Well, it looks like a bee because it is a bee. Read In the Garden on page 11 to find out more.



Patsy Dillingham (right)
received the Montgomery
County Republican Woman
of the Year Award from MC
Republican Central Committee
representative Lorraine
Kuchmy. Read all about it in
Tidbits on page 18.



PHS volleyball players help their fans Think Pink. See their team picture in the Family Album on page 2.



Brothers Eric and Brian Galfond with PHS soccer coach Nicholas Christos are in Youth Sports on page 17.

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Hoewing Steps Down as Town Commissioner

By Rande Davis

"I am saddened this day has come, but it is the right time for me to move on." In saying these words, Poolesville Town Commissioner Link Hoewing announced his decision to resign his position on November 7, 2011.

With his decision less than one year from the next election, the town charter allows the commissioners to appoint a replacement, providing the decision is unanimously made by the commission. Commission President Eddie Kuhlman, in reflecting on Hoewing's service, stated that Mr. Hoewing will be sorely missed and that any resident of the town interested in the possible appointment

2011 Royce Hanson Award

By Maureen O'Connell

On Sunday, October 16, the Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) presented its should notify the town of his or her desire to serve. If no one is appointed unanimously, a special election to fill the position will be scheduled within sixty days of the resignation.

Mr. Hoewing's decision comes from the family's previous purchase of a second home in Beallsville. For a variety of reasons, the Hoewings have decided to move to that home outside of the town but have done so with a "heavy heart."

Joking that he preferred that Poolesville annex Bealls-ville, he wished the commissioners "good luck in the future," letting them know he will still be right next door and plans to visit often.

Except for a few years living overseas, the Hoewings have been active in the town since they married in 1975, first owning a townhome before moving to Westerly Avenue.

2011 Royce Hanson Award to Austin Kiplinger at a ceremony at the Potomac Hunt Club in Dickerson. This award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding commitment toward the protection of the Montgomery County's Agricul-



Commissioner Link Hoewing

Upon returning to Poolesville in 1993, they became very active in the PTSA. Mr. Hoewing served as the PTSA president for both the high school and the elementary school.

Among some of his proud-

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ture Reserve (Ag Reserve). Inaugurated in 2005, the original recipient was Royce Hanson. Mr. Hanson was chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board from 1972 to 1981 and is considered the architect of the Ag Reserve, which was created in 1980. Thanks to his efforts, 93,000 acres of farmland and rural space have been saved from the bulldozer; in this area, there will be no sprawling housing developments and shopping centers.

In introducing Royce Hanson, Caroline Taylor, executive director of MCA, said that to have great things happen, you need a visionary, and Royce Hanson was the visionary for the Ag Reserve. He commented



Royce Hanson and 2011 honoree Austin Kiplinger

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Family Album



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The Poolesville High School Pom Squad performed as part of the Cheerleaders Spirit Explosion show at FedEx Field during halftime of the Redskins game against the Philadelphia Eagles. The squad spent five hours at the stadium the day before learning the routine and practicing it with the Redskin cheerleaders. As a magnet school, the squad features girls from Poolesville, Germantown, Gaithersburg, Darnestown, Derwood, Dickerson, and Beallsville.



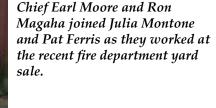
At Saturday practice with the Redskins cheerleaders: Teffy Ventura, Gabby Abella (captain), Jonique Lyles, Vera Menchikova, Yosmin Badie, a Redskins cheerleader, Maddy Chin (captain), Sally Miller, Carly Johnson, Nitsa Skenderis, Kori Pranewski (captain), and Marianne Zhao.



In the stadium tunnel just before their performance: Back Row: Vera Menchikova, Jonique Lyles, Sally Miller, Teffy Ventura, Marianne Zhao, Kori Pranewski (captain), Yosmin Badie. Front Row: Nitsa Skenderis, Carly Johnson, Gabby Abella (captain), Maddy Chin (captain).



Knight and Ann Kiplinger at the Seneca Schoolhouse "Back to School Afternoon," which celebrated the schoolhouse's thirtyyear association with the Historic Medley District.





Congratulations to the PHS girls' volleyball team for raising \$8000 for the American Cancer Society.

Local News

Local Student Heralds Boys State

By Rande Davis

Poolesville High School senior Alex Pike, attended the recent American Legion Post #247 to thank them for sponsoring his attendance at the Maryland American Legion Boys State program.

The American Legion Boys State is a highly-respected and selective educational program of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each attendee becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state governments. At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, and the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county

and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program.

The Monocle asked Alex share his observations on the program.

MM: Why did you apply to go to Boys State?

AP: The reason I applied was to further my interest in government and how it works. I also applied because my older brother had gone through the program a few years back and he loved it, so I figured I would give it a try.

MM: What are some of the things you did there?

AP: I met a bunch of good guys, many of whom I still keep in touch with. I also learned the basic needs for a charter and how to run a city election to form one's own city. We had lectures on topics related to government that ranged from learning



Legionnaire Pam Hernandez, Commander Bill Poole (seated), and Sergeant-of-Arms Steve Robillard welcome Boys State attendee Alex Pike at their last meeting.

about the court system in Maryland to the financial system of the United States. We also underwent a political simulation where the entire group of boys discussed current topics that are being discussed in legislative bodies today.

MM: What did you like the best?

AP: My favorite part of the week was going to Fort McHenry and getting to learn about an important fort during America's

early years. I also enjoyed hanging out with the friends I made that entire week, as well as hearing the counselors' stories from their time as enlisted men.

MM: What surprise or event stands out that you will remember the most?

AP: The one surprise that I

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Local News

Town Government

By Rande Davis

At the October 17 town commissioner meeting, a unanimous vote was made to provide financial assistance to homeowners to install backwash preventers to those property owners experiencing problems from sewage backwash seeping into basements. The homes affected are located geographically at the lowest points in the town and, during unusually heavy rains, end up with sewage and water flowing back to the home rather than moving on to the water and sewer treatment plant. The phenomenon is referred to as inflow and infiltration (I&I) caused by weaknesses in the piping system.

The backwash preventers do not solve the problem but serve to prevent the fluids from entering the home. The town has been undergoing massive repairs, including relining the existing pipes to fix breaches in the system. When heavy rains overwhelm the sewer system, the town operates an overflow lagoon to capture excessive water until it can be fully put through the treatment system. The ultimate solution to the I&I problem will be in locating the points of weaknesses that need repair. In the meantime, the town has agreed to reimburse homeowners having backwash issues up to \$1500 for installing the backwash preventers. Homeowners will have to apply for the assistance and complete installation prior to March 31, 2011 to be eligible for the payment. To be qualified, the property must demonstrate a history of backwash problems. In instances where the cost of installation may be higher than the \$1500, homeowners may appeal for additional help from the town.

The town manager has identified twenty-five homes that will qualify, and those homeowners were specifically invited to attend the meeting to make comments and hear the discussion by the

commissioners. Of those, less than a dozen attended with four making comments before the commissioners. Resident Dennis Minor queried as to the impact of placement of a preventer in his home on a neighbor who has not experienced backwash problems. The answer is that the amount of fluid which otherwise would go into his house would not be enough to impact the neighbor and any risk is negligible.

The commissioners also introduced possible changes to the town charter that would allow a more timely approach to handling budgetary concerns. As it stands now, in preparing a budget, the commissioners cannot approve a budget having an increase in anticipated town revenue beyond seven percent without providing adequate time for voters to petition for a voter referendum to override their decision. Any budget proposal not exceeding that amount does not require a referendum.

Currently, the town is forced to conclude a budget prior to obtaining essential information such as actual revenue coming from the county or state. By voting for a resolution not to allow revenue to exceed the seven percent, the referendum requirement becomes moot, as the commissioners would be forced to adjust tax rates preventing revenue to exceed that amount.

It should be noted that an increase in revenue obtained is not necessarily the same as an increase in tax rates. For example, town tax rates could remain the same or even be reduced while revenue to the town could increase from other sources. Ultimately, commissioners are held responsible for making budgetary decisions through general elections.

A public hearing on the proposed charter change is schedule for the November 7 town meeting.

Other matters resulting from the October 17 meeting included approving unanimously Ordinance No. 186 Petitions, regulating the petition process, and Resolution No. 003-11 Commercial Hydrant Water purchase.

In the town manager re-

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port, Wade Yost announced that the state has denied the town's request to install a crosswalk on Fisher Avenue at the entrance of the county pool. He also reported the approval by the state Park and Recreational department for a \$70,000 grant to renovate Stevens Park. Work on the park will begin in the coming weeks.



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Center Stage

Lean Acres Is the Place for Me By Dominique Agnew

Efficiency has always been in fashion. Whether it is running a household or a multi-million dollar company, everyone is interested in the bottom line. The bottom line for some can be made better by hiring an outside consultant to help them trim fat from their budgets and come up with creative ways to save money. Enter Jim Bowie. This is where his business acronym that follows his name is listed, but he has too many. Let's just call him bona fide. He is a certified master black belt in Six Sigma and Lean Six Sigma methodologies. If you don't know what all that means, that's okay, he's written a book just for you (and for me, too) explaining it all in normal words. Keep reading.

Since his high school years— Jim is a graduate of Poolesville High School—Jim has worked in the business worlds where efficiency and profitability are all-important. He paid his way through college at Salisbury University working at an air freight transportation company. His master's came from Auburn University, but his education has come from many institutions including the Yale School of Management, Villanova, and the University of Tennessee, among others. He also enlisted in the army, went to

officer candidate school, and was an officer in the infantry. After his tour was complete, he returned to the corporate world. It's not surprising, then, that Jim's clients include not only varying corporations and businesses, but also the military. He was asked to streamline the redeployment process for General Casey's staff in Baghdad with much success. Even the nonprofit world benefits from Lean Six Sigma methodologies, including churches and Christian organizations.

So what are Six Sigma and Lean Six Sigma (LSS)? Thank goodness Jim wrote a book for the rest of the world because even when I tried to research the methodologies, it made for tough reading (especially when someone replied to that simple question with a paragraph in Italian). The basic concept of Six Sigma is rooted in statistics, specifically standard deviation (sigma). The idea is to make the manufacturing process so efficient through minimizing variation and maximizing design efficiency that the specification limit is six standard deviations from the mean which ensures that 99.99966% of the product is free from defect. The lean part comes from a focus on flow of the process and the elimination of waste. The merging of the two ideas leads to the Lean Six Sigma philosophy. Jim began writing about the methodologies as a blog relating the theories to a farm, but he quickly realized that he had a much larger story, and he pulled the blog offline. The resulting book is Lean Acres: A Tale of Strategic Innovation and Improvement in a Farm-iliar Setting.

One of the basic principles of LSS is continuous performance improvement. The analogies that he was able to make with all the farm chores, egg production (theory of constraints), corn harvesting (manufacturing), make the ideas more accessible,

more human. Jim also managed to make the story more ethereal, he said, by not giving names to the characters but instead calling them the Chicken, and the Dog, for example. "I wrote it to seem like a Charlotte's Web," he says, which is told from the animals' perspective, the animals representing different workers. There are tongue-in-cheek references to animal fables that will appeal to young and old alike. Among the



Author Jim Bowie

many animal characters are the three mice. They just happen to be blind, "and they live with severed tails due to an unfortunate incident with the Farmer's wife" (page 7).

Jim got started on *Lean Acres* in late 2009. By early 2010, he had a few chapters ready to show to different publishers. He was

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will not forget in the future was how I was first treated the first couple of days. I am not allowed to elaborate anymore on that because that is a closely-guarded secret, and each new group must undergo the experience for themselves.

MM: Do you recommend the experience and why?

AP: I overwhelmingly recommend this experience to all boys who find government interest-

ing and would like to learn more about it. I also feel this is a great camp because of the friendships you will make and the opportunities that it will provide later on in life.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young ladies called Girls State. Interested high school juniors may contact their guidance counselors or American Legion Post #247 by email at stevescout@aol. com for next summer's program.

Daytripper

Eyewitness to History

By Dominique Agnew

You may enter at the bottom, but you then start at the top. Upon entering on the first floor of the Newseum, visitors are directed to its lowest level for an introductory video, then straight up to the sixth floor in a glass-enclosed elevator. Before liftoff, visitors may want to first examine eight full-size pieces of the Berlin Wall overlooked by an East German guard tower. Although a permanent exhibit, the segments—the largest to be found outside of Germany—are representative of the many historical and groundbreaking news artifacts to be found at the Newseum on all levels, from authentic objects to events captured in media form: print, audio, photographic, or video.

At the very top of the build-

ing, six stories up, visitors can take in the view of the Capitol building and Pennsylvania Avenue from a covered balcony. The railing incorporates displays of various historic events that have taken place on Pennsylvania Avenue, most notably presidential inaugurations, as the Newseum's building is located on the route that new presidents take from the Capitol to the White House. Also on the sixth floor is an exhibit on Hurricane Katrina and its immediate aftermath. Various front pages of a wide variety of newspapers from the next day are on display, as well as newscasts that were broadcast at the time.

Other displays are varied and interesting with interactive elements to engage children of all ages. A section on historical documents has newspapers dating back hundreds of years and copies of historic front pages, for example, "Dewey Defeats Truman" from 1948. The same exhibit also features five small theaters with running videos on the history of news.

Another activity that many

visitors enjoy is the interactive newscast. Visitors can put themselves in front of the camera with the cue card and test their talents at reading the news—live. Then, they can watch a recording of themselves and decide if they make the cut.

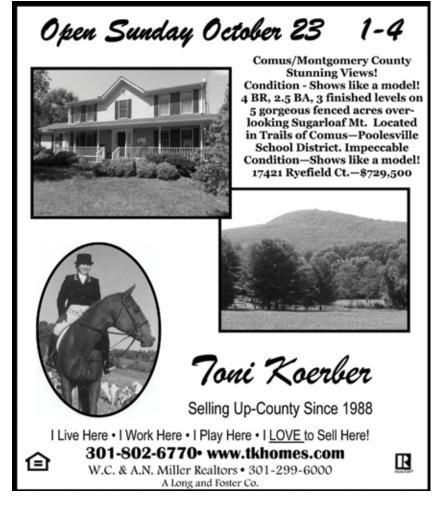
With a group of middle school-aged children, it was interesting to see what among the various exhibits piqued their interest the most. For example, something about seeing a news photograph from the other side struck them with surprise. This particular photograph was taken from behind a rebel soldier firing on his enemies. Crouched on the ground in front of the soldier are more than a dozen war photojournalists covering the conflict, getting that shot of action in the heat of battle. Many asked if it was an authentic photograph and not staged. These same preteens inquired as to whether the bullet holes in a jeep-style vehicle were

A poignant exhibit that is not to be missed, especially with the recent tenth anniversary of 9/11, features a large piece of the Twin Towers on display. It also includes video footage from that fateful day and photographs, some taken by a photojournalist who was killed that morning.

The original Newseum first opened in Arlington in 1997 and was free to the public. In 2002, the Newseum closed in order to prepare for its move across the Potomac River into Washington, D.C. The Newseum reopened in 2008 in the heart of D.C. and now charges an entrance fee.

Located at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, the Newseum is a little bit off the beaten path as far as museums go, but it is well worth the visit. The Newseum is suitable for later elementary ages and older.





Local News

Little Bennett Regional Park Gets New Entrances

By Kristen Milton

Lack of accessibility makes the county's biggest park, located in Clarksburg, also one of its most hidden, planning officials said in a recent hearing where a \$14 million plan to turn Little Bennett Regional Park into a regional destination received enthusiastic approval.

"It has the opportunity to be a signature showplace legacy for all of you," county parks director Mary Bradford told the planning board October 6, calling the project one of the top priorities of her tenure.

"I love this, I really absolutely love it," planning board commissioner Marye Wells-Harley said of the plans. "It makes me wish I were a poet."

The plan would construct two entrances off of Frederick Road (Route 355) for the 3,600acre park leading to a day-use area that would include an educational building tucked into a meadow, topped with a triangular viewing deck and featuring covered picnic areas as well as a playscape where children could enjoy tunnels, climbing netting, and two transparent towers over the adjacent meadow. A series of trails, a parking lot, and an amphitheater for stargazing or small events complete the approximately 65-acre project area.

Architect Jim Cutler said every effort was made to take advantage of the views as well as blend into the landscape. The building would incorporate skylights, wood decking, and sliding glass doors while providing classroom/lecture space for approximately thirty to forty people.

Project manager Ching-Fang Chen said the annual operating cost was estimated at \$80,000 in addition to the \$14 million construction, a price several officials called reasonable for the amount of land employed. Construction funds are scheduled for fiscal year 2017, and the work will likely take two years.

Three citizen speakers expressed support for the plan as well as desires for more prominent bike paths and stronger fencing to protect livestock on the adjacent cattle farm.

Lou Sousa, president of Friends of Little Bennett, said that while campers and others familiar with the area enjoy the park, he is often approached by others who are lost or confused. "Quite simply, the park today lacks a front door," Sousa said. The new area will give the park a more defined character and identity, he said.

The planning board voted unanimously to approve the plan, including a variance that will allow the removal of several large trees in the area.

No Comment

Without a word being spoken, planners expressed their support for continuing with a controversial plan that creates a small subdivision on Boyds-area Hilltop Farm.

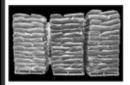
In March, the Circuit Court of Montgomery County issued a remand order that stated the board was "directed to grant" the preliminary plan, which had already been through more than six years of debate and discussion before regulatory boards and the court system. The board approved a plan in May that called for seven new homes on the 232-acre tract.

According to the plan, an existing home and agricultural buildings will remain on the farm site as the new homes are clustered on a twenty-five-acre parcel. Four houses will have driveways to West Old Baltimore Road, while the remainder will share a driveway emptying onto Slidell Road.

Many have opposed the development—a 2006 petition garnered one hundred signatures from area landowners—and two

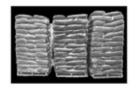
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requests for reconsideration were filed. The requests, by the Boyds Civic Association and a group of individuals, were mentioned at the October 6 planning board meeting but were met with silence as board members declined to either discuss or make a motion of support.

"The resolution for Hilltop Farm...continues in full force

and effect," board counsel Carol Rubin noted.

In August, Rubin warned the board that it risked contempt of court if it attempted to circumvent the order directing approval.

School News

JPMS Gains Recognition for Building Student Character

John Poole Middle School recently received the Maryland State School of the Year for Character Education award.

John Poole was the only middle school in Montgomery County honored with this award, presented to schools across the state by the Center for Character Education at Stevenson University. John Poole was recognized for programs like PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support), Blue Ribbon Week (which focuses on preventing bullying), and Red Ribbon Week (dedicated to stopping drug and alcohol abuse).

PHS Students Named as **Semi-Finalists for National Achievement Scholarship**

Among the twenty-eight MCPS seniors who have been selected as semifinalists for a National Achievement Scholarship, five were from Poolesville High School. The scholarship program, administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, recognizes academically-promising African American students across the nation and awards college scholarships to hundreds of these students every year.

More than 160,000 students requested consideration for the National Achievement Scholarship Program and 1,600 were named as semifinalists. Semifinalists are chosen based on their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) during their junior year. Approximately 800 students nationally will be awarded scholarships next spring.



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Tidbits of the Past October 30, 1933 Men of the

By Jack Toomey

October 28, 1933 Poolesville advanced to third place in the county high school soccer league by defeating Rockville, 2-1. The game was decided in the final minute when Parkins scored the winning goal.

October 28, 1943 The annual Halloween party was held at the Poolesville School. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest, funniest, and most original costumes.

October 30, 1938 Mrs. Jack Hersperger was the guest at a shower given in her honor by Mrs. Charles Staub. In other news, Mrs. Frank Davis entertained at bridge and Mrs. Brewer left for a two-month trip to Los Angles.

town of Poolesville gathered to patrol the downtown area of Poolesville to prevent the hooliganism that had occurred in years past. The men hoped to prevent the overturning of privies and firecracker activity that had disturbed residents.

October 31, 1934 Frances Hughes won the prize for the ugliest contest at the annual Halloween party at the Poolesville School.

October 31, 1944 Word was received concerning the death of Private William Tolbert of Barnesville. He had been killed in the fighting in France. His foster parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Offutt. Tolbert saw action in Italy before being transferred to France after the invasion.

November 4, 1935 Martin

Wise of Poolesville won a box of crayons in the Captain Stubbs coloring contest. John Turner of Chevy Chase won first prize and was awarded one dollar.

November 4, 1934 A large Fusion Party rally was held at Poolesville. Supporters of the Fusion Party had hoped to defuse the rumor that party members hoped to remove Superintendent Broome from

office. On the same day, an airplane, piloted by the Flying Fusionist circled Barnesville, Poolesville, Damascus, and Germantown, dropping pamphlets.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Assault: 17500 block of West Willard Road, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue, 18600 block of Jerusalem Church Road.

Theft: 17100 block of Spates Hill Road, 18900 block of Peach Tree Road.

Disorderly conduct: 19400 block of Fisher Avenue, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 19000 block of Wootton Avenue, 17600 block of Soper Street, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Avenue, 17100 block of Butler

Road, 17200 block of Spates Hill Road.

Past Crime

October 21, 1896 A ferocious storm struck Montgomery County overnight causing the deaths of six people. Robert Ford and John Howard were burned alive in their beds as they slept in a cabin near Washington Grove. A child was killed when a falling tree collapsed on the house where she was sleeping. In addition, Doctor Sherman of Washington, who was visiting the county, was said to have died from fright at the height of the storm. He had run out into the storm to check on his horse but was driven

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In the Garden The Eden Project: A Pipe Dream Come True

By Maureen O'Connell

When I was in London last week, I visited the Eden Project, located in the southeast corner of Cornwall. March 17, 2011 marked its tenth birthday. For those of you unfamiliar with Eden, let me tell you about its history and what it is all about.

It is often said that many great things are born of dreams: Henry Ford dreamed motor cars; Orville Wright dreamed of flying; Steve Jobs dreamed of computers and fantastic new technological gadgets. The Eden Project is no exception. Let me quote its founder Tim Smit. "Between 1996 and 1998, a group of people gathered in pubs, hotels, private houses, and even motorway service stations to talk about an idea, to create a place like nothing anyone had ever seen before; a place that explored human dependence on plants and the natural world; a place that demonstrated what could be done if people who wanted to make a difference got together." They would build the largest greenhouses in the world

to shelter and nurture plants from all corners of the world, and they would invite everyone to come and experience this environment and hopefully come away with a new appreciation and knowledge of man's vital symbiotic relationship with plants and nature. These structures would be called biomes, meaning any major ecosystem that has its own particular climate and plants and animal life. The first biome sketch, in 1996, was drawn in a pub on the proverbial napkin.

After conceiving their pipe dream, the first question Tim Smit and co-founder Cornish architect Jonathan Ball faced was: Where are we going to build Eden? Their chosen location, an exhausted steep-sided clay pit sixty meters deep, the area of thirty-five soccer fields, with no soil, and fifteen meters below the water table, gave life to the project, both figuratively and literally. Soil was to be made from waste materials, water would be harvested from the rain, and the giant conservatories and buildings would draw inspiration from nature. Tim and Jonathan also had to face issues that the average backyard gardener must address: pests, disease, light, and climate control. Of course, their issues were magnified by the sheer size and scope of their gardens. Cornwall's mild climate, due to its position in the outer fringe of the Gulf Stream, created an environment that was unique. It could support anything from moorland sub-tundra flora to the sub-tropical valley gardens, for which the county has become internationally famous. After years of research, planning, and hard work, Eden was ready to be viewed by people from all over the globe in 2001. Today, the area consists of the Stage, home of seasonal events and programs; the Rainforest Biome with plants from tropical South America, West Africa, Malaysia, and the Tropical Is-

lands; the Mediterranean Biome, covering the Mediterranean area, South Africa, and California; and the Core, the education, arts, and events hub.

You might ask: What is unique about Eden? What is Eden all about? Yes, there are many large conservatories all around the world with collections of plants from many ecosystems. In England, you have Kew Gardens, a wonderfully-conceived array of landscaped gardens and glass

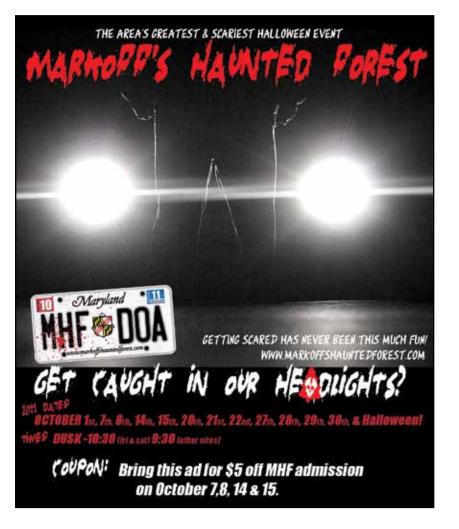
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The tops of the greenhouses enclosing the biomes at the Eden Project.



Things to Do

October 21

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jay Summerour, Eleanor Ellis, and Eric Selby 9:00 p.m.

October 22

82nd Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner

St. Mary's offers baked ham and roasted Maryland turkey with all the trimmings at its annual fall dinner. Along with the meal, there will be baked goods, crafts, gifts, pumpkins, candied apples, and a free hayride.

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St. Mary's Pavilion – Barnesville

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Tickets for Along the Potomac: \$5 per person plus

a small service fee, and can only be purchased via the reenactment website at www.150thballsbluff.com. Parking is only available at Morven Park in Leesburg, and shuttle buses will be on hand to take spectators from there to Ball's Bluff (and back). There is no extra charge for the shuttle bus service. No parking will be allowed at the battlefield itself or on nearby streets. Time of reenactment: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Online reservation required

Lockhouse 25 to Feature Civil War

Lockhouse 25 at Edwards Ferry in Poolesville will have its grand opening from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Lockhouse 25 is the sixth historic lockhouse on the C&O Canal to be rehabilitated and opened to visitors for overnight stays through the C&O Canal Trust's Canal Quarters, in partnership with the National Park Service. Rustically restored to accurately reflect the 1860s, and themed to teach visitors about life on the canal during the Civil War, Lockhouse 25 is a true gem in the Canal Quarters program. The grand opening will include an open house, refreshments, and a campfire.

October 25

NIH Environmental Impact Statement Master Plan Public Meeting

The National Institute of Health will hold a public meeting to solicit public comments regarding the development of the NIH Animal Center Maryland Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIs).

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pleased that ASQ Quality Press picked it up, as he had particularly targeted them. Most of the rest of the work was done in 2010. He says it was fifty percent writing and fifty percent editing. "My wife helped me to keep it from being too technical," he said, so that any person could pick up the book and enjoy reading the story. Even his four children were interested in the story and expressed the desire to see it in video form.

"The methodology of lean acres works in any organization," Jim says. "It's not about cutting people, it's about cutting waste." It is the scientific method, "using data to make decisions, not intuition." What can work for large business entities can also work to reorganize the kitchen or the garage. "It won't make the decision for you, it will provide you with information to make the decision," he says. "The real spirit is of moving amongst the people and spreading the good word:

how to actually use these methodologies as an applicable set of tools rather than useless jargon."

Like all good stories, you know what comes next: The Sequel. He won't say much about it. "If I tell you, it'll give it all away," he laughs. He will say that there were some limitations on the Lean Acres Farm because there were no computers or paper; there was some sketching in the dirt. The sequel will include software, graphs, and charts—all in a fun way - as an in-depth explanation of the Six Sigma method. "People will learn without even realizing they're learning. It's going to be a shock to the system." We're going to have to wait until spring of 2012 to find out where the farm ventures next.

As much as we want to organize our lives and learn LSS methodology, the best part of *Lean Acres* is the last part of the dedication: "And to Poolesville, Maryland, as you used to be when there were Wesmond, Summer Hill, and Westerly alone. Selby's and High's at the center of

it all. A simple country town that was anything but, and a small, close-knit community with depth beyond measure. When there were farms and fields, family and friends, fireflies and fantasy. I remember the smell of your crisp autumn mornings and the feel of your clear summer nights. When I was raised there, I came to know the best people this world had to offer. As much as a man can love and thank a people and a place, this is for you."

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inside by the ferocity of the storm. He sat down on a chair and expired. The Potomac River and the C&O Canal were merged into one raging stream and washed away at least twenty houses on the Montgomery County shore. Many trees were blown down in Rockville, and, at daylight, residents came out of their homes to view the damage. The Western Union telegraph line between Boyds and Washington City was said to have been destroyed. On the western side of the county, two other people were killed by falling debris.

October 23, 1940 Two residents of Seneca were killed as the result of a one-car crash at the intersection of Route 28 and Germantown Road. Julia Driver was pronounced dead at the scene, and Seth Jones expired at Montgomery General Hospital. Police said that their car went out of control and struck an embankment.

November 1, 1944 Jake Powell, the slugging outfielder for the Washington Senators, was sworn in as an emergency police officer in Montgomery County. Because of the manpower shortage and the refusal of the county commissioners to give police officers deferments, emergency officers were sought for the remainder of the war.

November 4, 1939 Two men were arrested by Montgomery County police and charged with cattle rustling. Police said that fifteen head of cattle had been stolen from farms and sold to a slaughterhouse in Baltimore. Among the cows stolen was one named "Shoestring" who was the pet of the five children of Peter Greenfield of White Oak. Police were not able to recover Shoestring before she met her fate. She had been sold for \$62.00.

November 5, 1938 Judge Harold Smith acquitted two members of the American Legion after they stood trial on charges of nailing signs to poles advertising an Armistice Day event. Judge Smith noted that he had seen similar signs affixed to poles urging the election of Governor O'Conner. Judge Smith said that he was not aware of the governor being arrested. Some information for this column was obtained by researching the Washington Post archives.



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PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH MASTER PLAN FOR POOLESVILLE, MARYLAND

The National Institutes of Health will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland, 20837. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public comments regarding the development of the NIH Animal Center, Poolesville, MD Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Comments provided during the meeting, as well as those received during the public comment period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. This public meeting will be within the 30-day public comment period initiated with the publication of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement published in the Federal Register on October 3rd, 2011. The 30-day comment period will begin on October 3rd, 2011 and will end on November 18th, 2011.

Comments can be sent to Valerie Nottingham, Division of Environmental Protection, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892 or emailed to nihnepa@mail.nih.gov. Questions regarding the meeting can be directed to Amy Blackburn, Program Analyst, Division of Environmental Protection, National Institutes of Health, 301-496-7775. Questions about the meeting can also be sent via email to nihnepa@mail.nih.gov.

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Comments made at the meeting as well as those received during the public comment period will be considered in the draft EIS. The register of comments remains open until November 18, 2011 and may be emailed to nihnepa@mail. nih.gov.

Poolesville Town Hall 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

October 28

Cugini's Entertainment night

Featuring: Bobby and the jam-9:00 p.m.

October 29

Book Signing at Kingsbury Farm

Marcia Young lives on Moore Road near Kingsbury Farm, and she wrote a book last year just for her grandchildren

about the little donkey that is in the front field of the farm. She also drew the illustrations. Kingsbury printed the book and sold about one hundred copies at the orchard. They had a second printing of the first book this summer due to orchard customer demand and, consequently, Marcia has written a sequel about Donald entitled, Donald and the Dust Bag. Kingsbury will host a book signing on October 29 at the orchard.

Fall Festival (Walk for WUMCO)

This autumn family festival

features DJ and live music, food, bake sale, craft vendors, and fun games and contests for children and dogs including: costume parade, painted pumpkins, scarecrow stuffing with prizes. Vendor applications can be found online at Poolesville. com. Register for the walk online or day of event. Cost: Wristband \$5.00 for all kids' activities, including paint-a-pumpkin, stuff-ascarecrow, moonbounce, and games.

11:30 a.m.: Walk registration Noon: Mini walk for WUMCO 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Interactive Kids DJ (Valaree Dickinson)

12:30 p.m.: Costume parade (kids and dogs) 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Poolesville **Band Project** 3:00 p.m.: Scarecrow and painted pumpkin contest Nonperishable food items collected

October 31

Monocacy Lions Annual Halloween Party

The Monocacy Lions Annual Halloween Party will feature lots of candy, candy-filled piñata, donuts, cider, and prizes for games and costumes. The games include apple dunking, spooky musical chairs, peanut toss, and the favorite rope pull between adults and kids. Of course, the highlight is the costume parade. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville.

Gratitude.com. You may bring in your Halloween candy on Tuesday, November 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are located at 19601 Fisher Avenue.

November 4

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Felix and the Soho Band 9:00 p.m.

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Youth Sports

PHS Versus Gaithersburg Soccer Brother Versus Brother

By Jeff Stuart

On a cool, clear Friday evening, September 30, Coach Christos Nicholas's Poolesville boys' soccer team (4-3) played to the high level that the coach had predicted they would before the season began. They defeated a strong Gaithersburg team, 3-1. Senior Brendan Carney started the scoring with a goal from the left side just four minutes into a very intense first half. Crisp passing led to a Michael Beliveau goal about five minutes later. Gaithers-

burg made a determined run, but a couple of great saves by PHS goalkeeper, junior Christopher Comfort, kept the Trojans off the scoreboard. Both Gaithersburg and Poolesville had near goals about three quarters of the way through the half, but both were negated by offside calls. Gaithersburg's Eric Galfond, brother of PHS's magnet student Brian Galfond, scored with about six minutes left. A header by Chris Carney off of a corner kick, with about three minutes left to close out the scoring, gave the Falcons their third and final goal of the night. Although played at PHS, the game was a home game for Gaithersburg because GHS is currently under renovation.

The featured brother versus brother matchup: Brian Galfond, a freshman for Poolesville, and Eric Galfond, a senior at Gaithersburg, drew photographers and reporters to the game.

Laurie Galfond, the boys' mother, took pictures before the



The PHS Boys' Soccer team.

game. "Both boys wanted to wait until after the game for me to take pictures, but I knew one of them was not going to be happy!" she said.

"Brian played superbly as always, and what makes him stand out is that he has exceptional peripheral vision and the ability to read plays," says Nicholas. "He plays very intelligently on the field."

Currently, Brian is with U-15

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MSC Magic Green, ranked second in the state of Maryland. He is one of two players on the roster who has been with the team since its formation, as a U-9 team. His Magic Green coach, Ben Morley, attended the PHS-Gaithersburg game.

"If you ask Coach Ben about Brian," said Coach Nicholas, "he'll probably tell you that Brian is his most versatile player and the best decision maker on the team. He is a very smart soccer player. Last year, he played center back, notwithstanding his size, and I think Ben barely ever took him out of a game. The year before, he played mostly forward and led the team in scoring. He's now probably going to use him more at midfield this year."

Magic Green won the Maryland State Futsal Cup in 2008 and 2009; they were finalists in the 2008 Futsal Regionals and Nationals. Brian was picked for the All-Regional team. They won the regionals in the spring of 2009 and again were finalists in the Futsal Nationals that July.

Eric Galfond currently plays for U-18 Olney Galaxy. This is his fifth year with that team and his second on the GHS varsity.

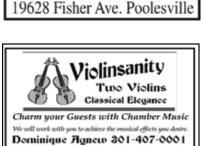
Eric and Brian have two older sisters who also play soccer: Leslie, a goalkeeper for Gaithersburg and First Team All-*Gazette* and All

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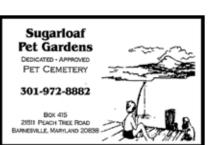


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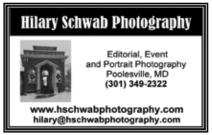
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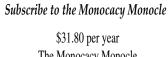
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Tidbits

Change of Leaders of Poolesville Day Committee

At the Poolesville Day committee dinner on October 13 to thank the sponsors of the festival, the committee also honored chairman Brice Halbrook who will be stepping down after five years of leadership. He took charge after the untimely passing of Jake Perkins, who had chaired the event for many years. Under Mr. Halbrook's leadership, the committee volunteer participation expanded, and many new innovations were introduced, i n particular, the introduction of an afternoon concert performed by award-winning bands that served to maintain pubic interest throughout the day. During his time, the very popular agricultural display with farm animals was developed and a food court, a kiddie rest area, and a sponsor reception were among some of the other new features.

Halbrook, with the strong assistance of Bridget Burke, provided a highly-organized event with calm and democratic guidance and a level of professionalism to rival much larger festivals. The committee stayed dedicated and

focused throughout his tenure, and much of that can be attributed to his management style. Volunteer groups can become overwhelmed by lack of focus, but he kept the group operating as a team throughout, dividing responsibilities through category leaders. His legacy can be defined in his famous admonition to the organization, "If you have an new idea, we welcome it, but you own it." This not only diminished long discussions on frivolous suggestions but also established leadership of any new innovation. Through all the challenging complexities, which on a number of occasions included controversial decisions, he maintained a sense of humor that smoothed the path as well as made participa-

Stepping up in leadership, Faith Etheridge and co-chaired by Gina Beck. Bridget Burke will remain as the event manager and town recreational director; Cathy Bupp will also continue her role in representing the town and managing various aspects of the

C&O Canal National Historical Park Hosts Ribbon-Cutting **Ceremony at Catoctin Aqueduct**

The Chesapeake and Ohio

tion in the committee fun. the committee will be chaired by

Canal National Historical Park hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 15 to celebrate the completed restoration of the Catoctin Aqueduct. Light refreshments, live music, and interpretive programs were provided from 8:30 until noon. Guest speakers included United States Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, Julianna Albowicz

representing United States Senator Barbara Mikulski, Chief of Staff Bud Otis representing United States Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, Eric Brenner representative for Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Maryland Senator Ronald N. Young, Frederick County Commissioner David P. Gray, National Capital Regional Director Stephen E. Whitesell, National Park Service, Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr. President of the Catoctin Aqueduct Restoration Fund, and Superintendent Kevin D. Brandt of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park as master of ceremonies.



The ribbon gets cut to complete the restoration of the Catoctin Aqueduct.

Corman Construction, based in Annapolis Junction, Maryland, completed the restoration under contract. The National Park Service's Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal NHP) awarded the \$3.93 million contract under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

"This is an outstanding day for all those who support and love the C&O National Historical Park," said U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, a strong supporter of the

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Brice Halbrook (center) smiles as he knows that the Poolesville Day Committee leadership is in good hands with Gina Beck (co-chair), Faith Etheridge (chair), Bridget Burke (event manager), and Cathy Bupp (Poolesville Town Recreation Department Director).



Remembrance

Eisenhauer: Former PHS Assistant Principal Passes Away



Dr. Brenda K. Eisenhauer – Former PHS Assistant Principal

Dr. Brenda K. Eisenhauer, a former assistant principal at Poolesville High School, passed away on October 7 at the Good Samaritan Society in Albert Lea, Minnesota after a nine-month battle with Leiomyosarcoma.

Born on March 15, 1960, in Buffalo Center, Iowa to Jim and Phyllis Shortenhaus, she graduated from Buffalo Center High School in 1978. Brenda continued her education and graduated from Mankato State University in 1981 with a degree in Family and Consumer Science.

From 1981 to 1983, she taught home economics at the Elmore School District in Elmore, Minnesota.

In 1982, she married Greg Eisenhauer and continued to teach along with continuing her graduate level research and instructing classes at Mankato State University.

In 1984, Brenda moved to California where she was an educator in the Atwater Elementary Unified School District until 1988. She continued with her education while working full time and received a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership in 1987 from the University of San Francisco and a Master of Science degree in counseling psychology in 1989 from the University of LaVerne.

During the years of 1988 to 1994, Brenda was an administrator at the Hilmar Unified School District in Hilmar, California. She was also chosen to serve on the California State Department of Education.

In 1994, Brenda moved to the Washington, D.C.-area and was an administrator at the George Mason High School in Falls Church, Virginia until 1996. She also taught classes at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. She served on the Maryland State Department of Education.

From 1996 to 2011, Brenda served in administrative positions in Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, at Quince Orchard High School, and at Poolesville High School.

In 2005, Brenda achieved her Doctorate Degree in educational leadership and organizational management from the University of LaVerne in LaVerne, California.

Brenda is remembered as a motivated and accomplished teacher, counselor, and administrator with extensive training working with middle school to college level students. She received many awards and recognitions and had a deep passion to help and encourage students to achieve success and to rise above obstacles and pursue their dreams. She enjoyed taking art classes, traveling, weight training and exercise, reading, and cooking. She also enjoyed her trips back to rural Iowa to relax and spend time with family.

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County *Washington Post* as a senior in 2009, and Marissa a four-year starter and two-time captain for the Trojans who graduated in 2008. Both currently play for the University of Maryland Women's Club Soccer Team.

Gaithersburg has a significant brother pairing of its own. Senior Brendan Carney scored three of the team's goals in a shutout of Wheaton on September 21, and junior Chris Carney added a goal and an assist against Seneca Valley on September 27.

The Falcons, who lead the 3A/2A division, are unbeaten within the division. They lost to Springbrook in their home opener on September 12, 2-1, and two days later lost to a very strong 4A South Walt Whitman team (5-1). On September 16 they lost just 1-0 at home to Division 4A East leader Blake (6-1-2). Against Whitman, a Poolesville shot in the thirty-fourth minute cut the Vikings lead to 2-1 and a goal with four minutes to go in the game tied it. With just four seconds left,

a direct kick by the Falcons hit the crossbar. Jonathan Merhez's goal with a minute gone in overtime sealed the match for WHS.

The Falcons then won four in a row, including a 5-2 win over Damascus on October 4. Senior Michael Beliveau (center-midfield) scored the first goal against Damascus, assisted by senior defender Noah Schwartz. Junior Brian Dillon scored a free kick goal from forty yards out. Then striker Brendan Carney scored on a penalty kick. Junior Kai Meredith scored, assisted by Carney; and Beliveau scored again, assisted by Meredith.

Yaw Amankwa scored both DHS goals. He is second in the county in goals per game, with 1.25, to Jeremy Ebobisse of top-ranked Walter Johnson who averages 1.28. He is a U.S. National Team pool player and was offered a spot on the famed West Ham United FC academy team as a junior.

Poolesville will finish the season on October 25 at Quince Orchard, a 4A East opponent.

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est contributions were serving on the committee that helped bring John Poole Middle School to fruition and testifying on school matters as the school cluster coordinator before the county council and board of education. In addition, he has been an active volunteer with church groups, girl scouts, and has coached girls in basketball, softball, and soccer. Before being elected as commissioner seven years ago, he served on the town's planning commission.

At the town meeting, he reflected on his initial run for office as a time of turmoil in the town, "a time of political battles, unproductive arguments, and disputes."

In making the initial decision to seek the commissioner position, he had as goals: finishing Whalen Commons, building a town hall, expanding trails and sidewalks, building a skateboard park, and creating programs to take full advantage of the town's many parks.

At his first participation in the PACC public forum prior to being

elected, he stated that his primary goal was "to act as an adult," meaning that he was running "to get things done."

In reflecting on the accomplishments of the town commission during his tenure, he highlighted the changed tenor of the commission from one of acrimony to one where the commissioners work cohesively together. Also, when citizens come to testify before the commission, they are treated well. He went on to say, "Unlike what happens in our national government, we can argue without being offensive or snide. We take each other's points of view into consideration, and by and large, we treat each other and the process with respect. This is something in today's politically-charged environment for which we can justly be proud and I am proud to have been part of it."

In looking to the future with our current economic difficulties, he views finding ways to improve the economic base of Poolesville as our most important—as well as most challenging—task.

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restoration. "I was here for the groundbreaking of the project, and I am here today because of the importance of this restoration to the region and because it provided jobs for Marylanders.

"This restoration also will help stimulate tourism and development as more people come to view the site at which the C&O Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad first competed to cross Catoctin Creek, a major tributary of the Potomac."

"I can think of no other public project in this area where so many—well over one thousand—citizens, donors, and government officials have come together to restore a historic structure," said CAR Fund President, Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr., "a project of local, state, national significance and interest, a restoration that so many people have a piece of."

Dillingham Named Montgomery County GOP Woman of the Year

Poolesville's Patsy Dilling-

ham received the Montgomery County Republican Woman of the Year Award at the Montgomery County GOP Picnic at Smokey Glen on October 9, 2011. Patsy is the 2012 President-Elect for the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women. Other capacities in which she has served include: Executive Board 4th Vice President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, Treasurer of

Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women, President and various other positions for her local club, the Upper Montgomery County Rural Women's Republican Club. Patsy also served as former State Senator Jean Roesser's treasurer.

New Theme at Markoff's Haunted Forest

Markoff's Haunted Forest has been frightening people for eighteen years, with two terrifying trails and a dozen other spine-tingling events, including: haunted hay ride, haunted bus, zip line, death jump, and more.

This year, things are differ-

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greenhouses. Eden takes you one step further and encourages you delve into man's dependence on plants and on nature in general. The world supports us, but how often do we think about how we can look after our world in return. This is not just the job of conservationists and tree huggers. The twenty-first century is still young, but every day we see evidence of enormous challenges to our society: food security, genetically-modified food and plants, energy security, population growth, severe weather patterns, and the continuing debate about climate change. Eden doesn't have all the answers; look at it as a catalyst, showing us that

change is possible. We can repair the world; we can reinvent the world. Eden demonstrates the art of the possible; a group of passionate, determined dreamers built this place in a hole in the ground. Now that takes a lot of positive thinking.

In the beginning of this article, I quoted part of a talk given by Tim Smit to a group of potential benefactors: let me finish his paragraph. "...It was ridiculous to imagine it was possible; it was ridiculous to imagine that hundreds of people trained to say no could be persuaded to say yes, but the greybeards had a brilliant plan: ask the youngsters to do it—they don't know it can't be done."

ent. The Markoffs have flipped on the floodlights and are ready to deliver mayhem and fear through a new Jailbreak theme. Ghostly characters roam in Cool Hand Luke and roughrider style. Patrons will experience the Box, Interrogation, Death Row, and other penitentiary departments as they wait for their number to be up! It's JAILTIME. Get ready to prove yourself.

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Vultures roosting on town hall do they know something we don't know? "Royce Hanson Award" Continued From Page 1.

that the work of the Ag Reserve is not finished. We must plan now for the future of the Reserve. Where do we see our treasured land in thirty years? Every day, there are old and new battles to be faced and won. We must expand our boundaries. There is an opportunity in Frederick County to do what we did in Montgomery County. Another opportunity is through the Maryland Environmental Trust; landowners can

place an easement on their property, which will further protect our Reserve.

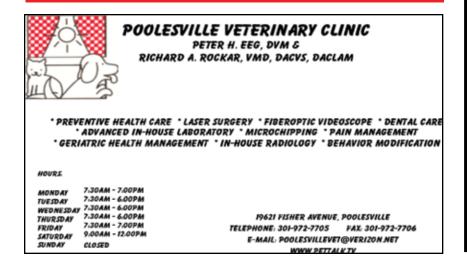
Oakley Johnson, vice president of MCA, introduced Austin Kiplinger. To the many people assembled at the hunt club, Kip, as he is known to friends, needed no introduction. He is well known for his lifelong commitment to land preservation. His family farm, Montevideo, in Poolesville, has provided the home grounds for the Seneca Valley Pony Club and the Potomac Hunt steeple chase races for many years. For

decades, he has been a community leader in many upper Montgomery County land conservation programs, and the Kiplinger Foundation has given very generously to many local nonprofit preservation organizations.

Mr. Kiplinger humbly accepted this award and praised Mr. Hanson for his most important role as the architect of the Ag Reserve. He reminded us that it is up to all of us to protect and promote this land preservation concept. As the world popula-

tion grows and our open land is swallowed up, our planet needs more Ag Reserves. Right now, more than one-half of the world's population lives in cities and urban areas. As Royce Hanson said several years ago, there is no going back. Once the land is gone, it is gone forever.





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