



Annie, Miss Hannigan, Daddy Warbucks, and the rest of the JPMS Phantom Players will be on stage soon. The details are in School News on page 11. Arf!



Ann Sturm went to the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association annual meeting and she got this picture. See Local News on page 6 to find out why.



Bill Kraegel pressure washes siding as project captain Joe Hetrick provides safety assurance. See more Building Together in Family Album on page 2.



Perfect is as perfect does. Read about Thayer Seely in Youth Sports on page 19.

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Poolesville Man Charged in Potomac Shooting

By Jack Toomey

Montgomery County Police detectives have arrested a nineteen-year-old Poolesville man and charged him in connection with the shooting of a Potomac man on April 8.

Police said that a resident of a home in the 8500 block of Victory Lane answered a knock on the door and was confronted by a man who demanded entrance. When the resident tried to close the door, the man forced his way inside and shot the victim in the chest and abdomen. When he turned to run back into the house, he was shot again in the buttocks. The suspect then fled.

Police later arrested DeAngelo Jackson of the 19500 block of Jerusalem Church Terrace and charged him with attempted first degree murder, first and second degree assault, and related handgun offenses. It was learned that the victim had recognized Jackson from previous encounters and was able to identify him as the assailant. He was treated at a local hospital for non-life threatening wounds and later was released.



DeAngelo Jackson

Jackson lives in the house that was featured on the *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* in

2008. He is being held in jail without bond.

Monocacy Area Voters Supported Garagiola and Bartlett

By John Clayton

As expected, Upcounty Democrats in the precincts surrounding Poolesville and Barnesville firmly supported District 15 State Senator Rob Garagiola in the recent District 6 primary for the seat currently held by Roscoe Bartlett of Buckeystown; however, the local numbers weren't enough to offset down county and Western Maryland voters who turned out for John Delaney of Potomac. Delaney won the primary election by a comfortable margin with 54.2% of the vote

to 29.1% for Garagiola.

Upcounty Republicans joined their new Frederick County District 6 cohorts by helping to send incumbent congressman Roscoe Bartlett back into the race for another two-year term with 43.6% of the vote. He won a 35.8% plurality in Montgomery County. Several other Republican candidates received sufficient support to keep Bartlett below 50% of the vote.

In the two precincts that surround Poolesville, Garagiola carried 56.4% of the vote, as compared to 36.2% for Delaney. In the Barnesville/Boyd's precinct, Garagiola did even better, with 59.8% of the vote, almost doubling Delaney's total. Mr. Garagiola continued to do well in the contiguous Darnestown/Seneca precinct, but moving eastward down Route 28 into the next Darnestown area

precinct, his numbers began to decay, as they would through almost all Potomac-area precincts. Our neighbor to the northeast, Clarksburg, bucked the Upcounty trend with 52.3% voting for John Delaney.

On the Republican side, Brandon Rippeon of Darnestown finished second in the combined Poolesville/Dickerson and Barnesville/Boyd's precincts with 20.6% of the vote. Robin Ficker of Boyd's, and David Brinkley of Frederick, garnered 14.4% and 12.8%, respectively. Bartlett ran stronger in Clarksburg, winning 48.6% of the vote.

Mr. Bartlett generally maintained his plurality down through Darnestown and Potomac, winning most precincts, albeit often with lower percentages, with more votes going to

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Family Album



Montgomery County Councilmember Marc Elrich and Jim McKenna of Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard at the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association annual meeting.



Jim Choukas-Bradley, the newly-minted president of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association.



Upcounty Gothic? No, it's the Town of Barnesville's Earth Day cleanup, and the Fedders family spruced up the Town Hall: Mayor Luke, Lisa, Megan, and Zack.



Reverend Tom Purdy of St. Peter's handles the sawing tasks as Roger Andrews and Kathy Hanna assist him during the Rebuilding Together project.



Joe Hetrick, Joe Truppo (kneeling), Carolyn McFall, an unidentified volunteer, and Link Hoewing during a Poolesville Rebuilding Together project.



Rebuilding Together volunteers Katie Truppo, Bernie Mihm, Helen Truppo, Judy Holt, and Jack Shawver join together to repair a fence.



The kids from JPMS sang songs and raised awareness for WUMCO at the town's first annual flea market in Whalen Commons.



Staff members of Calleva Outdoors joined Potomac Pathways for a cleanup day along the banks of the Potomac.



The Phantom Players in rehearsal for their presentation of Annie, Jr. on May 11 and 12.

Things to Do

T'ai Chi in the Park

Fundraiser for Poolesville Relay for Life

Forty-five minutes of T'ai Chi stretching suitable for all ages led by Maria Briançon of Glad-I-Yoga. These are simple standing exercises easy on the joints.

Whalen Commons in Poolesville each Saturday morning in May

Suggested donation to PRFL: \$10.00

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

May 4

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: V6 Band

9:00 p.m.

May 5

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jack Worthington and Neal Herron

9:00 p.m.

Meet the Artists Wine Reception

David Therriault, stone sculptor of Beallsville

Claire Howard, painter of Poolesville

The Art Gallery of Potomac

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 6

John Poole General Store and Museum

Visit the first commercial establishment in Poolesville built in 1793. Local historical and Civil War artifacts on display.

Free

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 6 to May 30

Art Show to Benefit Barking

Holler's Animal Sanctuary

Featuring artist Virginia Yates Lucero

Located at Hearthside Home and Garden, 19900 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

10% of proceeds of art sales throughout show period will be donated to Barking Holler's Animal Sanctuary and 10% of everything sold on May 6 by Hearthside Home and Garden will also be donated to the sanctuary.

Show open all day with artist reception from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Complimentary wine and cheese

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

May 9

Ask a Master Gardener

Poolesville Library

Speak to a Master Gardener about your gardening questions.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Connection Café

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May 11

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Jay Summerour, Daryl Davis, and Eric Selby

8:30 p.m.

May 11 and May 12

The Phantom Players at John Poole Middle School Present:

Annie, Jr.

A delightful musical based on the Broadway Tony-Award-winning play. Attendees are encouraged to bring three canned goods for the WUMCO food pantry and those that do will receive a coupon for a free concession item.

John Poole Middle School All Purpose Room

Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults - \$6.00, Students - \$4.00

May 12

Guided Tour of Historical Seneca Quarries

Led by former National Park Service senior scholar and author, Dr. Robert Kapsch, this is an intriguing and rare opportunity to visit and learn about the historical significance and role the Seneca Quarries had for local and national commerce and history. The tour begins at the C&O Canal's Riley's Lock.

10:00 a.m. (Tour takes about an hour)

Please wear sturdy footwear and long trousers.

No charge but free-will donation requested.

Fourth Annual SCA Plant Swap

Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual Plant Swap. Buy, sell, swap, or give away—your choice! Seeds, Seedlings, Plants, Divisions, Flowers, Shrubs, Veggies, Heirlooms, Pots, Garden Gear. Come with or without plants to

the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association's Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road., Dickerson. Rain or shine.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

May 13

Happy Mother's Day

John Poole General Store and Museum

Visit the first commercial establishment in Poolesville built in 1793. Local historical and Civil War artifacts on display.

Free

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 17

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Galt Line (Fundraiser for Relay for Life)

8:30 p.m.

May 18

2nd Annual Poolesville Spring-fest

Enjoy barbeque while listening to live bluegrass music. Shop local artisans. Special beer and wine tasting under the tent (\$20.00 – ID required). Enter the amateur barbeque contest.

Whalen Commons – Poolesville

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Syzygy

8:00 p.m.

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Commentary

One Hundred Years Ago

By John Clayton

Recently, the Boston Red Sox celebrated the hundredth anniversary of their iconic home field, Fenway Park, by hosting the New York Yankees for a midweek day game, wearing throw-back uniforms, playing in the sunlight as God intended. This reminded me of a book I read a few years ago: *The First Fall Classic*, by Mike Vaccaro (Doubleday, 2009). The book is subtitled: *The Red Sox, the Giants, and the Cast of Players, Pugs, and Politicos Who Reinvented the World Series in 1912*. This was one of the most enjoyable baseball books I have ever read, and I have read a few.

This particular World Series took place, in the first year of Fenway Park, between the American League pennant-winning Red Sox and the dominant New York team of the era, the Giants. The book's best feature is not so much the baseball but the picture of an era that it draws. The players, with the exception of a few major stars, were not highly-paid, and even the stars wouldn't make close to what a veteran utility infielder in today's game makes, even with inflation adjustments; however, even for the rank and file, it was a decent living for the times. The players were generally rough and uneducated, and teams dealt with north-south and Catholic-Protestant rifts among the players. The players were all white, of course, as African-American players were banned for almost four more decades.

Baseball was hugely popular in those days, along with horse racing and prize fighting. College football was big, but not professional football. Basketball was a niche sport at best. As we've all been reminded many times by now, 1912 was the year of the Titanic, but it was also a presidential election year. Third Party candidate and former president Teddy Roosevelt was shot and

wounded, but not seriously, while campaigning during the night of the sixth game of the series, and the book also follows a big time New York City murder trial that the author considers the first "trial of the century."

Were the players, who were not becoming fabulously wealthy, merely playing for the love of the game? Not quite. Some of the more dramatic plots surrounding the game concern—what else?—money. The players were not paid a lot for the World Series by today's standards, but the series check was a significant part of one's earnings for the year, not just a nice little bonus. The players were already steamed that their take was calculated out of the first four games only, so that they wouldn't artificially extend the series, which ends when one team wins four games, to its full seven games. Then the second game ended in a tie, necessitating an additional game, and the powers-that-be decided that the players' share would not include the extra game, should it become necessary.

For the owners, however, there was nothing to prevent them from extending the series to line their pockets. The Boston owner was suspected, with overwhelming evidence, of holding his star pitcher, the virtually unhittable Smoky Joe Wood, out of game six, so that New York would have a better chance of winning and prolonging the series. It worked, and the series took eight games. I won't spoil the ending for those of you who might have forgotten how the 1912 World Series ends, but game eight went to extra innings and the ending involved miscues that may not have been rivaled until Bill Buckner came along in 1986. There's much more to the story than I have described.

The United States was a very different place a century ago, and we are certainly better off in most

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**Little Learners:
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By Rande Davis

Mary Kuruppu's path to opening Little Learners preschool and daycare center in Poolesville began about three years ago for highly personal reasons. She wanted to spend more time at home raising her children, and her youngest daughter was pushing for a new sibling to play with. As a math teacher at Frederick Community College, the equation for success seemed simple enough and led to her opening a daycare in the home. As that venture grew and her youngest daughter entered middle school, she was ready for the next step. This past winter she

took over the facility that had been Children's Towne Academy, located on Fisher Avenue near Cugini's Restaurant.

Education is an essential part of the Kuruppu family. She holds a Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her husband is a chemist with Medimmune, son John followed her footsteps in engineering, and her oldest daughter is in her first year at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Although she and her four-person staff (Angela Knight, Corine Torry, Erika Trenard, and Elvire Cajuste) are all fully accredited for preschool and daycare, she credits her philosophy in child care as the most important aspect of Little Learners. "The most important thing is to enjoy the children, enjoy the time you are with them, be a child in play with

them. To do so leads to a relaxed and pleasant environment from which to teach the simple things like ABCs, numbers, fun facts, etc. By enjoying yourself and what you do, the day leads to a happy experience for the children."

The facility has four classrooms: three to separate the different age groups (infant, toddler, and preschool) and a large, full-service room with educational games, crafts, books, and more. Over the winter, she renovated the playground with some new play equip-

ment and safety features as well.

Open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., a typical day includes appropriate age-level learning, playtime, rest, and snack time with an occasional special visitor like a pony or a bunny.



Mary Kuruppu, owner of Little Learners preschool and daycare.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

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Theft from Vehicle: 20900 block of Big Woods Road.

Drug Offenses: 18700 block of Bucklodge Road, 19600 block of Beallsville Road, 19200 block of Jerusalem Road, 20000 block of Fisher Avenue, 17600 block of Kohlhooss Road.

Past Crime

May 4, 1941 Police warned citizens about a new confidence game. A twenty-three-year-old woman reported that she had been approached by a "Mr. Warren" and asked to come to his office to do some typing. She brought her typewriter, and at the end of the day Warren said that she could return the next day to finish her work. When she returned, Warren and her typewriter were gone.

May 10, 1940 Montgomery Police were investigating a series

of brush fires that broke out in the community of Halpine near Rockville. One theory was that the fires were caused by fire balloons released by children.

May 16, 1943 Montgomery County Police assisted FBI agents in rounding up ten draft dodgers in a nationwide crackdown. One man, Claude Jackson, was inducted into the army one hour after being arrested.

May 17, 1937 An aged patient at the County Home was run over and critically injured by an auto on the Great Falls Road near Rockville. Police said that the man, 84 years old, had wandered away from the home when the accident happened.

May 17, 1943 Police in the area were still searching for the speed demon who had led local police on at least four high-speed chases during the preceding two weeks. During one chase on the East West Highway, officers had shot five times at his tires but had failed to stop his car. Police believed that he had stolen at least four high-powered cars which were no match for the police cars of the time.

Local News

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual Meeting

By John Clayton

Upcounty supporters of the Agricultural Reserve and some local elected officials gathered at the Linden Farm Barn in Dickerson for the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA). The meeting focused on a number of recent and pending land-use issues. The keynote speaker was District 2 County Council member Craig Rice of Germantown.

Two other members of the county council were present: Phil Andrews (District 3) and Marc Elrich (at-large). Poolesville Town Commission member Jerry Klobukowski, a regular at the meeting over the years, was also in attendance.

Outgoing president Ann Sturm opened the meeting and reviewed some of the issues that the SCA grappled with during her two-year tenure, including Zoning Text Amendments (ZTAs) that dealt with airstrips, Special Benefit Permits, and rules for breweries and wineries. She also commented on a continuing Upcounty complaint about the lack of code enforcement from the Department of Permitting Services (DPS). It was noted that DPS staffing was reduced from five to two inspectors due to budgetary con-

straints. Outgoing Vice President Ann Cinque closed Ms. Sturm's address with heartfelt thanks for her contribution. The Bluebird Trail on the SCA's Linden Farm grounds was dedicated to Ms. Sturm, and she was presented with a framed photograph—and if that weren't enough, it was also her birthday.

The new slate of officers and board of directors was presented by Linda Pepe, and they were elected by acclamation. New president Jim Choukas-Bradley, a noted environmental and energy attorney, spoke and resolved to "sustain the preservation of the Ag Reserve."

Craig Rice opened his remarks by describing what he called the dynamics of the county council—working together as a team, five members from districts and four at large, but with concern for all county residents. In a move that would have done Superman proud, Mr. Rice unbuttoned the front of his shirt and held it open to display a faded Sugarloaf Citizens' Association T-shirt. He talked about his appreciation for agriculture from visiting his grandparents' farm in South Carolina as a child where they were sharecroppers. He quickly moved to his basic theme—that he wants to see farming in the Ag Reserve: organic farming and commercial farming. He said that people who want to increase development will see "all this extra land up there, and why don't we use that?" He added, "We need to do everything we can to protect the Ag Reserve." He stressed the need for balance and described

his desire to maintain an inclusive method of decision-making, giving "people a seat at the table" to provide input.

Melane Hoffman asked about the ever-present threat from Virginia and other proponents of an outer beltway, which would involve a second Montgomery County

crossing over the Potomac River,

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Dominic Johnson of Gaithersburg Middle School presents his grant-winning project, while teacher Sharon Alpert listens.



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Tidbits

WUMCO Has Concern for Food Supply

At the annual WUMCO Help, Inc. meeting on April 19, it was announced that a drop off in food supply has taken place with the closing of Selby's Market. There are new collection points at the Poolesville Town Hall and Finders Keepers in Poolesville. Dee Turner, director of the JPMS drama club, announced that her group would be undertaking various activities throughout the year to assist collecting non-perishables. On May 12, the twentieth annual Post Office Stop the Hunger Campaign will take place. Residents will be encouraged to leave canned and non-perishable food at their mailbox.

WUMCO also honored two volunteers for their contribution in 2011 to the organization. Angie Drum, who stepped in to handle the financial management of the group upon the death of founder Fred Stearns, was the first to be recognized. She also served as

treasurer for many years. The other volunteer was Katie McFall. Katie, a senior at PHS, interned this past year and was of valuable service to WUMCO by performing many administrative and organizational tasks.

Volunteer Catherine Beliveau was newly voted to the board of directors. Catherine has been a volunteer driver for WUMCO for years and, through her active membership at Poolesville Presbyterian Church, initiated and worked with Poolesville's Community Economic and Development Committee in creating the Fall Festival - Walk for WUMCO.

Nancy Allnutt was re-elected as president and Tracey Forfa was elected as vice president. Local accountant and WUMCO volunteer, Jim Ridgeway, was elected as the new treasurer and member of the board of directors. Ray Hoewing and Mike Plummer were both re-elected to the board of directors.

Welcome Lily

Richard Weyrauch and Lori Carroll Weyrauch of Poolesville welcomed the birth of their sec-

ond daughter, Lily Nicole Weyrauch, on March 10, 2012. Paternal grandparents are Theodore and Frances Weyrauch of Vienna, Virginia. Maternal grandparents are Patrick Carroll of Massena, New York, and Martin and Brigitte Smoral of Frederick, Maryland.

Ridgon Celebrates Thirty-Five Years as a Priest



Monsignor Ramon Masculino (right) won the Most Miles Traveled Award. He came all the way from the Philippines to be with Father Vincent Rigdon of Our Lady of the Presentation who was celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

Catholic Church in Poolesville commemorated the anniversary of his priesthood on April 29 by celebrating Mass just as he did his very first Mass thirty-five years ago through a beautiful and serenely-sung Latin Mass. The Gregorian chanting was provided by a group of seminarians from Mt. Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the alma mater of Father Rigdon.

In the congregation, sharing the milestone, were family, friends, and colleagues representing each chapter of his spiritual journey. One friend traveled from Texas. She knew Father Rigdon from his chaplain days in the U.S. Air Force from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel. The one who traveled the furthest was co-celebrant Monsignor Ramon Masculino from the Philippines. The other co-celebrant was Monsignor Joseph Mulqueen, retired navy chaplain.

Father Rigdon expressed gratitude to all who had sup-

Father Vincent Rigdon of Our Lady of the Presentation Roman

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In the Garden

Pesticides: Selection, Safe Use, and Alternatives

By Maureen O'Connell

At one time or another, many gardeners consider insecticides and fungicides to deal with problems of their ornamental plants and vegetables. Problems vary, depending upon your area's weather conditions, soil, and local pests, from insects to deer. Conditions also vary in different parts of the world. The farmers I saw in India and Vietnam and the gardeners in England have to deal with different climates, diseases, and pests. English gardeners do not have the problem that we have with insects, and most notably for me, they do not have to battle with Japanese beetles on their roses.

Over the past several years, I have altered my methods of dealing with garden problems. When, one day after spraying with a chemical insecticide, I noticed dead bees on the beautiful blue flowers of my *Agastache* plants (which the bees love), I decided to stop using products that were toxic to bees and other beneficial insects. There are many insecticides and fungicides at garden centers; it is confusing trying to select which ones are right for your problem and are also friendly to the environment. Let's take a close look at pesticides and their alternatives. The best method of eliminating a pest problem is to incorporate garden practices that prevent the problem. Prevention is a lot easier than a cure.

Pesticide is the general term for any substance used to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate the effects of any pest: insects, animals, weeds, and microorganisms such as fungi, molds, bacteria, and viruses. Subcategories of the term include: insecticides that specifically target insects; fungicides that target diseases

caused by fungi; and herbicides that target unwanted plants and weeds.

Let's now look at some cultural methods to alleviate problems before resorting to chemical warfare.

My first recommendation is to select plants that are described as highly-resistant to diseases and unappealing to insects and animals. Horticulturists spend years developing new plant varieties that are hardier and easier to grow and maintain. After many years of gardening, I know fairly well which ornamental plants are disease and pest resistant. They range from rugosa roses, coneflowers, coreopsis, coral bells, and many other perennials to annuals, such as marigolds, petunias, zinnias, and geraniums. Most good garden centers group their plants according to these criteria.

Humans need sufficient nutrients to stay healthy, and so do plants. Feed them with a plant-appropriate fertilizer and satisfy their growing needs for such things as water and light conditions, and they will be stronger, and therefore better able to stave off diseases and pests. They will also be better able to handle the stress of heat, drought, and high humidity.

Try a bit of soap and water. You can buy at garden centers insecticidal soap, but save yourself some money and make your own. A spray of dishwashing soap and water has been used in the gardens for many years. It works only on direct contact with the pests; there is no residual effect, so if you have a large garden, this method might be a bit impractical. It works by the action of the fatty acids in soap which disrupt the structure and permeability of the insect cell membranes. The cell contents are able to leak from the damaged cells, and the insect quickly dies. Before spraying on any of your plants, test the solution on a small area of the plant. Some plants, such as azalea, begonia, lantana, gardenia, impatiens, and ferns might be sensitive to soap. It works best on soft-bodied insects, such as aphids, mealy bugs, spider mites, thrips, and

whiteflies. To make the solution, add a few good squirts of soap into a quart-sized spray bottle and fill with water. Some gardeners say that an oil soap and water solution, such as Murphy's Oil Soap, is effective for killing fungal diseases on plants. Mix one cup of oil soap to a gallon of water. I have not yet tried this, but I will.

If you choose to use chemicals, first evaluate some other effective options. Non-chemical pest controls such as pheromones are very useful for disrupting pest reproductive cycles. You could also manually remove the insect pests, and you could get your weed fork out and dig up the weeds.

If any of the above methods do not work, apply the least toxic pesticide in a responsible way. Spray early in the season—prevention, not cure. Spray early in the morning before the beneficial insects and bees are out doing their work. Do not spray in bright sunlight; the plants' leaves could burn. Be sure to first identify your

pest problem. There are many insects that are harmless. Many people are alarmed to see ants on their peonies. Don't be; they are doing no harm. If you cannot identify a problem, take a diseased leaf or a dead insect to your local garden center and ask for their advice.

If at the end of all your efforts, you still have some plants that have pest and diseases that you cannot control, dig up the plant and discard it. Life in the garden is too short to spend most of your time battling nature. Your hammock awaits you.

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Local News

Brickyard update By Kristen Milton

Although the county has announced its soccer partner in building new fields on an organic farm in Potomac, the site will not entirely lose its agricultural roots.

The sublease between the county and Montgomery Soccer, Inc. (MSI) dated April 16 and posted on the county website, specifies that approximately two acres of the twenty-acre Brickyard Road site now known as Nick's Organic Farm will be an Organic Agricultural Education Center and Community Garden operated by a not-yet-identified nonprofit.

"We volunteered to do that in our proposal; no one required it," MSI executive director Doug Schuessler said. "We would be very happy to have a partner who would work with us on this [educational farm]."

The primary lease for the Brickyard site, signed in April 2011, is between the county and the Board of Education since the land was originally slated to host a school although it has been leased by Nick Maravell since 1980.

Conservation activists and Maravell have opposed the conversion of the farm into soccer fields, citing procedural concerns, lack of public input into the Board of Education decision, and the potential educational and environmental value of the farm. Legal objections and allegations of Open Meetings Act violations have been filed by members of the Brickyard Coalition, which is made up of both civic groups and individuals opposed to the soccer project; however, supportive soccer enthusiasts have pointed to the need for fields identified in a 2005 land use study by Park and Planning. The report said eighty-eight additional county fields were needed for use by soccer, football, and lacrosse.

According to MSI's approved proposal, phase one at the Brickyard Road site will include two

full-sized and two smaller fields as well as a playground area, parking, and the agricultural center. The cost is estimated at \$1.6 million. A tentative second phase would include either one more full-size or two half-size fields and required parking.

"We're definitely excited to do something terrific for the community," Schuessler said, "and by community, I mean both down-county residents and those near to the site."

Schuessler said soccer players and their families currently cope with the field deficit by driving longer distances and "playing the daylight out of" existing fields, often leaving them in need of repair. Providing new fields will help address both issues, he said.

Nick's Organic Farm has a license to continue working the land through August, and Schuessler said there was still much to be done to guide the proposal through required procedural hearings. Construction might begin at the Brickyard site in early spring 2013 if all went well, he said.

Schuessler said the process of selecting an agricultural partner has no timeline at present. "It was left a little undefined except that it would need the approval of both the county and MSI," he said. "I would not think there would be any substantial delay for the educational farm."

The county website says the approved proposal "reflect[s] the county executive's commitment for dual use of the site" although Montgomery County-side Alliance director Caroline Taylor, who started an online petition suggesting such a dual use, disagreed. "When you use the phrase 'dual use,' it connotes an equality of the uses," Taylor said. "That is a primary use with lipstick on the pig." Nonetheless, Taylor called the inclusion of the education center and gardens "a minor victory and an opportunity with a crack in the door."

Sophia Maravell, who had proposed operating a program for county students called Brick-

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Remembrance

Upcounty Remembers Pete Dilonardo

By Carol Oberdorfer



Agapito Louis "Pete" Dilonardo

The family and friends of Agapito Louis "Pete" Dilonardo will gather May 5 in Pete's woodsy Dickerson front yard to remember this remarkable

cartographer, father, nurseryman, gardener, woodworker, music lover, avid reader, and Upcounty civic activist who died in December at age 94.

Born in his grandfather's house in Philadelphia on May 23, 1917, Pete embarked on a life that included working as a kid in his dad's appliance and radio store, serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, marrying WAVES officer and future Poolesville Elementary School teacher Kathleen "Sally" Pancake in 1943, studying geography at the University of Maryland and McGill University, launching a decades-long career in 1945 as a mapmaker for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and raising his two kids, Kathy and Peter, in the family's historic Federalist-style brick house in Dickerson.

On the side, Pete and Sally operated the Pine Arbor Nursery, a family endeavor, growing and selling native azaleas, dogwoods, and redbuds, as well as more rare and exotic plants and trees. Pete continued to work for the USGS,

taking the train to and from Washington at the station in Dickerson just down the tracks from his home. Over the years, his work took him from Colombia to Saudi Arabia, and beyond, where he offered training in cartography and explored the cuisine, culture, and history of those far-off places.

Pete and Sally enjoyed more than fifty years of marriage, travelling, hosting friends and relatives in Dickerson, hiking on the towpath and up Sugarloaf Mountain, tending to their trees and gardens, and taking a stand on local issues. When Sally became ill with Alzheimer's disease, Pete cared for her at home and in a nursing facility until her death in 1988.

It was Pete's community service for which many of us remember him. Pete was a fighter, winning some of his battles, and losing some, but remaining steadfast along the way. He and Sally struggled unsuccessfully to have the burnt-down Dickerson Elementary School rebuilt in Dickerson. They joined forces

with their neighbors—again unsuccessfully—to block the establishment of the composting and incinerator facilities along the Potomac in Dickerson; but, with fellow activists, they made real headway in pressuring the State of Maryland to bring Neutron Products into compliance with its legal obligations as a handler of radioactive materials.

Into his eighties and nineties, Pete continued to travel—hiking with family into the back country of Mesa Verde and the canyons of New Mexico and Utah, exploring Wyoming, and marveling at the wonders of Hawaii—then sharing his exploits back home in Montgomery County with his fellow members of the Nature Book Club. On one trip to Denver, one of his nieces introduced him to MariLu McGinnis who became his devoted companion on journeys to Greece, Spain, and Italy.

Pete's occasional cantankerous demeanor was just an act that was quickly belied by his sparkling eyes and warm smile. His good humor, wisdom, and

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School News

Entire PHS Student Body Creating Mosaic Mural

The Poolesville High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association, through the leadership of its cultural arts coordinator, Beth Poss, has initiated an ambitious and highly-unique art project. All twelve hundred students are taking part in the creation of a twenty-eight-foot high, four-foot-wide mosaic mural which will be placed in the new science building at the end of the school year.

The project is being done through the direction of teacher, Emily Sigman, and artist in residence, Carien Guiroga. Senior Julia Howard designed the mural, which symbolically releases the graduating students from the school into the future from the four houses of educational study at PHS (Global Ecology, Humanities, Independent Studies, and Science, Math, and Computer Science.). Assisting Ms. Howard was senior Diana Teppert.

JPMS Junior Thespians: Only the Eighth School in Maryland

Drama students at John Poole Middle School have become just the eighth middle school in Maryland to be recognized through the Junior Thespians Honor Society program. Junior Thespian troupes serve as the honors components of a school's theatre program. Established by the International Thespian Society (ITS), the Junior Thespians is a division of the Educational Theatre Association. The mission of ITS is to honor student excellence in the theatre arts.

The impressive talent of the school's drama club, the Phantom Players, will be on full display in their May 11 and 12 performances of the ever-popular musical, *Annie*. Set in 1933, this heartwarming tale tells the story of the little orphan girl who sets out to find her parents. Two of the most popular songs from the musical are "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard-Knock Life." In watching rehearsals, we can attest that these powerful young voices are

most impressive, and the audience will be delighted.

Taking the theme from the musical of others helping others to heart, the students are requesting attendees to the performances to bring three canned goods for the WUMCO food pantry; donors will receive a coupon for a free concession item.



Senior Julia Howard designed a new PHS mural and has entire the student body helping to make it.

Local News

Boyd's Bridge Reopens

By Jack Toomey

For sixty years, Poolesville residents have relied on a shortcut to Germantown and Gaithersburg via White Ground Road. In 2007, an inspection of a one-lane bridge spanning Bucklodge Branch and built in 1950, showed signs of deterioration in the steel beams, and the concrete abutments were being washed away by the waters of the creek that occasionally floods.

Finally, in July of 2011, the bridge was closed to traffic while the demolition of the old bridge and the construction of the new bridge began.

On April 22, 2012, the bridge reopened to traffic. Esther Bowring, a county spokesperson, said

that the construction of the new bridge included extensive stream restoration and the rebuilding of five hundred feet of approach roadway which will increase visibility for motorists who approach the bridge. The new bridge is eighteen feet wide and forty-eight feet long. Because White Ground Road is designated as an Exceptional Rustic Road, the characteristics of the bridge could not be changed; thus, it remains as a one-lane bridge.

Poolesville resident Brandy Miller said, "I tried to use it the day of the bad accident on 28 and forgot that it was closed. I think it will be a good thing for Poolesville because it will give us an alternate route into Germantown. Right now there aren't many options."

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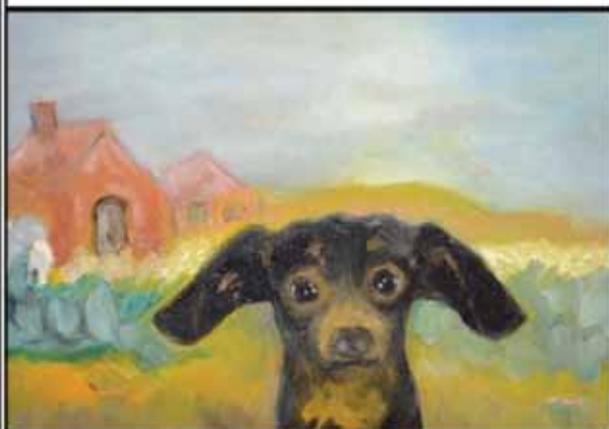
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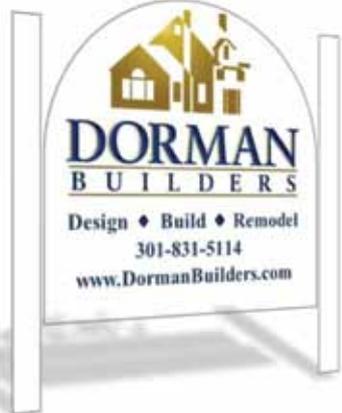
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Local News

Ambulance Fees Back in Play

By Kristen Milton

Less than eighteen months after Montgomery County residents voted against ambulance fees, the County Council is scheduled to take up the question again at the request of the county executive.

Executive Ike Leggett has proposed the "Emergency Medical Services Transport Reimbursement Act," which would allow the county to receive payment from private insurance companies and federal government for ambulance service. The council's public hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 8 with action slated for May 15.

In a press release, Leggett said his proposal was due to recent budget changes by the state, including an anticipated shift in teacher pension costs to the county, and all funds raised would benefit the county's Fire and Rescue Ser-

vices. Without the reimbursement, Leggett said, there will be either higher taxes or reduced rescue services. Ambulance fees would generate an estimated \$14 million to \$17 million for the county.

"As a county resident—whether insured or uninsured—you would not, by law, pay a dime," Leggett wrote. "You wouldn't even receive a bill. The county would accept the reimbursement offered as payment in full and would waive all co-pays and deductibles."

During the lead-up to the 2010 referendum, which followed a 5-4 council vote in support of ambulance fees, opponents said they feared some residents would be discouraged from calling for an ambulance in emergencies and others anticipated insurance companies would raise rates.

Similar laws are in place in neighboring jurisdictions, and the proposal has generated supportive editorials from the *Washington Post* and the *Gazette*.

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ported him through the years, crediting his deceased mother whenever God gave him a good assignment but joking that he took sole responsibility whenever the assignments were not so good.

The celebration was on the Sunday of the church calendar that relates the story of the Good Shepherd, and Father noted that it correlated directly to his calling as a priest. In thanking Father Rigdon for being a Good Shep-

herd to the congregation of Our Lady of the Presentation, Tookie Genitcore presented him with a special parish gift, a check that will cover the cost of a trip to Rome so that he can be present when Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, officially becomes a saint within the Roman Catholic Church. Father Rigdon closed the service by noting that he was happy to be with everyone that day, happy to be a priest, and especially happy to be a priest at Our Lady of the Presentation.

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possibly through the Ag Reserve. Ms. Hoffman called this the Truckway, admonishing those who would call it the Techway: “It has nothing to do with technology.” Her specific question was whether the county council would say “no way” with a strong resolution against it. Mr. Rice and his two colleagues indicated they would support such a move, and Mr. Rice also discussed how this related to transit

options, referencing Mr. Elrich’s support of bus rapid transit.

Jerry Klobukowski offered another possible solution to Ag Reserve protection, citing as an example the Adirondack Reserve in upstate New York, where the protection of the land was written into the law, or codified, and not just written into a master plan. You “need to put something in law,” he said, “otherwise, you are dependent on the council’s will at any given point of time.” Mr. Rice discussed this point saying that it would have to be pursued at the

state level and would have to gain the support of “people in Wheaton and Silver Spring.”

Caroline Taylor of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance spoke to the difficulty of working through the legislature, referencing the recent defeat of Right-to-Farm legislation, which involved bills seeking to protect farming from being prohibited in the Ag Reserve under homeowner covenants. She said that the initiative had the full support of the Montgomery County senate delegation, and she expressed appreciation for the assistance of Mr. Rice’s office.

Asked about how we can better sell the Ag Reserve to down-county residents, Mr. Rice responded, “Support farming. We lose land when it’s not being farmed.”

In what is always an enjoyable part of the meeting, board member Jim Brown discussed this year’s Piedmont Environmental Council Grant recipients. Schools with projects receiving funding this year included Lake Seneca Elementary, John School Middle School, and Kingsview Middle

School. Laurie Jenkins of Montgomery County Public Schools did a presentation on Outdoor Environmental Education Programs, which all MCPS students know as Outdoor Ed.

The highlight of the day was a presentation by Dominic Johnson, a student at Gaithersburg Middle School, who received a grant for the Gaithersburg Middle School Horticultural Program, which has developed vegetable gardens in cooperation with residents of the Villages of Rockville retirement community. Mr. Brown praised the detailed costing information in Mr. Brown’s application. Mr. Johnson had special praise for his teacher, Sharon Alpert, who also discussed the program.

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Youth Sports

PHS Boys' Lacrosse Rebuilding

By Jeff Stuart

"The season has gotten off to a slow start," said Head Coach Thomas Keefe, as his team headed in to spring break, with a 0-5 mark. The team lost a tough 10-9 decision in their opener at Northwest on March 21. "We are focused hard on our upcoming division games," says Keefe. "We are a young team that hopefully will start hitting its stride in April. Our record is a little misleading, and the stats are a little odd looking because we played in a spring tournament, and did not have all our players." The record also may not reveal the strong showing from a few significant players: senior midfielder Jonah Hessels had eight goals and one assist in just three games; junior attackman Evan Gross started the season off well with two goals and three assists; and senior midfielder Brendan Carney also started strong with four goals, one assist, and four ground balls in just two starts.

Defensively, the Falcons have strength, as well. "On defense, junior pole Kirby Carmack...has been a solid defender for us," continued Coach Keefe. "Senior pole Erik Jansson...is also developing into a shut down defender; however, some of our biggest help on defense has come from junior defensive midfielder Tyler Giarratano, as well as senior goalie Chris Oyer who is in his first year of lacrosse, but has racked up forty-five saves through five games."

In division play, after spring break, the Falcons dropped a competitive, 8-5, game at Damascus on April 11, before winning their first game at home, scoring thirteen goals on Friday, the thirteenth, dominating Wheaton, 13-1. Gross had a breakout game, scoring five first-half goals and adding two assists in the second half. Hessels had two first-half goals. Junior Connor Hogan had

one in the first half.

Hessels, who had thirty-nine goals and nineteen assists as a sophomore, and was the team's leading scorer last season, remains positive. "It's a lot different than my past two years," said Hessels. "Last year, we graduated nine of our ten starters, so this year we obviously had to coach up a lot of players to get them ready for the season. I think that is why we had such a rough start, but we are really coming together as a team now. We are starting to play off each other. We are beginning to know what we are all going to do during a game, and I think that is going to show up the rest of the season. It was just tough to get started." His favorite game this year? "Damascus, that's a big rival, and we knew that if we came out playing we could do well against them. It's especially important because they are in the division, and we play them again later this season (that game took place at home on May 2). We lost, but we outthrustled them. I was happy with that. If we get a couple more shots to fall, we can definitely beat them." Jonah's favorite lacrosse moment? "My first game, freshman year. I made varsity and I was terrified for the first home game [against Churchill]. I don't know how—I got lucky, but I got the first goal of our season. All the seniors were congratulating me. It was awesome." Hessels played football in the fall and received Honorable Mention from the Gazette. He plans to continue his lacrosse career next year at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Carney earned second team All-Gazette honors in soccer last fall and played basketball in the winter. "We are definitely rebuilding," said Carney. "In the past few years, we have been pretty good. So far we are not doing as well, but we are getting better." His favorite game this year? "I joined the team later than Jonah and Evan. I enjoyed the scrimmage against Paint Branch, but as a team, it seems like the Northwest game. That was a really close game." His favorite sports moment at Poolesville?

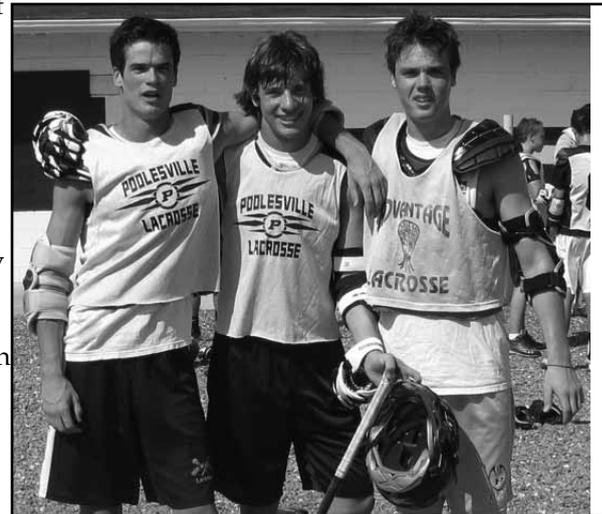
"Going deep into the playoffs in soccer. That was a lot of fun." The Falcons made it to the region soccer final last fall.

"We knew going into the Wheaton game that we would do well against them," said Gross, "so I went in with a higher confidence than in other games.

I knew that I was going to get a lot of attention because we were really going to work on what we had been practicing." Evan played four years of junior lacrosse in the Montgomery Village program. He wrestled in his freshman year, then he changed his

focus to lacrosse.

Lacrosse attracts a number of multi-sport athletes. Nikolay Henze, Charles Lyles, Carmack, Jansson, Connor Kenly, Giarratano, Oyer, and Niko Michaels also played football in the fall. Carmack, Michaels, Hogan, and Jansson played basketball.



PHS lacrosse players Jonah Hessels, Evan Gross, and Brendan Carney.

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Seely Is Perfect

On Tuesday, April 17 in a home game against Albert Einstein High School, Thayer Seely hurled what is probably the first perfect game in Poolesville High School history. "I talked with the two previous coaches, Larry Hurd and Fred Swick," said Head Coach Ted Gardiner. "They cannot remember seeing one or hearing of one."

There were no great defensive plays or hard hit balls to threaten Thayer's chances at perfection. "He struck out ten. The other outs were pretty much routine fly balls and grounders," said the coach. "Thayer did a great job. He had a great command of all of his pitches and hit his spots very well. Thayer's strength is staying calm and composed on the mound in every

situation, whether there are the bases loaded or a perfect game is on the line—an outstanding pitching performance from start to finish."

There is an asterisk to the record, though. Since the Falcons were up by ten after the fifth inning, the game was called as a victory for Poolesville due to the mercy rule, a requirement that a game ends after the fifth inning should one team be leading by ten or more runs. In the 11-0 victory, Thayer faced fifteen batters and threw fifty-eight pitches. Seely also doubled and drove in three runs.

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challengers Brinkley and Ficker. Brandon Rippeon did extremely well in Darnestown, winning the Darnestown/Seneca precinct with 40.1%, and almost winning Darnestown/Jones Lane, but he did not do as well further down county.

In the western counties that also comprise District 6, the two winners fared even better than they did down in Montgomery County. Delaney maintained or exceeded his percentage everywhere except Garrett County, which has the fewest voters by far. Garagiola did not come close to his 34.9% Montgomery County percentage anywhere else. Physician and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Milad Pooran of Frederick finished third with 9.5% of the Democratic vote overall, and ran more successfully the further he got away from Montgomery

County.

Roscoe Bartlett posted much higher percentages away from Montgomery County, coming close to winning half of the vote in Frederick and Allegheny Counties. Brinkley came in second in all five counties, doing his best work in Garrett County, with 33.3% of the vote. Kathy Afzali of Frederick County finished third overall with 10.2%, running strongest in Frederick and Washington Counties, and collecting 9.1% of the Republican vote in Montgomery County.

In District 6 overall, in this primary election, 51.7% of the voters were Republican, and 48.3% Democrats. Looking ahead to the general election in November, Democrats outnumber Republicans in the district, but there are many unaffiliated registered voters who have yet to make their voices heard.

Our area’s voter turnout was slightly lower than the state’s as a

whole, where almost 21% voted, and well ahead of Montgomery County, where just over 14% of registered voters bothered to vote. In all of our local precincts, a higher percentage of Republican voters showed up than did Democrats. The two precincts that cover the Poolesville/Dickerson area had a combined (Republican and Democrat) turnout of 18.7%, with 20.3% of Republicans and 16.9% of Democrats voting.

In the precinct encompassing the greater Barnesville/Boysds area, 25.6% voted, 28.6% Republicans and 23.1% Democrats. Statewide, rural counties had much higher turnout than more populous areas. In the 2008 presidential elections, 77% of registered Maryland voters participated.

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ways, but perhaps not in all ways. I can't believe that this year's election between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, and this year's World Series between the New York Yankees and the Washington Nationals, will be nearly as interesting as those of a hundred years ago, but you never know.

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yard Educational Farm on what has been her father's farm, said she was not inclined to apply for the two acres offered in the sublease. One concern would be the impact of non-organic soccer field maintenance, she said in an email.

“Additionally, I would have to think if I would be able to ‘farm’ a small portion of land that I once knew so fondly,” Maravell wrote. “It would be incredibly difficult and painful for me to look at the soccer fields every day that are sitting on top of some of the best farmland in the county, just knowing its potential for growing food for local cafeterias, educating kids on where their food comes from, and saving rare varieties of corn and soybean seeds for future generations.”

Schuessler said it was possible to create a buffer to keep the educational center on the site's western border organic and that

he hoped opponents would eventually be happy with the results of the process.

“We'll do what we have to do,” he said. “We know that we're going to create something wonderful for the community.”

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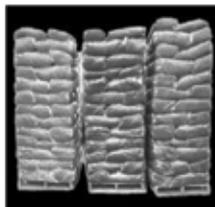
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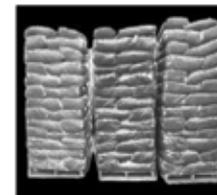
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