons are typical treasures to be found or given. The Maryland Geocache Society is so appreciative of the town welcoming them that a contingent of over twenty-five members spent a full day last summer helping to spruce up the John Poole House and lot.

The other group is from the newly-launched Google+ Android/iPhone game called Ingress, consisting of hundreds of thousands of participants across the globe. Ingress is Google's new reality game that is taking the world by storm. It is basically a fun way for Google to collect data for their Maps and Street View. In the Poolesville area, there are a few dozen locally-based players, but within the region, they number over four hundred and almost all, at one time or another, will make their way to Poolesville.

Simply described, there are two powers in this virtual world of Ingress seeking to control locations and sites—the Enlightened (green) and the Resistance (blue). Those coming to Poolesville's many sites are primarily members of the Resistance team, seeking to defend and protect what's left of humanity. Members must personally visit each historical site or marker town in order to secure it from being destroyed by the opposition. Once a player is within close range of each site, he or she will stop for a few minutes pushing a button labeled hack to secure the site for his/her team. Should an Enlightened player come upon the site, his or her goal is to destroy the site, otherwise called a portal. Remember, we're talking virtual reality here, so it is only in the game that the site is harmed. Each player is considered a secret agent with his or her own code name.

The interview for this article occurred while walking around Whalen Commons following three players, er, ah, secret agents, as they secured portals at the town hall, Carnahan bench, the Koeser tree, etc. Joey Bettinger (PHS Class of 2006) is living in College Park while Nick Bower (Class of 2004) is living in Hagerstown. Sandy Seltz of Hagerstown joined them.

All three were pleased to have me report on their activity since the large number of players has attracted attention and has raised consternation among some residents distrustful of their loitering-like behavior. I first learned about Ingress after about a dozen cars would stop right in front of my house and park for a few minutes. Naturally, I began to suspect that something sinister was at play. When I finally asked what they were doing, I was relieved to learn about the game and the alleged innocence of their visit. Since then I have talked to many who have come from a variety of places, such as Catonsville, Dundirk, Baltimore, and even the Eastern Shore.

Ingress has literally put Poolesville on the map and has been a boon for local restaurants and gas stations. The next time you see these secret agents, welcome them to Poolesville, ask them how it's going, and find out if they've hacked any good portals lately.

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School News

Midnight Players To Perform Disney's High School Musical

By Halley Nahwani

An actor suddenly yells out, "What team?" and the response from sixty-five other actors rings out, "Wildcats!" Poolesville High School's Midnight Players are rehearsing Disney's *High School Musical*, based on the Disney Channel original movie written by Peter Barsocchini.



The PHS Midnight Players rehearse for their upcoming performance of Disney's High School Musical on April 24, 25, and 26.

High school life is known for its social cliques and the separation between them.

The story of leading characters Troy and Gabriella is similar to the 1970s film and musical, *Grease*. It's the first day back at school after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians, and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year. Troy, the captain of the East High basketball team, is surrounded by his fellow jocks. He doesn't notice a lovely, shy girl who doesn't seem to be in any of the cliques. Only in his first period class does he recognize Gabriella Montez, a girl he briefly met at a ski lodge during winter break. She turns out to be a brilliant student. They come from two different worlds. How will East High react when they see Troy and Gabriella together? Can the students accept this unique pair? Will Troy and Gabriella's newfound friendship survive? Come watch the cliques of East High bicker and squabble as lines and boundaries are

crossed. They also sing and dance a lot!

This world-famous musical will be presented on April 24 at 7:00 p.m., April 25 at 7:30 p.m., and April 26 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Poolesville High School auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for General Admission and \$12 for seats in the Reserved Section. They may be purchased from the PHS website or in person at the school box office on school days, beginning April 7 from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning forty-five minutes before each show.

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Town Government Report

traditional grant to fund the fire-works for the annual Fourth of July event. The cost for the twenty-five-minute display represents nearly seventy percent of the cost of the entire festival, and there will be a final decision on the \$12,200 funding request as part of normal budget preparation work.

Post Prom Grant Approved

Mark Prebilib, co-chair of the PHS Post Prom Committee, asked to restore the post prom festivities this May with a grant between \$500 and \$1000. The post prom party will be held at Bowl America in Gaithersburg. The town has \$800 available in the budget for the post prom party and voted unanimously to approve that amount.

Resident Raises Alarm

Bob Roit, a concerned citizen who assiduously attends most town meetings, vehemently objected to the increase in proposed town expenditures for what he described as "non-town functions," primarily in the area of marketing costs and other civic grants. Calling these expenditures a waste of taxpayer money, he railed against what he called the slippery slope

of increased spending, accusing the commissioners of being unable to turn down any request for funds from town groups or residents. The area of expenditures includes Community and Economic Development, Community Goodwill, Economic Development/Marketing, and Senior Programs. The expenditure for these programs totaled \$122,000 for fiscal year 2013 and is projected to increase to \$152,000 in FY2014 ending June 30, 2015.

Commission president Jim Brown defended the commissioners' decisions by noting that other adjustments in the budget kept town expenditures down so that there are no increases in taxes due to these expense adjustments and that the consequences of ignoring the future economic development of the town could be much graver than the net savings of doing nothing today. The household share of the total expenditure in these four areas is around \$75.00 per year.

There will be a public hearing on this and other aspects of the town budget at the commissioners' meeting on May 5, 2014.

Board of Elections

The commissioners voted to approve Jocelyn Harris to the town's Board of Elections.



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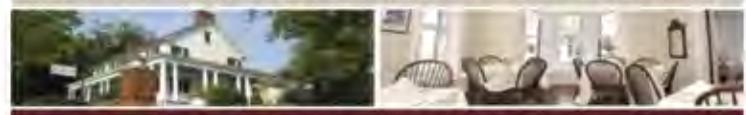
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Good Friday - Passion of the Lord Communion Service at 8 pm in the Church

Holy Saturday - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11 am in the Chapel

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Youth Sports

Jump Starting Boys' Volleyball at PHS

By Jeff Stuart

Tiffany Grimes, the new boys' volleyball coach this year, has big plans. "My big thing is that the boys' volleyball program in this county isn't as competitive as it could be," said Grimes. "I think that's due to the fact that coed is during the same season. For many of the schools in the county, the perception is that boys' [volleyball] is the JV of the spring volleyball season and coed is the varsity, so kids will try out and play boys' volleyball until they are able to make coed. As a girls' JV coach, I'm used to being a part of the program, training kids, and then passing them on to varsity. That's my job. I am an assistant coach for varsity. I invest in the program. That's the way it works." Grimes thinks that boys should stick with the boys' team for as long as four years, if they begin as freshmen. She doesn't want to train them just to see them leave and go to the coed program. "My goal is to make boys' the more competitive of the two by developing a rapport with the kids, incorporating fun into the game, and still being competitive," she explained.

In the first regular-season game, the Falcons lost in three, "but played some pretty incredible defense," said Grimes. Libero Eamon Chen played very well. A nice compliment came from the Sherwood coach who said that Poolesville had one of the strongest defenses

they've seen in a couple years.

Game two against Whitman got sloppy. "I'm really trying to get the kids to communicate more," said Grimes. "I believe they play better when they face tougher opponents. They work together as a team better." After the first seven matches, the Falcons were 4-3.

"We definitely have more depth," said senior Tony Ventura. "Last year, we had a lot of new people, a lot of sophomores, and me. The new coach doesn't bring a new approach. She brings an atmosphere of competitiveness that was missing before. I want to win. Last year, we missed the playoffs by one win."

"This year there is a whole new culture with a new coach," said senior Ayush Goyal. "She is a lot stricter, a lot more passionate. I think the culture is more about winning this year than it ever has been."

"The coaching style is different," says senior Kevin Beliveau, "and we are a lot more competitive because we have all played volleyball before. Fifty percent of the team didn't play before last year. I think we can make it to the playoffs and go pretty far. Coach Grimes has been pushing us pretty hard. She's a really good coach. Once you get into volleyball and the technical aspects, it's pretty challenging and a lot more fun."

Junior Andrew Wang brings different skills to the team. "Normally, I am a basketball player and, to be honest, didn't play a lot of organized volleyball until last year. I am pretty good at jumping, and I think some of the basketball skills carry over to volleyball. Toward the end of last year and this year, I have been getting better and better and improving my game."

"This year I moved to a different position," said sophomore Hansheng Zhang, "from center back to setter. That's a big change. I definitely think I am improving."

"I have played since I was in fourth grade," said freshman Eamon Chen, the libero. Chen likes the libero position. "I always liked playing back row." He plans to stick with the boys' program. "They all treat me like a little brother. We all joke around. That's what makes us a unique team."

Freshman Sam Komesarook, sophomore Heartson Fan, and juniors Dennis Paul, Mateo Zapata,

and Dmitri Agnew will hopefully return next year.

Coach Grimes is a 2003 graduate of PHS. "My senior year... was the first year we went to states." She earned her bachelor's in Psychology at UMBC. She worked in the fitness industry during her university studies, and when she could, she helped the girls' coach at PHS. She has since coached at the club level, the girls' JV team, and last year, she coached the boys' team at Northwest. "My husband and I live in Poolesville and are very excited to be expecting our first child this summer."



Hansheng Zhang, Eamon Chen, Ayush Goyal, Andrew Wang, Tony Ventura, and Kevin Beliveau.

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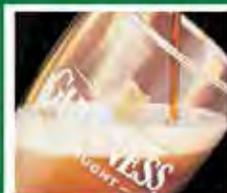
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Holy Saturday, April 19

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to a number of limiting parameters, but driven primarily by a requirement that such activities do not come at the expense of agricultural operations.

Carrier also discussed a recurring topic from year to year, the "great weakness of county zoning versus enforcement." The county passes regulations, but there is very little proactive enforcement. This is the province of the Department of Permitting Services, but DPS isn't granted enough inspectors to seek out zoning violations, making enforcement predominantly complaint driven. Carrier encouraged her audience to lobby the executive and the council for better enforcement.

Carrier closed with some reflections on her hopes for the future. These included further discernment of "how to best protect agriculture," and a desire to have regulations that also protect the "rural character" of the Upcounty. She cited strong citizen involvement and her love for the diversity of both the people and the varied areas of Montgomery County. She said that people's dedication to environmental protection and bus rapid transit (BRT) "make her optimistic about the future."

Several county council members were in attendance, and each took the opportunity to make a few remarks. Roger Berliner of District 1, which includes Poolesville, cited the broad support that was brought to bear to support a decision "backed by facts and science" that was ultimately supported by County Executive Ike Leggett and the entire council. He praised the conversion of the Dickerson power generating plant from coal to natural gas as a tremendous benefit to the environment, and put in plugs for expanded broadband access in the Ag Reserve and a "rural schools policy." At-large member Nancy Floreen also spoke about the Ten Mile Creek decision, pointing out that "advocacy based

on data that supports a decision is best," as opposed to that which is just advocacy-based, without the data and analytics. Phil Andrews of District 3 (Darnestown area) said that "one hundred years from now, people will look back and thank SCA for what they've done." He also observed that the coalition that helped forge the Ten Mile Creek agreement was put together in a remarkably short period of time. At-large member Marc Elrich also praised the Ten Mile Creek agreement, but also pointed out that "the stream will be protected, but it will be changed." He said that he voted against the zoning code rewrite, and wants stronger language to protect farming and to prevent non-farm uses of land in the Ag Reserve. He described some weaknesses that he sees in the new zoning regulations, and warned that shopping centers in outlying areas might be more vulnerable. Elrich also mentioned job losses in Poolesville, and touted agricultural processing as a way to boost farming and create jobs.

The highlight of the day, as always, came when Jim Brown presented the Piedmont Environmental Grant recipients. Presenters at the meeting, included Chloe Maher and Katie Krueger of Poolesville Elementary School, with their teacher, Kelly Carroll, who developed salad table gardens; Angela Henderson of Gaithersburg Elementary School, whose students are planting gardens and studying their results under microscopes; and Jaime Eeg and Lindsay Huffert, who developed an impressive goat playground for goats residing at Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary.



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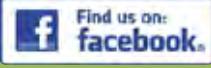
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April 17

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring representatives from Kona Brewing Co. with sampling for spring selection. 8:30 p.m.

April 18

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Bake Sale Fundraiser for Relay for Life.

April 19

Earth Day Celebration at Izaak Walton League

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America (BCC-IWLA) is planning a grand day to celebrate Earth Day—and the joy and love of nature—on their 662-acre preservation farm, and they want you to join them. This free family event will have

conservation tours of the farm, wildlife, nature, and historical exhibits, tractor pulled wagon rides, hunting dog and falconry, and fly-fishing demonstrations. Visitors get to try some archery, and youths can play geo cache, predator/prey games, and for those who bring their own rod and reel, a fishing derby (under thirteen). There will also be hot dogs for lunch. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 22

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Baseball vs. Churchill 3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Churchill 3:30 p.m. Boys' lacrosse vs. Rockville 7:00 p.m.

April 23

Poolesville Area Seniors Association Game Day

"Games with Jackie" game day. Mexican train dominoes or golf ripple. Room 128 at the Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Boys' tennis vs. Northwest 3:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Northwood. Boys 5:15 p.m., coed 7:00 p.m.

April 24

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Baseball vs. Seneca Valley 3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Seneca Valley 3:30 p.m. Boys' tennis vs. Wootton 3:30 p.m. Girls' lacrosse vs. Wheaton 7:00 p.m.

April 24, 25, and 26

Disney's High School Musical

The PHS Midnight Players present: *Disney's High School Musical*, based on the original movie written by Peter Barsocchini. Tickets are available on the PHS website or at the box office forty-five minutes before performance time.

General admission: \$8.00; reserved seats: \$12.00. April 24: 7:00 p.m.; April 25: 7:30 p.m.; April 26: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 25

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Boys' lacrosse vs. Wheaton 7:00 p.m.

Poker for Fun and Charity

St. Peter's Episcopal Church. An evening of cards, Texas hold'em and camaraderie. This is a \$20.00 buy in with no payout because all proceeds go to benefit the scholarship fund for Camp EDOW (Episcopal Diocese of Washington). To register, contact Dave Wiley by April 23 at 240-238-4963 or dwiley@recordedbooks.com.

April 26

Community Big Flea

Open air flea market at Whalen Commons in Poolesville. Vendors may fill out an application on pooleville.com under events. Vendor space: \$20.00. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Book Signing

Poolesville author Mary Ann Powell will sign copies of her newest release: *Horse Tales... Three Champions*. Poolesville Public Library. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spring Fling at Cugini's

Reunion of graduates from PHS prior to 1990 honoring Bob "The Coach" Mowen who took PHS basketball team to the state championship. Begins at 1:00 p.m.

HMAP: Membership

Exhibit 2014

Artists reception for the 2014 Art Show submitted by members of the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, including an outdoor sculpture display at Little Bennett Regional Park. The exhibit runs through June 8. Reception is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit Hyattstownmill.org.

April 29

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Boys' tennis vs. Clarksburg 3:30 p.m.

Kunzang Palyul Choling

Buddhist Temple Reception

The opening of a 24-hour prayer room and update on temple renovation progress. Special guest:

Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, 18400 River Road, Poolesville. 3:00 p.m.

April 30

Poolesville Area Senior

Association Seminar

"Understanding and Planning Elderly Care" by Momodou Bojang of Axiom Value, LLC. Learn the answers to many of the questions and concerns of retirement and long-term care. Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Girls' lacrosse vs. Richard Montgomery 5:15 p.m.

Boys' lacrosse vs. Richard Montgomery 7:00 p.m.

May 2

PHS Varsity Home Sports

Baseball vs. Bethesda-Chevy Chase 3:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Bethesda-Chevy Chase 3:30 p.m.

May 3

AHOP Special Event:

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Start of outdoor dining on patio. Come join the tent raising at 11:00 a.m. with food and fun for all. Band plays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Walk in or schedule an appointment at 301-349-0174. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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A Tranquil Oasis

moving—and moving with ease—you feel good. Jewelry is a way of expressing how good you feel," Maria said.

Recently, Maria joined the Little Miss Weddings network to help prospective brides and their families find the perfect accessories for themselves or their wedding party. She said brides often choose jewelry items as gifts for members of the wedding party. When not teaching yoga or selling jewelry, Maria devotes her time to charitable causes like Poolesville's Relay for Life. She provides trinkets and other pieces to be distributed or sold with a portion of the proceeds going to the charity. Additionally, Maria serves on the steering committee for the Gathering Place for seniors where she has taught numerous classes.

Many of Poolesville's successful business owners found their true callings by accident. They left the hectic nine-to-five pace of the corporate world and took a chance on entrepreneurship in their home community. Although Maria never imagined she would one day own a yoga studio and jewelry business, she has clearly found her niche. To see all that Glad-I-Yoga and Glad-I-Sparkle offers our community, stop by Maria's studio in the heart of downtown Poolesville.

Tidbits

Local Equestrian Author Releases Trilogy

Poolesville's Mary Ann Powell, a prolific author of equestrian novels, has just released her latest book, and there was quite a battle between two publishers to get a hold of it. Both The London Press and the California Ink Press wanted the work, but, in the end, Ms. Powell went with Native Ink since she has always found them great to work with.

Horse Tales... Three Champions is a trilogy of horse stories beginning with *Kentucky Bred*. This horse travels the United States, leading a very adventurous life with horse shows, combined training, and other exciting adventures. Story two, *Lots of Little Horses*, is about the popular miniature horses, how they love people, especially children. They are never taller than thirty-eight inches, are very good show horses, and make great pets, too. The miniatures are raised by the Staley family in Frederick. Story three is *Whisper of Seawind*, the story of a young girl who raises a blind horse. The reader will be fascinated with this very touching tale of the tribulations and exaltations of raising a blind horse, finding the ending thrilling.

Mary Ann Powell will hold a book signing at the Poolesville Library on April 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can buy the \$13.99 book then or contact her by email mapowell6@verizon.net or phone 301-407-2121.

Stolen Mail Becomes Forged Check

Poolesville Postmaster Debbie Webber has notified residents in the area that mail has been taken from mailboxes by someone seeking checks to alter in order to cash them. The perpetrator left behind scraps of the envelope that were found along the road and returned to the post office. County police and postal inspectors are following up on the incidents.

One stolen pre-written check was converted to a forgery. It was rewritten for \$1,500 and was

cached in Virginia. The post office's written instructions advised to temporarily not raise the mailbox red flag for outgoing mail. Such incidents are very rare and usually occur at busier times of the year. The norm when this occurs is for the offenders to move on to other areas.

Fire in Home on Martinsburg Road

Fire broke out at 19150 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson on April 4 around 3:00 p.m. No one was home at the time in the single family home. A multi-vehicle response brought over ten emergency trucks and teams to fight the fire. The cause of the fire has not been determined, and there were no reported injuries.

God and Church Awards

Seven local area scouts received their God and Church badges at St. Peter's Episcopal Church during a recent Sunday service. The scouts are from three different churches in town, and the badges awarded are specific to each denomination. The clergy of the local churches that participate take turns holding classes with the scouts and their leaders to help them earn their badges. This year it was St. Peter's Mother Kimberly Still's turn. The program requirements include eight hours of class time, a special project at the end, and assignments throughout the course. The students who received the awards are: Rachael Behrend, Emma Parker, and Michael Ballew from Memorial United Methodist Church; Anya and Liam Speck-McMorris from St. Peter's Episcopal Church; and Colin Thomas and Tim Krasner from Poolesville Presbyterian Church.

Barnesville School Places Second in Green Cup Challenge Chesapeake

The Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences placed second in the annual Green Cup Energy Challenge 2014 for the Chesapeake Region reducing energy use by 10.3 percent. There were thirty-eight other schools competing in the region.

The Green Cup Challenge is a program of the Green Schools Alliance (GSA) that "motivates schools worldwide to track their electricity



Rachael Behrend, Emma Parker, Anya Speck-McMorris, the Rev. Kimberly Still, Michael Ballew, Liam Speck-McMorris, Colin Thomas, and Tim Krasner.
Photograph by Michael McMorris.

use and make improvements to operations and facilities while also cultivating sustainable behaviors and student engagement," according to a GSA press release.

To track energy use throughout the challenge, Bernie Weintraub, Director of Facilities, Tara Barnhart, eighth grade teacher, and Susanne Johnson, Director of Institutional Advancement, worked with the Green Cup Student Committee to read the meters each week. The readings were entered into a Building Dashboard, web-based software made by Lucid, to track competition standings and compare performance between schools.

The Green Cup Challenge administrators used the software to compare the competing schools.

During the challenge, students and faculty were encouraged to reduce energy use by switching off lights in unoccupied rooms or by using natural light in classrooms when sufficient and turning off computer monitors when not in use. They were provided with reminders and energy facts during morning meetings. Reducing energy use continues to remain a priority and is an integral component of the school's status as a Certified Maryland Green School.



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Garden

A Time to Prune

By Maureen O'Connell

In T.S. Eliot's poem, "The Waste Land" (1922), widely regarded as one of the most important poems of the twentieth century, the opening sentence suggests that "April is the cruelest month." What does that sentence and the rest of this long poem mean? Is it Mr. Eliot's eschatological view of the world? Scholars have debated this issue for years with mixed interpretations. Suffice it to say that it will remain inscrutable.

To apply this phrase to the gardening world, I beg to differ with him, depending on the vagaries of weather for particular years. Very often, April is certainly not Camelot's "lusty month of May," but it does have a role in the life of the garden. To me, it is a neither-here-nor-there month that gently eases you back into the coming chores of spring and summer. It can still be bone-chilling cold, the soil can be too wet and compacted to plant in, and a sneaky, late frost can nip an unsuspecting young flower bud.

Once the first spring bulbs emerge, gardeners are itching to go out and do something in the garden. Resist the urge to work the soil; now is the time to prune. With the rainy, cold, snowy weather we had in March, I am a bit late in doing my late winter pruning. St. Patrick's Day is my usual target date. Most plants benefit from some sort of pruning; the trick is to know what to prune when. Usually, you can't kill them by pruning at the wrong time of year, though it might result in less flowers and fruit production. The pruning general rule of thumb is to prune summer and fall flowering trees and shrubs in the dormant season (late winter and early spring) and prune spring flowering ones after their flowers fade. There is confusion with plants like hydrangeas, clematis, and roses, which can bloom in spring, summer, or fall, or repeatedly. To avoid mistakes, know the particular growth and flowering schedules of all of your plants.

We prune to: encourage new growth and bloom; remove dead, diseased, and damaged wood; shape plants; and improve air circulation. Invest in the right equipment for this job and buy the best that you can afford. The four basic tools that you need are: hand pruners (I swear by the Felco 2 hand clippers), loppers, shearers, and a saw. To keep these working efficiently, keep the blades clean, sharp, and oiled.

Many perennial plants need winter protection from their fallen leaves to help them survive harsh weather conditions. Here is a list of garden perennials to prune now: Artemisia, asters, black-eyed Susan, butterfly bush (wait for sign of green at the base and cut back to six to ten inches), butterfly weed (*Asclepias*), coral bells, Dianthus, gay feather, globe thistle, hosta, Lady's Mantle, lamb's ear, lavender, lupine, mums, coneflower, Russian sage, sedum, and coreopsis.

This is a turning point year for my rose gardens. Many of my plants are ten to twenty years old, and some of them are showing their age or have been damaged by harsh winters, pests, and diseases. I have decided to dig up and discard the oldest ones, where the main root stem is dead. There are many thin branches growing around the base, but they are not vigorous or healthy. The harsh winds of this past winter have heavily damaged many of my new hybrid teas and David Austin shrub roses in the Upper Garden. They will have to go. Years ago, I planted about twenty David Austin roses in the Middle Garden along the white pine fence line. For years, they thrived for they received enough sunlight. Now, however, the white pines are over forty feet tall and they shade most of the rose plants. They are too old to transplant, so they will also have to go. As I have said many times, a garden exists in a state of fluctuation. Nothing is stagnant. My gardens will now have to acquire a new look, as they adjust to changing light levels.

Many gardeners have questions about how to properly prune roses. Most roses fall into one of several groups; their pruning methods

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Assault: 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road (two incidents).

Burglary: 17100 block of Cubitt Court.

Theft from vehicle: 19500 block of Fisher Avenue.

Theft: 19200 block of Hempstone Avenue, 19500 block of Darnestown Road.

Past Crime

April 13, 1961 A fifty-two-year-old Rockville man was arrested for trespassing at Stanley's Diner in Rockville. The man had entered the diner and ordered a cup of coffee. He was refused service (apparently because the counterman did not want to serve a black man), and police were called. After a trespassing warrant was obtained, the man was arrested.

April 14, 1960 A group of students from Hazel Park, Michigan, who were on their senior trip, were walking on a downtown street when they traded insults with a carload of boys who had pulled over to the curb. That led to a street fight and injuries to several of the boys from Michigan. The car was

traced to a Montgomery County family, and two county youths were later arrested by D.C. Police.

April 15, 1960 Firemen from all jurisdictions raced back and forth across the area battling brush fires that had broken out on a windy, dry day. Prince George's County reported eighty fires and Montgomery County had twenty-six blazes.

April 22, 1960 Police placed no charges against a milkman who accidentally backed over and killed a three-year-old boy on a Rockville Street. The milk truck was backing out of a driveway on Turkey Branch Parkway when the driver realized that he had struck something. Officer Umholtz said that it was a case of "a really small boy on a really small tricycle."

April 30, 1961 Two ex-cons were arrested after they tried to rob the payroll manager at the National Institutes of Health construction project. Police said that an officer saw a car drive through a stop sign in Bethesda and stopped the car. He noticed that the driver was nervous and saw a payroll bag on the seat. Suspecting that another man in the car was up to no good, the officer then followed the car to NIH where a gun battle ensued between county police and two holdup men. One officer was injured.

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William Joseph Roberts

Above all else, Bill was a loving husband and father, and took great pride in all that he did. Never one to shy away from a challenge, he built his family's home with his own two hands and was always striving for improvement. An avid fan of the outdoors, nary a day went by where he would not be seen mowing the grass, chopping firewood, or finding a reason to get on a tractor to accomplish a chore. He loved the Outer Banks of North Carolina where he and his family shared many cherished memories. His work ethic was infectious, inspiring all those with whom he interacted.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lisa; his daughter, Sarah; his son, William, Jr.; his two brothers, Jack (Joyce) and Jimmy (Donna); his brother-in-law Rick (Becky); his three nieces Amy, Amanda, and Jessica; and his two loyal golden retrievers, Kobe and Grace; all of whom he loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the "Rhodes Runners for Life" team at the Angels Among Us Walk to benefit the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University (www.AngelsAmongUs.org).

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JPMS Teacher Finalist as County Teacher of the Year

Marian Greenblatt's husband, as a Phi Beta Kappa graduate at Catholic University, recipient of the National Collegiate Education Award, and the Thomas Shields Award for Excellence in Teacher education.

Dr. Greenblatt went on to add that as an eighth grade English teacher, Lindsay chairs the English and Reading Department at JPMS, is in charge of supporting the literacy program for all students, and has been a leader in implementing the School Improvement Plan, where she created an afterschool program for magnet school preparation, the only program in MCPS of its kind, achieving an eighty-five percent acceptance rate into the magnet program by those in the program. Mrs. Lindsay's students are taught SAT-style writing to get ready for college, and Lindsay implemented what is called Advanced English for everyone with a ninety-six percent proficiency rate.

Greenblatt added that no one fails in her classes because she works with each student until he or she gets the material. She does especially well with struggling students and has never sent a student to the office for disciplinary problems as she prefers to fix the problems in her class.

As a staff leader, she organized and produced the Literacy Night and Book Fair, leads the staff wellness activities, writes poems and song lyrics to praise teachers in her department, and makes everyone feel appreciated. She has mentored student interns and students applying for the Ben Carson Scholarship, and is prominent in the professional learning communities. As a finalist, she also received a \$1,000 award.

Principal Charlotte Boucher described Mrs. Lindsay as a teacher who is creative, imbues excitement of learning, and embraces new curricula—and as a teacher who is inspirational and motivational. With teachers like Mrs. Lindsay, Boucher said, "It is a pleasure to come to work with the best each day, and in having her win the award, it was a hallmark for JPMS as she is part of the team of excellence of teaching in the school."

In acknowledging the award, Mrs. Lindsay thanked the students, parents, fellow staff members, and administration. In thanking Dr. Marshal Greenblatt for the award, she told the largely-student audience, "You know I love you, I just love you a little bit more tonight." In her acceptance, she shared the award with all the teachers at the school and gave special thanks to her husband for his support and asked all the students in the room to share a bit of personal philosophy: "Come grow old with me, the best is yet to come."

The winner will be named at a Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education event at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown on April 29.

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Tidbits Of the Past

By Jack Toomey

April 3, 1955 A 330-acre horse and cattle farm near Poolesville was sold to Bernard Siegel. Balandee Farm, the former residence of the late Edward Flynn, had been on the market for two years. Siegel announced that he had bought the farm for considerably less than the asking price of \$135,000.

April 6, 1955 A twelve-year-old county boy was causing quite a stir when he took refuge in the Austrian Embassy to hide from his mother. He feared that his mom wanted to send him to Russia whence the family had emigrated. He told a Rockville judge that he was tired of moving from country to country like a "paper sack."

April 7, 1955 Bethesda's Woodacres Elementary School PTA and the Kensington PTA voted to oppose the county's plan to integrate schools in 1956.

April 8, 1955 Judge Charles W. Woodward announced his retirement from the county circuit court. Judge Woodward had come to the area in 1915 from Georgia to teach history at the Brierly Hall Academy at Poolesville.

April 13, 1954 R. Edwin Brown announced that he had acquired a new boat and that ferry operations would resume at White's Ferry by the middle of May. Previously, ferry service had been interrupted between 1939 and 1947 because, in 1939, a flood had washed the old ferry boat downstream. Another boat, carrying three cars,

was obtained and it lasted until December 1953 when it also was washed away. The new boat was delivered by truck, and after a few test runs, it was scheduled to resume service. It was sixteen feet wide and could carry six autos.

April 16, 1955 The county Board of Appeals turned down a permit that would have allowed a 1600-car drive-in movie theater to be built on Georgia Avenue in Wheaton. The bid was opposed by residents and members of the Manor Country Club.

April 18, 1955 A dog with the name of Spunky Carolina Duke won the Baldwin Trophy after a day of dog trials at the Isaak Walton League farm near Poolesville.

April 26, 1955 County Manager Melvin Reese said that there was enough money in the county's budget to build a public swimming pool. He did not say where or when the pool would be built. No public pool existed in the county at that time.

April 29, 1955 The Montgomery County Board of Education made a series of recommendations for the 1956 school year. They suggested that the River Road, Linden, and Kengar Negro Schools be closed due to standard conditions and that students be moved to the closest schools. They also recommended that black students living in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High, Blair High, and Wheaton High districts be allowed to attend the school of their choice in 1956.

Information for this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.

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A Time to Prune

vary slightly. English roses and other repeat-flowering shrub roses should be cut down by between one and two thirds but only thinned a little. Bush roses—hybrid teas and floribundas—should be cut down harder by between one half and three fourths and thinning out some of the older main stems. Non-repeating shrubs should be left alone or lightly pruned by no more than one third and thinned very lightly. For climbers, the previous year's flowering shoots

should be reduced to three or four buds or about four to six inches and the strong, new stems tied in, cutting out older ones as necessary. Ramblers should be left to ramble unless they need to be controlled. Many people in our area grow Knock-Out roses. They are relatively low maintenance, but they can get out of hand. Prune back hard now to keep them in good shape and within their boundaries.

What are my new gardens going to look like, now that they have lost their rose residents? Read my next column to find out. The Gardener.

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Remembrances

Rhonda D. Burriss

Rhonda Dale Burriss, 53, of Boyds died suddenly on March 28, 2014 at her residence. She was the wife of Matthew W. Burriss. Born on March 31, 1960 in Olney, Maryland, she was the daughter of Charles J. Martin and the late Neula Barteo Covey, and the granddaughter of the late Bertha Bryte Barteo. Surviving besides her husband and father are four children, Paul D. Brown, Charles J. M. Burriss, Matthew W. Burriss, II, Amanda (Peaches) Hagan; one sister, Resha Layman; one niece, Brooke Ariana Bryte Ahault; and two grandchildren, Thomas Brown and Lily Hagan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hilton Funeral Home to offset funeral expenses.



Rhonda D. Burriss

Sharon R. Kemp

Ms. Sharon Renee Kemp, 49, lost her battle with cancer and died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, March 30, at her home in Poolesville. Born February 21, 1965, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, she was the third daughter of the late George M. and JoAnn Kemp. Surviving are two children, Cheyenne B. Wolitzky and Gage A. Wolitzky of Poolesville; five siblings, Diane M. Stidham (Eddie), Brian L. Kemp (Robbin), all of Poolesville, Karen L. Howell (Ralph, Jr.) of Dickerson, Susan R. Kemp of Germantown, Stephanie A. Papa (Mike) of Oakland; sixteen nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted on behalf of Sharon and her children at gofundme.com.



Sharon R. Kemp

Louise Hyre

Louise Hyre, 84, of Poolesville, formerly of Wheaton, died on March 20, 2014. She was the wife of the late Donald L. Hyre. Born on June 22, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late David and Blanche (Post) Lynch. Louise was the mother of Donetta (Fred) Swick, and Kathryn (David) Swick; grandmother of Andrew (Christina) Swick, Kelly (Ted) Gardiner, Katie (Brad) Henry, and Allee Swick; and great grandmother of Madeline, Brady, and Emelia Gardiner, and Liliana, Rhett, and Wyatt Swick. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850



Louise Hyre

Richard "Dick" Morningstar

Richard "Dick" Morningstar, 82, of Poolesville died on April 1, 2014. He was the husband of Nancy Morningstar. Dick and Nancy were married in December 1961 in Poolesville and were married for fifty-two loving years. Born on May 28, 1931 in Poolesville, he was the son of the late Murrel Jesse Morningstar and Emma Marie Julia (Reich) Morningstar. Dick owned and operated Morningstar Welding from 1952 until his son, Patrick, assumed management of the business in recent years. Morningstar Welding has been a family-owned business operating in the same location of Poolesville for ninety-four years. The Shop, as it is locally known, is the oldest continuously-run business in the Town of Poolesville. Morningstar Welding was formally Morningstar Blacksmith Shop. Dick's father, Murrel "Mike" Morningstar, opened the blacksmith shop at 17612 Elgin Road in 1920. The original building was a weatherboard building later rebuilt in 1947 as a cinder block building which is still in use today. Murrel was the town smithy and mainly based his income on farrier services and wagon and wagon-wheel building. Murrel had a nine-foot square forge with a hand blower that Dick would operate for him. Dick recalls having to stand on a box to crank it as a child. Morningstar Blacksmith Shop was an integral part of the Poolesville community, servicing the horses and farm equipment for many years. At Murrel's failing health and eventual death, Dick transitioned the business to meet the new needs of modern machinery.

Murrel discouraged Dick from entering the blacksmithing business as it was a hard life and a dying industry, becoming one for horse racing and pleasure riders mainly. Dick saw an opportunity in the welding business and his sister, Dorothy, bought him his first welder in 1952. This welder and Murrel's anvil are surviving family relics still on the shop property today. Dick was self-taught and began primarily working on farm equipment when it was suggested

he take his business on the road and enter the commercial construction business. With a name change to Morningstar Welding, in 1960 he bought his first portable welder and entered the lucrative world of erecting buildings and high rises. He was known to travel as far as Ocean City, Maryland but mainly worked within a hundred-mile radius of Poolesville. Morningstar Welding participated in the building boom in the Maryland, D.C., and Northern Virginia region. He subcontracted with the largest construction companies of the tri-state area. Dick, however, never forgot the farmers and locals and always made time to fix and repair the odds and ends that came into the shop at all hours (undercharging many times, if at all).

Dick was a down-to-Earth and humble man, and a much-loved member of the Poolesville community as well as the construction community. He always received respect and admiration from his peers as well as his business acquaintances. Morningstar Welding did experience growth, and Dick brought in employees, including his son Patrick. He taught the trade, fair business ethics, and the rewards of hard work to many local and not-so-local boys. Dick, like his father, worked ten-to-twelve-hour days six days a week for well over half a century, and recently enjoyed retirement in sunny Florida. He handed the reins over to Patrick who continues the family business tradition today.

Dick was the father of Julia Bellet and son-in-law Marc, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Patrick Morningstar and daughter-in-law Karri, of Poolesville; grandfather of Blair, Emma, and Samuel Bellet, and Kyle and Kaysie Morningstar; brother to Dorothy Hightman (deceased), Elizabeth Morningstar (deceased), and Gerald Morningstar, sister-in-law Peggy, of Poolesville. Dick was also uncle to Bramwell Hightman (Stephanie) of Bethesda and seven additional nieces and nephews.

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Use of Acupuncture in the Veterinary Setting

Poolesville Veterinary Clinic

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Acupuncture was originally a traditional Chinese medicine revisited in the 1940s when "barefoot doctors" were trained in Chinese medicine and basic Western Medicine. These were then used together for general healthcare across Asia.

Today, we research the neurophysiologic basis of acupuncture in what we describe as evidence-based medicine in conjunction with the traditional Chinese medicine.

Acupuncture point locations as mapped out thousands of years ago and considered to be meridians of energy or 'Qi' have actually been found to be specific anatomical locations.

- 1- where nerve bundles penetrate the fascia
- 2- close proximity to major blood vessels that surround the small nerve bundles
- 3- motor points where nerves enter or exit the muscle
- 4- trigger points, more commonly known as knots in your muscles

"Pain in myofascial pain syndrome develops as a result of the activation of C afferent (group IV) nociceptors at trigger point sites in muscle...the pain in this disorder may be abolished by means of stimulating cutaneous and subcutaneous A delta nerve fibers with dry needles, for it is known that this procedure blocks the C afferent input to the spinal cord, both from skin and from muscle by activating enkephalinergic inhibitory interneurons situated at the boundary between lamina I and II of the dorsal horn." (Bowsher 1990) *Filshie & White, Medical Acupuncture: A Western Scientific Approach*. Churchill Livingstone, London 1998.

Needle insertion creates a neurovascular reaction releasing substance P and histamine. This stimulates both ascending response on the CNS to create an overall pain relief and descending axon reflexes such as warmth and redness at the insertion site.

Local effects include capillary dilation and immune activation, tissue repair activation and local/supraspinal control to reduce inflammation and normalize circulation.

Systemic effect releases natural pain reducers such as met-enkephalin, B-endorphin, and dynorphins as well as increased serotonin levels. Acupuncture controls pain by release of endogenous opioids, improves circulation via vasodilation, and inhibits pain by blocking the C fibers and A delta fibers.

Side effects are rare due to the sterile thin stainless steel needles being used.

Uses for Acupuncture at the Poolesville Veterinary Clinic include most musculoskeletal and neurologic diseases such as arthritis, IVDD, nerve injuries/paralysis, back pain, lameness, and muscle and tendon injuries. Other illnesses and diseases have had acupuncture used for treatment throughout the world including skin disease, urinary tract disorders, gastrointestinal disease, respiratory disorders, ocular disorders, and reproductive problems.

The key to acupuncture success is an accurate western medicine diagnosis followed by treatment using both integrative (acupuncture, laser therapy, etc.) and western medicine. Most of my patients are currently taking pharmaceuticals as well as utilizing acupuncture. The acupuncture is able to lessen the quantity of drugs required while using an integrative therapy which has minimal side effects.



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