



Ayrlawn, a local goat of some repute, wins international humanitarian award. Details on page 21.



Carol Hansen was the who in who-done-it, and she and Chris Hall won awards for Best Costumes. See the Family Album on page 2 to make sense of this.



Rachel Macairan won the Knights of Columbus Poster contest about alcohol abuse. See Tidbits on page 10 for another winner.



Read about Robert Winning and the rest of the PHS wrestlers in Youth Sports on page 8.

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House Fire at Historic Site

By Rande Davis

A house fire broke out on Saturday, March 19 at 18200 Beallsville Road, Poolesville. The home is on the property of George Kephart, Sr. and is the house located about seventy-five yards north of the main home on the historic homestead, which is registered as Chiswell's Inheritance. The main home, built in 1796, was untouched by the fire.

Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. Kephart, resided in the house. Her daughter, Amanda, lives in Rockville; and her son, Simon, currently serving in the marine corps, is stationed in Florida. No one was injured in the fire. Apparently, an ember from a burning brush pile thought to have been set off

accidentally by a worker's cigarette started the fire. Fueled by strong winds, the flames consumed the cedar shingle roof and swept through the upper floor of the residence. Ms. Brown, who was home at the time, called 911, tossed out dogs and cats, and evacuated the site.

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department got the call at 12:46 p.m. and, arriving in minutes, was the first on the scene. Other responders from Carroll Manor and down county departments came later to assist. The fire damage was limited to the roof and upper rooms, although smoke and water unavoidably caused further damage on the first floor and in the basement.

The house was built in 1931 for the farm's dairyman and his family and is modeled after the



Pam Boe of the UMCVFD talks with George Kephart, Sr. as both watch a house on his property burn.

buildings of the late 1700s on the Sotterley Plantation in Hollywood, Maryland. Ann Brown teaches art and runs her alpaca farm, Rainbow Pacas, on the property.

By Sunday, the Kepharts,

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Residents Plan To Rebuild Together

By Catherine Beliveau, Ray Hoewing, and Bernie Mihm

It may not be "Extreme Makeover," but for the elderly Dickerson couple whose small two-story house will be scraped and painted, rotting window sills and damaged siding replaced, basement stairs and door rebuilt, and new deck installed later this month, the results will be the same: A drastic improvement in appearance, safety, and comfort. Once again, a group of local residents, this year mobilized by a new ecumenical nonprofit service organization—Help-

ing Hands-Poolesville (HH-P)—whose funding and person power for the work is possible only because of the support of local churches, civic organizations, and businesses, will join hands and talents on a Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) project.

Every April for the past dozen years, with one or two exceptions, has witnessed the renovation of at least one house owned by individuals or families in the Poolesville/Upcounty area facing economic difficulties. House Captain for this year's Rebuilding Together project, Chrisler Homes's owner, Joe Hetrick, says the required work will be challenging but certainly "doable." Two large crews, as many as twenty to twenty-five persons each day, are needed to tackle the various tasks



Poolesville Rebuilding Together has a project planned for later in April.

on Saturdays, April 23 and 30. Besides the work noted previously, unsafe wiring will be replaced, safety rails built at one entrance, and debris removal and landscaping undertaken. While skilled tradespersons will obviously be required, many of the workers

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These ladies enjoyed the Pinot on the Patio wine-tasting event at Bassett's.

The kids are feeding the kids as a big kid looks on. Joshua and Alexandra Davis with Dominique Agnew.



The St. Peter's High School Youth Group, at their Balmy Bahamas Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser. Hannah Dowdy, adult leader Traci Stevens, Connor Hall, Jesse Stevens, Anna Clayton, Alex Wiley, and William Stamm.



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In The Garden

The Many Faces Of India

By Maureen O'Connell

I recently returned from a two-week photographic study course in Kerala, a state in the southern part of India. It was offered by a small London travel company, Frui Creative Holidays and Courses, that specializes in small photography, cooking, and painting tours in locations all over the world. We bypassed the usual tourist destinations of India and focused on the off-the-beaten-path small villages in the wonderfully expressive Kerala. The Taj Mahal would have to wait for another trip.

India is a country of contradictions. It has positioned itself as an emerging world power, globally, politically, and economically. With a population of 1.25 billion, it is the second most populated country in the world, with fifty



percent below the age of twenty-five; however, these statistics bring with them many problems. In urban and rural areas, overpopulation, noise, animals, poverty, garbage, and a lack of clean water are constant concerns. Improvements are held back or slowed by the government's low budgets and a lack of technology and trained manpower. Cows, goats, dogs, and monkeys roam the streets; nobody follows driving guidelines, so congestion is overwhelming. Huge billboards line the highways and small villages' narrow, dusty streets. Looking skyward at them, you see beautiful sari-clad women advertising diamonds and gold jewelry and expensive seaside condos for sale. Look downward toward the streets and you see trash: plastic bags, plastic bottles, beer cans, crisp packets, and discarded food. What is amazing is that the people seem unaware of the need to change their attitude towards trash disposal and removal. Now that I have spoken of some of the problems facing India, let me tell you why I grew to love India.

Kerala has its share of problems, but it is a long way, distance wise and emotionally, from the densely-populated, fast-paced large cities of Mumbai, Delhi, and Bangalore. The people of Kerala live in an area that time seems to have forgotten. They live in a relaxed state and carry out their daily lives in much the same way as their forbears did decades ago. The men cast their nets in the sea every morning and night, the women wash the family's clothing by pounding them on rocks

at the water's edge and dry them by spreading them out on plants, shrubs, and trees in the sun. The area's main business and export trade is tea and spices. They have their own culture, language, and cooking.

Our tour first took us to the backwaters of Kerala around the town of Kollam. The best way to observe the life of this area is on a houseboat, modeled after the old rice barges, called kettuvallam. We had four houseboats, each having three to four bedrooms.

For two days, we slowly traveled through the labyrinth of canals, lakes, and rivers, their banks lined with dense tropical plants, coconut, banana, and rubber trees. Lining the shores, there were small villages where men, women, and children carried out their daily lives. If you stopped and looked closely, you could see women in colorful saris at the river's edge, slapping their

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Letter to the Editor

Editor:

Let me get this straight.

Property owners cannot fly a small plane for pleasure from their own Rural Density Transfer (RDT) zoned property even if there are only two flights per week; however, if the same people want to fly the same plane from the same property fifty times per week in order to spray pesticides on their hayfield, that's okay? Let's remember that farmers start early and work late, so if the first flight is at dawn and the last at dusk, that's okay as well?

There are thousands of telephone poles spaced every couple hundred feet and miles and miles of telephone lines spread along every road in the RDT; however, a comparatively few cell phone towers, necessary to provide competitive cell phone and internet service for us residents of the

RDT, is not okay? For the record, I am quite happy that we receive excellent cell phone service via the large tower right across the street from our home.

I am a strong supporter of the current RDT zoning and its minimum lot size of twenty-five acres. We even sold our development rights to create a permanent conservation easement on our own property. It is important to keep in mind, however, that there is a vast difference between RDT low density zoning and a wilderness area or national park.

Bernie Mihm, Jr.

LCA Grand Award Winner-Hardscape Construction International Society of Arboriculture-Certified Arborist Certified Professional Horticulturist

Commentary

Warning: This Column Features Smoking

By John Clayton

Editorially, [we] will be independent Republican. We tend to Republican philosophy, but won't follow the party when we think it's in the wrong.

That's sort of a fancy way of saying we're conservative.

We strongly oppose massiveness in government; the paring away of individual freedoms; the welfare state; bad roads; cradle-to-the-grave security, federal aid to education; class legislation; hot-rod driving; pessimists; suppression of minority groups; government waste; high fashion; teen-age alcoholics; news suppression; high taxes; and newspapers that never take a stand.

We strongly favor a sound, non-inflationary economy; the private enterprise system; integration; an orderly, economic growth for this area; less pork-barrel legislation; a massive foreign exchange program as the key to world peace; individualism; lower

taxes; conservation; moderation; more voice in government by the individual; and a good cigaret [sic] after a delicious meal.

Actually, this isn't the stated philosophy of the *Monocacy Monocle*, which is not to say that it is all bad. This is from *The Weekly Packet*, which serves Blue Hill, Maine, and other nearby communities, and the section is their inaugural pronouncement to the world (or at least their part of Maine) in their first issue on December 1, 1960, which was printed late last year as a fiftieth anniversary celebration. A copy was kindly sent to me by Kathleen and Steve Hayward, who live in Maine. Steve was the longtime rector at St. Peter's Parish, and Kathleen, it should be noted, has some responsibility for the *Monocle* as she was the one who told me, while we were in Maine, that there was someone else I knew in Poolesville who was interested in starting a local newspaper.

I found the *Packet's* political positioning fascinating as a period piece, and it made me think

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about how all this translates into our twenty-first century world. I noted that the *Packet's* concerns about the size, role, and scope of the federal government are as fresh today as then, but one has to admit that some of these ships have sailed. The welfare state, cradle-to-the-grave security, and federal aid to education are the rule of the land, and certain components of these are considered third-rails of American politics, that is, to suggest reducing benefits is regarded as political suicide. Not even the Tea Party has seriously sustained a call for cutting its own health benefits. Admit it—we like our welfare state—we just don't like paying for it, especially not for someone else.

I found their aversion to "class legislation" interesting. I inferred this to be an objection to special interest politics in all its forms. It's easy to be cynical and say that someone else's remedy is class legislation and one's own remedy is the furtherance of our precious freedoms, but having

said that, I think the item was insightful and desirable. There is no denying that the fragmentation of our policies into special interests is counterproductive. It also occurs to me that if the *Packet* folks don't approve of special-interest advocacy dominating the political process, then they probably haven't become Democrats yet.

I'm sure they would continue to lament the challenges to individual freedoms. This might not even be from the big ticket challenges such as wire-tapping, electronic surveillance, Barrack Obama's prison in Guantanamo Bay (say what?), and speed cameras. I suspect they would most lament the loss of our freedom to pursue annoying habits such as letting our cats run loose and smoking cigars in public, or maybe the loss of public clam flats. Such pleasures are greatly eroded by the simple fact that so many more of us are living closer together. This is also known as Smart Growth, the art of getting other people to live

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Business Briefs

New Winemaker At SMV

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard is pleased to welcome Benoit Pineau as their new winemaker. Ben hails from France and was educated in oenology and viticulture in Bordeaux and Toulouse. He went right to work to inventory and taste SMV wines aging in barrel storage and to put new approaches in place, such as aging the Rosé wine in the tanks to keep it fresh and crisp. He has also established a new racking regimen where the wines are removed from the barrels, the lees (i.e., yeast remnants) is removed, and the wine returned to the barrel.

Fire Will Not Disrupt Art Camp

Ann Brown, whose residence suffered major damage in the recent fire, has reported that her planned art camp in Poolesville will go on as scheduled. "They will be held at the farm, but maybe not on the porch. None of the art camp supplies were damaged." The

camp is for kids and adults. Further information can be obtained at myannsart.com.

Grand Opening: Poolesville Vision Services

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Ballet Garden Grows

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with assistance from friends and neighbors, were able to put a temporary roof beam in place and drape the house with a huge, blue tarp. The family is planning to restore the house, but cedar shingles will not be used for the roof.

The Kephart family expressed their deep appreciation for the quick action of the fire department personnel and for the family, friends, and neighbors who helped in the massive job of cleanup and in securing the tarps against inclement weather. They offer a special thanks to Chris Hren, Robert diGregorio, Bob Kapsch, Don Brown, Amanda Brown, Erin Mansfield, Patricia Brown, Elise Muldoon, Caroline Taylor, Jim Snider, Robin Snider, Patt Robertson, and Susie Homire with her brother, Rick, and nieces, Annie and Lizzy.

Remembrance

Whitney Staver-Poolesville Barber

By Rande Davis

Whitney Staver, 63, of Poolesville died suddenly March 21, 2011 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of twenty-nine years Gini, son Whit William, daughter Victoria, his parents Preble and Isabell, three sisters, Leslie, Lynne, and Laurie, niece Cindy Broderick, nephew Eric Bouvet, and their families. Whitney also leaves his dogs Cayda and Jazz.

Whit served his nation as a marine with two tours in the Vietnam War during the 1960s. Afterwards, he worked as a contract employee with the CIA in McLean, Virginia for thirteen years and as a stay-at-home dad for two years before joining Gini

as owner/operator of Poolesville Barber and Stylist.

During the memorial service at Memorial United Methodist Church, retired Baptist minister, Ken Fitzwater, performed the ceremony. Whit had been a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Post #97 since 1996. Grand Noble Thomas Dillingham led a special remembrance service by the Odd Fellows in honor of Whit's service to the organization and the community and for his valued friendship. Whit was also a member of the Poolesville American Legion Post #247.

Friends and family spoke of his perpetual warm and wry humor and pleasantness, always greeting each customer as a friend and sometimes with a bit of teasing. It was not unusual, as William Poole pointed out, for customers to come for the haircut and stay for the company. Many shared stories of

humor about the wonderful way Whit filled the iconic position as a barber in Small Town, America. Gini plans to keep the barbershop open.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations in Whitney's name be made to WUMCO,



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The Legacy of Lady Bountiful of Hell's Kitchen: Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens

By Ingeborg Westfall

Born March 15, 1887, Marjorie Merriweather Post has been described as America's Empress because she inherited a vast fortune from her father, C. W. Post, who developed Postum and founded Postum Cereal Company. Her earliest memories were of gluing Postum boxtops. By age ten, she was accompanying her father to board meetings. Later, she and then-husband E.F. Hutton transformed Postum Cereal Company into General Foods Corporation, buying Birdseye Frozen Foods in the process. During her life she was famous for her lavish, glamorous lifestyle, her four marriages, and her grand entertaining. Since her death in 1973 at age eighty-six, it has become clear that she was also a shrewd, far-sighted businesswoman (it was her idea to acquire Birdseye). She was known as a discerning art collector and generous patron of the arts (the Kennedy Center and the Washington Ballet, among others) and other causes. During the Depression, she put her jewels in safe-keeping, canceled the insurance, and used the money to establish a soup kitchen serving daily meals to one thousand women and children (other soup kitchens fed only men); for that, she was given the nickname: Lady Bountiful of Hell's Kitchen. Years later, the New York Times wrote of her, "While she always lived like a queen, she always gave like a philanthropist."

In 1955, she bought a property in D.C.'s Van Ness area, renaming it Hillwood. She oversaw its redesign and expansion to house her art collection, with a mind to later making it a muse-

um. Within its twenty-five acres, she established gardens, four fall-out shelters, statuary, fountains, pools, sculptures, paths and walks, a dacha (small, Russian second/vacation home), and expanded the greenhouse (200 species of orchids then, 2500 now). The museum showcases her two principal interests: decorative and fine arts of eighteenth-century France (including tapestries and porcelain) and Imperial Russia (two imperial Fabergé eggs and numerous icons). When she lived in Moscow with third husband Ambassador Joseph Davies, Stalin opened to the diplomatic community warehouses of valuable items stolen from Russian aristocrats. Items she purchased then formed the foundation of her Russian collection, which became one of the finest in the world.

The museum is breath-taking, and the gardens are its match. Serene and welcoming, the Rose Garden, the French Parterre, and others present different rooms or spaces that feature a variety of historical styles combined with horticultural designs of the time. My favorite is the Japanese-style garden, an artful hybrid of Japanese and American gardening traditions.

These paragraphs offer just the barest glimpse of the treasure that is Hillwood and the extraordinary life of the woman who gifted the nation with it. Her ashes are there, in an urn at the base of a granite monument in the Rose Garden. The monument is inscribed, "All my hopes rest in me," an accurate summation of a well-lived life.



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Local News

Town Government Report Public Hearing on Budget Draws Few Comments

By Rande Davis



Bob Roit (right) was one of only two offering comments at the public hearing on Poolesville's proposed budget.

The public hearing on the proposed 2012 town budget set for the March 21 commissioners' meeting attracted only two speakers. Rudy Gole queried the commissioners on the changing scale of pay over the past few years that has resulted in a narrowing of pay structure from employment grades sixteen to twenty. The town manager is a grade twenty. Mr. Gole opined that in considering the responsibilities of the town manager and, in his estimation, the exemplary performance of the current town manager, Wade Yost, the grade twenty should be raised. Mr. Gole lobbied the commissioners on a salary range "in the six figures." Commissioner Jim Brown concurred on Mr. Gole's evaluation of the performance of the town manager, but no commissioner committed to the proposal.

Bob Roit asked for clarification on the budget plans of a lawn-mowing contract that was under consideration that evening.

After Jerry Klobukowski asked for clarification on the verbiage used in the proposed new forest conservation ordinance (Ordinance #122) with specific concern on its requirements for replanting of trees, the commissioners unanimously approved it.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the paving in Seneca Chase had ten firms requesting a proposal package for the RFP, while six actually submitted a bid. The contract was awarded to M. T. Laney Company, Inc. In addition to the work to be done in Seneca Chase, the contract also provides curb and gutter installation at Dr. Thomas Dillingham Park. M. T. Laney submitted the bid at \$486,848.40. The paving work is anticipated to be completed by this spring.

With anticipation that lawn maintenance in the town will be ex-

panding with the two new housing developments and parkland, the town commissioners considered subcontracting the lawn mowing responsibilities to an outside firm. Currently, town employees handle this responsibility.

A request for proposal for lawn maintenance resulted in three firms submitting a bid. The bidding on the RFP ranged from \$37,000 to \$77,000. The proposed FY2012 budget had not included this cost and, after considering the proposals, the concept was dropped. In rejecting all bids, the commissioners were swayed by the town manager to hold off on contracting out lawn mowing and to instead consider expanding the two part-time employee summer work from the current eight-to-ten weeks to eighteen weeks. The estimate of these expanded work hours was \$12,000.00.

Director of the Parks and Streets, Preston King, and his staff were present at the meeting, and Mr. King supported the part-time concept and in so doing spoke of the pride his staff takes in the care of the lawns. He emphasized that an outside contractor cannot match their work ethic and love of the town. "Our staff either lives in the town or their parents and grandparents do. Outsiders will not have the high standards, personal touch, or how they (the staff) relate to town residents." He also pointed out that the town is "starved for entry-level jobs" for young people coming out of high school. Mr. Yost also spoke of concern that first bids often lead to increases once a contract is locked in and the town becomes dependent on those services. With an outside contractor, Yost stated, "We won't have as

much flexibility."

The commissioners voted to accept the reappointment of Dennis Minor on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Lynne Bodmer and Helen Gunther on the CEDC, and Rande Davis with the Sign Review Board.

Youth Sports

The Longhorn Tradition

By Dominique Agnew

Each season, the ultimate dream of any high school wrestler is to be a state champion. Four years ago, in his second season as head coach, Kevin Dorsey decided to take his lone state qualifier, David Johnson, to the Longhorn Steak House after the state tournament. Since then, he has continued the tradition—and it's beginning to hurt his wallet. Last year, the Poolesville team qualified a school-record seven wrestlers from a senior-led team that was expected to do very well. At the end of a state tournament and a long season, wrestlers are

Volunteer vacancies still remain on the planning commission, ethics commission, and the resident position on the CEDC.

one thing: Hungry.

This season had all the appearances of a rebuilding year with a very young starting lineup including one freshman, seven sophomores, and two juniors. Coach Dorsey and Assistant Coach Mark Agnew concurred at the beginning of the season that it was going to be a wild one. "It seemed like, against some teams, at least half the matches were swing matches," says Agnew. "We knew it was going to be a rollercoaster ride every match."

Despite getting off to a strong start in a win against Rockville, the second match against Damascus was a perfect example. Leading by one point going into the final match at heavyweight,

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will be doing important grunt work, such as paint scraping, assisting carpenters, hauling debris, and wielding paint brushes.

Organizational work for the late April renovations began in early December when HH-P approached a number of entities in the Poolesville area for financial support. The \$2,750 fee required to participate in the county-wide Rebuilding Together program came from four churches that

supplied over sixty percent of the funding (Memorial Methodist, Poolesville Presbyterian, St. Peter's Episcopal, and Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic), three civic organizations (Monocacy Lions, Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Odd Fellows Lodge 97), Hilton Funeral Homes, and an anonymous contributor of a significant sum. Three businesses—Kettler Forlines Homes, Cugini's Pizza, and Selby's Market—will be providing in-kind donations.

Helping Hands-Poolesville,

as the sponsor and coordinator of the project, is less than a year old. Its most noteworthy project previously was a Rebuilding Together-like work day last fall that resulted in extensive inside and outside repairs to the headquarters of WUMCO Help, Inc. While the committee is still defining its program, the vision is that of an ecumenical community service organization that will support WUMCO, not only in maintaining and improving its physical facilities, but also in raising funds for its critical social service work and in developing a program

staffed by willing volunteers to respond to modest house-related emergencies of elderly and low-income residents.

Helping Hands is proud to be the sponsor of one of the thirty separate Rebuilding Together projects taking place all over Montgomery County this month. Readers who may be interested in joining their fellow residents at the local Rebuilding Together project should contact Catherine Beliveau at 301-452-5318 or Ray Hoewing at 301-461-9399 for further information.

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Tidbits

PES Turn 50!

Poolesville Elementary School (PES) turns fifty this year. To celebrate this big event, PES PTA (a 501(c)3 organization) is planning a lot of fun events for the community, students, alumni, staff, and parents. The PES PTA is also looking for business sponsors. For only \$50, your business can have its logo with a link to its website from the sponsors' webpage.

Activities will go from the week of May 2 (Spirit Week) through an open house event on Poolesville Day, along with active participation in Poolesville Day events.

Individuals or businesses who may wish to donate can do so at www.pespta.com, as well. Please email info@pespta.com for more information.

Call Out to PHS Alumni

Skip Etheridge, in conjunction with the PHS Boosters Club, is organizing the formation of an alumni association for the high school. Alumni are invited to be a part of a committee to spearhead this new organization.

An informational meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 27 in the school auditorium. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will encompass some of the following agenda items: election of officers, formation of committees and alumni database, and fundraising.

There is also interest in establishing a scholarship fund, reunion networks, alumni picnics and dances, Indian/Falcon alumni basketball games, and the long-awaited institution of a PHS Sports Hall of Fame.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with any alumni you know. The Poolesville High School Alumni Association hopes to, as part of its mission, make a positive impact on the community and school. If you are interested, please contact Skip by April 22 through the Poolesville High School Athletic Booster Club or email him directly at James_M_Etheridge@mcpsmd.org.

Knights of Columbus Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

The local council of the Knights of Columbus is proud to announce the winners of the eighth annual

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. In this contest, students were encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Winning entries now progress to local, district, state, and international levels of competition.

The winners at the council level were both from Poolesville Elementary School: Pete Barry for Drug Abuse Awareness, and Rachel Macairan for Alcohol Abuse Awareness. Posters were submitted from Poolesville Elementary and Monocacy Elementary Schools, were judged by individuals selected from the community, and winners from each school then went onto the council level for further judging.

Winners at the school level from Monocacy Elementary School were: for Drug Abuse Awareness, Chloe Insalaco (first place) and runner-up Sam Garrett; for Alcohol Abuse Awareness, Alexis Abrigo (first place) and runner-up Susanna Schmidt. The runners-up at Poolesville Elementary School Drug Abuse Awareness was Kellie Dahlin and for Alcohol Abuse Awareness,



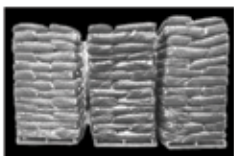
Pete Barry won the Knights of Columbus Poster contest about drug abuse.

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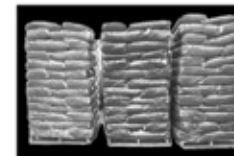
Council winners receive a special certificate of recognition and a \$100 savings bond. First place winners receive a special certificate of recognition and a \$50 savings bond. Runnersup received a \$10 gift certificate from Café 107 in Poolesville. All contestants receive a certificate of recognition for their participation. A total of 127 posters were entered from both elementary schools.

Contest judges were Julia Barnes, senior, Poolesville High School; Doreen Fowler, owner, Healthworks Fitness Center, Poolesville; Nick Tucci, Montgomery County Official, retired; and Pete Picariello, Montgomery County Official, retired and high school teacher.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Sex offense: 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road.

Assault: 17100 block of Conoy Road, Barnesville.

Theft: 17500 block of Collier Circle, 20400 block of West Offutt Road, 22200 block of Peach Tree Road.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 19500 block of Jerusalem Terrace, 19950 Fisher Avenue.

Past Crime

April 5, 1896 The cemetery

house at Monocacy Cemetery caught fire and burned to the ground. Sparks from the burning building took flight and set fire to other buildings nearby.

April 5, 1906 The family of Edward Green of near Frederick were said to be greatly relieved when they were notified that Mr. Green was alive and well in Baltimore. The family had been previously told that the body of a man, identified as Green, had been buried in the Potters Field near the Frederick County Almshouse.

April 7, 1960 The summer resort town of Seneca was inundated by floodwaters caused by the Potomac River and Seneca Creek overflowing their banks. The Seneca Hotel was particularly hard hit with water entering the first floor. Most residents took to boats to escape the high water.

April 7, 1942 Edward Dowd, nineteen years old, was killed when he fell thirty-five feet into a rocky crevice while hiking with fellow Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School students on Sugarloaf Mountain. Dowd was the son of the superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company.

April 9, 1969 Montgomery County announced plans to purchase 233 acres of property on Route 28. The intention was to build the county's first police and fire academy.

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closer together to allow the rest of us to live further apart, at least for a little longer.

Indeed, the *Packet's* paragraph of things they "strongly favor" would be hard for any rational person to contest, and I'm sure they are unhappy with our forty-one years of progress on pork-barrel legislation—at least we're still arguing about it. A comment on women's rights would have been nice, but maybe that's a cheap shot given that it was 1960. Even a more liberal publication probably would have overlooked that one in 1960. I note that the after-dinner smoke was expressed using the masculine form of the noun, rather than the preferred "-ette" spelling, but we don't speak of such things anymore.

Hot-rod driving needs no comment. You know who you are.



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School News

Poolesville Hears a Who?

By Celeste Kelly

The Cat in the Hat will soon arrive at Poolesville High School. He will be accompanied by Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie LaBird, the Sour Kangaroo, a little boy named Jojo... and the entire population of Whoville! Have you ever read a Dr. Seuss book? If you have, you remember what fun it is to dive into a fantastical world filled

with unforgettable characters. If you haven't, it's time to come out from under that rock you've been living under and experience the magic of Dr. Seuss live onstage.

This isn't a show just for kids. The value of friendship, the insanity of what we fight about, and the power of standing up for what we believe in are lessons of which we can all be reminded. The Midnight Players will be performing *Seussical*, and it's sure to be an unforgettable show. Following the basic plot of "Horton Hears a Who," *Seussical* incorporates aspects from over nineteen other Dr. Seuss stories. The characters are zany, the songs are catchy, and the rhymes are clas-

sic. This isn't a show just for kids; people of all ages will delight in this exhilarating adventure.

The Midnight Players have been working nonstop since January to produce this one-of-a-kind performance experience. Music director Mrs. Christine Pappas has worked with Mr. Kenneth Goldsborough to bring beautiful sound to the stage, and Mr. Kelly DeLameter has choreographed the dance numbers. Costumes were created by the talented Ms. Nanci Niebauer, and the world of Dr. Seuss has been made a reality by the technical crew, led by Mr. Matt Johnson and senior Anna Mihm, student tech director.

Come to support and leave

entertained. Mark your calendars for April 7 at 7:00 p.m., April 8 at 7:30 p.m., and April 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, March 30 in the Falcon Foyer from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tickets may also be reserved online by emailing Mrs. Lisa Templeton at jlh.temp@verizon.net. It is expected that all reserved tickets will be paid for at the will call table before each show. Come prepared to use your imagination!

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the Falcons lost a heartbreaker on a disqualification on too many technical violations by a first-year wrestler who was winning the match before disqualification, giving Damascus the win. There were several more close losses that were decided on the final match, but the wrestlers kept working hard and continued to improve. By the time the county championship rolled around, the Falcons were starting to peak. The team finished eighth in the county out of twenty-five teams, and junior Robert Winning was county champion at 145 pounds, sophomore Cory Savage placed second at 103 pounds, sophomore Will Korzenieski placed fourth at 119 pounds, and seniors Cody Savage (130) and Henry Mangold (215) placed sixth overall. Poolesville is one of only three county teams in the 1A/2A clas-

sification along with Rockville and Wheaton, separating them from the other county schools to compete in the 1A/2A south regional tournament at Glenelg High School in Howard County. The first day of the tournament was cancelled due to a power outage, forcing the entire tournament into an all-day affair on Saturday. The top eight wrestlers from the region qualify with the top four advancing to the state tournament located at the University of Maryland, Cole Field House. Poolesville qualified ten wrestlers for the tournament. Winning added to his first place county finish with a regional championship, Cory Savage, sophomore Cody Dorsey (125), and Cody Savage placed second. Will Korzenieski and sophomore heavyweight Robby Lenz placed fourth, leading the Falcons to a fifth place team finish. With six wrestlers qualifying for the state

tournament, the team was looking for its best state performance ever, and it proved to be just that. In the previous four years, the Falcons had only one wrestler place in the top six in the state. This season they had three state placers. Cory Savage had a great tournament and finished fourth in the state, Robert Winning capped off a great season with a fifth place finish,

and Cody Savage ended his career on a high note, finishing sixth in the state—quite an accomplishment for a team that many thought might be in a rebuilding year. As for Coach Dorsey, it would prove to be a costly year as well, feeding six hungry wrestlers at Longhorn would not be cheap, but he doesn't mind. This is the tradition.

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Remembrance

Jack Lee "Rip" Broadwater



Mr. Jack Lee "Rip" Broadwater, 69, of Poolesville, died suddenly on Thursday March 17, 2011. He was the loving husband of Jeanette Broadwater.

Born on October 14, 1941 in Oakland, Maryland, he was the son of the late Gerald and Hope Broadwater. Surviving him besides his wife are one son, Jerry Broadwater of Cumberland, one daughter, Cherise Praniewski of Poolesville, one brother, Leonard Broadwater of Annapolis, two grandchildren, Kandyce and Kori Lee, and numer-

ous nieces and nephews.

He was remembered as a very friendly man with a ready smile and a love for flowers, numbers, and riddles. Daughter Cherise Praniewski recalled her father in a touching poem, acknowledging his bravery, pride, and strength. She marveled that he died on March 17 since he always played 317 in the lottery and the irony of his funeral being on March 21 since he enjoyed cards, especially black jack.

Jack served in the army. He hated water, swimming, and the like, but always saw the humor that his first assignment in the army was scraping paint on a ship for six months.

Granddaughter Kori recalled his smiles of happiness, mid-night snacks, and his wonderful silly jokes. Neighbor Bob Hernandez spoke of his appreciation for Jack as a good neighbor, someone always with a warm greeting. He recalled Jack as a "gentleman and gentle man."

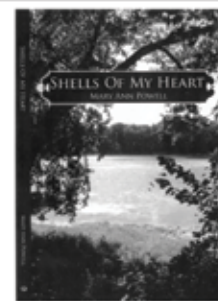
Jack was seldom serious and never, ever said goodbye. Instead he would smile, point his finger, and humorously say, "I never liked you

anyway." Family knew if he could have attended his own funeral, that twinkle would have come into his eyes, a smile would be on his lips, and he would have pointed that finger and instead of saying goodbye would have simply said, "I never liked you anyway." Every one would have understood the true love behind those words.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WUMCO Help, Inc., P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837 or ASPCA, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804

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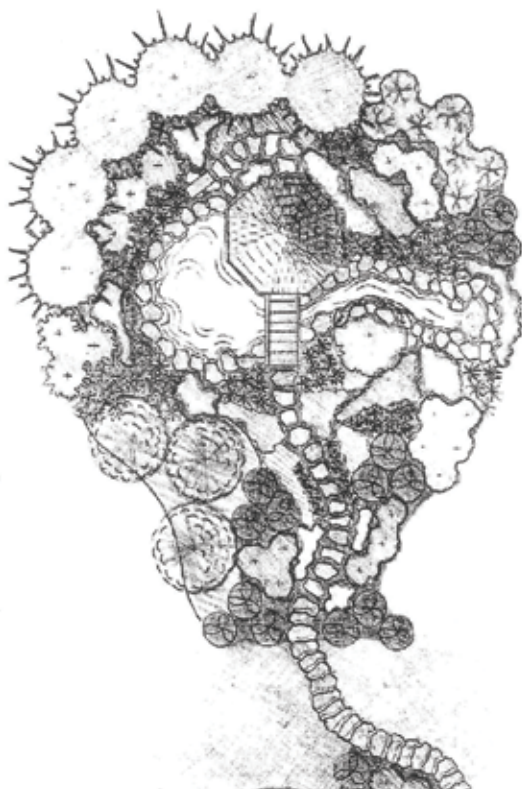
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Local News

Barn a Total Loss in Morning Fire

By John Clayton

On an unseasonably chilly spring morning this past Monday, March 28, Hap and Sharon Bauer of the 18600 block of Barnesville Road were getting ready to feed their horses on their sprawling Silver Lining Farm near Monocacy Elementary School when they noticed that their horses, none of which were in the barn at the time, were extremely agitated. The Bauers were subsequently stunned to see flames shooting out of their barn.

The fire was far too advanced for the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department and the other companies that responded to have any effect,



The remains of the Bauer's barn.

and the barn was a total loss. The structure, which was visible from Barnesville Road and very much a part of the spectacular agrarian scenery of the Barnesville vicinity, was about twenty-one years old, with six stalls and a machine shed on one end. It was built by Doug Stein and Cornerstone, Inc. in Beallsville. The cause of the fire is presently unknown.

Mr. Bauer lamented the challenges they now face in "keeping the horses going," as virtually

everything associated with their equine operation—feed, tack, rope, halters, animal husbandry equipment, pails, and all "the little stuff"—was completely gone in a smoldering heap. The Bauers also lost their tractor and other

farming and mowing equipment in the fire.

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washing against rocks and rinsing them in the river's water; children in school uniforms waiting for the their ferry-bus to school; men casting their nets hoping to catch fish for their evening meal; shimmering rice paddies glistening in the morning sun; and monkeys leaping from coconut tree to coconut tree.

One of the largest and most visited wildlife reserves in India is the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary in the Cardamom Hills region of the Western Ghats Mountains. There are few, if any, tigers or leopards to see here anymore, but there are plenty of other animals, including a good population of elephants. In addition to the wildlife sanctuary, the area is well known for its tea factories and spice plantations. As accommodations are limited in the sanctuary, we stayed in the busy market town of Kumily. This is a feast for the eyes for any photographer. The dusty main street is a roadside bazaar jammed with sari-wearing women, row after row of little shops selling local herbs, essential oils, cooking spices, jeweled cotton shirts and handbags, and vendors cooking and selling on the sidewalks all kinds of curries. Cows, goats, stray dogs, and a very pushy group of monkeys roamed the streets at will, scrounging for any tidbit of thrash or discarded food.

We left behind this stew of sights, smells, and sounds and traveled four hours in a bus to the town of Munnar, the center of Kerala's principal tea-growing region. The town was a scruffy agglomeration of corrugated-iron-roofed shacks selling the most fantastic array of food, live chickens, fish, clothing, spices, jewelry, and household goods. Cars, motorized rickshaws, people, cows, and goats came at you from all directions. Coming to the edge of the town, I walked up a steep hill and came upon a large, beautiful Catholic church. I went inside to get out of the heat and to look at the pictures in my camera. Soon, women in immaculate saris in jeweled colors

came into the church with their well-groomed and well-dressed young children. Then, men in clean-pressed suits followed. There must have been about two hundred people, who had all removed their shoes before they entered, there for the weekday four o'clock mass. Far above this little town were the jewels of the area: the beautiful, green, manicured tea plantations. Here, high on the verdant slopes, women work all day hand-picking tea leaves and earn about \$2.00 a day.

We finished our tour in Cochin, which is situated between the Arabian Sea and the backwaters. We stayed in Fort Cochin, with its grid of venerable old streets and vestiges of the early Dutch and Portuguese settlers. The most iconic photographic image of Kerala is the huge, elegant Chinese fishing nets lining the northern shore of Fort Cochin. Traders from the court of Kublai Khan are said to have introduced them to the Malabar region.

What do I remember most about India? India is all about colors, smells, sounds, and above all its people, especially the children. They are all captured in the brilliant hues of the women's saris, a small girl's sparkling, colored dress, the pastel colors of a humble abode, the brightly-painted fishing boats, the red peppers, the deep green tea leaves; the pungent smell of incense in the temples and churches, the smell of curry that everyone eats for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the overwhelming scent of flowers everywhere, the smell of spices flowing out of the many shops; the sounds of the call to prayer several times a day, the low, rhythmic sound of women gliding through tea gardens picking tea leaves. Above all, I will remember the smiling faces of the women, men, and children who were so excited to have their pictures taken. They were the faces of hope, both for themselves and for India.

Things to Do

Reminder: Orders for PHS Booster Club spring mulch sale are due by April 8. Order online at www.phsboosterclub.org/mulchsale.

April 1, 2, and 3

Shades of Spring
Art League of Germantown
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BlackRock Center for the Arts
Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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April 1

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April 2

Poolesville Library
Puppet Show: Animal Crackers by Bob Brown
Once again, Master Puppeteer Bob Brown brings his magical marionettes to life in this presentation of "Animal Crackers." For children ages 2 to 9. Registration not required.
1:00 p.m.

PHS Baseball and Softball,
Gaithersburg at home,
1:30 p.m.

Wine Tasting At Sugarloaf
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Live Music: Robert Thorworth
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Organ Dedication Concert
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combination of serious organ works, orchestral transcriptions, and colorful novelty works. A reception with refreshments will provide an opportunity to meet Mr. Cheban. Freewill offering with suggested donation of \$15.00 per person.
7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night
Featuring: Doug Bell. 8:00 p.m.

April 3

Wine Tasting At Sugarloaf
Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Mike Bowers
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 4

Poolesville Town Commissioners
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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Poolesville's Fred Kelly lost his wife, Betsi, to renal cancer leaving him with three pre-school aged children to raise. This fund is established to assist the financial needs of the children.

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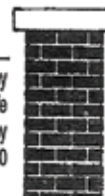
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April 5
PHS Tennis
Blake at home, 3:30 p.m.

April 6
PHS Baseball and Softball
Wheaton at home, 3:30 p.m.

PHS Girls' Lacrosse
Rockville at home, 7:00 p.m.

Poolesville Parks Board Meeting
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 7, 8, and 9
PHS Spring Play: "Seussical"
Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Super Rummage Sale
Another fabulous Rummage Sale at St. Peter's Parish is just around the corner. There will be thousands of household

items, clothing for the whole family, books, electronics, jewelry, linens, baby equipment, toys, sporting goods, tools, gardening items, and one-of-a-kind treasures. To donate your unwanted stuff, drop off any time until Monday, April 4. Hours are Thursday, April 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. Peter's is located at 20100 Fisher Avenue in Poolesville. Call 301-349-2073 for more information.

April 8
AARP Tax Assistance
Poolesville Library April 7 to April 9
AARP will be providing free income tax preparation (between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by appointment) to individuals with emphasis on low income and elderly people. Counselors are certified by IRS. 10:00 p.m.

PHS Boys' Volleyball
Einstein at home, 5:15 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night
Jay Summerour, 8:00 p.m.

April 9
PHS Boys' Tennis
Churchill at home, 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Annual Inclusive Earth Day Celebration

A 2011 Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Innovative Program Award Recipient Join this environmental stewardship program hosted by Calleva and Potomac Community Resource (PCR). Calleva is a local nonprofit organization providing outdoor education to youth and adults in the region, and PCR provides services to teens and adults with developmental differences in their families.

Come join with other volunteers to help repair trails, remove invasive weeds, and begin spring composting and planting.

Calleva Farm, 19120 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting At Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Ken Wenzel
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night
Featuring So Far Gone.
9:00 p.m.

Swing into Spring Dance
Break out of your winter cabin fever and come and enjoy an evening of DJ music and fond memories of the 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s, and maybe even the 80s. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and food will be served. There will also be a raffle, silent auction, and a professional photographer. \$15 per person. For reservations, call 301-972-7208, or buy tickets at the door. St Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville.

Proceeds will support Holy Name charitable activities.
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Spring Cleanup at John Poole House
Sponsored by Historic Medley District, Inc.
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Refreshments served
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

23rd Potomac River Cleanup
Hosted by Landscape and Nature Discoveries, Inc.
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9:00 a.m. to noon

April 10
Wine Tasting at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Live Music: Dave Pepper
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 12
PHS Baseball and Softball
Blair at home, 3:30 p.m.

PHS Boys' Lacrosse
Seneca Valley at home,
7:00 p.m.

April 13
Poolesville Planning Commission
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 14
Pre-School Storytime (3-6)
Poolesville Library
Stories, fingerplays, and music for pre-school ages three to six
10:30 a.m.

April 15
Cugini's Entertainment Night
Featuring The Colliders,
9:00 p.m.



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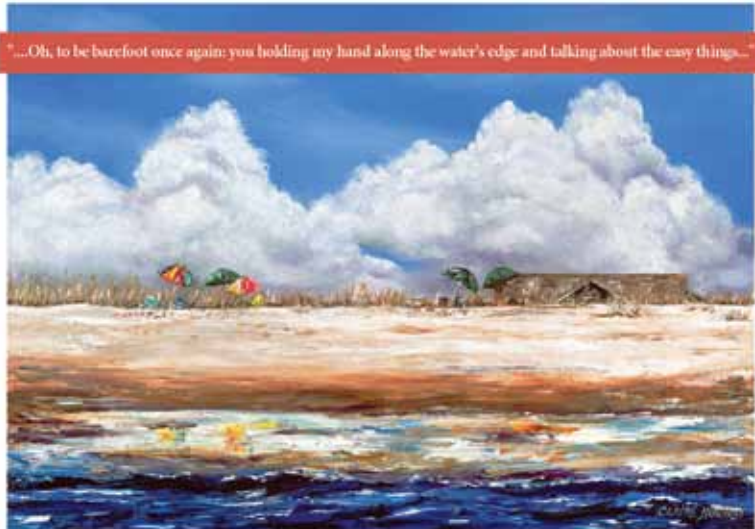







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