

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

*Keeping An Eye On Local News*

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*Dancing for joy. See why in Center Stage on page 17.*



*The Interfaith Memorial Service for 9/11 concluded with MCP Captain Tim Thorn performing "Amazing Grace." Read about the rest of the event on page 6.*



*This MCPD officer competed in the World Police and Fire Games. Find out what that means in Tidbits on page 8.*



*Almost everyone was at Poolesville Day. We've got pictures inside.*

## Flash Floods Swamp Local Area

The summer of 2011 did not simply fade into fall. Instead, with an earthquake, a hurricane, and the week of heavy rainstorms from Tropical Storm Lee culminating in the destructive downpour of September 8, it was as though the beaming sun of summer bellowed, "You will not forget me!" How bad would it have been had it gone on for forty days and forty nights? September's storm caused havoc and inconvenience rarely seen to this degree. By late afternoon, the eastern side of Route 107/Fisher Road, at the entrance to the town's water treatment plant, had an otherwise benign stream completely engulfing the roadway, creating a small river about forty yards wide.

The Montgomery County Police blocked the road, and traffic came to a halt. Commuters returning home were caught outside of town, and while many chose to turn around

hoping to find another pathway into town, many others waited until just after 6:00 p.m. to be allowed to cross. Even then, each car crossing was instructed to do so very slowly and only at the center of the road.

For those drivers deciding to return to Route 28 in an attempt to reach Poolesville through Beallsville, they were met with more severe flooding at the foot of the hill just below Cattail Road. While cars at this juncture were still working their way through, one car stalled only to complicate the hoped-for ingress. Route 107 from Beallsville remained barely passable with curbing collecting water along the way and a more dangerous but navigable stream crossing near the Muldoon Farm.

In the center of town, the owners of Finders Keepers, Jan Schultz and Eleanor Bateman, faced a parking lot that threatened to flood the gift/craft store. Wading through their newly-created pond, they removed items displayed out front first.

been rented by Nick Maravell of Nick's Organic Farm since 1980. In April, the Montgomery County Board of Education signed a ten-year lease with the county who, in turn, will negotiate with area soccer clubs to construct four soccer fields at the site. County officials have said Maravell will have a year to complete operations at the farm.

According to an August 30 opinion by the Maryland State Board of Education, forty-one separate appeals of the county board's decision were received from the public. Two have since been withdrawn, and the



*Flooding caused commuters to wait nearly two hours before entering Poolesville.*

Working desperately to save the store, they were aided by Dave Morgal, a local firefighter with pumps and experience to help ward off the deluge.

In the end, the flooding did not overcome the store, and the Great Flood Sale of 2011 will have to wait for another time. In a letter to Mr. Morgal, the proprietors expressed their sincere gratitude for his assistance. "Words cannot express how grateful we are for the help you gave us last Thursday during the flood in our store park-

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county urged that the rest be dismissed for either late filing or lack of standing.

In the eight-page opinion, the state board agreed seven of the appeals were filed late without "extraordinary circumstances" to excuse the delay; however, the remaining thirty-two appeals were allowed to go forward. The state board next meets October 25.

In a press release, Maravell said he still hoped to use the farm for agricultural education while running his business. "We would love to keep shar-

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## Agricultural Community Appeals Brickyard Fields

By Kristen Milton

As soccer seasons get underway, a planned set of fields at what is now an organic farm in Potomac continues to be opposed by some activists and residents.

The twenty-acre Brickyard Road property was intended to be the site of a never-built middle school, although it has



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The children were challenged in the pop the balloon game. Sam Lewis, Lauren Borman, and Mariana Andardi tried their best while being cheered on by Brandon Kocur.



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## Ag News

### De Willard: Roots of Success Run Deep

By Rande Davis

When De Willard of Willard Agri-Serve looks back over his road to success, he sees a path that reaches back many generations to a granddad and uncle who knew a good location when they saw it.

In 1871, with the heart and dedication emblematic of nineteenth century farmers, Dewalt J. Willard and his brother, Charles, bought a 675-acre farm because of its proximity to the C&O Canal and the convenience of the barges for transporting crops. Dewalt's son, Harry, a natural entrepreneur, used his vision to bring new opportunity to the area by starting a saw mill, beer parlor, and ice cream store, and even establishing the town's first telephone company which housed the post office as well.

In the 1920s, Harry's son Joe became a self-taught electrician, wiring homes and repairing radios and appliances. Not even the Depression could destroy his business spirit.

De Willard of Poolesville drew upon their strength of heart, dedication, entrepreneurship, vision, creativity, and leadership to build what is now Willard Agri-Services. In doing so, it wasn't simply the family farming history he was tapping into for guidance; it was their can-do spirit, as well.

Fresh out of high school in 1948 and only sixteen years old, De thought he might follow that family history and become a farmer. Parts of the Willard farm had been lying fallow. De saw an opportunity. Using savings from a twenty-five-cents-per-hour grocery clerk job, he bought seed, borrowed a plow, planter, and tractor, and went to work.

At mid-summer, he bought a combine for \$1650.00 by borrowing \$400 from his Aunt Tat. Aunt Tat just happened to be

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## Local News

### Town Government Report Tropical Storm Lee Overwhelms Sewer System

By Rande Davis

The recent flash flooding brought on by Tropical Storm Lee overwhelmed the town's sewer treatment systems with thirteen inches of rainfall, six inches within three hours at one point. The town's Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and emergency lagoon took in 3.5 million gallons within twenty-four hours. Town Manager Wade Yost stated that this was the worst Inflow and Infiltration problem he has seen in his sixteen years of working for the town.

The impact on some homeowners was very severe, forcing sewage to backup through toilets and bathtubs. The homes affected are in the Wesmond

subdivision near Dowden Circle, which is the lowest area in the town. Residents, Susan Petro and Dennis Minor, attended the town meeting to provide details of the damage to their homes and to ask the town to fix the problem. Mr. Minor's home has had such problems three times in the past.

Mr. Yost told the *Monocle*, "We are continuously monitoring and repairing I and I. Every year, money is allocated to actual repairs and not just studying the problem. We have trained and equipped our in-house staff to monitor flows, televise and find leaks, so that capital monies can be spent on fixes as we did this spring by repairing several manholes and leaky pipes including the contract that was awarded just a few weeks ago." In extreme events, such as this past one, the ground becomes so saturated that it overwhelms the system. The commissioners and I are very disappointed that all our efforts so far did not prevent backups and that is why, while we are continuing to work on it, we are

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# Commentary

## No Rain Delay Needed

By John Clayton

Given the recent spate of disasters in this area, hurricanes, tropical storms, earthquakes, and rain on Poolesville Day, I am more than a little concerned about the impending reentry of a NASA satellite. This trend strongly suggests that we are a likely target for a large chunk of debris. As a public service, and using the same rigorous logic that has consigned the theory of the manmade climate change to the dustbin of history, the *Monocle* will suggest how you can optimize your safety over the next few days. Since our planet is over seventy percent water, the experts (yes, the same ones who hurled this thing into orbit in the first place) predict that the pieces that make it down to the surface will probably land in water; therefore, and *ipso facto*, we recommend that Monocacy-area citizens avoid the local ponds over the next few days. This is accepted wisdom on golf courses, and I think it applies here as well.

Speaking of Poolesville Day, it was, weather notwithstanding, a fine day. The forecast was sunnier and warmer than that which ensued, but it wasn't unbearable. For the vendors, all those tents and awnings, usually sufficing for shade, became umbrellas and refuge for passersby. The weather also precipitated a diversity of clothing. I saw outfits on people who looked like they were on their way to Ocean City for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend walking alongside shivering attendees in parkas who looked like they were ready to join Sir Ernest Shackleton for another shot at the South Pole. The important thing, of course, is that they were there.

While on the topic of garb, I also noticed how many of us like to wear caps, shirts, and jackets supporting our favorite sports teams. Penn State was well represented. I thought one guy with a

Penn State cap was lost when he passed the *Monocle* booth for the nth time until I realized it wasn't the same person—there were several of them. Washington Nationals caps are becoming a little more prevalent, but the Redskins still rule—and will for some time given their recent success. I even saw a Wizards sweatshirt on one young and truly loyal fan. Strangely enough, I did not see one Dallas Cowboys cap, shirt, or sweater during the entire Poolesville Day. Then again, this isn't so surprising. It was raining, and I think we are all too familiar with the Fair Weather nature of the average locally-grown Dallas fan.

The weather definitely held the crowd down, and many of the vendors departed with more cases of water bottles than they would have had left on a typically hot and sunny day. I enjoyed the airplanes, although we couldn't hear Master of Ceremony Rande Davis's commentary from where we were up near Falcon Lane, so I'm not sure what they were really doing up there, or what the significance of the smoke coming out of one of the planes was, but they were fun to watch. The parade, as always, was the best one ever with so many kids participating I began to wonder if there were any kids left to watch from the sidelines.

The Poolesville Day Committee does a fine job because they make a difficult task look easy, and it isn't easy at all. So for all the disasters avoided, for all the small problems surmounted before they became large problems, we doff our caps and rain hats. On a more personal note, we at the *Monocle* thank all the people who came by to thank us for what we do. We never get tired of that, but if you really want to thank us, keep supporting our advertisers to help the Monocacy area thrive. We'll see you next year, if not before.

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# Youth Sports

## Football and Hometown Heroes

By Jeff Stuart

There will come a time when Head Coach Will Gant's football team will kick the door down, dominate an opponent, and celebrate victory, but it hasn't happened yet and didn't happen in the home debut against Richard Montgomery (RMHS) on September 13. The Falcons suffered a stinging, 13-10, defeat.

The new coach sees the Falcons heading in the right direction, though. "I feel that we are close to turning the corner," says Gant. "We have played some good football to date, but have been very undisciplined with penalties and turnovers. Jonah Hessels has been very good this season, as has Chris Oyer, Robert Winning, and DeAndre Parrott.

"Our defense played extremely well in the RMHS game, but we gave them too many chances. The defense had two goal line stances that were tremendous. Overall, I think our team is progressing. We just need to be able to play a complete game."

A fumbled snap on a punt following the opening series of the game gave RMHS a first and goal situation, but the Falcon defense prevented a Rocket score. The Falcons showed their potential on a number of plays during the game.

For the second week in a row, the PHS offense put together a long sustained drive and, halfway through the first quarter, Josh Womack kicked a field goal to put Poolesville in front. Later, quarterback Kirby Carmack hit Jonah Hessels with a thirty-seven-yard touchdown pass with just over two minutes remaining in the half. With time running out, the Falcons turned away a furious RMHS drive. The Rockets had a first and goal opportunity, but their quarterback's third down

pass was caught beyond the end zone, and on fourth down, his receiver could not get his hands under a pass to the far right of the end zone. It was ruled no catch as the half ended. At the half, the Falcons led, 10-0.

Things started out promising at the top of the second half. Richard Montgomery received the kickoff, but fumbled the snap on their first possession. Poolesville recovered and, aided by a fifteen-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Rockets, they drove the ball deep into RMHS territory. The drive stalled at the thirteen-yard line. Jonah Hessels grabbed Carmack's sideline pass on fourth down, but he could not keep his feet inbounds. A score there would have likely secured a win.

From that point on, the game belonged to the Rockets.

There were a number of outstanding performances by the Falcons. Thomas Gray had 133 yards rushing for the Falcons. The receiver corps came through with impressive stats: Hessels had seven receptions for 126 yards,

while Chris Oyer had three receptions for 29 yards, and Parrott had two receptions for 22 yards.

The Falcons opened the season at Watkins Mill. Although they lost the opener, the Falcons put together a very impressive ninety-nine-yard drive highlighted by a sixty-nine-yard touchdown pass to Hessels. Watkins Mill, a very much improved team from last year led by only 14-6 at the half. The running of WMHS speedsters Mike Offutt and Quinton Littlejohn overwhelmed the defense in the second half.

At halftime of the opening game, PHS commemorated the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks by paying tribute to ten of our hometown heroes.

Those recognized were:

Chuck Albrecht, a retired colonel, Special Forces U.S. Army Reserves.

Brandon Cohn, a 2003 PHS graduate, served in the United States Marine Corps in artillery.

Lt. Col. Gingee Guilmartin

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## Local News

### Interfaith Memorial Service Draws Large Crowd

By Rande Davis

Rain threatened to move a planned outdoor interfaith remembrance service for 9/11 indoors, but an hour before the ceremony was to begin, the sun shone, the park grass dried, and over 150 people, chairs and umbrellas handy, pulled themselves away from a Redskins

game and other personal matters to pay tribute to those whose lives were lost and to those who saved lives.

With boy and girl scouts leading the way, the ceremony began with the singing of "America the Beautiful" as the honor guard placed the flags. Choir singers from St. Peter's and Memorial United Methodist added their voices to the saxophone talents of Kevin Collar.

The clergy attending was remarkable in its diversity. Attending and reading appointed scriptures, litanies, and prayers were: Rev. Jace Broadhurst from Poolesville

Baptist Church, Rev. Pat Dols of Memorial Methodist Church, Rev. Tom Purdy from St. Peter's, Rev. Vincent Ridgon of Our Lady of the Presentation, A-ni Megan from Kunzang Palyul Choling Buddhist Temple, Rabbi David Shneyer from Am Kolel Jewish Community and Sanctuary Retreat Center in Beallsville, Elder Carolyn McFall from the Poolesville Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Sabir Rahman, a lay reader at Muslim Community Center in Silver Spring.

The scripture readings were from Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 27, Matthew, and Al-Inshirah (Koran), and an excerpt from a poem by Thich Nhat Hanh entitled "Rest in

Peace." There were litanies for the nation, for peace, and a remembrance of 9/11.

Posted on the back wall of the band shell in Whalen Commons were the names of nearly ten thousand persons deceased worldwide as a result of the terror attack of 2001. With names of remembrance that were offered up by those attending, special remembrance was given to Sergeant Scott Kirkpatrick and Corporal Kirk Bosselman. As each of the tragic sites from September 11, 2001 were cited with particular reference to individuals dying at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, roses were solemnly placed in vases.

After the final prayer, "Help this great land and all its people know Your will, that we may be a light unto the nations," a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed by bagpiper Captain Tim Thorne of the Montgomery County Police Department, and as the crowds dispersed, they witnessed incredible bursts of sunlight piercing through the gathering stormclouds.



People of many faiths came together to pray, honor, and memorialize the lost lives of 9/11.



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# Local News

## MCPS School Bus Ignites

By Dominique Agnew

On September 8, 2011, a Montgomery County Public Schools bus caught fire while on its afternoon run from Poolesville High and John Poole Middle Schools.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., after the driver of the bus, Lew Moon, dropped off students in the 17700 block of Moore Road and approached the stop in the 17600 block, a student pointed out the presence of smoke in the cockpit. Mr. Moon immediately evacuated the bus and called emergency dispatch. Just after the replacement bus pulled away with the stranded students, the front of the bus, which had been filling with smoke, ignited into

full-blown flames and a dark pillar of smoke furiously rising through the tree canopy. Within minutes, UMCVFD firefighters were on the scene and extinguished the fire—not before the front of the bus was destroyed.

“This is why we practice evacuation drills,” said Mr. Moon. “My main concern was to get the students safely off the bus.”



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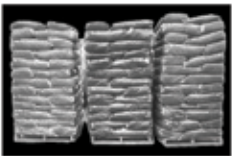
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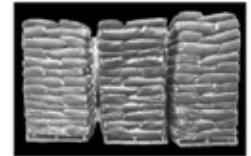
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# Tidbits

## PES PTA Wins Award for Outstanding Volunteer Program

The Poolesville Elementary School (PES) PTA was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Program Award for its dedication and outstanding volunteer contributions for the 2010-2011 school year. This is the third consecutive year that the PES PTA has won this award.

Accepting the award on behalf of the PTA was Kevin Schramm, president of PES PTA. The award was presented by Douglas Robbins, Principal of Poolesville Elementary School, and Poolesville Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski at Poolesville Elementary School's back-to-school night.

Poolesville Elementary School was one of ten schools in Montgomery County getting this award. Additionally, PES PTA placed third out of 130 elementary schools.

Award criteria were based

upon number of volunteer hours recorded and timeliness of reporting the hours to MCPS.

## MCPD Officer Earns Silver Medals in 2011 World Police & Fire Games

Officer Sherif Almigabber, a seven-year veteran of the Montgomery County Police Department, traveled to New York City to compete in the 2011 World Police and Fire Games (WPFPG) held from August 26 through September 5, 2011.

Officer Almigabber competed in two events: freestyle wrestling and Greco-Roman wrestling. He earned a silver medal in each event, an accomplishment magnified by the fact that, due to a prior injury, he was able to train for only one month prior to the games.

The policeman attributes much of his success to fellow officer, Officer David Kovocar, a five-year veteran of the police department. Officer Kovocar provided Officer Almigabber with a training facility and made himself available as a training partner

prior to the games.

The WPFPG are a biennial athletic event open to active and retired law enforcement and fire service personnel throughout the world. The WPFPG Federation is an arm of the California Police Athletic Foundation.


The games are currently the second largest multisport event in the world, surpassed only by the Summer Olympics. This year, as many as twenty thou-

sand fulltime firefighters and law enforcement officers from seventy different countries were expected to compete in sixty-nine sports.



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## Local News

# Rain or Shine, Poolesvillians Find Favorites At Poolesville Day

By Kristen Milton

Poolesville Day is always billed as “rain or shine,” and while the latest iteration of the event, held September 17, had a little of both, the weather had very little impact on the enjoyment most took in the day.

Corrine Selby of Adamstown said that after hearing the anticipatory plans of her daughters the night before, she knew they would be going to Poolesville Day no matter how wet it got.

“We appreciate the good weather and make it through the rain,” Selby said as she introduced the youngest of her

three girls—ages 7, 4, and 2—to a compliant calf sheltering from the drizzle in the livestock tent. “Obviously, my husband has roots here, so we’ve come every year forever... Before I had kids, I think [my favorite thing] was the food, and now that I have kids, it’s the games.”

Charlotte Selby, 7, was eager to get to those games, especially the moon bounce. “Get me over there right now or I’m going to scream,” she yelled.

Judy Wierenga said that after twelve years as a Poolesville resident, her quick check of the morning weather was preparatory rather than decision-making. “I looked out and thought, ‘It’s raining, I have to bring an umbrella,’ not ‘It’s raining, maybe I won’t go.’”

Joined by her daughter and son-in-law for the day, Wierenga spoke to a reporter as she made her annual stop at the Poolesville Library book sale. The parade and Memorial United Methodist Church’s Walking Taco were also on her list of familiar event

venues. “I have to make the rounds,” Wierenga said as she gathered what would eventually be ten books. “I don’t know if the flyover was new or I’ve just been spaced out, but that was neat, too.”

The morning flyover by Dragon Flight, a four-plane team, was indeed a new addition to the day’s schedule.

A few yards away from Wierenga at the sale, four recent Virginia Tech graduates sucked milkshakes in spite of the chill outside and perused the library’s offerings. Three Poolesville Day newbies were getting the lay of the land from local Colleen Gilfrich, 23, who had missed the event in recent years due to the start of the fall semester.

“I like the community,” Gilfrich said in describing the draw of the day. “I like bumping into people I haven’t seen since I left for college; if I don’t see people from middle school, I see their parents... It’s comforting.”

Of course there had also been the draw of Walking Tacos and sweet drinks.

“It’s been fun so far,” said Caitlin Gibson of Martinsville, Virginia. “I think we’ll just walk and see what happens.”

Sean MacKenzie of Poolesville and girlfriend Megan Brown of Barnesville, both 20, got up at 5:00 a.m. to begin transporting animals to the event’s livestock tent.

“This is my favorite part [of the day],” MacKenzie said. “I try

and put on a good show.”

“Most of the kids are definitely local but they’re still not used to farm animals,” said Brown, an employee on a Dickerson dairy farm with several charges in the tent. “You see the kids enjoy it.”

Vladimir Velasquez, 8, of Poolesville and his family saw many familiar faces at their first Poolesville Day. Velasquez warmed up with Cuigini’s Pizza at a covered table after marching with classmates from Poolesville Elementary in the morning’s parade.

“I like pretty much a lot of things,” Velasquez said as he headed next for the funnel cake stand.

Fellow marchers, Emma Whitehouse, 12, and Gabby Capobianchi, 11, walked with the John Poole Middle School theater group and, after passing out hundreds of lollipops to faithful parade spectators, picked up frozen custard for themselves.

“It was fun but I didn’t anticipate so many people with the candy,” Whitehouse said. “I brought two hundred lollipops and when I turned around, they were gone.”

“I don’t think the rain is bothering anyone,” she added. “Just put on an umbrella and keep going.”

As they set off to sell raffle tickets for the fall show, the girls did just that.

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## Local News

### Surprise Celebrity Attends Poolesville Day

By Rande Davis

With the thousands of persons attending Poolesville Day, we were thrilled to learn we had one of America’s most important persons visiting us that day. The report comes from Dennis Conley of Poolesville. He recognized a woman with whom he’d had a professional connection nearly twenty years ago. He said hello to his acquaintance, Jane, not neces-

sarily expecting her to recognize him—but she did. She was with her family and introduced him to her husband and the kids—the husband just happened to be John Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. They came to our festival to enjoy a day in the country.

We knew we had big surprises for Poolesville Day this year, we just didn’t how big.

Welcome to Poolesville, Mr. Chief Justice. We are proud to have you and the family make our home your home for the day—but next time, stop by the booth and pick up a *Monocle*.



## Youth Sports

### What to Expect From PHS Sports This Fall

By Jeff Stuart

The *Monocle* asked the Poolesville High School coaches to provide insight into their teams' prospects for the coming year. For those coaches who were not able to get back to us, we share our perspectives.

#### Football

"We are a young and inexperienced team," says new Head Football Coach Will Gant. "We are working very hard to develop a winning attitude. Our players have worked extremely hard, especially seniors Evan Habib, Chris Oyer, Rob Winning, Jonah Hessels, and Dre Parrot. We expect to compete in every game we play in."

#### Boys' Soccer

"To sum it up, 'We'rre back'," says boys' soccer coach Christos Nicholas. "This year, we will be back to par with the top soccer schools in Montgomery County. Last year's squad was the youngest in my coaching at PHS. Those... returning young players gained valuable experience. Brendan Carney, senior, striker/midfielder, a starter since his sophomore year, led the team with most goals last year, and Kai Meredith, junior, striker/midfielder, is a superb passer. He distributes the ball very well and has a powerful foot. This duo stands out and should make us a stronger team—and thanks to our school's magnet and Global Program, we've attracted new, skilled players. There are more great players to watch for this year than I can count. We will do very well once again this year and make Poolesville proud."

#### Girls' Soccer

Girls' soccer coach Christina Mann is also looking for success. "This season is pretty unique for us," says Mann, "as we are a team of veterans and also have many new faces. We have seven core returning players, including senior forwards Ali Nessel and Mela-

nie Hovencamp, senior defender Taylor Karlin, senior keeper Kelly Weber, and senior midfielder Jenny Patton. These players have the experience of playing at the varsity level for several years and bring us strength in key areas of the field. Junior midfielders Hannah Patton and Victoria Yee have also been on the team since they were freshmen and bring a lot of experience and composure to the center of the field for us. The rest of our team is freshmen, sophomores, and juniors new to varsity, so our challenge this season is to bring everyone together into a cohesive unit. Some new players to watch include junior forward/midfielder Tara Beaton, junior defender Megan Capozzi, and sophomore defender Annie Gillespie.

"Our strengths will be in the central areas of the field from back to front, and we are looking for the play on the outsides and the comfort level between new and old players to continue to solidify as we work through the season. If we can do this, we will have success."

#### Field Hockey

Head Field Hockey Coach Regina Grubb has her team ready to go. "I am very excited about our season," says Grubb. "The team has been working hard throughout preseason and pushing themselves and each other. Each of the players has made great improvements, and I am pushing them hard to make sure they are prepared and ready to play. We definitely are looking forward to a great season. Players to watch include senior goalkeeper Amy Defnet, senior midfielders Allyson Dahlen and Lindsay Poss, juniors Kelsey Carnahan, Kelly Hughes, and Jocelyn Bodmer on defense, and junior forward Allie Greene.

#### Cross Country

"This is the largest team I have had in twenty-one years of coaching," says Head Cross Country Coach James Vollmer, "fourteen girls and thirty-one boys." Chase Weaverling led all freshmen at the Montgomery County Championship last season. "Chelsie Pennello was also on the all-freshman team," says Vollmer, "and one of the best in the state. Seniors Jordan Psaltakis, Tariq Beidleman, and Megan Gerdes return along with

junior. Emily Murphy and sophomore Patrick Krisko.

#### Girls' Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team won the 2A West Region title last season, but the only starters returning are sophomore libero, Sarah Kenneweg, who received honorable mention notice on the *All-Gazette* team rankings as a freshman, and senior setter Karishma Patel. With a very young and mostly inexperienced team, Head Coach Fran Duvall will have to teach more. She has a history of doing that very well.

#### Golf

Head Coach David Gillespie's golf team opened up play in the Kyle division on Aug 24 at the Poolesville Golf Course. With a low team score of 215, they defeated Northwest (222), Sherwood (233), and Gaithersburg (253). Whitney Carmack shot 41 and Anthony Caputo, 42. Andy Baker, Craig Morton, and Lindsay Kaler all shot 44 to account for the rest of the Falcons' scoring. Mitchell Poe was just off the pace with 46.

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## Local News

### Lightning Strikes Farm Homes

By Rande Davis

On Saturday, September 4, heavy thunderstorms rolled through the area resulting in lightning striking the Kingsbury and Lewis homes on Peach Tree Road between 9:30 and 10:00

a.m. No one was injured in either strike.

Mrs. Kingsbury was home at the time and was frightened by a very loud clapping of thunder when the home was struck. She told the *Monocle* that it sounded like a shot gun firing right near her. Sparks were flying near the phone, and when she looked into the basement, it was filled with smoke. No fire ensued, but electrical smoke from the power surge continued to fill the basement. The strike singed the telephone cord, but otherwise, there

was no significant damage. At nearly the same time, a call came in with concern for the Lewis farmhouse on the other side of Peach Tree Road.

The fire department responded with fifteen trucks since there was the possibility of two homes with problems at the same time. Robert Lewis told the *Monocle* that their circuit breakers kicked off, but the fire department checked out the house and there was no damage. At the Kingsbury home, the circuit breakers also did their job, and Gene Kings-

bury was grateful no damage other than that to the telephone cord was done. He appreciated the swift action of the fire department but joked that since the fire department had to close off Peach Tree Road, "calling the fire department turned out to be a bad business decision."

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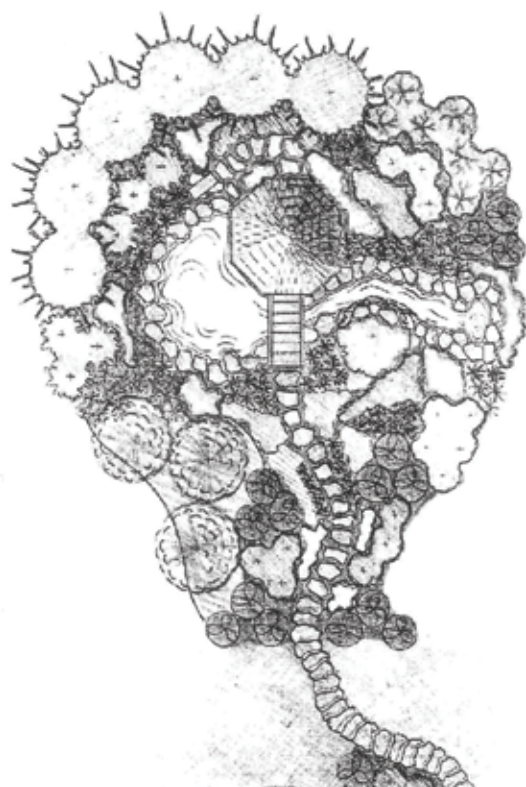
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October 3

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Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

October 8

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## Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**September 6, 1925** Bethesda lost both games of a doubleheader on Labor Day but still won the county town championship. In the first game Dickerson won 4-1 and in the second game Rockville beat Bethesda 5-3. In the final standings Boyds ended up with 8 wins and 12 loses. Dickerson was 3 - 17. Poolesville did not field a team that year.

**September 9, 1926** Miss Virginia Fyfee returned to her home at Poolesville after visiting her aunt in Remington, Virginia.

**September 10, 1926** The Engraving Bureau, located in Washington, announced that Lee Price was taking a two week vacation at Poolesville, Md.

**September 13, 1925** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fletchall returned from a motor trip to Niagara Falls.

**September 24, 1926** The Board of Education announced that the school at Sugarland would be closed immediately. Dr. Edwin

Broome said that the students living in Sugarland would be transported by bus to the school in Poolesville.

**September 25, 1926** The heaviest enrollment in the history of the Montgomery County schools had so crowded the schools that additional teachers were being sought. Poolesville needed an additional teacher immediately.

**September 27, 1927** A petition was signed by over 40 residents of the Boyds district and presented to the county commissioners. The residents requested that the railroad crossing at Boyds be improved to include an underpass instead of the grade crossing that was deemed unsafe. They also requested that a subway be built under the tracks for pedestrians.

**September 30, 1928** David J. Lewis, candidate for Congress, was making a two week tour of Montgomery County. Among his stops were those at Poolesville and Clarksburg. Lewis was scheduled to address a large rally at Hempstone's Hall in Poolesville.

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The day before the opinion, on August 29, Maravell and his wife filed a "notice of claim" that they'd been injured by the county's Brickyard decision, a step necessary to file a lawsuit. The Brickyard Coalition, made up of both citizen groups and individuals, made a similar filing.

Opponents of the plan to construct the soccer field argue that the move will bring traffic, endanger groundwater, and run counter to efforts to support the county's agricultural community. Supporters of the Brickyard project cite the need to accommodate thousands of soccer-playing children on often-overused fields. Park and Planning's 2005 Park Recreation Open Space Plan said the county needed eighty-eight additional fields for soccer, football, and lacrosse. According to the county's website, the Brickyard fields would be ready for use in summer 2012.

#### Monopole in Dickerson gets thumbs down

In spite of adjustments to accommodate opponents' concerns, T-Mobile's request to construct a 127-foot cell tower on Mount Ephraim Road was given a poor review by the county hearing examiner.

In the fifty-two-page September 2 report, Lynn Robeson recommended the special exception needed for the construction be denied "because petitioners have failed to meet their burden of proof as to the need for the facility, and because the facility is inconsistent with the relevant master plans."

The Montgomery County Board of Appeals will make the

final decision on the pole. Robeson also provided a list of suggested conditions in the event they approved the special exception.

In its final iteration, T-Mobile's proposal would lead to a monopole with a silo design at 22730 Mount Ephraim Road. When first proposed in 2010, the pole was 150 feet high without the silo and further from the road. T-Mobile said the changes were made to respond to community concerns about the impact on views of Sugarloaf Mountain.

#### Shuttered activity buildings need tenants

Two Upcounty activity buildings closed by the parks department last year need new occupants, according to a county press release inviting ideas.

Applications from individuals or private entities hoping to use closed buildings located in parks across the county must be received by September 23, according to the release from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

"Budget constraints require us to take more innovative approaches to making sure park assets and buildings are maintained and protected," Mary Bradford, Director of Parks, said in the release. "We need to find good tenants to keep them in service."

In January 2010, the Department of Parks closed eleven underused park activity buildings as a cost-savings measure; seven remain unspoken-for, including those in Clarksburg Neighborhood Park and Beallsville's Owens Park.

Applicants are required to have at least five years' experience operating a business and a five-year lease is anticipated for a successful applicant.

For a copy of the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) and submission instructions, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org) or contact Jana Harris at [Jana.Harris@MNCPPC.org](mailto:Jana.Harris@MNCPPC.org).

## In the Garden

### End of Vacation For Outside Houseplants

By Maureen O'Connell

Several years ago, there was a humorous cartoon in *The New Yorker* magazine showing a couple of potted plants knocking on a glass, sliding patio door. The caption read something like this: Is it time for us to come back in yet? If your houseplants have been vacationing this summer on your porch or patio, it is time to start preparing them to return indoors. Conditions for your plants differ significantly between the inside and outside of your house. Sudden changes in light, temperature, and humidity will stress most plants, so a gradual reintroduction to the indoors is recommended. People often ask me why their plants develop yellow and dropped leaves, experi-

ence wilting, and often die when they bring them back inside. Most of these problems stem from the changing of their environment. Let me share with you an example of this situation I had with one of my aloe vera plants this past July.

My three-year-old aloe lived in my living room. When I first got him, I placed him on a shelf in my box bay window. Aloes need strong, bright light and warm temperatures. This spot was very bright, but in the winter, it can get very frosty near the big window. So I moved him to a side table with low light but warm temperatures. He quickly adapted and learned to live and thrive under these modified conditions. There is one area of my garden terrace that in summer receives full sunlight most of the day. Geraniums, petunias, and even marigolds wilted there. Knowing that succulents love bright sunlight, I placed a large terra cotta planter there and filled it with four dif-

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ferent types of succulent plants. It proved to be an ideal location for them. There was room for probably one more plant, so I decided to add my indoor aloe to the mix. That was a mistake. Within one week, his lovely emerald green, lance-shaped, fleshy leaves turned an ugly, pale yellow-green color and wilted. He could not handle the change from low light to bright sunlight that quickly; I should have done it gradually. Now, this was a reverse direction—indoors to outdoors—but it proves my point for the need for a gradual acclimation to a change of environment.

Here are some guidelines to help your plants come back indoors and remain healthy.

Inspect plants for insects and diseases. Cut away any diseased stems. To kill any unwanted insect pests, give the leaves a good shower with insecticidal soap or dishwashing liquid. This is also a

good time to flush the pot’s soil with a long stream of water from the garden hose. This helps to remove old, accumulated mineral deposits and buried insects. Remove any dead or rotting materials, such as leaves, from the surface of the soil. I like to add an inch or two of fresh soil at this time. It refreshes its look, and it is easier to do this outside, rather than in your kitchen or living room. Scrub the outsides of the plant containers, especially terra cotta ones, to remove any mold or insects.

Make an assessment of temperature fluctuations in various locations in your house and match them to your plants’ needs. Keep them away from cold windows, cold drafts, and hot air wall or floor vents. I lost two old and flowering cymbidium orchids last winter; they were too near an icy cold window.

Check on light conditions. Plants that do well in bright light conditions need a southern

exposure, and for those that do well at lower light levels, choose a northern exposure.

More houseplants die from overwatering than anything else. Too much water suffocates the roots and robs them of oxygen. Wait until the first inch or so of the plant’s soil is dry before watering. I have had more plants bounce back from under watering than overwatering. I have a large, old ficus tree in my living room. I water it about every three months.

Feeding. When many people see a plant that looks tired and weak, the first thing they want to do is fertilize it; don’t. Fertilizer is not a cure. In fact, it can damage a plant if it is already stressed. Let it rest and fertilize it when it is in an active growth stage. The only plants that I fertilize and water about once a week are my orchids and African violets. They are the hungry, thirsty ones.

Follow these tips, and your houseplants will make the changeover with ease.

## Center Stage

### The Ghosts of HGB’s Present, Past, and Future

By Dominique Agnew

For Fran Ichijo, the dream of creating a ballet company has been coming to fruition over the past thirteen years, and the metamorphosis is nearly complete. With the grand opening of its new studio space in the Poolesville Village Center September 1, the Hope Garden Ballet Children’s Theatre (HGCBT) has taken another step in the realization of a world-class ballet troupe. The studio features two dance studios, dressing rooms and lockers, offices, and a comfortable waiting area for the parents or for students to stretch or study. Work began in May and, with the help of many volunteers and countless hours of labor, the old CVS area was transformed into an incredible dance studio. Everything from the specially-constructed professional



*Fran Ichijo, artistic director and founder of HGCBT, presents Volunteer Extraordinaire Jeff Jones with a token of her appreciation.*

dance floors to drywall was done or overseen by parent volunteers. The Jones family even gave up their vacation week to work every day on the project. “I was amazed with the build out,” says Fran. So many other people helped, as well: George Wathen of Wathen Construction oversaw all the construction, Peter Hidalgo did the tiling, and Paul O’Connell donated the carpeting and its installation. Other helpers include the Willises, the Creedons, the Butz Foundation, and Edie Gardner, among others. “Saints and angels,” Fran calls

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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Current Crime

Burglary, 19700 block of Selby Avenue, 17400 block of Hoskinson Avenue, 17000 block of Tom Fox Avenue, 17100 block of Spates Hill Road, 19700 block of Selby Avenue, 19600 block of Gott Street.

Disorderly Conduct complaints, 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue, 19500, 19600 and 19700 block of Fisher Avenue, 18900 block of Peach Tree Road.

### Past Crime

**September 11, 1926** Highway Robbery charges against William Waugh and Arthur Remus were dismissed by Judge Riggs in Rockville Police Court. It had been alleged that Waugh and Remus had posed as officers and demanded to see the operator's card of a motorist after the car stopped near Chevy Chase Lake. When the wallet of the driver

was returned it was missing three dollars.

**September 12, 1927** Montgomery County police were searching for George Moore, age 79, who disappeared from the home of his son near Alta Vista. It was said that Moore had hailed a taxi in Silver Spring and asked to be taken to Alta Vista. When the taxi arrived at the home Moore told the taxi driver that he was not at the correct location and asked to be driven to Rockville where he again refused to get out of the cab. The driver then told him to get out. Moore was the president of the Supreme Court of the Scottish Rite Masons and was feared to be suffering from amnesia.

**September 13, 1927** Charles Davis of Washington was arrested at the Forest Glen train station where he had gone to claim a trunk. Unbeknown to Davis police had been tipped off that the trunk contained a quantity of illegal whiskey. The trunk was address to "Miss Beeman" which was a fictitious name according to Sgt. Guy Jones.

**September 20, 1927** Lawrence Burdette, who had just been paroled after a conviction for manslaughter, was taken into custody by Montgomery police and lodged in the Rockville jail. It was said that Burdette, who lived on the farm of Herman Price of Bucklodge, had been acting queerly causing the police to be alerted. It was said that Burdette had to be overpowered by three officers. Burdette was held for mental evaluation.

**September 26, 1926** George Blackwell of Washington was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$300 by Judge Riggs. Blackwell had been apprehended by Officer Merson for speeding through Gaithersburg and having sixty gallons of corn whiskey in the car. In another case Judge Riggs sentenced Edward Bryam, of Boyds, to thirty days in jail for driving while drunk.

## Local News

### Rumors of Burglaries on Poolesville Day

At the end of Poolesville Day, rumors were spreading about four homes being burglarized during the annual festival. While the Montgomery County Police Department is investigating a number of home break-ins locally, only one occurred during Poolesville Day. The burglary on September 17 was off of Spates Hill Road, and on September 20, the MCPD reported to the *Monocle* that a similar burglary occurred on Fisher Avenue, which makes for a total of five related burglaries since September 8. In reporting this to Commissioner Jim Brown, Commander Luther T. Reynolds said, "We have much work to do on this, and any reports of suspicious activity and/or suspect information is much appreciated."

The Spates Hill property owner told town representatives that the police responded within ten minutes of his phone call.

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Helen Pumphrey, one of Poolesville’s most beloved ladies of the past, renowned educator, and an adventurous traveler. This big idea worked out pretty well as he made \$1200.00 in just his first four weeks.

In the fall, he entered the University of Maryland to study botany and agriculture. The following summer was even better, doubling the farm’s income. Like many of today’s cutting edge internet and high-tech entrepreneurs, his vision for action overtook his plan for study. He bought a corn picker and didn’t go back to the university. Expanding upon his dream, he saw the possibilities offered by new farming equipment and began offering services to local growers to save labor costs and to maximize their profits.

In 1951, a local John Deere dealership went belly-up. De thought the family’s beer parlor and ice cream store were perfect for such a venture, and he got

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Expansion didn’t happen overnight; in fact, it wasn’t until 1970 that he expanded his work from custom farming and farm equipment dealership to launching Willard Chemical, Inc., specializing in the manufacture and delivery of liquid fertilizer. With the help of his sons, they came up with great ideas for new inventions for farming equipment. One homemade sprayer could spray twelve rows at a time, leaving the old two-row sprayer in the dust, so to speak.

Today, De’s business concerns included purchasing other fertilizer companies, and in, 1985, they opened a new plant in Marion, Pennsylvania. In 2003, they built an award-winning new facility in Greenwood, Delaware, and in 2004, De and a partner joined to form Synatek which specializes in fertilizers for golf

courses.

At eighty years old, De is as active as ever. His leadership in the agriculture industry causes him to travel a great deal. In fact, he even got his own pilot’s license and plane to facilitate that activity. A past president of the National Fertilizer Solution Association, he is active in many local, regional, and national groups.

Family history continues through De’s sons Bob and Billy, who came into the business gaining hands-on and inspirational experience from their dad. “Those were the best times of our lives,” says Billy, recalling spending all day with his father as a pre-teen, developing a real passion for agriculture and growing crops. They’ll tell you they learned all sorts of things: welding, spraying, running combines, whatever it took. What the boys really learned from their dad was something he had learned from his father and grandfather: qual-



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was represented by her mother, Ms. Judy Ohr. A graduate of West Point, she is currently on her third tour of duty serving as the military police commander in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. Harman, a 1990 PHS graduate, has nearly seventeen years of active duty service in the Marine Corps.

Meggie Shapiro and Nicole Jordan represented Meggie's first cousins Sean and Kevin Herlihy.

Kevin, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot with the Maryland National Guard is scheduled to be deployed to the Middle East by the end of the year. Sean, a staff sergeant, spent six years in the Army Special Forces Group with the Maryland National Guard.

Marine Christian Hussong, another 2003 PHS graduate, earned the Purple Heart as a result of his wounds in the battle of Fallujah, Iraq.

The Neville family represented marine Troy Buchannan. His unit was one of the first to arrive in Iraq.

Marine Zachary Rhodas, a 2006 PHS graduate, served four years, having earned a Purple Heart. A moment of silence was observed and Taps was played for Kirk J. Bosselman, a 2001 PHS graduate killed in action during a battle in Fallujah. He was represented by his parents.



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## "Center Stage"

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them, "those who gave money, those who gave time."

The new studio will open a vast array of opportunities, including yoga classes, hip hop dance classes, and, possibly in the near future, ballroom dancing. Of course, her ballet dancers have the best space possible available for them to achieve whatever their dreams may be: professional company, college, or just ballet for the sheer pleasure of it. This year, in addition to the beginning ballet classes, Hope Garden will offer three levels of intermediate ballet (almost all of these dancers could become professionals

## "Local Government" Continued From Page 3.

ing our sewer rehabilitation, we are investigating protection for the residents so they won't be impacted again."

John Strong, consulting town engineer, proposed that the town install a backflow preventer to mitigate the problem. This device, estimated to cost \$2500.00 a piece, blocks inflow from overwhelmed mainlines into the lateral lines that go to the house. Mr. Yost estimated that twenty homes in Poolesville have reported such problems in the past. Additionally, such devices require periodic maintenance to remain effective.

While the town is considering paying to place the backflow preventer, it is uncertain at this time if they will also pay for its maintenance. Presently, only homes with past backflow problems will be considered by the town for installation of the backflow preventer. A final decision awaits the town manager's research into the number and location of homes previously affected.

On another agenda item, the commissioners voted to schedule a public hearing on a proposal to increase commercial water rates from \$3.50 per thousand gallons to \$5.50. Commercial water purchase is defined as buying water directly from a town water hydrant using an attached water meter. Commissioner Kuhlman

if they want it—"I have the skill to get them there," says Fran), and next year, the first advanced classes will be offered for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders.

For the Ghost of Hope Ballet Past, this past May was the spring concert, "Jubilee Steps," performed in front of a sold-out audience. The number of girls with superior talent had grown so much that Fran had no choice but to hire two more male dancers from the Kirov Ballet Academy to help her regular guest male dancer, Dustin Kimball. There were six *pas de deux*, all from the classics, except for one. "The kids are getting good enough that they can handle the material," says Fran about the classical ballet rep-

voiced concern over the impact to farmers in the area. The estimated increase in town revenue was given to be about \$1400.00. The public hearing is set for the October 3 commissioner meeting.

The Rev. Tom Purdy of St. Peter's Episcopal Church testified at the meeting to request consideration from the town relating to the cost of completing a Public Improvement Agreement (PIA) requirement on the church. In 2005, the town was given ten years to install curbing and sidewalks in front of the church's rectory to meet with the sidewalk built by Winchester Homes.

The church supports the installation of the sidewalk but asked further consideration at this time since it would be a hardship for the church. Citing precedence in this situation by other property owners lacking immediate resources in meeting the cost of attaching new water lines to their property, the commissioners agreed to make the installation and to work out a suitable payment program for the church.

A contract to renovate the park equipment at Stevens Park near the Wesmond subdivision was awarded to Game Time West Recreation for \$110,000.

ertoire that they are performing. "Good talent meets good instruction," she adds.

For the Ghost of Hope Ballet Future, Fran plans to take the Upcounty by storm with two full-length productions of *A Christmas Carol* to be performed at Poolesville High School. Tickets are already on sale for the December 9 and December 10 productions. "This is going to be our new tradition," says Fran. "Why do the *Nutcracker* when there are so many others around? But they should come see our [show]

## "Flash Flood" Continued From Page 1.

ing lot. Without a doubt, if you had not shown up when you did with that pump and hose and a giving spirit, we would have lost inventory in our store and had a huge cleanup in our future! You exemplify the spirit of volunteer firefighters everywhere and are an exceptional representative of what makes our community so special." In appreciation, they made a donation to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department.

While the roads closed and at least one store fought off flooding, many homeowners had problems of their own. On Hempstone Court, Rick and Peg Arnold were dealing with the second storm problem in nearly as many weeks. Hurricane Irene had toppled a tree from Stevens Park causing it to crash on their fence. The town quickly removed the tree and things got back to normal, but with the deluge of September 8, things would not be as simple. The radical rainfall quickly began to fill their basement. At one point, it got as high as three inches. Fortunately, the room has an access door which kept the flood waters lower than what could have been. To make matters even worse, the Arnolds' daugh-

because it'll be amazing." At last winter's concert, a few scenes of *A Christmas Carol* were performed to rave reviews. This year, the whole story will unfold, and with ballet that's "better than the Kennedy Center, and [you] don't have to pay for parking," plan on both shows selling out.

"Most people see bad ballet all the time and think they don't like ballet," Fran concludes. "When you see good ballet, it's stunning...and pure and clean and beautiful."

ter and husband, Stephanie and Justin Garrison, have been living in their basement while their new home is being built in Ashburn, Virginia. Now, the scheduled moving date around Thanksgiving seems an even longer await. On top of that, Stephanie is five months pregnant with twins.

Farmers want water, but, unfortunately, this heavy rain overwhelmed the orchards. Gene Kingsbury reported to the *Monocle* that they measured nearly ten inches of rain in the orchard and that they lost nearly thirty percent of their fall crop of apples.

The storm left as quickly as it came, and by the weekend, most people were enjoying the cooler, sunny weather. For others, the damage will not be so quickly forgotten, but for everyone, the end of summer 2011 will be one we will recall for many years to come.



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