



Cat up a tree? Timmy down a well? Read Local News on page 10 to find out.



Rev. Bill Maisch comes to MUMC, in Local News on page 7.



Jane Stearns of WUMCO was at the Fall Festival. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.



Read all about the PHS Cross Country Team on page 3.

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Town Commissioner Candidates Present Ideas and Priorities At Public Forum

By Rande Davis

The October 28 public forum sponsored by the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce featured the four candidates vying for the three commissioner positions up for election. Commissioner elections are held in the Poolesville Town Hall and not at the precinct locations for the general elections.

The candidates are the three incumbents, Eddie Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, and Brice Halbrook, and Valaree Dickerson, who is seeking to become a commissioner.

The chamber's Brian Hundertmark served as the moderator for the two-hour event and allowed each candidate three minutes for an opening statement, ninety seconds to respond to the eleven questions, and two minutes for a closing statement. The order of answering questions was first chosen

on a random basis and then followed by a rotating process thereafter. That order is reflected in this article as we report on the answers of each candidate.

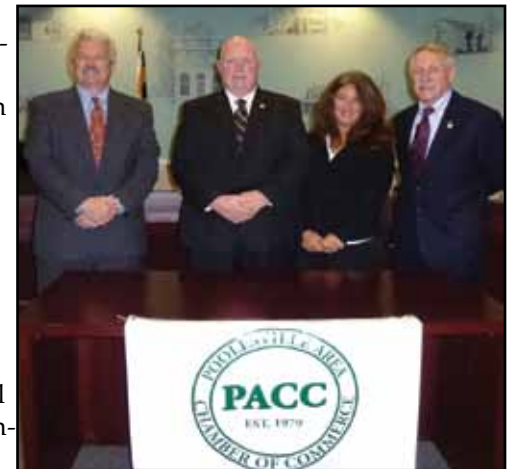
There were few differences voiced by the candidates on the issues raised concerning economic growth, budgetary issues, school concerns, a possible community center, communication with residents, and what each candidate considered his/her top priorities.

The debate began with a query concerning the amount of money in the town's unrestricted funds account. Currently, the account is at approximately \$850,000, has been as high as one million, and is set based on an estimate of four months (thirty percent of annual expenditures) of operating costs for the town. The questioner considered the amount too large and asked the candidates whether it should be reduced. No candidate suggested it should be reduced; all voiced

switched from studio dance to poms. Her tenure at QO saw her on varsity all four years and as captain her junior and senior years. From there, she became a pom at Towson University. "I knew I wanted to go to Towson for its education program," Tanya explains. She made the poms team as a freshman, then became captain her sophomore and junior years. As for this year, her senior year, let's just say she found something a little more interesting to do.

"I'll do it for fun" is

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Brice Halbrook, Eddie Kuhlman, Valaree Dickerson, and Jerry Klobukowski at the Poolesville Commissioners Candidate Forum.

support for it and considered it to be a positive budgetary and responsible decision by the commissioners.

Another question focused on the recent report issued by Michael Knapp on opportunities for economic growth for the town, requesting candidates' opinions on it and on a new grocery store. (The commissioners and Knapp met with the CEDC on October 26 in a

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Dance, Dance, Dance

By Dominique Agnew

She may be a Ravens cheerleader, but don't think that years of hard work and dancing discipline aren't the backbone behind the success of this dancer.

Tanya V began her dancing career at the tender age of three. She studied at the Olney Studio of Dance, covering the disciplines of ballet, tap, and jazz. When she entered Quince Orchard High School, she



Ravens cheerleader Tanya V.

Family Album



Artist Deborah Tharp chats with Michelle and Dan Gilbert at the art show in the Old Town Hall



Dee Turner and Catherine Bellevue, organizers of the Fall Festival Walk for WUMCO.



The Lee family led the walkers through their paces around the park in support of WUMCO.



Liz Stoner-Hartman, one of the vendors on hand to help WUMCO, anticipating the costumed dog contest.



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Youth Sports

PHS Cross Country Weaverling Tops County Runners

By Jeff Stuart

"There are a lot of great runners in the county," said PHS Head Cross Country Coach James Vollmer.

On Saturday, October 20, at the Montgomery County Cross Country Championships at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Poolesville junior Chase Weaverling proved he is one of the best, finishing first in the 5K and setting a course record (15:24.99). Clarksburg's Will Bertrand finished second despite running a personal best (15:25.33). Both runners entered this race undefeated.

Last May, Weaverling raced Bertrand at the outdoor track county championship meet in a chilly rain. Weaverling ran a personal best 3200m time, but Bertrand and Evan Laratta of Quince Orchard pulled away from him at the end—lessons learned. Weaverling worked hard to improve his closing kick. Chase warmed up for the county meet by placing first in the Urbana Invitational in a personal best time of 15:22.60.



PHS junior Chase Weaverling

A quarter mile into the championship race, the two together pulled away from the field. Chase took the lead and persevered up a hill before a closing straightaway, holding off Bertrand. Walter Johnson High School won the team title.

On the girls' side of the championship meet, sophomore Claire Beautz finished fourth (19:03.57) and junior Chelsie Pennello finished fifteenth (19:39.61). Beautz and Pennello tuned up for the championships with a one-two finish at the Urbana Invitational on October 13. Claire's time was 18:54.20, a personal best, and Chelsie ran a 19:19.10.

"Chelsie and Claire have been battling each other for the number one position on the team," said Coach Vollmer. "William Stamm has greatly improved this season. Chase is undefeated so far. The team is looking forward to the region meet on November 1 where I am hoping both boys and girls qualify."



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Important Recent Developments

There has been tremendous activity affecting the AgReserve with participation of Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) since our newsletter in September.

SCA's **Dan Savino** led 90 of his students from the Global Ecology program at Poolesville High on a mission to remove invasive plants at Linden Farm on September 24-25. SCA's **Tina Brown** welcomed the students and introduced them to Linden Farm. The two-morning program was a great success.

SCA reached out to the area bicycling community by volunteering to serve with the annual **Lymphoma Research Foundation bicycle ride** through the AgReserve on September 30. SCA members assisted with logistics, talked to riders about SCA and the AgReserve, and gave each rider a handsome yellow bandana sporting the SCA logo. Almost 350 cyclists participated.

A **proposal for further development in Clarksburg** that would threaten the headwaters of Ten Mile Creek was temporarily thwarted with SCA's active involvement. The County Council voted to defer any approval until adequate science-based research on the impact of the proposed development is undertaken.

In response to discussions with SCA, Maryland Senator Garagiola wrote to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation expressing concern about the impact of the **proposed Global Mission Mega Church** at the intersection of Maryland Route 109 and Interstate 270, and requesting the conduct of a traffic flow study.

A public discussion of the **Montgomery County Planning Board's Zoning Code rewrite** effort is underway since changes to the Master Plan affecting the AgReserve are being considered. SCA together with Montgomery Countryside Alliance and Audubon Naturalist Society have submitted written testimony and are following up with additional oral and written communications. Although the County's proposed redraft retains agriculture as the primary use of the AgReserve there are recommendations in the redraft that would sidestep consistency with the Functional Master Plan for the Preservation of Agriculture and Rural Open Space in Montgomery County. Among SCA's major concerns are proposals to open the AgReserve to certain non-agricultural uses, such as nurseries, landscape contractors and overnight camps, which would begin a process of eroding the AgReserve's fundamental purpose through an endless series of exceptions – "death by a thousand cuts"

SCA will continue to fight to preserve the Sugarloaf area and the AgReserve for farming and rural open space. As always, we seek and welcome your input, your insights, and your involvement.

Jim Choukas-Bradley, President.

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Commentary

Why Did the Chicken Stop in The Middle of the Road?

By John Clayton

The presidential election will soon, thank God, be over. Each one of us has his own idea of what a good ending would look like, but we certainly must all agree that we'll be glad that it is over.

While I support one of the two major political parties, I try to occupy, in the aggregate, the political center of this great country. Watching the partisan warfare of the past few years, the lack of cooperation, and the ongoing demise of moderate candidates from both parties, it has become an article of faith that there is no viable political center. This may be true of those we send to Congress, but is not true regarding the electorate. The political middle may appear to be on its last breath, but like rock and roll, with apologies to Huey Lewis and the News, its heart is still beating.

This campaign has been a bit of a disappointment for an in-the-middle person like me. I thought Barack Obama was going to be a stronger candidate, but he hasn't looked like one to all those middle-of-road voters drifting away. He finally, and perhaps belatedly, took a break from bashing the other guy to actually stress the things he would do if reelected. Maybe he realized that people were pretty much tuning it out, especially when they got to know the other guy a little better, and it turned out he wasn't an ogre. It can't be good for a president when the challenger starts looking and sounding more presidential than you do.

Mitt Romney has been tacking steadily towards the middle over the past few weeks, steering out of the influence of those strong right wing winds that won him the Republican primary. I'm sure he realized that the rock hard conservative agenda was sufficient to lock up around forty-six or forty-seven

percent of the electorate, but he needs those last few percentage points to win, the ones that lie in the middle of the road. That's generally how this process works, and he is far from the first one to do it. I'm beyond being amazed (or appalled) at his continuous reinvention of himself and redefinition of his beliefs, but he could never have gotten away with it against a stronger opponent. I knew that was true in the primary; I didn't realize it would be true in the general election.

The question remains: Where is the middle? To me, it represents a common sense approach, with a minimum of the intransigence of the extremist. Middle people think a lot like this: Yes, government is too big, but it's not fundamentally evil. We should cut out programs we don't need, or that should live or die without federal help, but that won't solve our deficit problem. You can't reduce the deficit without reducing Social Security and Medicare benefits in some way, and we should stop demonizing anyone who suggests how this might be done. You also can't reduce the deficit without increasing tax revenue, so get over it and start working on it in good faith. Getting everyone health insurance is a good idea for a lot of reasons and a bad idea for not very many reasons at all. It's not a government takeover of the healthcare, but a flawed program that needs improving—work on making it better. Unions have been effective in making sure their people got a fair deal, but it doesn't follow that their members get a better deal than everyone else. This is especially true of those who work for the taxpayer. We should drill for oil and extract natural gas to reduce foreign dependence, but nobody gets a blank check to trash the environment. The immigration and illegal alien problem is complicated—you can't ignore it, and you can't throw everybody out, so figure out a place to start. The list goes on. It's not simple, and it's not easy, but it's sensible. Who is going to be strong enough to break through on some of these issues?

Make sure you vote. Don't let that chicken get run over.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Winning the Debate

By Rande Davis

I know who I think won the debates. In fact, it was so clear, no one would question it. Before I get to my conclusion, I want to mention the moderator. He was smooth, clear, highly professional, didn't step on any candidate's answers, and was entirely fair.

The questions were equally clear, mostly about the big issues of the day, with only a couple petty, small things designed more to be irritating than illuminating.

As to the candidates, they handled themselves in a friendly, non-combative style, and, except for only one or two instances, stayed within the time limits set.

Who won? If you think I am opining on the presidential elections, you may be disappointed. I am referring to the commissioners' debate of October 28.

The first winner is the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring these

events every year and devising such an effective methodology. The PACC can be proud, and if the National Commission on Presidential Debates were to pay attention, it would be well served by emulating the format. Granted, the whole thing was more a forum of discussion than actual debate, but it met the purpose of finding out what the candidates held as priorities, their knowledge and awareness on a number of key issues, and it exposed their thought processes that led to their decisions.

It was brought up by one candidate during the debate that the town's new sound system will have the capacity to expand to the point where meetings could be streamed live through the internet—something that I think would not only serve the town better but the commissioners as well.

While town meetings have

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Letter to the Editor Local News

Dear Cugini's Customers,

As you have read in the *Monocle*, Lynne and I have sold Cugini's. Barbara Stull is taking over, and I want to ask all my friends and customers to please continue to support Cugini's Pizza. Barb is a local resident and is eager to start making her own mark. You may see some changes, but our food will not change as Cugini's has retained the same great employees that have always served you. We want to thank everyone that has supported us throughout the years for, without you, we would never have succeeded. We will miss the daily encounters, but we are not going anywhere (for a while) and we hope to see all of you in the coming years. It's been a great eleven years, and as I look back to the small take-out we inherited to the now full-size restaurant with a bar and entertainment, my hope is that Cugini's will continue to grow here in Poolesville, and only you can make that happen. Thanks again and God Bless, Dennis and Lynne Stillson

NIHAC Proposes New Plan for Development

The National Institute of Health Animal Center (NIHAC) in Poolesville held a public hearing on its proposed twenty-year plan for development on October 24 at the Poolesville Town Hall.

The center is four miles from Poolesville and is bordered by large farms and the Chesapeake & Ohio National Historic Park. Of the 513 acre-site, 489 acres are considered undeveloped.

The scope of the project seeks to consolidate research, animal care, and support facilities on the northern section of the campus. In so doing, there will be 245,000 gross square feet of new facilities through construction and renovation. The new facilities would

provide space for flexible animal housing and research clinical support activities, personnel offices, and support breeding and visitor security screening. Additionally, the plan proposes to improve the efficiency of and accommodate the growth of the utility systems for energy, water, and wastewater.

The institute provided notice

of intent on October 3 and is in a sixty-day period to receive public comment. The full Master Plan is available online at nems.NIH.gov. The final decision will be made in January 2013.

FROM AUTHOR MARY ANN POWELL

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Burglary: 21800 block of Peach Tree Road.
Theft: 19100 block of Jerusalem Road, 15500 block of Comus Road.
Theft from vehicle: 17800 block of Doctor Walling Road, 19100 block of Martinsburg Road.
Disorderly conduct complaints: Multiple calls in the 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 17600 block of Cobb Avenue, 17200 block of General Custer Way, 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 17200 block of West Willard Road.

Past Crime

November 7, 1905 The scheduled boxing match that was to be held at the Rock Spring Club did not happen after Deputy Sheriff Bradley warned the owners of the club that they would be subject to arrest if the contest was held. At the time of the match, there were about one hundred Washington men in attendance at the club on the Conduit Road.
November 9, 1902 At a meeting of the mayor and council of Rockville, the town's only policeman resigned. Charles Ahalt, who had served for several years as bailiff, announced that the salary of \$35 a month was not sufficient since he was required to keep the peace, collect taxes, and light the numerous gas lights along the streets. The move left Rockville without law enforcement.
November 10, 1896 The November term of the Circuit

Court adjourned at Rockville. Judge James Henderson ordered the grand jury to make a thorough and complete investigation into the lynching of Sydney Randolph which had happened during July. He told them that they must make a fair and impartial examination of the facts and call as many witnesses as necessary. The judge announced that the perpetrators must be brought to justice "to erase this dark blot on the good name of Montgomery County."
November 11, 1911 Three prisoners picked the lock of the bathroom at the county jail in Rockville and then climbed over the outer wall and made their escape. Anne Lillard, the sister-in-law of the sheriff, fired three shots at the escapees as they climbed over the wall. Then George Hubbard chased the men on horseback for about a mile before losing sight of them. The deputy sheriff tried to use the bloodhounds, but one was sick and the other dog refused to work without his partner.
November 15, 1900 The body of a woman appearing to be about fifty years old was found floating in the C&O Canal by a boatman named Harvey. He informed the authorities at Glen Echo. Deputy Sheriff Embry, Justice of the Peace Austin, and Doctor Ray were all notified and responded to Glen Echo and held an inquest. It was ruled that the woman had drowned. She was promptly buried at a location called Highwater Mark.

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Business Briefs

SMV Voted Best Vineyard for 2012

Congratulations to Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards for being recognized by *The Washington Post Express* as the region's best vineyard in its October 18, 2012 issue. The honor was part of its annual Best of Everything survey. With the region ranging from Delaware to North Carolina, the "Best of" lists traverses well beyond the D.C.-Metro area and includes an impressive list of competitors.

Stephanie's Secret Garden Selected for Contest

Stephanie Egly of Stephanie's Secret Garden has been selected to participate in a design contest sponsored by Arena Stage. The contest centers on the opening in November of *My Fair Lady*. The twenty-five contestants selected will be assigned a famous woman character and her costume for which to design a floral arrangement. All entries will be displayed in the lobby of the theater during the run of the musical.

Ms. Egly told the *Monocle*, "It's an honor to be included, considering there are hundreds of local florists from which to choose."

Local News

New Pastor to Serve Memorial Methodist

In a surprise development, Rev. Patricia Dols announced to her congregation on Sunday, October 7 that she had decided to retire from full-time ministry. While Pat and her husband, Tom, had been contemplating for some time her possible retirement in 2013, their growing desire to spend more time together and with their family, as well as to enjoy the fruits of relaxation and travel, caused them to move up their timetable.

In a letter to the congregation, Lay Leader Scott McGrew wished Pat and Tom a long and blissful retirement. He noted that Pat had blessed the church and the community with her "spiritual gift of compassion as she faithfully visited us or members of our family in times of sickness and in times of grief" and that she had been particularly gifted in leading Bible studies and mentoring. Noting that husband Tom had been a partner in Pat's ministry, he concluded his letter by observing that the Memorial church family would be "eternally grateful for the spiritual fingerprints that Pastor Pat and Tom have



Peg Arnold, Rev. Pat Dols, Tom Dols, and Scott McGrew at the pastor's farewell event at Memorial United Methodist Church.

left on our lives."

Fortunately for the Memorial congregation, the church will not have to wait long for a new spiritual leader. In the Methodist Church, the authority for appointing clergy belongs to the regional conference. In Memorial's case, that is the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference. The congregation was very pleased at the rapidity with which the bishop of the conference, Rev. Marcus Matthews, appointed Pastor Bill Maisch as the interim pastor, effective November 1 through June 30, 2013.

Rev. Maisch brings an interesting background to his new pastorate. He is among a growing number of clergy people (by the way, including Pat Dols) who receive what they often describe as The Call in midlife. In Bill's case, that

marked the end of twenty-five years of service in the military. His career in the air force covered an extraordinary breadth of accomplishments, ranging from combat pilot to strategic assignments in national security-related work at very high levels in Washington, D.C.

Holder of a Master of Divinity degree (2005) from Wesley Theological Seminary

in Washington, D.C., Bill is in his eleventh year of pastoral work. Interestingly, one of the churches he has served is Dickerson United Methodist Church over a three-year period commencing in 2002.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Bill Maisch is that, in a real sense, he has been extremely active in Christian, ecumenical, and multi-family ministries all his adult life, the full enumeration of which includes life-changing missions at local, county, state, and even international levels--all of which he somehow shoehorned into his busy years in the air force. One of his admirers puts it this way: "You are talking about a man who simply went from part-time work for the Lord he has

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Local News

PHS School Bus Involved In Collision on Route 28

On October 24 at approximately 2:30 p.m., officers from the 5th District as well as fire and rescue units responded to the intersection of Darnestown Road (Route 28) and Berryville Road for a report of a personal injury collision involving a bicyclist and a Montgomery County School bus. Preliminary investigation revealed that the bicyclist was traveling northbound on Berryville Road. The school bus was traveling eastbound on Darnestown Road. For reasons still under investigation, the

bicyclist and the school bus collided in the intersection.

The bicyclist involved in the collision has been identified as Michael Wilhelm Breithaupt, age 54, of the 3700 block of East West Highway in Chevy Chase. Mr. Breithaupt remains in critical condition in a local hospital. The school bus driver, Michael Rinaldo, age 53, of Germantown, was transported to an area hospital for a checkup. The school bus was carrying twenty-nine students from Poolesville High School. None of the students was injured.

Investigators are asking that anyone who witnessed this collision and who have not spoken to the detectives should contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620. Callers may remain anonymous.

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Remembrances

Richard Poole Brown



As the family viewed, Richard Poole Brown revved up his big rig for the last run, slowly moved forward, and entered his final destination on Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.

He was born on August 10, 1924 in Barnesville, the only son of Mary Poole and Hatton Darby Brown. He was declared by his Uncle Will Brown to be "the ugliest baby born in Barnesville." This self-made man who proudly proclaimed that he never submitted a timecard or drew a paycheck was first married to Erma Louise Hubble with whom he had the following surviving children: Nona Louise Schwartzbeck (Joseph), Nina Poole Burdette

(James), Richard Hatton, and Clark Everett (Bonnie). He was educated at Barnesville Elementary School, a one teacher, one-room six-grade building now converted into a home. The call of the road sounded, and he answered by leaving Poolesville High School to begin hauling livestock to the market in Baltimore and other places, buying, selling, and bartering chickens and vegetables along the way. His very first job was with a horse and buggy loaded with a calf. Working with his father, Dick hauled grain, hay, livestock, contents of homes, and eventually expanded to a fleet of many tractors and seventeen trailers. Many hay dealings were with Amish farmers in Pennsylvania and Canadian farmers. His businesses expanded all up and down the East Coast. One of the most unusual contracts was to haul three steers to the top of a hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee for an advertising gimmick for the Pet Milk Company.

He would refuse to haul horses, yet for years he built, transported, and put in place portable horse stalls for horse shows. Employing tank trucks, distillery slop

to the State's Attorney, Mr. Warren Cass, played by Jehan Silva and Garrett Taggart, his assistant, Jessalyn Meredith, played by Rebecca Morris and Anna Capobianchi, and the Attorney for the Defense, Mr. James Hathaway, played by Anthony Franks and James Rodgers, to try to sort out the facts before the jury files out of the courtroom to decide the fate of Maxine Lowe. Did Maxine Lowe kill her husband? Why does she refuse to take the stand? Who is Maxine Lowe, really?

To find out the answers to these questions and more, come see the fall show at Poolesville High School on Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 17, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

was hauled to farmers as feed for cattle and hogs. He also arranged with bakeries and candy manufacturers to haul outdated and rejected breads and candies for livestock food. He designed and assisted in the building of a "possum belly" trailer.

At one point, a distinguished gentleman of means from lower Montgomery County dreamed of starting up a dairy farm. He approached the local expert, Dick Brown, about a herd of steers to develop the operation. As they were about to close the deal, Dick's father intervened and nixed the ruse.

Baptized at the Barnesville Baptist Church, then confirmed in later years at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dick supplied Christmas wreaths, straw, and other materials needed for the crèches, as well as trees for those and several other local churches. With his long white beard, red-trimmed suit, and jolly nature, he portrayed an excellent Santa at many Christmas celebrations. When the snow fell, he was out with his plow, opening up driveways and paths for churches, friends, and neighbors. Part-time play was spent auctioneering, making an enjoyable meeting of buyers. Delivering newspapers made for twenty-four-hour days, so that did not last long.

The school box office will open on November 8. Tickets may be purchased from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and at the door starting forty-five minutes before each show. To order tickets by mail, patrons may use the form located

Dick was a past president of the Monocacy Lions Club, very active in the 4-H, FFA, and the Elks Lodge #684.

When Dick moved to Frederick, his partner, John Bare, introduced him as R.P.; thereafter, it was so.

R.P. owned and operated Flook's Texaco at Evergreen Point, Frederick, where he also sold brick for many years. The property was purchased by the state for a new Interstate-70 interchange. He was married to Ida Lutz Jones Price for over thirty years.

Left also to mourn his passing are the following stepchildren: Skip Price (Virginia), Jane Parsley (Jim), Michael Price (Kathy), Darby Price (Laurie), Jack Price (Joyce), Betsy Lynch (John), William Price (Cherry Barr), Ed Price (Kathy), and Vincent Price (DeEtte); numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

R.P. was predeceased by a stepdaughter, Sue Price Ricketson, who died September 13, 2012 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

on the PHS website. The cast of fifty students invites everyone to come and enjoy the show.

School News

Murder You Say?

By Jen Kline

Prepare yourself for The PHS Midnight Players' intense fall show, *The People versus Maxine Lowe*, by Luella E. McMahon. The entire play is set in the 1940s, inside Superior Court Number Fourteen of the State of Illinois, Honorable Judge John Weston presiding. The defendant, Maxine Lowe, played by Bridget Knutson and Lura Auel, is accused of murdering her husband, Daniel Lowe, in cold blood. During the suspenseful three-day trial, the jury hears testimony from a variety of witnesses who give what appears to be conflicting evidence. It is up

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Local News

Jerusalem Road Closed for Repairs

Jerusalem Road has been closed in both directions at Dry Seneca Creek, located between Cissel Manor Road (entrance to Tama II) and Elgin Road (Route 109). The closure is expected to last eight weeks.

The purpose is to install three concrete precast box culverts. At the close of construction, there will be little noticeable difference from the driver's point of view. Dry Seneca Creek is carried under Jerusalem Road through four sixty-inch pipes, which are currently deteriorating.

Fuel Leak Causes Fumes

On Sunday, October 21, residents of a home at the corner of Wootton Avenue and Spates Hill Road smelled fuel fumes within their house. The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer

Fire Department responded and determined the cause to be leakage from the fuel tank of an outside electricity generator. The fuel seeped into the ground and was picked up through the septic pump. The fire department assisted in airing out the home. A spokesperson for the fire department cautioned that owners of such equipment should keep a close eye out for any leakages.

Carroll Manor Recreation Council (CMRC) Accepts Land Donation from Alcoa

Carroll Manor Recreation Council (CMRC) has accepted a twenty-seven-acre land donation from Alcoa, Inc. to build a community park. The land donation will enhance the Adamstown and surrounding communities; the stretch of land is adjacent to the Carroll Manor Elementary and was part of the land surrounding the Eastalco Aluminium Plant. The land transfer is a culmination

of eight years of work by many dedicated people in the Adamstown community, Carroll Manor Volunteer Coalition (CMVC), CMRC, Alcoa, and Frederick County officials. Upon finalization of the land transfer, CMRC will begin a second phase of fundraising to develop the land into a community park with multi-use athletic fields.

A ceremony was held on October 19 at the Carroll Manor Elementary School to publicly thank Alcoa for its generous donation to the community. Alcoa

officials, the CMRC board of directors, community members, and Frederick County officials were in attendance.

"Alcoa is proud to be able to support the community and preserve green space by making this land donation," said Monica Brower, Redevelopment Manager for Alcoa.

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School News

PHS Students Named Semifinalists for National Merit Scholarship Competition

Poolesville High School has announced that seven seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Competition. They include: Deborah Berlin, Meghan Chamberlain, Anyuan Chu, Matthew Gherman, Anand Patel, Bryn Whitney-Blum, and Joy Zeng.

Less than one percent of the nation's high school graduating seniors qualifies as semifinalists.

WeatherBug Station for Poolesville?

The John Poole Middle School administration would like to purchase a WeatherBug Backyard Station that can monitor weather conditions in Poolesville. The device empowers weather enthusiasts to have their weather data seen by millions of users via WeatherBug applications. Principal Boucher says the weather monitoring station fits in well and complements the science cur-

riculum at the school. The JPMS PTSA is seeking ways to help raise the necessary funds and would welcome anyone wishing to assist with donations. You can do so by calling 301-972-7979.

Poolesville HS Students Participate in Mobile MdBioLab

More than five hundred Poolesville High School students conducted hands-on science experiments in the mobile MdBioLab which visited the school from October 2 to 5. The students are enrolled in a biological science class. MdBioLab is a custom-built mobile bioscience laboratory that provides a learning environment centered on inquiry-based laboratory activities, with the goal of increasing awareness of career opportunities in science. It serves high school students and their teachers throughout the State of Maryland.

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"Commissioners' Debate"
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work session to further review and study the report.)

Halbrook considered the report useful as a process to find ideas to incentivize growth. Kuhlman opined that the report's eleven ideas are the starting point for a long process to bring economic growth to the town. He liked its focus on how to utilize our proximity to the Ag Reserve. He reported on efforts to attract a grocery store but noted that our population levels have been found to be too low to find a suitable tenant by the mainline chains. He said we might focus on four or five of the ideas in the report and expressed confidence that a grocery might still be found to occupy at least part of the Selby's Market location.

Klobukowski, in finding the report interesting, expressed concern on rental costs and wanted to see square footage rental charges more in line with the community.

Dickerson voiced support for the Knapp report and also a marketing study currently underway and expressed her interest in advancing senior living and care in the area.

On the matter of school infrastructure, all candidates provided their support for modernization and the hoped-for new high school which could cost as much as \$140,000,000. Klobukowski, who has been, for many years, the commissioners' representative to the school cluster, spoke to the continued need to apply pressure and seek ways to facilitate better relationships with the board of education. Dickerson and Halbrook spoke of their past involvement in PTAs as evidence of their support of school issues.

On the question of supporting a town community center, there was no support for moving in that direction any time soon. Dickerson expressed a definite no on building a center, pointing to the existing problem with empty spaces, and did not want to see any new empty buildings. She felt we could find a better way to use existing space, listing the local churches and schools as examples.

Kuhlman pointed out that the economic facts of our time would not produce a town center for at least five years. He noted that while building a center is something the town could do, the town would need the county to staff it. He floated an intriguing notion of using part of the Selby's Market space for an experimental center while having a grocery store fill the other part.

Halbrook, while liking some of the youth activities that might be part of a center, questioned whether a center would meet a need adequate to its costs; and Klobukowski felt the question needs to be studied much more and would not be something the town could do without partnering with the county in some way.

Method of communication with residents was one area of definite differences in the candidates. Dickerson and Halbrook both voiced support for use of technology and social media like Facebook. Halbrook pointed out that the purchase of a new sound system for the town hall would facilitate possible live streaming of town meetings, something of which he would be in favor. Both Klobukowski and Kuhlman encouraged residents to contact them personally. Kuhlman said he favors face to face versus Facebook, and Klobukowski values meeting with residents as well.

As to the top priorities of the candidates, Halbrook listed economic development; Kuhlman stated finding a successful grocery store, and prioritized his current leadership role in the Maryland Municipal League in fostering a higher profile of town issues with state and county elected and non-elected officials. Klobukowski emphasized education and school infrastructure needs; and Dickerson spoke of economic development by focusing more on taking care of what we have, expanding senior citizen support, and improving the appearance of the town so that what we feel about Poolesville is something visitors can see.

All candidates voiced support for maintaining the small-town ambience of Poolesville.

"Dance, Dance, Dance"
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what Tanya told herself when she decided to try out for the Baltimore Ravens cheerleading squad last March on a whim. A last-minute decision, she tried out for the Ravens to support her friends who were auditioning for the squad. Because she didn't take the tryouts too seriously, she didn't stress about them. "I wasn't nervous at all," she says. She entered the first stage of tryouts with over three hundred other hopeful dancers and was one of the remaining forty to survive the four cuts to make the team. "I was so thankful and grateful that I made it," she says. "That was really exciting." The Ravens also have a stunt team that includes twenty males—the only NFL team with a stunt team.

Immediately after the team member selections, the dance squad went to the Bahamas for a calendar shoot. The summer training camp at Deep Creek Lake followed, then the season began. "I don't think it really hit me [that I made the team] until the first game." During the season, the dancers rehearse two times a week.

As a senior at Towson, Tanya is preparing for certification in elementary education and special education. For the fall semester, she interns in Howard County two days a week; in the spring, she will do her student teaching, also in Howard County, full time.

One might think that being a full-time student and dancing professionally on an NFL team might be a hefty proposition, but Tanya also gives back to the com-

munity through the dance that she loves.

For the past three years, Tanya has helped coach the poms squad at Poolesville High School where her younger sister (now a senior at PHS) has been on the team. Towson has an unusually long winter break—roughly six weeks long—and she would watch their practices, give feedback, and help clean their dances up. Her junior year, she was hired to coach alongside Cathy Hoponick, and this year, she co-coaches with Nora Schaefer. Ms. Hoponick has moved to a different position in the county and no longer works at PHS.

Where does she find the time? "I'm very good with time management," she says. "I'm struggling now, but I find time to balance [all three]."

When she looks to next year, she's not sure where she'll end up or what she'll be doing. She enjoys the Ravens, and she loves coaching. She is able to bring techniques that she learns at the Ravens to her coaching, and it's "lots of fun coaching my sister." She also knows that the first year of teaching is the most work. "It would all depend on where I get hired."

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November 1 and 2

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November 2 Cugini's Entertainment Night

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November 3 Basket & Money Bingo - Benefit Poolesville Relay for Life

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Christmas Bazaar
Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Rd, Poolesville

Luncheon and silent auction. Vendor space available. Contact Betty Jean Selby at 240-489-3131. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 4 Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual Potluck Dinner in the Barn

Once again, bring your favorite dish to share. The SCA will provide fried chicken, and beer and wine will be available for a \$2 donation. Back by popular demand, live music will be provided by Carrie Donovan. RSVP is optional at potluckparty@sug-

arloaforcitizens.org or 301-349-4889. 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 7

Community Dinner and Pie Contest

Come enjoy Breakfast for Dinner at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. Come and enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, and more, and enter your best pie in a friendly contest against your neighbors. Adults \$5.00, Kids five and up \$3.00, under five free, with a \$20.00 maximum charge per family. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Connection Café

The Connection Café at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church offers free wifi and computer help on almost any topic. Between Bill Mattes and Berry Thompson, they can answer most PC/MAC questions. Free coffee, too. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November 9, 10, and 11

WinterGlow 2012

Art League of Germantown's art show and sale at BlackRock Center for the Arts. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Artist Wine Reception: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 9

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Galt Line. 8:30 p.m.

November 10

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Jim Bowie Band. 8:30 p.m.

November 11

American Legion Post 247 Veterans Day Event

Public gathering to show appreciation and gratitude for our veterans. Welcome home to Paul Kelly and the unveiling of a new Heroes Banner listing those in our area who have served since Desert Storm. Special remembrance will be given for fallen heroes Kirk Bosselmann and Scott Kirkpatrick. Whalen Commons - Poolesville. 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

November 14

Open House - The Gathering Place

This is the second open house for the senior daytime activities center at the Sanctuary Retreat Center in Beallsville. Join in the scheduled events of gentle yoga, crafts projects for the holiday season, discussion of election results, and fall songfest. Bring your own lunch or reserve a box lunch for \$6.00 by calling 301-349-2799. 19520 Darnestown Road, Beallsville. 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm.

November 16

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Martha Capone. 8:30 p.m.

November 17

Stephanie's Garden Open House

Get lots of new and creative ideas to decorate your home for the holidays.

Willow Farm, 15115 Mount Nebo Road, Poolesville. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gala Art Exhibition and Auction

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901, invites you to attend an auction and art show with a silent auction, raffle, and door prizes. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and refreshments. For reservations and information call Carlos Contreras at 240-882-5564. St. Mary's Pavilion, 18230 Barnesville Road, Barnesville. Auction preview: 7:00 p.m.; Auction starts: 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00, four tickets for \$30.00.

November 16 and 17

St. Peter's Christmas Attic and Bake Sale

Get ready for Christmas by attending this annual holiday tradition and bake sale at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. Donations are accepted through November 14. Friday: noon to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 18, 19, 20

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Blues Rambler. 8:30 p.m.

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Poolesville Town Commissioner Candidates

Paul "Eddie" Kuhlman

Having the privilege to serve as commission president for the last twelve years has been a great honor for me. I truly enjoy the job and take the responsibility very seriously. Our accomplishments have been many, and I am extremely proud of our town.

After being elected in 2000, I realized Poolesville's needs and issues were not known within county or state government. To change this, I have worked hard to bring our issues to light at these levels by becoming a very active member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). I have served for over six years on the Legislative Committee, am currently President of the Montgomery Chapter of MML and 1st Vice President of the Maryland Mayors Association, next year I will be president. Also, I serve on the Montgomery County Ag Advisory committee. Now, Poolesville has a stronger presence, and our issues and concerns are known by our representatives at county and state levels. They call me and ask questions regarding Poolesville's position on issues that could have an impact on us.

As President of the Commissioners, I have always pushed a positive agenda with open discussion on all matters, making sure all sides have an opportunity to be heard before a decision is made.

My position is to:

Maintain the quality of life Poolesville residents want and deserve: continue monitoring our infrastructure and make improvements where applicable.

Poolesville maintains a balanced budget with a healthy cash reserve, and we need to stay that way: continue my efforts to find a grocery option for the town.

Maintain open communications with town residents as well as county and state elected officials.

In short, we need to keep Poolesville a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

There is unfinished work, I ask you to please vote for my experience and dedication to continue serving you. Vote for Eddie Kuhlman!

Jerome Klobukowski

Having grown up in a small town of nine hundred, I know what small town character means. In essence, it is where lasting friendships are formed, where new arrivals are celebrated, and when people need help, the response is overwhelming.

It is for this reason and for our excellent schools, that people come to Poolesville, proving bigger is not better. They also appreciate the fact that we control our own destiny; that our government's business is conducted and decisions made openly for the betterment of all; and that the town is fiscally responsible and strong. These encapsulate my guiding principles.

My efforts and actions as the Educational Liaison Commissioner have proven that I am one hundred percent committed to ensuring our cluster students have the best facilities, equipment, and programs available to help prepare them for their future academic endeavors and a successful future. We have won some victories over the years like the Global Ecology Studies Program at PHS, a middle school which MCPS did not want to build, the Whole School Magnet Program being sited at PHS, keeping Monocacy Elementary School open, and facility improvements at all of our cluster schools, many of which were directly related to community activism and volunteers making it happen. We have experienced some setbacks (i.e., modernization delayed, library hours cut, Selby's closing), but, working together, we will overcome these, ensuring that Poolesville will remain the "Best Place to Raise a Family" in the Washington metropolitan area (*Washingtonian Magazine* 1999).

I am just as passionate today about this town and as optimistic about its future as I was sixteen years ago when I was first elected to the office of commissioner. Working together, we have accomplished a lot, and we can do even more for all of our current residents and succeeding generations.

Brice Halbrook

When Commissioner Link Hoewing moved to his new home in Beallsville last fall and resigned the final year of his term, I was asked to fill in for him. I accepted the offer thinking it was a perfect way to test drive a new volunteer role—it has been a great new learning experience.

I feel my years of business management and ownership and my financial knowledge are the main assets I bring to the commission. I also think I bring a fresh "everyman" view that drives me to ask questions many of you might ask if deciding important town business.

I was born and raised in Havre de Grace, Maryland and have lived in Maryland for my whole life. I graduated with an economics degree from UMBC in 1977 and have worked in the mortgage banking field for the past thirty years. I have owned a small mortgage partnership in Montgomery County since late 2000.

My wife Michelle and our children, Zac, Pete, and Julia, moved to Poolesville in February of 2000 in search of a real community, and we found it.

I volunteered to lead the Poolesville Day Committee in 2006 after the loss of Jake Perkins. With the help of others, especially Bridget Burke, we put together a great team and had a successful five-year run.

If chosen by the people, I will promise to continue volunteering my time and maximum energy to the town that our family has grown to love. I have always felt that in volunteering we receive way more than we give. I have found Poolesville to be a very giving place!

Thank you for your time in listening or reading about me, and I look forward to your questions.

Valaree Norman Dickerson

It is with great pride and love for my community of forty cumulative years that I announce my candidacy for Poolesville Town Commissioner.

As the years have passed and I look back on my participation and accomplishments, I feel strongly that after my second twenty years, it is now time to engage in the fine-tuning of this amazing place we all call home.

From the co-op preschool board of directors to PTA president/board member of all four schools in our cluster, being one of the founders of the WUMCO Toy Program as well the sole originator and director for the holiday parade for many years, the town's favorite DJ and now your friendly Gopher, I am constantly finding myself yearning for happy harmonious times for the families, friends, and wonderful children of Poolesville. With all my varied experience and interests, I feel I would be an excellent addition to the board of commissioners.

I have a deep, heart-felt interest in the business district that encompasses our town, and I want to lend a hand to help further the plans that our current board has put in place. While I am not currently active in the town's business at hand, I will review whatever is necessary to quickly get up to speed.

As I have reached the end of one era (mother of four PHS graduates) I have moved into a different phase of my life—one in which I feel a calling to serve on this board.

Please join me on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at Poolesville Town Hall where the town election will be held. Once you have visited your polling place for the general election (town schools), swing by and see me and the other candidates as you cast your final vote of the evening.

Forty years strong and proud to be a Poolesville resident and parent in Montgomery County's sweetest little town.

Tidbits

You Are Invited to Welcome Home One of Our Heroes

The American Legion Post 247 has a special remembrance on Veterans Day on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Whalen Commons in Poolesville.

The post will be welcoming home Poolesville's Paul Kelly who returned home last September from Afghanistan. Post 246 has been developing a new banner that lists the names of those from our area who have served since Desert Storm. Thanks to the Town of Poolesville, with special assistance by Town Manager Wade Yost, who designed and printed the new four-color banner and Dickerson's Jack Davis, who is building a frame for it, the banner will have a permanent home in the town hall. It will also be portable, so that it can be displayed at special events.

The event also provides special honor to our two fallen heroes, Kirk Bosselmann and Scott Kirkpatrick. Mr. and Mrs. Bosselmann plan to attend while

the Kirkpatricks, whose son was born on November 11, will be at Arlington Cemetery.

All are welcome to attend for this time of appreciation and honor given to those who served and serve our nation so honorably.

The thirty-minute remembrance will close with the drawing from the 2012 American Legion raffle.

MCBA U18 A/AA Takes Championship

Congratulations to both the junior varsity and varsity teams of the Montgomery County Baseball Association (MCBA) U18 A/AA division for winning the championship at Olney Field on October 25.

Monocacy Lions Seek Raffle Winner

Did you buy a ticket for the Monocacy Lions Club 50/50 raffle? Perhaps at Poolesville Day, or from a Monocacy Lion you may have encountered? Is your name Billy King? If the answer to these questions is yes, then call Monocacy Lions Treasurer

Peter Gallo at 301-972-4317 and present your bona fides. You may have won \$48. Taxes will be your responsibility.

Fall Festival Benefit for WUMCO Successful

Catherine Beliveau, the originator and coordinator of the Fall Festival Walk-a-Thon for WUMCO, reports that this year's event resulted in proceeds of \$3,500 to \$4000. She provided the following statement to thank all involved:

Thank you to everyone who attended the festival—a big thank you to the vendors. A special thank you to Valaree Dickerson for hosting the music all day long, to the PHS National Honor Society for supplying and organizing our youth volunteers. We literally could not run the festival without their help. Thank you to the Kohl's Associates who volunteered through their Associates in Action program. Thank you to our sponsors: the CEDC, Poolesville Presbyterian Church, Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church,

Total Automotive, Calleva, Taste of Carolina Corn Hole Boards, Homestead Farm, Twisted Cone, Drs. Pike and Valega, Kettler Forlines Homes, Fine Earth Landscaping, Poolesville Veterinary Clinic, Corporate Network Services, and Hilary Schwab Photography. Also, a big thank you to those families and businesses that donated baskets to our basket auction, a new activity at the festival this year: the Gunther-Hagblade Family, the Mike Bupp Family, Glad-I-Yoga, Poolesville Hardware, the Poolesville Service Group of the Girl Scouts, John Poole Middle School Phantom Players, the Hoewing Family, and the Beliveau Family.

Youth Sports

Poolesville Girls' Tennis Bounces Back To the First Division

By Jeff Stuart

Poolesville High School's girls' tennis team (9-3, 9-0 Division II) defeated Northwest convincingly on Thursday, October 4, 6-1, finishing unbeaten in Division II and earning the right to move back to the county's elite Division I next fall. The win came on Senior Day at Northwest. The Falcons lost the number one singles match but swept the remaining matches.

For senior Elena London, first doubles, it's her first year playing tennis at Poolesville. "We won our division," she says. "We lost against the Division I games we had, but we've been playing

really well. First doubles has won all of our Division II matches. Our very first match was Rockville. It went three sets. It was a very tough match."

Her first doubles partner is junior Ana Vlajnic. "This is my second year on the tennis team. My sophomore year was fun, but I think the team this year is a lot more united. We do a lot more team bonding. We get along a lot better. We are kind of like a little family."

Poolesville's first singles is junior Ashley Chang. The second singles is junior Eki Olumese. "She has a sister who was my doubles partner last year," adds Vlajnic. "They are both amazing tennis players." Third singles is senior and captain, Shirya Gupta. Fourth singles is Carley Pera, an incoming freshman who was trusted with the position because of her potential. "We took a chance and she has not let us down," says Vlajnic. "She plays

really tough matches, and we are all really proud of her."

Does Ana want to play singles next year? "I really like doubles. I like having someone I can share the blame with. With singles you are out there alone. With doubles you have someone right next to you cheering you on, someone who understands."

"We don't have ranked players and none of my players have private coaches," Poolesville Coach Holly Dacek said. "Our first three singles players are really close. There is not really a wide gap between them. There are no prima donnas, they have worked really hard."

On October 4, the Falcons completed their unbeaten run through the division with a convincing 6-1 record. "They're definitely the top of our division," said Northwest Coach Jeff Barnes. "They don't have a superstar, but they fill a really deep team. It makes it hard to compete with

them."

The Falcons second doubles pairing is junior Alaina Pak and Hanna Kim. Playing third doubles are senior Impana Shetty and sophomore Ginny Moses.

Senior Ntebo Mokuena, sophomore Devika Haridas, freshman Elizabeth Quito, and senior Helen Yu also contributed to this successful season.

Moving up to Division I was the team's primary goal, but Coach Dacek knows it represents a real challenge for next year's squad.

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Montgomery County School Board Candidates

Phillip Kaufmann

MC School Board At-Large
I am the incumbent in the At-Large race and am seeking re-election because I want to ensure that our schools remain among the best in the nation. I believe in public education as key to a successful life for every child, key to a healthy economy, and key to the prosperity of our county. If elected, I will continue to advocate that we produce graduates with the skills necessary for productive futures, whether they go on to college or to the work world.

These are tough economic times, and our school system requires experienced leaders. I have that experience. I became involved in our schools through my own children, who are MCPS graduates, and through my wife, who is a teacher. I served as PTA president, as cluster coordinator, and then as an area vice president for

the countywide PTA. I was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by the Maryland PTA in recognition of my service to children. In 2008, I was elected to the Board of Education. I currently chair the Board's Fiscal Management Committee and am a member of its Special Populations Committee. My service has given me a greater understanding of the challenges facing a large school system.

I have lived in Montgomery County for over twenty-five years. I have developed strong relationships with education advocates that enhance my ability to serve our students. I am proud to have endorsements of our teachers, principals, retirees, SIEU local 500, and many elected officials. The Gazette endorsed me as well, and said I deserved to be reelected.

Editor's Note: We printed all of the responses that we received.

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not always been the most civil, the last four years have seen a tremendous change in the way they are run, and the open process of discussion ensures solid discussion, usually leading to a consensus on decisions rather than the bitter divisiveness witnessed in years past.

There is no doubt we have four candidates who really have the best interest of the town at heart. Fresh perspectives can be beneficial but so can experience. Halbrook and Dickerson offer a new look at things. Klobukowski and Kuhlman bring years of experience. Klobukowski focuses on educational matters and diligently has carried the torch on school problems before the Board of Education. Kuhlman has a strong awareness of the details that time and time again prove to be the key in the discussion and analysis of issues that is so helpful in making good decisions. He has also shown a remarkable ability

to "grow in office."

So who won the debate? The winner is: the PACC, the candidates, the town, and you, even if you were not there. Our small town ambience is not our strength just because of our size but, more importantly, because of the largeness of our community spirit. Keep Poolesville small by keeping our community spirit big.

"New Pastor" Continued From Page 7.

always served to full-time."

Bill is married to the former Jill Allen Jachowski, a science teacher at Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksburg. They reside in Damascus and have six children. He will step into the pulpit at Memorial for the first time on Sunday, November 4.



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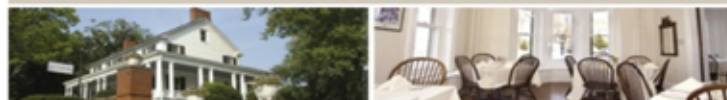
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