



How big a deal is the Maryland DREAM Act? It depends on whom you ask. Read all about it in Local News on page 6.



Matt Griffiths, 1999 PHS graduate, and Lynn Gasper wed on October 29. The details are in Tidbits on page 5.



This shepherd is warning the wolf not to disturb his sheep, and there are two mystery stars inside the camel. This recent Memorial United Methodist theatrical performance is featured in the Family Album on Page 2.

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Community Mobilizes to Push for PHS Modernization

By Rande Davis

Earlier this fall, with the prospects of modernization of Poolesville High School placed in the to-be-determined (TBD) category by the Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE), the Poolesville School Cluster community began to marshal its response in time for the BOE hearings on November

10 and 14.

Concerned parents, students, and government representatives came together to prepare a mutual effort to get the modernization back on track. While they made their preparations, though, the BOE altered its decision and moved the modernization date from TBD to 2021. For the school cluster groups, this was not the end of the matter but, rather, the beginning of a coordinated effort to make sure it stays on the Capital Improvement Plan

(CIP) schedule or to possibly even improve its positioning and to stay focused on issues they have identified as current maintenance and infrastructure shortfalls.

While the adults began to prepare for their testimony, PHS students also moved to take action.



This group of spirited residents was part of nearly fifty parents and students who traveled together to show support and to give testimony on behalf of the modernization of PHS before the Board of Education.

Falcon Field Hockey: We Still Believe

By Rande Davis and Jeff Stuart

The girls came home downhearted to a community inspired by their dedication, talent, and determination throughout the spectacular season that leaves us with one word: Pride.

A bitter ending to the state final field hockey championship, losing, 3-0, to repeat 2A state champions Glenelg, does not lessen respect for the coach

and the team. While the goal to accomplish what has not been reached since 2002 remains, the overall achievement of this team will not be soon forgotten.

It was déjà vu as Poolesville had to get past Carroll County's Century in the semi-finals to face Glenelg in the championship. In the 2009 and 2010 seasons, Century overcame the Falcons in overtime play to win the region title, then lost in the state semi-finals. This year, Century found itself in a different region, so both Poolesville



Senior Amy Defnet in one of her now-famous spectacular blocks against Century during 2A State Semifinals. (Photograph by Tom Amiot)

Two students, Jonathan Fink and Pierson Higareda, focused their efforts on the infrastructure problems within PHS by producing a video presentation showing areas of concern in the school (available at monocacyonline.com).

Testifying at the Thursday, November 10 hearings on the BOE's (CIP) budget were PHS students, seniors Kyria Danna and Alex Pike. Danna, a student in the school's humanities program and president of the student government, first thanked the members of the BOE for putting the school back in the queue for modernization but drew their attention to the other problems at the school, including "challenges of extremely small learning environments, storage areas, our auditorium, which seats only seven hundred people, even though our student body is more than twelve hundred." Other items on her list were locker space, and mostly poignantly, a cafeteria that has capacity for only

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and Century were champions in their respective regions, and they didn't meet until the state

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Patti Maloney of Poolesville High School, flanked by her parents, Janice and Larry Maloney, received a scholarship to Fordham University to play Division 1 softball.




Students gather to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Monocacy Elementary School. Photograph provided by Mike Smith of Aerial Views Publishing.



A hearty but small group was on hand to honor veterans on 11/11/11.



The director and cast of Memorial United Methodist Church's fabulous performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat take a curtain call before a standing ovation.




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Odd Fellows' Holiday Fruit Sale

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November 17, 18, and 19
Poolesville High School Mid-night Players Fall Play
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 November 17: 7:00 p.m.
 November 18: 7:30 p.m.
 November 19: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30

p.m.
 Tickets are available at the box office.

November 18 UMCVFD Auxiliary Basket and Cash Bingo

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 Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
 Games: 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jay Summerour
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50th Anniversary MES PTA Casino Night and Auction

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and advertising are available. Participants get \$50,000 in "fun money" and catering by Gepetto's. Included is a glass of wine, beer, or soda. There will be a live auction as well. For more information, contact Dawn Albert at disneyDawnTours@aol.com or Dreama Hemingway at ddmoney001@aol.com

Admission: \$75.00 couples, \$40.00 single
 Potomac Hunt Club
 Peachtree Road
 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

November 18 and 19 St. Peter's Christmas Attic and Bake Sale

Get ready for Christmas by attending this annual holiday tradition and bake sale. You will also find Christmas ornaments for your tree plus decorations, artificial greens, trees, and lighting for inside and outside the home as well as other Christmas-themed items.

Friday: noon to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 18, 19, 20 WinterGlow 2011

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November 19
Cugini's Entertainment Night
 Featuring: In-Kilter and Monica Boagley
 8:30 p.m.

November 21
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
 Public hearing regarding proposed Master Plan.
 7:30 p.m.

November 25
Black Friday Super 7 Bingo
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Commentary

Triple Jeopardy

By John Clayton

Alex Trebeck: We're playing the game of *Jeopardy*, and Governor Rick Perry of Texas controls the board. Governor Perry, our last category is Government Agencies. What category will you choose?

Governor Perry: Thanks, Alan. (Long Pause Government agencies).

Alex: Economics and Statistics Administration, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Governor Perry: What are some of the divisions of the Department of Commerce?

Alex: Very good. We continue. Trade, economic development, technology, entrepreneurship and business development, environmental stewardship, and statistical research and analysis.

Governor Perry: What are some of the key areas of responsibility of the Commerce Department?

Alex: Excellent, you still control the board. He authorized the bill that established the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Governor Perry: Who is Karl Marx?

Alex: Sorry, Governor, it was President William Howard Taft, a Republican, just like you. Well, maybe not exactly like you. Any thoughts about the Commerce Department, Governor, before we move on?

Governor Perry: Get rid of it.

Alex: Next answer. It sets policies for federal education funding, distributes funds, and monitors their use; collects data and administers research on America's schools; identifies and focuses attention on major issues in education; enforces federal laws prohibiting discrimination; maintains and distributes funds for performance-based teacher compensation; provides grants for school improvement, technol-

ogy, and school modernization; provides money directly to governors to help save jobs and drive educational reform; and administers programs to make college affordable and accessible.

Governor Perry: Well, Albert, that sounds a lot like the Department of Education spending our money on things we don't bother with in Texas. I'd get rid of it.

Alex: That's what we hear, Governor—but, I'm sorry, you missed that one because you forgot to put your response in the form of a question. Moving right along: He created the Department of Education.

Governor Perry: Who is President Jimmy Carter? Not a Republican. Need I say more?

Alex: No, I'm sure that says it all. Our next answer is: It addresses energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions. It works to create jobs in the global clean energy economy, with investments in research and industry by the Advance Research Programs Agency for Energy. It also helps technology companies compete with Asian and European countries in the development of clean energy technologies such as wind, solar, and batteries; sets standards for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and sets vehicle fuel economy standards.

Governor Perry: That sounds like a lot of bureaucrats makin' rules that cost jobs. That's gotta be the Department of Energy. I'd get rid of it. I hate those twisty light bulbs.

Alex: We all do, Governor. This organization ensures the safety and integrity of our nuclear weapons, and promotes international nuclear safety and non-proliferation, which has included recovering and safeguarding nuclear materials from countries of the former Soviet Union. It provides nuclear power plants to the U.S. Navy, helped the Japanese government get the Fukushima nuclear reactors under control, and contributed to the cleanup in Japan after the tsunami.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

The Forgotten Veteran

By Rande Davis

At 11:00 a.m. on 11/11/11, a small group came together at Whalen Commons to pay honor and respect for all who have served our nation through military service from the stark and uncertain days at Lexington and Concord, to the stark and uncertain days in the mountains of Afghanistan.

With hearts heavy for those who "paid the ultimate price," it was primarily a day to give tribute to all who sacrificed in varying degrees. It was a celebratory day, a hooaha day.

That morning, with thoughts for all those who have served us through military duty, it occurred to me there is an additional group of veterans not usually considered on this occasion. It is for those millions upon millions who have served and serve our military while not in uniform, the families of those

in uniform—most especially, their spouses and children. They, too, have borne the burden, all the while providing brave support and comfort for their loved ones in harm's way.

On Veterans Day, while our thoughts, tributes, and prayers so rightly offered turn toward our veterans; it is the veteran whose thoughts, tributes, and prayers turn to family. For all who have served and serve, I offer their prayer, a prayer for all military, but one that is entitled "A Soldier's Prayer." There are many ways to envision the prayer, but for me, in my mind's eye, as I read the prayer, I see a solitary soldier on bended knee, with a rifle in one hand and a helmet in the other, his or her head bowed while turning to God.

*Lord, someone I love is hurting-
I feel their pain across the miles
Please pick them up so gently
And carry them through these trials...*

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Tidbits

Hartz Selected for UND Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Poolesville's Gary Hartz (Public Health Service, Rear Admiral-retired) for being inducted by his alma mater, University of North Dakota School of Engineering and Mines, into its Alumni Academy Hall of Fame. The Alumni Academy is comprised of a select group of alumni, with members inducted annually. The academy was first established in the fall of 2003 to honor the achievements of alumni, to encourage and motivate current students in their academic pursuits, and to create a body of professionals to serve as advisors to the dean of the school on major issues. The Class of 2011 Academy induction ceremony was held on October 21 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. In the nearly one hundred years of UND civil engineering graduates, Admiral Hartz is the seventh civil engineering graduate to be selected for this honor.

And the Winners Are

American Legion Post #247 drew the winners of the fall raffle after the recent Veterans Day ceremony. The winners and prizes are: Bill Jamison (Longaberger basket), Joan Olmstead (2011 uncirculated coin set), Forest Hough (\$25.00 Cugini's gift certificate), Pam Harris (\$25.00 Cugini's gift certificate), Brandy Miller (\$10.00 Subway gift certificate), Jack Toomey (\$25.00 Mexican Grill Corner Cafe gift certificate), Patsy Dillingham (Military Teddy Bear Set), Pam Hernandez (Poolesville Hardware thirty-piece tool set) and Harry Grant (2011 coin



Hesham El-Rewini, Dean of the School of Engineering and Mines, University of North Dakota, presents Gary Hartz with a plaque upon his entrance into their Alumni

proof). The Post #247 thanks all sponsors and participants for helping the good work of the Legion.

Gasper and Griffiths Wed

Poolesville High School 1999 graduate Mathew Griffiths and Lynn Gasper of Frederick, Maryland were married on October 29 in a ceremony and reception held at the Irvine Nature Center in Owings Mill, Maryland. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will reside in Montgomery Village. Standard Solar employs Matt, and Lynn teaches at the Kennedy Krieger School for Autism in Rockville.

The parents of the bride are Katie Miller of Frederick and Pete Gasper of Fremont, Wisconsin. The groom's parents are Jeff and the late Patty Griffiths of Poolesville.

PHS Midnight Players Present Fall Play

From acclaimed playwright, Jean Giraudoux, comes this French farce about saving Paris from a group of greedy investors who would destroy the city to prospect for oil. "The Madwoman of Chail-

lot" (Cara Forster, Kimberly Lartz) is an eccentric Countess who becomes an unlikely activist as she schemes to derail the villains: The Prospector (John Yendrey, James Rogers), the President (Joe Denicola, Michael Hatchett), and the Baroness/Baron (Marissa Sharpe, Garrett Taggart). This comedy features the talents of nearly eighty actors and tech crew, and will be presented at the Poolesville High Auditor-

rium on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m., a Saturday, November 19 matinee at 2:00 p.m. and in the evening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the box office, \$5 for students, and \$10 for adults.

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Local News

Maryland DREAM Act Takes a Pounding at Local Forum

By John Clayton

The Rural Women's Republican Club presented a public forum on the Maryland DREAM Act to a crowd of over seventy people packed into the Poolesville Town Hall. The DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act would grant the children of some illegal immigrants in-state or in-county tuition at Maryland colleges, subject to a number of restrictions. The act was signed into law by Governor Martin O'Malley, but was placed in a pending status subject to a referendum on the November 2012 ballot, the result of a successful petition spearheaded by opponents of the measure.

The forum featured two speakers, P.J. Hogan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations at the University System of Maryland and former State Senator from District 39 (Montgomery County), and Patrick McDonough, State Delegate from District 7 (Baltimore and Harford Counties). Mr. Hogan and Mr. McDonough were presented as arguing for and against the measure, respectively. Mr. McDonough is also honorary chair of the Stop the Dream Act, a leader in the effort to effect a referendum, and a Baltimore-area radio host.

The forum was hosted by RWRC members Audrey Pritchard and Barbara Davidson, who also served as moderator. The crowd was heavily, if not exclusively, Republican and well-populated with Republican congressional candidates and their supporters, many sporting T-shirts and buttons. The crowd was overtly in favor of the referendum to strike down the law.

Mr. Hogan led off the discussion and explained from the start that his role was not to be an advocate for the act, but to explain how the university system would interpret and apply the act if it became law. Mr. McDonough made it clear he was emphatically against the act and a leader in the fight against il-

legal immigration in Maryland and elsewhere. He criticized George Bush, Barack Obama, and Rick Perry for their embrace of similar DREAM Act legislation.

Mr. Hogan began by listing a number of what he termed "myths" associated with the DREAM Act, including that it would encourage college admissions of illegal aliens. He countered that the act is strictly concerned with in-state versus out-of-state tuition. He said that undocumented aliens that received the tuition break would not take the place of Maryland applicants, but would occupy places in the out-of-state pool. This issue came up repeatedly and was quoted directly from the bill at one point, although Mr. McDonough never conceded the point. Mr. Hogan reiterated that the parents of applicants had to have a history of paying Maryland taxes and had to continue to do so while the student is attending college. He also pointed out that the students have to begin at a community college before they can apply to a four-year Maryland university, which he said was unique to the Maryland bill, and much stricter than the laws in the other twelve states that have passed similar measures. Mr. McDonough pointed out that eight of those states face similar referenda for recall.

When it was his turn, Mr. McDonough pointed out that the bill only passed by three votes and that twenty-eight Democrats voted against it. He said that supporters of the bill "just stuck their foot in it. The people in this state don't want it." He went straight to the heart of his position, that the act is a benefit given to illegal aliens. "That means you pay for the deficit." He reminded the crowd of Maryland's ongoing financial crisis, and that each student would represent a "\$48,000 taxpayer-financed benefit for four years." He presented a total DREAM Act tab of \$208 million. "Increase tuition or increase taxes."

Mr. McDonough presented a significant number of other objections and legal problems with the bill, which he said was filled with "illusions and flaws." He disdained the idea of illegal immigrants paying taxes, because it is


"illegal to hire and pay an undocumented worker." He pointed out that a DREAM Act student could graduate and then not be able to legally take a job. He repeatedly hammered the point home that the act encouraged and depended upon illegal acts, and was at odds with federal immigration law.

Mr. Hogan said that many illegal immigrants are brought here while young, and school systems are required to provide a kindergarten through twelfth grade education, so "we have already made an investment in these people." He also said he did not believe a large number of Maryland students would benefit from the DREAM Act, which Mr. McDonough disputed repeatedly. Mr. McDonough criticized the slipshod federal enforcement of immigration laws, suggesting that this would not be tolerated with civil rights laws.

Mr. McDonough made several mentions of a lawsuit he was bringing against Montgomery College for spending ten million dollars on illegal immigrant students. He said that the county was encouraging illegal immigration because the immigrants would vote Democratic. Maryland was described as "Disneyland" for illegal aliens. He said that the state was already a

"magnet" for illegal immigration, and that the DREAM Act would make it worse.

In his closing, Mr. Hogan reminded the audience that he approached the issue as "an educator," and "we're in the job of educating people that might not normally be able to do so." When asked what the benefits of the act would be, Mr. Hogan said that most people in this category, who have already been educated through high school, are low income, and their opportunity to go to college is "slim or none... with out-of-state tuition." He said that he would "like to give them a chance at a higher education," to which a number of people called out "Why?" Conversely, Mr. McDonough received applause when he said the best thing "was that it awakened people in Maryland." In his impassioned closing, he noted that George Washington valued his citizenship above all, and that we should do likewise, or we would pay a heavy price.



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Local News

Charter Amendment Approved by Commissioners

By Rande Davis

The November 7 town commissioners' meeting opened with a public hearing on the proposed change to the town charter (Charter Amendment 001-11) allowing the commissioners to delay the final approval of the budget until all tax revenue data is received, providing that they first vote to mandate that an increase in property tax revenue cannot be used to fund a budget having an increase in revenue of seven percent or more.

In recent years, the commissioners have maintained the constant yield on the property tax rate to prevent tax revenue

exceeding the seven percent.

Conrad Potemra was the sole resident speaker on the matter, recommending that the town reduce the allowable increase in tax revenue to not exceed three percent. In asking the commissioners to consider his proposal, he pointed out that in the recent history of tax revenue, increases have been less than one percent—well within his proposed margin.

With no other speakers coming forward and no additional discussion, the commissioners voted to have the record remain open until close of business November 10. The amendment will be up for a vote at the November 21 meeting.

Town Engineer John Strong of Huron Consulting provided a power point presentation of the results of an investigation into inflow and infiltration issues in the Wesmond subdivision. Using data from flow meters and data collection information during the recent heavy rain events and, also, using a video camera to inspect pipelines, they determined



Fellow commissioners presented Link Hoewing with an appreciation plaque upon his departure as town commissioner.

that in ninety-two homes of the 276, cracking in various degrees has occurred at the juncture of the main line and the lateral lines leading to the homes. The problem stems from the pipes resting upon ground that has become unsettled over time. The recommended solution is to provide a concrete foundation to support the pipes, preventing further settlement, and to re-secure the coupling joints of the pipes in question.

The commissioners approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) from WSSC-approved companies to complete the task.

Following a recommendation of the town Parks, Streets, and Recreation Board, the commissioners reviewed a proposal for a comprehensive and uniform street signage system for

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

November 1, 1924 A three-mile portion of concrete road between Clarksburg and Hyattstown was thrown open to traffic. When the remaining portion of construction was to be completed, it was predicted that it would cut ten miles off of the trip from Frederick to Washington and would be used almost exclusively by motorists. Previously, travelers had to go by way of Poolesville or Ridgeville to avoid the dirt road.

November 2, 1924 The annual fair of the Poolesville Community League was held. There were displays of fruits and vegetables, farm products, and domestic manufacturers. Professor Thomas Pyle, principal of the Poolesville School, presided and awarded prizes.

November 2, 1928 Rockville High won the first of a three-game soccer playoff against Poolesville. Hough and Rubble

scored for Poolesville.

November 6, 1921 Briarley Hall defeated St. John's College, 24-6, at the Poolesville field. Beautiful passes and tricky formations were the ruin of the boys from Washington.

November 16, 1925 Judge Peter instructed a jury in the court at Rockville to decide in favor of the Continental Insurance Company; however, he also told the jury to award farmer Herbert Heflin a sum of \$1500. Testimony revealed that Heflin had been totally disabled while working on the farm and was unable to perform manual labor, yet he was still able to manage the farm.

November 22, 1922 As the result of the extraction of several teeth, Arthur McFarland was critically ill at the home of his parents near Boyds Station. He was a veteran of the world war.

November 27, 1930 The closing of the highway bridge on Route 28 over the Monocacy River was announced by the Mary-

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Remembrance

Ellis Lee Roberson

By Rande Davis



Last October, Ellis Lee Roberson, 83, of Dickerson, passed away at Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation in Frederick.

His beloved wife of sixty years, Barbara Ann, passed away last December.

Longevity in relationships apparently came naturally to Ellis as evidenced by a lifelong plumbing career, which began when he finished high school and joined in the family plumbing business. He became the owner in 1953 and,

despite his sons coming aboard, remained very much the Boss (at least in spirit) right up until his death. A few years ago, Roberson Plumbing celebrated its hundredth anniversary of serving the community.

His pleasure in life was people, especially family and friends, but his passion for participating in many community service organizations stemmed from his pure joy in meeting and talking with people.

While not necessarily a strong sports fan, he nevertheless immersed himself in baseball as his boys started playing. Over the years, Roberson Plumbing sponsored and purchased uniforms and equipment for many teams, and he prided himself in his role as the team's water boy. It was joked at the funeral that he must have carried a million gallons of water in that role over the years.

Church was a lifelong foundation in his life. In fact, he met his wife Barbara as a member of

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Community and Economic Development Committee's:
HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY Whalen Commons 6:30pm

Remembrances

Joan Claire O'Reilly, Mother of Father O'Reilly

Mrs. Joan C. O'Reilly, 82, of Middletown, Maryland, died on Tuesday November 8, 2011. She was the loving wife of Vincent A. O'Reilly. Mrs. O'Reilly was the mother of Rev. Kevin O'Reilly of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville.

Born on September 19, 1929 in Evanston, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Clara Dupré. Surviving besides her husband and son are daughter-in-law, Kim Balas of Bernardsville, New Jersey; one brother, Brother Edwin Dupré, FSC of Chicago, Illinois, and three grandchildren, Anthony, Colin, and Brendan O'Reilly of Bernardsville, New Jersey.

She was interred in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or St. Mary's Catholic Church, Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838.

Mathilde "Til" Wade Deadrick

Ms. Mathilde "Til" Wade Deadrick, 75, of Rockville, Maryland died on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Born on March 28, 1936 in Boyds (Bucklodge), Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Crawford and Emma (Newton) Wade. Surviving is one son, Robert Wade Deadrick, of Rockville; one brother, Richard "Buddy" Wade of Frederick; one granddaughter, Kristen Carson; two great grandchildren, Declan and Sophia; cousins, Chuck Wade, Thomas de Beck, Zourie Light, and Evelyn Patricia McLaughlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Phone 800-873-6983. www.stjude.org/tribute

Margaret M. Northern

Mrs. Margaret M. Northern, 91, of Poolesville, Maryland died on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Casey House in Rockville, Maryland. Margaret was the wife of the late Marshall Northern. Born on April 4, 1920 in Big Pool,

Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Grace (Miller) Mills. Surviving her are two daughters, Barbara Polak and husband Richard of Poolesville, Jean Stafford and husband Emory of Annandale, Virginia; one sister, Regina Myers of Big Pool; one brother, Wayne Mills of Clear Spring, Maryland; four grandchildren, Kristine, Jennifer, Angela, and Michael; and six great grandchildren, Michael, Tyler, Cassandra,

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of the holidays by bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or non-perishable food to support WUMCO. Items will be distributed to local families needing assistance this holiday season. Refreshments available to purchase include BBQ, country ham sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade soups, funnel cakes, coffee, hot chocolate, and hot cider.
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Visits with Santa: 6:30 pm
Official Lighting Ceremony: 7:30 pm

Poolesville Holiday First Friday
In conjunction with the PACC, participating local businesses will host a special evening for shopping locally for gifts.
Poolesville Holiday First Friday will start just before the town’s holiday lighting ceremony and festivities, so come enjoy this

annual family tradition and visit with your friends in their place of business.

December 2 and 3
Historic Medley Holiday Open House and Sale
Poolesville Museum will be open for your holiday shopping. It will have local history books for sale and book signing. We will be selling the acclaimed film, *Life In A War Zone, Montgomery County during the Civil War*, as well as unique ornaments. We have something for everyone on your gift list. John Poole General Store Museum and Gift Shop will be open as well.
Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 3
UMCVFD Annual Santa Claus Visit and Breakfast
Santa Claus will be waiting to see the kids and get their Christmas lists at his traditional family breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bacon, and more.
It’s a really fun time for all, featuring the famous model train display, children’s video, and fire trucks to explore.
Beallsville Fire Station
12 and over: \$8.00
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8:00 a.m. to noon

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Odd Fellows’ Annual Seniors Christmas Party
This special event, which in past years was for widows and widowers, has been expanded, and the invitation is to all area seniors, so bring your spouses and friends and feast on their delicious ham and turkey dinner free of charge. It’s the Odd Fellows’ seasonal gift! The day features door prizes and

entertainment plus a surprise. Of course, they much prefer to know if you are coming, so RSVP by November 28 to Richard Norwood (301-349-5103) or Dale Nestor (301-349-5450).
Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church
1:00 p.m.

December 3 and 4
Annual Countryside Artisan Tour
Fourteen area artisans open their doors for your visit and will be offering their items for sale. Visit countrysideartisans.com for details
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 9
A Christmas Carol: Holiday Classic Re-imagined with a Light Heart, and Lighter Heels
The Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre production of Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol* will premiere at Poolesville High School. Artistic director Frances Ichijo has re-imagined the classic Charles Dickens tale of holiday cheer and redemption as a full-length ballet, featuring students and adults from the Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Academy.
Ebenezer Scrooge himself is created by a professional dancer from Bowen-McCauley Dance, and also on loan from the Kirov Ballet Academy is Tomoha Terada, a former winner of the Youth American Grand Prix ballet competition.
This beautifully-choreographed version of the holiday tale will delight audience members young and old, in a sparkling family theater event.
Last year’s preview version sold out, so do not wait to get your tickets in advance.
Both performances begin at 6:30 p.m.
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December 10

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Come with the whole family and enjoy a great pancake breakfast and hear the enthralling tale about the jolly gent before he moved to the North Pole. St. Nick has a special candy gift for the kids.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
9:00 a.m. Free

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Business Briefs

Congratulations to Poolesville Hardware

November marks the twenty-fifth year celebration for Poolesville Hardware owned by John Speelman, a most remarkable achievement, indeed. In fact, in that time, Poolesville has seen nearly sixty businesses come and go.

Of course, it hasn’t always been easy. Speelman recalls many challenges in his time and is especially appreciative of Bill Bliss, his original landlord, who was there for him, time and again, during some of the leaner years.

In this age of box stores, Poolesville Hardware is a delightful throwback to a bygone era. It is a place of small-town charm (heck, you can even get some free popcorn to take with you) and part of its strength is being highly regarded for its service-oriented approach. If John doesn’t have it, he will get it. If you are unsure how to do it, John can show you. He has even

loaned some of his tools out for use on smaller jobs. This friendliness can be confusing to some newcomers. John tells of one New York City transplant who came into the store for the first time, walked out shaking, and it wasn’t until John caught up with him outside that he discovered the problem. Seems in the big city, if no one is at the cash register, something bad is probably happening. The visitor wasn’t going to hang around and find out what it was for fear of a possible armed robbery.

With inventory stacked practically to the ceiling, the store is eye-candy for home repair enthusiasts. The old building has played many roles in the town—church, movie theater, dance hall, just to name a few—and can’t hold everything inside, so John usually has some items displayed outside.

Asked if in the beginning he thought he would make it for twenty-five years, he simply said he wouldn’t have done it if he didn’t think so. With others like Dunkin’ Donuts, High’s, and Domino’s, big players all, along with many independents not making it, Poolesville Hardware has stayed put. How has John done it? He listens to his customers and responds to their needs. He has also tried various other services to help pay the rent. Bob’s Bikes, now located in his spacious location at the rear of the complex, started in the backroom of Poolesville Hardware. Today, Everything Equestrian, a perfect fit for our equestrian area, occupies that space.

How long will he be here? John’s first response is “until I’m

dead.” Then he pauses to rethink his answer and says he has no immediate plans to retire but decides, “Who knows, in five years maybe I will change my mind.” What’s his key to success? He has one simple, yet poignant reply, “If you love what you are doing, you never really work a day in your life.”

OMHC Welcomes Herbal Medicine Consultant

The Organic Market and Holistic Center of Poolesville is prepared for your whole body wellness and is excited to announce that Susan Hirsch, an herbal medicine consultant, has joined the holistic center. Susan graduated from Tai Sophia recently with a Master’s of Science in herbal medicine and has a passion for growing both medicinal and culinary herbs. An initial consultation lasts two hours and helps clients create a specific wellness plan that encompasses nutrition and the healing properties of plants.

Environmental Award Presented to Brightwell Crossing

Congratulations to Kettler Forlines for being recognized by the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association with an award for environmental site design. Kettler Forlines Homes and its design engineers, Rodgers Consulting, were cited for their work in environmental land development planning and protection. The award was presented on October 20 at the Greenbelt Marriott. This is the second consecutive year that the industry association has recognized the builder for the homes at Brightwell Crossing. Last year, Kettler Forlines won for its home energy efficiency systems.

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the town. The concept is called a Gateway Signage Design and Development with the stated purpose to better enhance the attractiveness and image of the town through a uniform and themed use of signs and banners. Modeling their recommendations on other historical small towns such as Luray and Leesburg, Virginia, the program is part of the town’s Streetscape Plan.

The new sign designs will feature incorporating the icon of the old town hall (now HMD museum) as a branding symbol, installation of new town entrance signage, general directional information, seasonal street pole banners, and wayfinder signs for pedestrians and vehicles. Wayfinder signs refer to signs that will help direct persons to specific locations (i.e., schools, parks, pool, historical sites, municipal buildings, and shopping areas).

The purpose of the program is to support and promote a distinct identity for Poolesville,

to help direct visitors to points of interest, and to support historical and cultural sites with a consistent color scheme and text. The seasonal celebratory banners would be placed on new street lampposts (similar to those surrounding Whalen Commons) designated in the Streetscape Plan. The \$12,500 proposal was approved on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski abstaining on the basis of wanting more time to review the proposal in detail.

Although not required by the town charter, the commissioners scheduled a public hearing on the proposed new Master Plan during the commissioners’ meeting of November 21, 2011.

Town Manager Wade Yost provided the financial report for the first quarter of the 2012 budget ending on September 30, 2011. He reported that the General Fund revenue and expenditures are within their expectations, while revenue and expenditures in the Water and Wastewater (W/WW) budget are slightly higher

as compared with the first quarter of last year.

The increase in W/WW revenue results from more users than last year, and the increase in expenditures results from higher pump station electricity usage and salary overtime during recent heavy rain events.

The first quarter report shows that cash assets include \$276,308 in the General Fund Account, \$37,388 in the W/WW account, \$3,874,964 in the town investment funds totaling \$3878,985. Of the total cash on hand, \$988,984 remains in the unrestricted cash reserves.

With this being the final meeting for Commissioner Link Hoewing (he stepped down due to his moving outside of the town limits), he noted that service on the commission and its related duties are a burden on family and expressed his gratitude to his wife and family for the support he had throughout his tenure. In particular, he thanked his daughter, Justine, for her exceptional help as his campaign manager.

He further expressed the honor in serving the town, his pleasure in working with his fellow commissioners, and he also praised the professional town staff for the exceptional work they do.

The commissioners, in expressing their appreciation in working with Mr. Hoewing, presented him with a commemorative plaque for this service as commissioner as well as triangular-encased American flag in further recognizing his service to the town prior to his becoming a commissioner.

Commission President Eddie Kuhlman announced that, in a desire to prevent the cost of a special election, the commissioners will review all applications of candidates received to fill the newly-vacated position with a final decision required by December 5, 2011. A decision to appoint requires a majority vote of approval by the commissioners.

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They never asked to carry
These burdens from my stand
But sacrifice and freedom
Walk always hand in hand...

Help them through their tasks Lord,
They go through every day,
Unite our hearts and spirits
When I'm so far away...

Remind them that I'm here, Lord
By bid of liberty,
Not attained for just a few-
But that all men should be free...

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Governor Perry: That's the DOE again. I suppose we'll have to get someone else to do that nuclear stuff.

Alex: Jimmy Carter established it in 1979.

Governor Perry: Once more, that would be the Department

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the Dickerson choir when she sang in a choir from Hyattstown. Back then, choirs occasionally performed jointly. He had been a Sunday school teacher and superintendent at Dickerson Methodist Church and later served as Board Chairperson at Buckeystown United Methodist Church.

Despite being a sole proprietor his whole life, he was heavily involved in many civic groups. Joining the Carroll Manor Lions Club when he was twenty, he became a life member, assumed many leadership roles, and eventually was honored with the Melvin Jones Award, the very highest recognition of service the organization presents. Additionally, Ellis served as president of both the Monocacy Elementary School and Poolesville High School PTAs.

Of course, the titles of dedicated businessman and community leader only define what he did. Who he was is that which made him so beloved. Welcoming in spirit, he was always pleased to meet at the office or at home. In fact, the Roberson household was the preferred place to be for the friends of his sons in their youth even, at times, on Christmas day.

His son Wayne describes his dad this way. "He just loved

of Energy, Alfred. Ha! Fooled you, didn't I?

Alex: You did, Governor, but you can't fool everyone.

being with people, talking to people, sharing stories, and their company." Despite physical health challenges near the end, Ellis continued to have a kiss ready for everyone. Well, not exactly that kind of kiss, but Hershey's kisses. At the office, he always had a jar of chocolate kisses on his desk, and even at the end, as doctors and nurses came to take care of him, he always offered them a kiss. As Wayne now sits alone at the desk in his office, there, on the corner, sits a jar of Hershey's kisses. You see, Ellis is still the boss, at least spiritually.

Ellis Lee Roberson was the son of the late William and Ruth Tobery Roberson and was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Roberson. He is survived by four children: Wayne and wife Janice of Adamstown; Warren of Frederick; Larry and wife Robin of Adamstown; and Gwenda of Frederick. He will be missed greatly by his seven grandchildren, Kristofer and wife Kristin, Kyle, Lacey, Kristen and husband Dan, Megan, Kory, and Konnor.

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214 students, forcing students to sit on the floor or eat outside.

Senior Alex Pike also testified on current issues of the inadequate auditorium and cafeteria and drew additional attention to failing infrastructure that leaves water fountains unusable and bathrooms in disrepair.

Then on Monday, November 14, Poolesville Cluster Representative Donna Lowell, PTSA delegate Joyce Breiner, and Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski testified at additional CIP budget hearings. Their testimony was supported by a very large group of parent and student supporters as demonstration of the community's concern.

In her testimony, Lowell pointed out that the current high school was originally built for grades seven through twelve with a much lower student enrollment; consequently, much of the design has classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, gym, and auditorium much too small for current needs.

She also asked that even though modernization has been scheduled for 2021 that they re-evaluate that decision and consider moving the date up. Even prior to modernization, she asked that they prioritize the need for security cameras to prevent vandalism, as well as other security concerns such as classrooms without

windows resulting in additional safety concerns, and additional American with Disabilities Act (ADA) entrance capacity.

Lowell, in representing the needs of all the schools in the cluster, asked for a liberalization in student transfer options which might benefit Monocacy Elementary School and for the BOE to adjust school enrollment guidelines "in line with the zoning and land use confines of the Agriculture Reserve."

Representative of the commissioners of Poolesville, Jerry Klobukowski called for the modernization of PHS even as early as 2013 and to make it a priority, citing ADA issues, humanities classes taught in science classrooms, classrooms with access only through other classrooms, and further supported the concern over the inadequacy of the auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium. In adamantly calling for the BOE to move PHS up in priority to the 2013 CIP, he further presented them with a two-page, highly-detailed list of budget requests for all the schools within the cluster.

Joyce Breiner followed and invited members to visit the high school to see the problems themselves and to come at lunchtime so they could visit with the students while sitting on the floor. She suggested they wear jeans.

Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

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Past Crime

November 18, 1930 Police suspected foul play after a passing motorist found a Kensington plumber lying on the Silver Spring-Wheaton highway. The motorist took Earnest Daymude, who was said to have been a veteran of the World War, to the Silver Spring police station. He was then taken to the Walter Reed hospital where he was diagnosed with a skull fracture.

November 22, 1930 Andrew Jackson was released from the Montgomery County jail after it was discovered that he was being illegally held there. Jackson had sat in the jail for two months when he decided to hire an attorney. The attorney obtained a writ, and Jackson was brought to court. No charging documents could be found, so Jackson was released.

November 25, 1930 Mont-

gomery County's new identification bureau received its first call for service. The store of J. W. Mullinix near Damascus was broken into overnight and Theodore Vollten was called to the scene to lift fingerprints believed to have been left by the intruder. Police suspected that Windsor Butler, who had escaped from the Rockville jail recently, was the culprit. Police said that the fingerprints would be compared to those of Butler.

November 25, 1930 Judge Peter handed down a severe sentence in the Rockville Circuit Court. He sentenced a seventeen-year-old to four years in the House of Corrections for highway robbery. Despite impassioned pleas for leniency by members of the community, Judge Peter was not swayed. In another case, he sentenced Raymond Dorsey of Seneca to seven years for shooting Sarah Davis.

December 2, 1930 John Hopkins was acquitted by a Rockville jury on a charge that he had assaulted two revenue agents. The revenue agents had approached Hopkins and asked him if they could buy a quantity of liquor for a party. When Hopkins returned with a half gallon jug of whiskey, the agents tried to arrest Hopkins, but he fought and was joined by his friends, allowing Hopkins to escape. Hopkins testified that he thought the agents were highway robbers and that they couldn't possibly be agents because they did not use their blackjacks.

"Tidbits of the Past:"
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TOWN OF POOLESVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Poolesville will hold a public hearing on the Revised Poolesville Master Plan dated June 22, 2011. The hearing will be held on November 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland.

All interested persons, their agents, or attorneys may appear before the Commissioners and testify or ask questions concerning the Revised Poolesville Master Plan dated June 22, 2011. Copies are available for review at the Town Hall and online at www.ci.poolesville.md.us.

land State Roads Commission. The bridge was to be replaced by a modern structure.

November 28, 1927

Poolesville was the location of a minstrel show presented by members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. Proceeds were to be for the benefit of the fire company.

“Field Hockey” Continued
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semi-final on November 9.

With the championship game on November 12 in Chestertown, Maryland, the Falcons focused on an upset. The Glenelg Gladiators are regarded as an offensive powerhouse and came determined to defend their state championship from 2010 and to prove their reputation. Poolesville came with a not-so-secret weapon of its own: goalie Amy Defnet. With seventeen saves during the game, including a spectacular save on scrum, Defnet proved her reputation, as well.

The euphoria that started building last summer took the Falcons into an inspiring semi-final test against Century. In that game, the Falcons found themselves in a position they had not yet faced this season: The other team scored first. Proving that character counts, they reached down within themselves to come and win in double overtime.

In the semi-final, PHS had some flurries of activity near

the Century goal in the opening minutes, but Century had lots of corners and really dominated in the first half. Amy Defnet, with supporting defense, helped keep them off the scoreboard, but almost the entire half was played in front of the Poolesville goal. The second half opened much the same way. Century had a couple of corner opportunities and scored with about six minutes gone in the second half. Poolesville picked it up and had some opportunities. Finally, Kelsey Carnahan scored with about eight minutes left—a shot that will not be soon forgotten—by picking up a rebound of a shot the Century goalie kicked out.

With a sense of urgency, the largely Poolesville crowd made a lot of noise. They started chanting, “We believe that we can win.” Girls on the PHS bench picked up the chant. PHS responded, putting pressure on the Century goal but unable to score. The chant continued until the final moments of regulation time. With a scoreless first overtime period, Amy Defnet kicked out a shot, but there were

not many good scoring chances for either side. Then, with 3:11 left in the second overtime, Allie Green scored to give the Falcons the sudden death win.

Champions do not lose themselves on games lost but on victories made. Coach Gina Grubb will take the memory of the Century game into next year. She shared her reflection on the game that will serve as the platform that will launch 2012: the state semifinal.

“What a game! We started out a little sluggish and let Century get the momentum in the beginning but after getting scored on, something lit a fire under each of them. Then the momentum switched, and we led an offensive run and scored to tie up the game at one to one. There were other opportunities by both teams to score during regulation that put the game in overtime. The first overtime was very evenly matched where both teams had opportunities but were turned away by the goalkeepers.

“This was a game that these

girls wanted so bad. For the past two years, we have lost to Century in overtime [in the region championship], so this game was huge for this team. The character of this team showed through this game. We were scored on first and that didn’t happen at all during the season. We played down a player for five minutes and still were able to keep them from scoring. It was just a total game for these girls, and I was so happy for each of them. What a way to go into the state championship game—with so much emotion and enthusiasm.”

The Century game will remain prominent in the memories of the players and fans in a season of dominance with the Falcons going 13-1 in the regular season and outscoring their opponents, 66-7.

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