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Ryan Pike becomes our area's newest Eagle Scout. See Local News on Page 14.



Students from Poolesville Elementary School presented this banner of appreciation to the wounded soldiers visiting from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. See more pictures on Page 24.



Why are five PHS students in the bush better than one in the hand? Read Local News on Page 19



They moved Clarksburg Day to a new location this year, but it's not that hard to get there. See our special Guide beginning on Page 16.

Clarksburg Getting Ready to Celebrate 256th Anniversary

The Clarksburg Historical Society, Inc., with the help of other groups and individuals, is preparing for its June 7 Clarksburg Day festival. This year's event helps mark the 256th anniversary of the township.



Clarksburg Day 2008 will be bigger and better.

Clarksburg was first settled in 1752 by William Clarke, who came here from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to trade with the Seneca Native Americans. His son, John, built a family home at 23346 Frederick Road (Route 355), and it is from this family that the town was named.

Clarksburg was a thriving town in the mid-1800s having a general store, tanneries, leather-making machines, blacksmiths, and wheelwright shops. Andrew Jackson stopped in Clarksburg to dine at a tavern called Dowden's Ordinary on his way to become president. It may surprise many to learn that

back then, Clarksburg actually rivaled Rockville and Poolesville as one of the largest towns in Montgomery County.

One of the most popular events during Clarksburg Day is a walking tour of twenty sites within the old section of Clarksburg. The Clarke family home, built in 1797, and the Horace Wilson house, built circa 1800, are just two of the highlights of the tour. Dr. Horace Wilson was a highly-accomplished resident having been a physician, state delegate, and senator. The home actually has been the home to many doctors over the years.

While the main events will be held on Wims Road next to Clarksburg High School, there will be a special

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Soccerplex Plans Expansion of Stadium

By Kristen Milton

The Maryland Soccer Foundation hopes to nearly double the stadium seating at its Boyds soccerplex by next spring in anticipation of play by a new women's professional soccer league. The plans were revealed during the group's May 1 annual report to the Montgomery Planning Board. The foundation, which holds a forty-year lease on the 162-acre facility in a private/public partnership, is required by that lease to provide an annual report to the board on its finances and future plans.

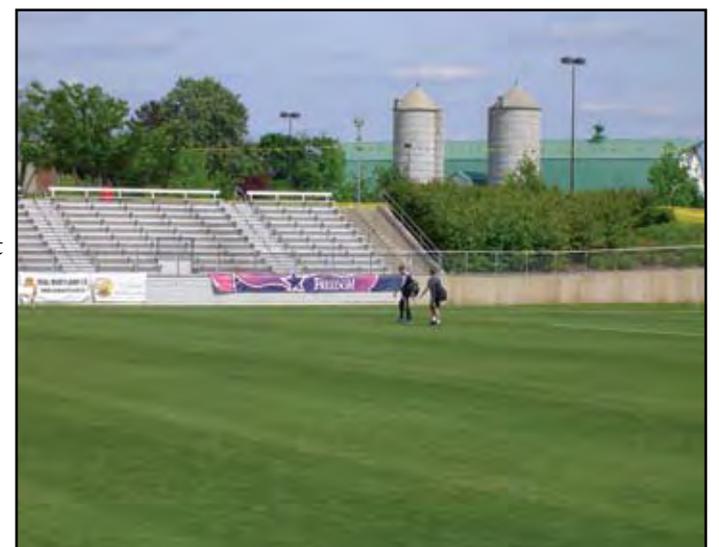
The expanded seating plans were the biggest development in a presentation by executive director Trish Heffelfinger. Heffelfinger said Washington Freedom, a team chaired by John Hendricks—whose wife Maureen is a soccerplex board member—will begin playing at the Maryland Soccerplex

in spring 2009 as part of the launch of Women's Professional Soccer. An earlier league ended play in 2003. The Freedom will play at the facility at least three years, Heffelfinger said, but the league requires a 6,500-seat stadium seating capacity, and the Boyds soccerplex currently offers only about 3,400 seats.

Heffelfinger said bids for the work and associated fencing were already being sought, and she hoped to bring plans before the board this summer for approval. A community meeting would be held in the meantime, she said, to inform neighbors of the new plans and seek input.

"That's sort of a major improvement," Heffelfinger acknowledged.

However, the soccerplex lease had anticipated eventual stadium expansion to 7,500 seats, she said, allowing



The Maryland Soccerplex in Boyds

the facility to make itself available for larger events. Heffelfinger noted that the improvements would not require debt service on the part of the foundation. "This will be paid by others," she said, without specifying the source of the money.

Later in the May 1 discussion, board member Allison Bryant alluded to funding issues when he asked

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John Poole Middle School students held a car wash and concert to send the concert band and director Robert Fogleman to a band festival competition at King's Dominion



Herb Brown is first to take the putting competition challenge during the PHS Booster Club's Jake Perkins Golf Tournament. Others pictured: Charles Self, Chet Anderson, and Chip Dunn.



The annual Potomac Hunt Races on Partnership Road successfully dealt with a saturated race course as this pack of jumping horses attests. Photograph by Ed Lunsford



The Jake Perkins Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Poolesville High School athletic programs through its booster club was played at Bretton Woods Country Club. Pictured are Bill Jamison, Jodi Brooks, Kathy Kenly, Frank Jamison, John Warren, and Sue Kramek.



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In the Garden

A Bed of Roses

By Maureen O'Connell

I was recently in Napa, California. The floor of the Napa Valley encompasses the towns of Napa, Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, and Calistoga. The valley's rolling hills and rhythmic lines of grape vines are home to many of California's legendary vineyards, from the large estates of Beau-lieu, Beringer, Louis Martini, Stag's Leap, and Sterling Vineyards to the small family-owned Cakebread Cellars, Hill Family Estate, and Bourassa Vineyard. Driving the thirty-mile distance on the scenic Silverado Trail from Napa to Calistoga, you pass on both sides of the narrow, winding road beautiful well-landscaped vineyards. They have perfectly-spaced row after row of grapevines growing on Y-shaped stakes. I noticed that almost every vineyard, both small and grand, had rose bushes in multiple shades of red, pink, yellow, and white planted at the end of each row. There were also rose bushes planted at the vineyard's entrance, up the driveway, and around the parking areas and the manor house. There were roses everywhere in the towns. The Napa Valley was a large bed of roses.

I was curious as to why there were roses strategically planted near the rows of vines and how they maintained them. At one of the vineyards, I asked one of the gardeners these questions. He told me that in the Napa Valley and throughout the wine regions of France, you will see roses planted along the edges of the vineyards. Traditionally, they have served as an early warning system to protect the grape vines, the equivalent of a miner's canary. Roses and grapevines are both susceptible to the fungus powdery mildew. Roses are more sensitive, so if

a grape grower noticed one day that his roses had powdery mildew, he knew it was immediately time to spray sulfur on his grapes to prevent them from getting the same disease. Roses also warn of other diseases and growing problems before they affect the grapevines, and they serve as a habitat for some beneficial insects that eat other undesirable insects.

Maintaining healthy roses in the Napa Valley is easier than in Monocacy country because of the valley's moderate climate. During the spring and summer months, the temperatures are in the seventies and eighties, and there is low humidity. It is an ideal climate to grow all flowers, especially roses. When I was there, however, the area was in the midst of a heat wave; the temperatures were in the low one hundreds.

Our climate can be notoriously difficult to grow and maintain healthy roses. Our hot, humid weather favors many rose fungal diseases, and the Japanese beetles can destroy entire gardens. Generally, late May and June are the best months for roses in our area. The weather is warm, but not extremely hot, and the beetles don't arrive until about the fourth of July. Well, this year is going to be the exception. The month of May has been the wettest in fifty-five years. The rain continued for days, so plants' leaves were wet for a long period of time. The temperatures have jumped around from the eighties to the forties and fifties and back again to the eighties—all ingredients for a perfect storm of fungal diseases. This year, I was traveling a bit in the early spring and did not follow my own advice to spray with a fungicide as soon as leaves appeared on my rose bushes. Consequently, about one half of my roses have a bad case of black spot. It is caused by the fungus *Diplocarpon rosae*. The symptoms start with small, round, black spots, ranging in size from a sixteenth to a half inch in diameter, appearing on the upper sides of the leaves. Leaf tissue adjacent to

spots turns yellow.

You can prevent fungal diseases by spraying with a fungicide, but it will not cure the condition. What do you do? I heavily prune the stems that have black spot. Don't worry; you won't kill the bush by pruning, but if you leave it the way it is, the fungus will spread to all the leaves and defoliate the entire bush. It will weaken and then die. If you prune it, it will delay flowering, but the bush will set new leaves and re-grow.

Set up a health maintenance program now for your roses. Once a month from now until September, fertilize with a rose-specific fertilizer, such as Rose Tone. Spray about once a week

with a systemic fungicide. This should protect your roses from most diseases. A systemic one is better, as it will not be washed off by rain. Spray as needed for insects. Here again a systemic solution is preferable. I use Orthenex Insect and Disease Systemic spray. I have over eighty rose bushes, so I need a large sprayer. If you have only a few bushes, a ready-mixed spray bottle will be sufficient. Last year, Bayer came out with a new product called Bayer All-In-One. It is a three-way systemic product that fertilizes and provides insect and disease control. It is not a spray. You pour

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Commentary

Worlds Apart

By Dominique Agnew

How many times has it occurred that visitors from the Down-County region of Montgomery County have come to the Ag Reserve and exclaimed over its beauty? They never realized what a jewel it is. How many people does that leave who don't come to our area, who don't appreciate what it represents, and who could care less about it—whether it exists or not? Too many, sadly, is the answer. It's as if they live in a different world and don't understand our world, our beliefs and values, and our way of life.

Maybe the time is now.

We who live in this area (most of the *Monocle* readership) are fighting for our lives, it seems. Everybody wants a piece of the Ag Reserve—and not always for the best of reasons. There have been created a few organizations (For a Rural Montgomery, for example, or the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, to name another) which actively combat those who wish to encroach upon and sully the richness of the natural beauty we're trying to preserve. It has been said before, no one ever takes a development and turns it back into a farm. Once farms are developed, they are devoured forever. Much money has been raised and spent in an effort to protect the Reserve, to educate the Down-Countians about this natural resource. Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to protect it? Maybe that money could be raised to nurture something else beautiful (oh, maybe the arts or music).

The time is now.

Not only does the Down-County disregard the Up-County and its beauty, it looks upon it as a sort of dumping ground. Montgomery County needs a penitentiary. The Down-County says: Not in my backyard. Let's put it in Clarksburg, there's plenty of room there. Montgomery County police officers need a shooting range. The Down-County says: Not in my backyard. Let's put it in Poolesville, they have room. Montgomery County thinks it needs another highway and another bridge across the Potomac (what it really needs is for people to walk and ride trains—look at Europeans). The Down-County says: Not in my backyard. Let's put it in Dickerson, there's hardly anybody there to be bothered by it.

The time is upon us.

Naturally, we have representation

in the Montgomery County government, but it's mighty small, comparatively. What if the whole county council were representing only the Up-County and nothing but the Up-County? That would be mighty fine. Of course, the Down-County would say, Where's our representation? Well, my friends, I have a solution. If I may put forth a Modest Proposal (not in the style of Swift, mind you, but Modest, nonetheless). The Down-County can have its county council (and it can eat it, too). We will no longer join them, for, you see, we will have our own county—a county where we make the rules, a county where we choose our destiny, a county where silly laws for city people won't apply (cats must be on a leash when outside—whatever), a county where people who want city laws should move back to the city (or suburbia in that other county, the Montgomery one).

The time is upon us, my friends, for a secession.

Ah, you need a moment for reflection and contemplation, yes? Let me help you. I Propose that the Ag Reserve break off from the rest of Montgomery County and become its own, proper county. Why not? For that matter, I urge those in Frederick County who are like-minded, namely the southern and southwestern regions along the Potomac, to join us. Do you think our new county needs a name? I thought so too, and so, to commemorate the greatest landmark in our new county—Sugarloaf Mountain—I Propose: Sugar County. If you want to say it with attitude: Sugah County. If you want to say it with sweetness: Sugah County—this pronunciation has a different inflection, a little less sass, perhaps. For sure, there are other details to be worked out, but you can't expect me to solve everything, can you? Then we'll end up with Despot County (which doesn't roll off the tongue quite so neatly, does it?).

The time has come.

Despot County aside, I do have a few thoughts. We may need a little bit of income. Hmm, that power plant that happens to be in Sugar County, well, if you live outside of Sugar County, you'll have to pay a little surcharge to purchase our power. Schooling? Why, welcome staff and students to the Sugar County Public Schools. Where will we put our state-of-the-art music and arts center? Well, once we bus the prisoners from the Clarksburg Penitentiary to the new center of Montgomery County and drop them off there, then we'll have a nice-sized facility to convert.

The time has come—for a Revolution.

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Commentary

Road Hazards

By John Clayton

I was almost hit by a snake on Barnesville Road the other day. I was driving along, minding my own business, when a large bird that appeared to have some sort of elongated tail or set of feet like an exaggerated heron came hurtling toward my vehicle from the right side. I subsequently realized that it was a bird carrying a snake, and that the bird was most likely a hawk. The former is a slam dunk; I am quite sure it was a snake. The latter is based on my limited knowledge of wildfowl: I believe hawks will do that sort of thing, the flash of color seemed about right, I see hawks quite frequently in that general area, and the bird had that muscular look that hawks have. So for the purpose of this story, it was a hawk, even if it was an owl.

The hawk and I both swerved, neither of us being challenged by oncoming traffic, and the hawk briefly swooped back whence he came, and then turned back and continued upon his original flight pattern, which was to get to the other side.

I immediately began to consider the possibilities. What if I had been unable to swerve due to oncoming traffic or perhaps just not having enough time to react? In that case, I could have hit the two of them, or perhaps just startled the hawk enough to drop the snake. Had I been in a convertible—or had a sunroof open—things could have gotten very interesting. I pictured the snake dropping into the car and subsequently slithering safely away, leaving a now white-haired cardiac arrest victim and a mystery that no CSI team is ever going to crack.

This led me to another thought, which was to suggest to the Barnesville Mayor and Commissioners that perhaps one could train hawks to swoop down on speeding cars and drop snakes on them. This, in my humble opinion, would help alleviate the very legitimate problem of people speeding through Barnesville. In fact, it might help alleviate traffic altogether altogether, as most people don't like snakes, and even those of us that are accepting of them still don't

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Focus on Business

The Women's Nest: For Women, Obviously!

By Dominique Agnew

Local Boyds resident, Melissa Foster, has made a dream a reality: in creating the website The Women's Nest, she has provided a resource for women of all backgrounds and lifestyles to come together and chat, rant, rave, praise, share, laugh, and cry whenever it works into their busy schedules—without having to leave home, work, or family to do it.

The initial website was launched on November 17, 2007, then it went live with a new site on February 17, 2008, but the idea began germinating five or six years ago when Melissa had wanted to start a center in Bethesda where women could come for free legal and financial advice. A few years went by, and Melissa was instead able to start a virtual center for women. At first, Melissa set up the website as a way to connect with female friends. It

started out as a forum where women could talk about all sorts of subjects without having to leave their families to do so. The site has evolved into a whole community for women with many different topics to explore including education and careers, moms without moms, teen talk, women's health, to name just a few—and she worked in the free help from a medical expert and a financial expert.

The book club on the site invites published authors to take part in exclusive discussions with members. In April, Lisa See, author of Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, was the guest author, and coming up on June 2, Ann Hood, author of The Knitting Circle and Comfort, will talk to members.

The site also features free email to all members, fun contests, and a swap shop. Melissa adds that the site is open to change and expansion as the members need or request it. She is very accessible to the members. "We're trying to fill all the needs of women," she says. "We're growing as the community grows." At press time, there are over six hundred active members with that number increasing every day.

Of course, Melissa can't do it all single handedly and has enlisted the help of Beth Grimmert who assists her

in running the site. Both women volunteer the time they spend working on the site. Although there are some ads, they only cover the web fees and maintenance of the site. Melissa calls her work on the site a "giving back to the community." Their dedication and time have already proven worthwhile, after only a few months in existence, the Women's Nest has already won the prestigious Top 100 WAHM Site of the Month for April 2008.

Membership is free, and Melissa monitors the site closely for safety. "I take every step possible to ensure the safety of women on the site," she says. There is no personal information

on the site concerning where members live or how they can be contacted outside of the Women's Nest.

For more information or to become a member, visit www.thewomensnest.com and reach out to other women to "escape the chaos of daily life."



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Hiking for Your Health Can Be as Fun as a Scavenger Hunt

By David Barga

Hiking is an excellent way to keep active during warmer months. The problem is not everyone enjoys hiking for the sake of hiking. Geocaching is an excellent way to take a walk through the woods to the next level. It takes getting lost in the wilderness and mixes it with a worldwide scavenger hunt. The result is hours of fun, a solid workout plan, and a better awareness of the world around you.

Geocaching is essentially a hunt for "caches" as they are called. People hide caches in various parks and locations that are either mildly or massively off the beaten trail. Participation in this game requires nothing more than a handheld GPS unit. If you wait for a sale you can pick up one of these units for no more than \$200.00. After the cache is hidden, usually an ammo box or a plastic tube, its coordinates are posted in an online forum. There is always a sign-in sheet, and usually

small trinkets inside the hidden box. When you find one of these boxes, you simply sign the log book, and take a trinket, provided you leave one behind. What you take and leave is also to be included in the log book. You then go back to the online forum and update your profile saying that you've found that cache.

While this seems fairly straightforward, some can be more difficult to find than others. Some are highly complex including multiple finds and a bit of math or basic knowledge of history. As mentioned before, many are ammo box-type caches, though some are as small as a dime, and only include a scroll-type sign in sheet. The good news is it is a very friendly game, and there is no misconception about what you're getting yourself into. All the caches are well described and rated by difficulty. Even the easier ones are hidden, so some searching is involved, but the easy ones are simple enough that it can be a wonderful way for the whole family to get out, breathe some fresh air, spend a little time on the trail, and have an all-around great time.

It is important that you respect the environment that you travel through to get to these caches. A visit to www.geocaching.com will give

you all the information you'll ever need. Also visit the Leave No Trace organization for tips on how to be as low impact on and around the trails at www.lnt.org. Happy hunting, and I'll see you on the trails.

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Local News

Barn Renovation Plans Move Forward

By Kristen Milton

A Germantown barn would retain its horse troughs and stalls but be otherwise transformed by a \$3.2 million construction project creating a new heritage visitor center at Waters House Special Park, according to plans presented this month to the Montgomery County Planning Board.

A decade after work began at the four-acre park, located in the Milestone Manor subdivision, a coalition of four area organizations believes it is time to expand usage of the site for historical, cultural, and community events. Currently, the Waters House is leased to the Montgomery County Historical Society and hosts exhibits, a Santa holiday visit, and other events attracting approximately three thousand visitors a year. That attendance may more than triple with the new heritage center.

Speaking at the planning board's May 15 public hearing, longtime historical society director Mary Kay Harper said the Waters House outbuildings, including the wooden 1914 barn, a corn crib, carriage house, and loafing sheds, were always anticipated as the next step in the property's development. That is why the society arranged to have utilities, sprinklers, and a security system installed years ago, Harper said.

Board members expressed concern about funding at the hearing but unanimously approved the concept while requiring additional market and financial studies as well as a shift in focus away from a traditional visitors' center.

Joey Lampl, parks cultural resource manager, said the lack of visibility at the site, as well as the ever-increasing use of the internet, would make it unlikely to be a stop for those in need of information on lodging or county attractions. An emphasis on heritage was therefore preferable, she said. Planning vice-chair John Robinson said the coalition would need to be largely self-sufficient in the coming years as the project got off the ground. "We're in absolutely no position to help you [financially]," he said. "We'll be hard pressed to mow the grass." Board member Jean Cryor recommended the group find "a sugar daddy" in the form of a developer in need of a community project or other large donor.

Fran Abrams, interim director of the Arts and Humanities Council, said



The outbuildings at the Waters House Special Park in Germantown.

the coalition, which received state and county funds to perform the feasibility study, was confident of its ability to raise both construction money and the estimated \$142,000 annual operating cost. "We're basically going to invest in your property and we're happy to do it," Abrams said.

Work envisioned for the barn includes archival space, genealogical research areas, a kitchen, and restrooms on the ground floor, displays, a gift shop, a café, and offices on the next level, all topped by a classroom/community meeting room in the loft area.

The outdoor area or barnyard, which faces the other outbuildings, was presented as the future location for weddings, craft fairs, and concerts although the group said they would not be on a scale to compete with Black-Rock Center for the Arts, also located in Germantown.

Architect David Bagnoli said the renovations would make use of beautiful views that would be unaffected by the new Clarksburg elementary school opening next year on the adjacent site, whose parking the barn would share.

"One of the things that really captured our imagination," Bagnoli said, "is the real sense of majesty and grandeur you get when you walk...up that bank barn bridge."

The coalition hopes those views will be enjoyed by some eleven thousand visitors a year, according to the feasibility study. Visitors would include student tour groups, researchers, and historical enthusiasts, as well as attendees at weddings, Heritage Day, and other anticipated community events.

Abrams said she hopes the climate-controlled archival space would lead to area historical collections migrating to the new space, creating "a focal point for county history" at the now-vacant barn.

Center Stage

**CHS Band:
Marching Forward**

By Dominique Agnew

It has been two years since Clarksburg High School first opened its doors to new students; two years since Chuck Orifici helped open those doors as the band and orchestra director; and two years during which Chuck Orifici has been steadily building a music program. It has been a busy two years—and it's just the beginning.

After having taught at Northwest High School for eight years—a great experience, “I really, really liked teaching there,” he says—Mr. Orifici made the move to CHS to shorten his commute from New Market and to take part in the unique opportunity to open a new high school. “I thought it would be a lot of fun to open a new high school,” he says. As with any move, there are some good things that come with the move and some good things that you have to give up when you move.

Of course, what can beat teaching in a brand-new facility with state-of-the-art equipment? Also, the administration at CHS is very supportive of the arts and was good about getting the instruments and music that were needed. Unlike his office at Northwest, he has a room with a view. “I have windows now,” he points out. There were times when he left for work early at Northwest, then went home late and never saw the sun.

What has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of the new position has been the influence and support of the Clarksburg community—the way the school and the community are closely linked—something he had never before



The Clarksburg High School Band.

experienced. The bands have been invited to perform at various community functions and events. The residents of Clarksburg “see the school as an important part of the community,” he says. These have been wonderful opportunities for the musicians to hone their performance skills. As a reflection of this, for the second year in a row, they have been invited to perform for Clarksburg Day on June 7. Both bands, the intermediate and the advanced bands, will perform in the high school cafeteria. The music they will perform will cover pieces from competition this past year (where they performed fairly well, the orchestra receiving superior marks of one, and the bands earning twos), marching band music for next year (Mr. Orifici likes to get music to the students for the following year beforehand, so they can spend the summer practicing it), and crowd pleasers like marches.

Mr. Orifici, himself a product of Montgomery County Public Schools, graduated from Springbrook High School and St. Mary's University. His instrument of choice is the trumpet, and after his university studies, he played in the Redskins marching band for two years. He would have liked to continue performing but found the commute from Frederick to Washington, D.C. long, and he has his hands full with teaching the next generation of musicians.

The other ensembles besides the two bands, some of whom play in the marching band, are the orchestra and the jazz band. Mr. Orifici has great plans to expand the number of ensembles. He would like to split the orchestra into two orchestras, beginning and advanced, and he would like to start a percussion ensemble and a string quartet. More musicians involved in the program would help, and this has been his biggest concern. As compared with Northwest High School, it seems to be a harder sell to have students take music. This is not to say the program isn't growing, because it certainly is. The marching band almost doubled its second year, and next year will see an increase in the musicians' numbers by forty. Mr. Orifici has a few cards up his sleeve to help interest more students. Most importantly, he will make the marching band a more important part of football games, and will increase its visibility by also taking it to the away football games. He would like to see the crowds as excited

about the marching band as they are about the game. His experience with the Redskins' band will be put to good use realizing this goal. He has also taken band members on a trip New York this past year, and plans more such trips. On a bigger scale, he has put into motion a trip to China for fall 2008. In China every year, there is a big parade the size of a Macy's Day Parade or a Rose Bowl Parade that is part of the Shanghai Tourism Festival. He's received the okay from the CHS administration, now he hopes MCPS will also agree to the trip.

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Youth Sports

Falcons Coed, Boys Volleyball Teams Advance in Playoffs

Clarksburg Sees Improvement

By Jeff Stuart

In her eleventh season at Poolesville High School, coed volleyball Head Coach Fran Duvall is experienced and used to winning, both at the high school and club levels. Last fall, the Poolesville girls' team, which she also coaches, went through the regular season undefeated (14-0) before dropping a 22-25, 25-21, 25-22, 26-24 decision to Boonsboro in the 1A West Region semifinal. In 2006, the girls' team reached the 1A South Region final. Her girls' teams reached the state finals in 2002, 2003, and 2005, and the state semifinals in 2004.

That's a lot for this year's coed team to live up to. "Last year we went 7-6 and lost in the first round of play-offs," said the coach, "but our coed program has seen its own successes. We have won three division titles and lost in the county finals three times—so no titles, but we have been there before."

Undaunted, the 2008 Falcon coed team kept pace with last fall's girls' team. They won their first eight matches before losing at Damascus. They finished the regular season 10-2. There is no state or region championship. Montgomery County remains the only county in the Washington, D.C.-area competing in coed volleyball. But on Wednesday, May 7, the squad swept a three-game county playoff set from Blair. "We played decent enough to beat an okay team, and that's always good," said Duvall. "Ashley Funk played very well and so did Kobby Waters. Kobby has improved a great deal this season.

Our ball control was really on against Blair. Dee Miller was also strong for us." The Falcons continued to advance in the county championship bracket with a quarterfinal win over Paint Branch on Friday, May 9. Game scores were 25-15, 23-25, 25-14, 26-24. "We played well tonight and again well enough to make it to the next round. I feel the team is doing what we need to get through. The match Tuesday will be a tough one. We have good chemistry right now. Mark Fales joined the team this year as a senior and has had a big impact, but we do not really have any superstar, just a lot of hard-working players who all contribute to our success. It is a nice bunch. They play hard and support each other. We have had several step up in the past few weeks," said Duvall. "Waters, our senior hitter, has been attacking and serving well. Fales has played consistently well all year. Jenny Better and Ashley have done a great job of running our offense. Cecilia Blanc, Megan Kenneweg and Jessica Chitenden have also been contributing to our success." The Falcons advanced to the county semifinal on Tuesday, May 13, but they lost three straight games at Sherwood (13-1) who lost only to Damascus in the regular season. "They are a very strong team and just outplayed us. We did not play with the energy we usually do," said the coach.

Many girls play varsity girls' volleyball in the fall, coed in the spring, and on club teams throughout the winter and summer. Better, Kenneweg, Blanc, Lena Stypeck, and Christine Antosen also play for Duvall's Metro American Juniors club team.

With the boys' volleyball season running at the same time as coed, hanging on to boys that come out for

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Local News

PHS Senior Earns Full Scholarship

By Dominique Agnew

Mallory Green, a senior at Poolesville High School and Poolesville resident, received a full two-year scholarship from the Macklin Business Institute at Montgomery College. Part of her application process was writing an essay about a business figure who has had an influence on her; she wrote about her father, Peter Green, in an essay entitled "He Means Business." "My father always taught me that in order to get anywhere in life you have to work hard," she wrote, "and you have to focus on your goals." Mallory has also worked hard. While excelling in honors classes, she was also the goalkeeper for the junior varsity and varsity soccer teams (captain for two of those years), she participated in the wrestling team for three years (also captain), and she was involved with the PSTA staff appreciation and the Sandy Cameron Music Benefit Fund concerts for many years.

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**Ryan Pike
Achieves Rank of
Eagle Scout**

By Rande Davis

Poolesville's Ryan Pike was honored on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Boy Scout Troop #496's Court of Honor where he was promoted to Eagle. The rank of Eagle is scouting's highest rank, one which few ever achieve.

The Poolesville High School senior started scouting when he was six years old. In presenting the certificate that marks this prestigious achievement, Poolesville Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski commented on the hard work, discipline, and dedication it takes to reach this goal. He stated, "The trail leading to attaining the rank of Eagle should not be easy or comfortable, but challenging—one of hard word, initiative, and perseverance. It should test the scout's ability to translate and apply lessons that he has learned in each rank from Tiger Cub to Life, particularly in organizational skills and especially in leadership. It

should be hard because it is a crowning achievement, the pinnacle of success in being a scout. The certificate that I am going to present is a Certificate of Distinction. Reaching the rank of Eagle Scout is a significant achievement. It distinguishes Ryan from those who only aspire to the rank, but do not achieve it; and, in doing so, he has risen above his peers."

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provide the labor needed to complete the project. He also had to go before a Boy Scout Board of Review to defend his project and speak about all the things he learned in scouting, such as responsibility and leadership.

Ryan, who is the son of Drs. D. Timothy Pike and Margaret A. Valega, is to be congratulated on this important personal and civic accomplishment. In addition to this award, Ryan also has many academic achievements to his credit, and the Monocle wishes him well as he heads off to college in the fall.



The Pike family, a family of scouts, celebrates Ryan Pike's achievement in making Eagle Scout. Parents Margaret and Tim, brother Connor, Ryan and brother Alex.

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10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	FREE TROLLEY Non-stop to Clarksburg Historical District Walking Tours	Leaving from and returning to CHS
	CLARKSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY Displays and Demonstrations	CHS Cafeteria
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Guitar and Banjo by Joe Doyle	Recreation Center Stage
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Strive Karate Demonstration Team	CHS Cafeteria
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Glitter the Clown	Recreation Center Stage
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Children's Variety Show	
2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Clarksburg Historical Society Recognition Awards Presentation	Outside Main Entrance

ALL DAY EVENTS

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Trackless Train Rides, Moonbounces, Kiddie Games, Butler Orchard Straw Maze, Vendor Booths, Scout Rope Bridge, Church and Synagogue Tables, Jim Sorenson Living History, Lions Vision and Hearing Tests, Burdette Classic Cars, Food Court, and various musical entertainment	CHS, Parking Lot and Clarksburg Recreation Center area
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Youth Sports *Durr, Defnet, Nesselt Run Lady Falcons to 2nd Place in Region 1A Zach Etheridge Leads Boys Track*

By Jeff Stuart

Coming off a state indoor track title and a second-place finish at last year's 1A state outdoor championships, Poolesville's girls' team faced a stiff dual meet challenge this season from Damascus and Paint Branch. The three teams finished in a three-way tie for the division title with 4-1 records. Gaithersburg, Quince Orchard, and Seneca Valley rounded out the division. State indoor 1,600-meter champion Jenny Reid, a junior, and 55m hurdles bronze medalist Olivia Durr, also a junior, led the Falcons along with seniors Holly Defnet and Ashleigh Nesselt, shot put and discus specialists.

"We had a couple new additions to the indoor team," Gazette indoor Coach of the Year Michael Trumbull said. "We hope we can peak at the right time in outdoor."

Olivia Durr was chosen moco-running.com's athlete of the week of March 23, posting a winning time of 1:05.82 to place first in the 400m hurdles, and finishing second in the 100m hurdles (15.84) at Wootton High School's Patriot Invitational. The Falcons opened the outdoor division season at home with a 70-65 loss to Paint Branch on April 8. The week before, Damascus had defeated Paint Branch at home, 76.5-62.5. Against the Panthers, sophomore Karissa Harris ran the 100-meter dash in 12.6. Durr won the high jump with a jump of 5'-02".

On April 15, the Falcons defeated Damascus at Quince Orchard by a slim margin of 72-65. They defeated QO 79.5-57.5. Defnet won the shot put with a throw of 30'-8.25", while Nesselt's put was 28'-5". In the discus, Nesselt had the winning throw of 93'-8" and Defnet's throw traveled 89'-5.5". Both winning tosses were their best so far this season. Durr and Reid also contributed in the field events. Both cleared a height of 4'-8", with Durr walking away with the victory on misses. "Taking first and second in three of the five field events was really the difference us winning both meets. This was Jenny's first time high jumping, and I was very surprised and happy with her performance," said the coach.

Durr, Reid, Harris, and junior Chelsea Glowacki led Poolesville in the track events. Durr ran away from the competition in the 100m and 300m hurdles. Her 100 hurdle time equaled her best of the season so far and her own record of 15.64 seconds. Glowacki took home wins in the 800m run (2:31.9)

and the 400m dash (1:02.4). Her 400-meter time was a personal best. Harris sprinted away from her competition in the 200-meter dash, winning in 27.0 seconds. Reid ran a personal best in the open 400, finishing third in 1:04.2. She also ran her best time of the season in the mile (5:37.5) to finish second overall. Junior Katherine Connor joined Reid in the mile, and she ran a personal best of 5:45.0. Senior Jen Fink joined Durr, Reid, and Harris in the winning 4x400-meter relay. The relay team ran one their best times of the year in 4:15. Sophomore Saniya Godil finished in third place in the 100-meter dash with a season's best 14.2 seconds, and sophomore Ellie Lalonde ran a personal best in the 3200-meter run, finishing second overall. "We had many personal and seasonal bests," said Trumbull after the meet. "Many of the girls stepped up today and I am very proud of each athlete on this team." At Whitman's Viking Invitational on April 19, Harris won the 400 meters with a time of 58.78; Durr won the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.07; Defnet put the shot 34-03; and the girls' 4x800m Relay (Fink, Reid, Lalonde, and Glowacki) posted a time of 10:21.32.

On April 26, at the Penn Relays Carnival in Philadelphia, Durr finished eleventh overall in the 400 hurdles. She ran a 1:03.65. The girls' 4x400m relay team ran their event in an overall time of 04:12.75. On April 30, in the season's final meet against Gaithersburg, Durr won the 100m hurdles with a time of 15.0. Nesselt threw the discus 97'-09".

The girls placed sixth at the County Track Meet on Saturday, May 8 at Churchill High and on Saturday, May 10 at Whitman, with outstanding performances by Durr who finished first in the 300m hurdles (44.98), second in the 100m hurdles (15.20), and sixth in the high jump (4'-08"). In the region 1A meet on May 15 at Clear Spring High School, the girls finished second with 93 points to Williamsport (129 pts). Harris finished first in the 100m (12.67) and second in the 400m (1:00.69). Durr finished first in both the 100m (15.26) and 300m hurdles (47.23), and third in the high jump (5'-00"). Jenny Reid was fourth in the 1600 M, and 6th at 3200 M. Jen Fink and Ellie Lalonde helped the 4x800 M Relay team to a first place finish (10:26.78). The 4x400-meter Relay (Durr, Fink, Glowacki, and Harris) finished second (4:15.900). Defnet and Nesselt again added much-needed points with their shot put, long jump, and discus placings.

The Poolesville boys' track team finished 0-5, but is very young, competitive, and improving. A majority are freshmen and sophomores with no previous track experience. "They can be competitive with most schools in a few years if they keep working as hard," said the coach. In the opening meet of the year against Paint Branch at home on April 8, sophomore David Wilson led the team, finishing first in both the 1600m and 3200m for the Falcons. "The 1600 and 3200 is always a tough combination to complete in a dual meet," said Trumbull. In the 1600 and 800 meter runs, sophomore Ken Shimomoto crossed the line twice in second place, while another sophomore, Sam Widmayer, cruised to a second place finish in the 400 meter dash. In the field, freshman Dan Barotti finished third in both the long and triple jumps.

Against Damascus and Quince Orchard on

April 15, Senior Zach Etheridge was runner-up in all three of his individual events. He ran the 100-meter dash in 11.4, the 200-meter dash in 23.9, and the 400-meter in 53.0. "Zach had a great day," said Trumbull. "He is one of the captains of the boys' team because of his hard work and ability." Kevin Dickerson finished in fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18'-10.5". "Q.O. and Damascus have two of the best teams in the county right now," said Head Coach Mike Trumbull. "We had around eight or nine season's best today and several personal bests," said Trumbull. "All I ask is for these guys to continue to keep showing up and giving their all. We are

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Local News

Poolesville Town Hall Is a "Green" Endeavor

By Katherine Connor

As visitors and residents alike pass through the main street of Poolesville on their way to work, school, or other activities, they will pass the new town hall building in Whalen's Commons. Not only does the new building have aesthetic appeal, but it was also designed to be both cost-efficient and environmentally friendly.

The idea of a new town hall building was originally conceived ten years ago, but construction only began recently when the project received enough funding. At the time of its inception, "green," or environmentally friendly, buildings were not yet heard of, but as the new building became more of a reality, Town Manager Wade Yost and Town Engineer John Strong worked to incorporate environmentally-friendly components into the building plan. These include the installation of multi-zone heating and air-conditioning controls, making it possible to heat or cool only occupied portions of the building, instead of the whole thing. The windows are also the highest efficiency possible, and mercury-free "twisty" light bulbs will be installed throughout the building. The wood being used by the builders, Bruchey Brothers of Frederick, "is actually a mix of recycled wood fiber and other recycled materials, such as

plastics," according to Town Commissioner Jim Brown. Another important feature is the state-of-the-art parking lot, constructed of a type of asphalt called permeable pavement, that allows nutrients that would otherwise flow into a gutter to be absorbed by the pavement.

The landscaping segment of the town hall area is under the direction of Mr. Bernie Mihm and his company, Fine Earth Landscaping. Mr. Mihm is working very closely with the Poolesville High School Global Ecology Program freshmen, who he says are going to do the actual labor of the job. He met with the students this spring to begin the two-phase process of the job. The first meeting entailed a screening of the possible plants that could be used both in front and in rear of the building, with the students learning about the characteristics that each plant had to offer, and offering input about which trees and plants should be used. The second meeting occurred in three two-hour chunks during one day, when global freshmen came in three groups to plant the trees that were chosen for the rear of the building. PHS teacher, Mr. Ted Gardiner, explained that the students were put into three groups, with each group working for a two-hour period during the day. He estimated that the students planted about thirteen trees in that one day. Mihm stated that the trees planted behind the building were hollies and Leyland cypresses, chosen because of their fast growth rates and their year-round evergreen foliage. This will block car headlight illumination from penetrating into the houses behind the building, and will keep it looking attractive all year.

The landscaping on the front of the building will not begin until next year, when construction on the building is complete and students are back in school and able to do the work. Mr. Mihm plans to use trees that will lose some of their leaves in the winter, shading the building in the summer and making it cooler, while allowing sun to enter in the winter and warm it. This will reduce the energy usage of the building, but will maintain its visual appeal.

The trees being planted around the town hall have either been donated by Mr. Mihm and his company, grown by the global students themselves as seedlings, or donated by a very generous Poolesville Elementary teacher, Ms. Grace Sheppard, who raised money and used it to supply some of the trees and plants, as well as helping her students understand

the importance of helping the environment. Mr. Mihm felt that "the students did an absolutely fantastic job" planting the trees, and was extremely impressed by their enthusiasm.

With the town of Poolesville working together the way they have been throughout this process, the new town hall will become a beautiful, efficient, environmentally-safe building that will leave a legacy far into the future.



Students in the Global Ecology Studies Program at PHS planted indigenous trees in the backyard of the new Poolesville town hall as both a community service and an educational lesson.

"Clarksburg Day" Continued From Page 1.

trolley that will take people from that site to the historical locations in town.

Clarksburg Day will have festivities from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and with two venues offering indoor protection, it will proceed as scheduled rain or shine. There will be musicians, clowns doing magic tricks, a straw maze, kiddie rides, and games with plenty of food for all. Some of the most anticipated events will be a performance by the Clarksburg High School band and a children's variety show.

For those interested in history, the Clarksburg Historical Society will have an array of pictures and information at its location. With over fifty vendors,

there will be plenty of giveaways and items to purchase.

The Clarksburg Day Committee consisted of members of the Clarksburg Historical Society, Clarksburg Lions Club, representatives of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, and many individuals representing the business, education, and civic associations. The committee welcomes all for this special day of family fun, games, musical entertainment, and food.

The Monocle's Guide to Clarksburg Day begins on page 16.

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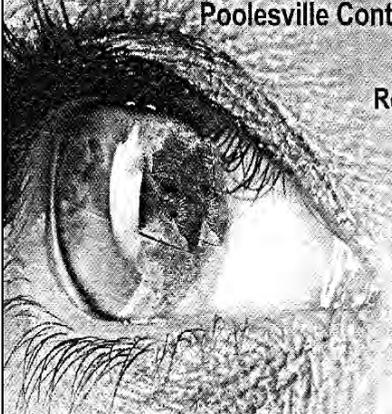
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*"A Bed of Roses" Continued
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it around a plant, or for larger beds, mix it with water and pour around the plants. One application lasts for six weeks. It is not economical for a large number of plants, so I do not use it for all my rose beds, I did try it on several, and it lived up to its claims. Try it.

In past columns, I have mentioned ways to decrease maintenance of rose gardens. They are just guidelines. Some of the best-reputed disease and pest-resistant plants can have bad years. This spring's weather has challenged the best of the best rosebushes. My much-touted Knock Out roses do not have black spot, but their otherwise healthy-looking

leaves have many eaten holes in them. They are probably the work of night-feeding caterpillars. They will not kill or significantly weaken the bushes, but they are unsightly. As we head into the summer, they will disappear, and my Knock Outs will again be knock outs. As usual, my wonderfully reliably vigorous Rugosa roses, 'Roseaie de l'Hay' and 'Blanc Double de Coubert' are disease- and pest-free and blooming their heads off. I am experimenting this year with a new breed of rose, Kordes Roses. For over a century, W. Kordes & Sons has been hybridizing roses in the harsh climate of northern Germany. Their goal is to introduce some of the finest, most disease-resistant, cold-hardy, exhibition-quality roses available. They are all grown without pesticides or artificial growth enhancements. They also claim to be superbly resistant to black spot. I planted three this spring. I am anxious to see how they react to Monocacy country weather.

Hopefully, our weather will improve, and true to the old English saying, may our gardens be a bed of roses.

Youth Sports A New Youth Sports Coalition Formed

Written by Curtis A. Osborne

Mickey Zimmer is a man on a mission. For the past five years, FYSA (Frederick Youth Football Association) has not had a single home game. Their whole entire schedule has been played on the road because they have not been able to secure a field that they can call home. Mickey is trying to change that.

FYSA is a highly regarded youth football and cheerleading organization that has been in existence for over 17 years that used to have the same home field advantage as everyone else, but no longer. Most of their participants come from the Adamstown and surrounding area, feeding primarily into Tuscarora High School. Mickey is determined to get the kids a home field in the next couple of years so that they, and their parents, will no longer have to suffer. So he created www.aplacetoplay.org. He hopes to secure approximately ten acres, which will bring FYSA a home field, ad-

equate parking, a scoreboard, bleachers, concession stand and equipment shed, your typical football field. To Mickey, it is all about the kids.

Timothy Mellott is also a man on a mission, with an equal amount of zeal but with a broader goal in mind. Over the last several years, Tim has watched as the southern Frederick County region, and Urbana in particular, has grown with a lot of new developments sprouting up. However, with the building of all of these new developments, no green space has been set aside for the kids to play in. Each year, more kids sign up to participate in programs, but there is not sufficient space to accommodate them all. This lack of field space has caused immeasurable amount of hardship for the local youth organizations. Thus, with total community involvement, Tim formed the Southern Frederick County Youth Athletic Facilities group. "The reason I started advocating for new youth athletic facilities was simply the observations I made over the last five years of coaching" says Tim. "Every year, regardless of the sport I was coaching, I witnessed more kids coming out to play. It be-

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School News

Ivy Swope Wins Award

Ms. Ivy Swope, Poolesville High School Senior Class of 2008, was awarded the "Craft Achievement" award from the National Student Television Awards. Ms. Swope won the award for her entry, "PHS Live Rock from Falcon Café." Ms. Joy Allison Zucker-Tiemann, Trustee of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter, attended the Poolesville High School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 21 where she presented Ivy with the crystal Pillar. This award is the equivalent of an Emmy.

"Road Hazards" Continued From Page 4.

like to be surprised by them. I realize there are two obvious problems with this. First, this could harm the snakes, which are generally just minding their own business and want nothing more than to be totally insulated from the affairs of mankind, even if it means being eaten by a hawk or an owl. Second, if the Town of Barnesville tried to hire birds and reptiles for traffic control, they would doubtless run afoul (sorry) of a Montgomery County ordinance that forbids local jurisdictions from hiring traffic attenuation consultants. Hence, they would have to be hired by the county, the Division of Reptilian and Avian Traffic Controllers (DRATC). They would inevitably unionize and the Montgomery County Council would grant them eight percent annual pay increases, ensuring that their salaries would double every nine years, resulting in additional increases in our property taxes. Give me a little credit, okay? I've lived in Montgomery County for thirty-six years. I saw that one coming.

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Youth Sports

Graham, Bein, Harris, Johnson Have Clarksburg Boys and Girls On Top of 2A Track Standings

Boys Capture County Title, Second in Region

Girls Third in Region

By Jeff Stuart

Clarksburg was the only school in Montgomery County to claim both the boys' and girls' division titles. Both teams finished with perfect 6-0 records to land atop the Division 2A standings. The rest of the division includes Magruder, Springbrook, Richard Montgomery, Einstein, Rockville, and Northwood. The Coyote boys finished second at the 2A state meet during indoor season, and they welcomed back a number of strong athletes for the start of the outdoor campaign. "Right now, we're healthy; if it stays like that, I expect a good year," Coach Scott Mathias said. "We're way ahead of where we were last year. A couple of guys stepped up and did good things in the indoor state meet. That was new for them. Now, they can go into the next championship with confidence." And they did. The boys started the post season by claiming the County Championship team title at Churchill High School on May 8. The Coyotes scored 95 points finishing ahead of Quince Orchard (88.5). In the Region 2A West meet at Westminster High School on May 15 and May 17, they finished second with 112 points behind Walkersville (115).

At or near the top of the Montgomery County Track and Field leader boards (mocerunning.com) all spring for the Coyotes boys were football stars Avery Graham and Mark Small in the 100-meter dash. Graham

ran a 10.6 in the opening meet of the year against Einstein and Richard Montgomery at Magruder on April 1. Small ran the event in 10.8. Myles Daughtry posted a time of 11.05 in the 100m on April 8 against Springbrook at Georgetown Prep. In the 200 meters Avery posted a time of 21.78 at the Don Boyer Invitational hosted by Middletown on April 12. Small ran the event in 22.13 against Springbrook. Mark ran the 400 in 50.22 at the same meet. That was the sixth fastest time in 400 in the county this year. In the 110-meter hurdles senior Petros Bein recorded the second best time in the county, 15.3, in the opening meet on April 1. Morgan Mott, also a senior, ran the same event on the same day in 15.5. Michael Leaman ran the 300-meter hurdles in 41.58 against Einstein and Rockville at Rockville on April 22 to close out the regular season.

The boys 4x100m relay placed fourth at the Penn Relays Carnival with an overall time of 44.53 on April 26 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and the 4x400m relay posted a time of 03:28.38. Against Springbrook on April 9, Graham finished second in the high jump, jumping 5'-10".

At the County Championship meet, Avery Graham won the boys 100m dash in 10.91. Small finished fourth in 11.21. In the 200m, Graham took second in 22.12, Small finished sixth (22.70), and Daughtry finished eighth (25.78). Small took second in the 400m (49.72). Daughtry was fourth (50.29). In the field events Graham was second in the shot put (52'-06"), and in the last event of the day, Beltran finished fourth in the pole vault (9'-06"). In the relays, the 4x800m team finished sixth (8:19.37), and the 4x200m relay placed fourth (1:32.85).

In the region, Graham took first in the 100m (11.15) and the 200m (22.38). Small finished second in the

400m dash (50.21). He finished third in the 100m and fourth in the 200m. Daughtry finished fourth at the 400m. Bein (15.15) and Mott (15.39) finished first and second, respectively, in the 110m hurdles. Graham (54'-06") and Rob Thompson (45'-09") placed first and second in the shot put. Kinney placed fourth in the discus (12'-05"). The 4x200m relay team (Bein, Daughtry, Graham, and Leaman) finished second (1:30.23) as did the 4x400m squad (Daughtry, Leaman, Small, and Naseem Zietoon, 3:26.92). The 4x800m team (Bentsi Johnson, Leaman, Tony Wu, and Zietoon) finished third (8:17.39).

On the girls' side, the Coyotes boast a roster of forty-five and "about 1,000 freshmen," Mathias said. Basketball stars Paige Harris and Turquoia Johnson led the way.

The girls' team finished ninth in the county meet but had some outstanding individual performances. Johnson placed third in the shot put (32-04). Harris was second in the long jump (16'-07.50"), and third in the triple jump (34'-11.00"). Nana Langa placed fourth in the 300m hurdle (48.78).

In the region meet, the girls finished third with 76.5 points, behind Middletown (141) and North Hagerstown (86). Harris finished first in the triple jump (35'-10"), and second in the long jump (16'-06"). Johnson won the shot put (35'-02"). Nana Langa was second in the 300m hurdles (48.86). Lauren Sumner was fourth in the 800m run.

The Relay Teams were outstanding. The 4x100m (Clark, Harris, Johnson, and Charnay Ryland) finished first (49.99). The 4x200m (Clark, junior Cayla Hunter, Johnson, and Ryland) finished second as did the 4x400m (Clark, Langa, Ryland, and Sumner). The 4x800m (sophomore Julianne Dirks, Langa, Sumner, and Jenna Smith) finished fourth.

Local News

Town Finalizes Purchase of Recreational Property

The town recently closed on the purchase of the 3.77-acre lot behind Selby's Market that is being considered for recreational services and park facilities in the future. The State Board of Public Works on May 21 approved a \$288,000 grant that reduces the final cost of the property to the town to \$218,000. While there has been widespread anticipation that the site may include a skateboard park, that decision is just in its beginning stages of consideration. The commissioners, at President Kuhlman's suggestion, approved the establishment of a Park Board sub-committee that will be tasked with preparing a master plan for the use of the site. Both a community center and a skateboard park are considered for the future.

The sub-committee will be tasked with visiting numerous community centers elsewhere in the area to report back on how such facilities are utilized and how such uses may or may not be suitable for Poolesville. Commissioner Jim Brown volunteered to join Doug McKenney and Cal Sneed of the Parks Board on this sub-committee. No specific timetable for concluding their report was established. Individuals wishing to learn more or voice an opinion for consideration of either a town center or a skateboard park should watch for such opportunities at future Park Board meetings. Meeting schedules for all town government events are available on the town website at www.ci.poolesville.md.us.

Parks Board Makes Recommendation on Skateboard Park

Jerry Klobukowski, as the commissioner liaison to the town Parks Board, reported on the recently-released recommendation from the Park Board regarding a possible town skateboard park. The report from the board had the support of four parks board commissioners with the abstention of the others. Voting to support the recommendation were Tim Pike, Jerry Klobukowski, Kevin Carmack, and Butch Zachrel. The report recommended approving the concept of a skateboard facility in town but recommended that such a project be developed through a phased-in process. Their take-it-slow approach could start with an above-ground

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White's Ferry



Over one hundred motorcyclists came to Poolesville to escort the bus from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the pavilion at White's Ferry for a fabulous day of fishing, camaraderie, and picnicking.



The Walter Reed soldiers' visitation committee hosted a day of leisure for wounded soldiers and raised money to benefit Fisher House, a residential facility that serves wounded soldiers and their visiting families at no cost. Pictured are: Carl Hobbs, Don Hoffacker, Clay McCarty (Disk Jockey), Mary Lou Hoffacker, Paul Kelly, Valeree Dickerson (Master of Ceremonies), Roger Strippey, and Rich McKnight.



In addition to staff, thirty-eight soldiers with their families came to White's Ferry for a day of fishing, food, and fun. In these two pictures the one group prepares to fish while the other got to it right away. There is no word on who caught the biggest fish.



Mary Lou Hoffacker (center) is joined by friends Jan Strippey and Carol Bische in setting up the food tables just prior to lunch. The Montgomery County career firefighters grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and pork. They got rave reviews for that and their fresh-cut french fries.



Many people came to share the afternoon with the visiting soldiers. William Poole, Commander of American Legion Post #247 (right) and Russ Francuzenko chat with Staff Sergeant Lucretia Gayle of Queens, New York.

Tidbits

Tarney Completes Basic Training

Congratulations to John Tarney, a 2007 graduate of Poolesville High School, on his recent graduation from Basic Military training at Lackland Air Force Base. He is attending Tech School at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Town Fishing Tournament a Big Success

The annual Richard McKennan Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Town of Poolesville was another wonderful day. Everyone attending won by virtue of having a great time, but those catching the largest fish were:

Grand Prize

Jared Brooks
21 1/4" Channel Catfish

Ages 6, 7, 8

1st Place Kelly Hottinger
2nd Place Graham King
3rd place Tori Gruber

Ages 9, 10

1st Place Jake Lowe
2nd Place Hunter King
3rd Place Alli Gruber

Ages 11, 12, 13

1st Place Daniel Hooper
2nd Place James Parise
3rd Place Justin Hansen

Town Sponsors New Photo Contest

The Town of Poolesville is sponsoring a dual photography contest for students at John Poole Middle School and Poolesville High School. The object of the contest is to answer two questions pictorially: "What I like best about Poolesville" and "What I don't like or want to see improved about Poolesville." While encouraging creativity, each entrant should provide a narrative with his/her photograph that answers either of the questions. Winners will be eligible for monetary prizes, and the winning photographs will be announced on Poolesville Day. Contest rules and entry forms are available to residents of the Poolesville area only from town hall.

Vieler-Larson Wed

Erika Kristine Larson and David Alan Vieler eloped December 14, 2007 and were married at San Francisco City Hall. They will be celebrating their nuptials over Memorial Day weekend at a reception at the Annapolis Yacht Club. The bride is the daughter of Diane and Ronald Larson of Los Altos, California. She earned bachelor's degrees in Liberal Studies and

Psychology at California State University Northridge. She is an elementary schoolteacher. The groom is the son of Mike and Pam Neville, of Poolesville, Maryland, and Mark and Patricia Vieler of Prosperity, South Carolina. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He is a Business Systems ERP Design and Solutions Architect for OptiSolar of Hayward, California. The couple now lives in Pasadena, California. In addition, Mike and Pam Neville have announced that their daughter, Lauren Neville, Poolesville High School graduate of 2004, will be graduating from Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, Maryland) with honors majoring in biology and double minors in chemistry and French. She has accepted a fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Begins Construction

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Darnestown has begun construction on its new facility at the corner of Routes 118 and 28. The congregation will hold a "Blessing of the Bulldozers" on the evening of Sunday, June 1 to celebrate the occasion. After a brief service on the construction site at about 7:30 p.m., the congregation will continue its celebration in an outdoor tent at the Seneca Academy, where the congregation now meets. The Seneca Academy complex, located at 15601 Germantown Road, adjoins the church construction site.

The church estimates that construction will last from six to eight months, and when completed, it will become the first new church erected in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington in over forty years. Delays in construction were hard on the congregation, but the congregation has weathered the storm and has come out of it with their faith not only intact, but strengthened. "We had to keep reminding ourselves that, while the building was important to carrying out our ministry, it is only a tool, and that the most important thing for us was to stay focused on the vision and ministry God has entrusted to us," Howard said. "After all, people are true building blocks of the church, not bricks and mortar." Architectural renderings of the current and future construction phases may be found on the congregation's website: <http://www.saintnicks.com/building.php>.

"New Youth Sports" Continued From Page 21

came very obvious that we had a problem when multiple teams were sharing fields and kids were being turned away because of limited registration".

The mission of SFCYAF is to advocate, identify and develop new youth facilities for the existing youth sports organizations in southern Frederick County. One of the first things Tim did was to make it an inclusive grass roots effort and he was able to unite all of the various sports organizations that represented approximately 5000 families in that region. They got behind him to show a united front as opposed to fractured groups going off on their own to accomplish the same task. That was a very important first step because, as Tim noted, "there was a great degree of tension between various sports organizations fighting over the available fields".

A telling fact that Tim presented is that from 2000 through 2007, the Urbana region's population has grown 74.2%. Adamstown, Buckeystown and the Ballenger Creek areas also have seen exponential growth during that time frame. Compound that with the continual delay in the development of the Urbana District Park and you have a big problem on your hands. "Best case" says Tim, "the UDP completion date is spring of 2010. Even with the addition of the UDP we still are well behind in facility resources for youth sports".

Though Mickey is not necessarily a part of SFCYAF, he will probably help them in other efforts. His immediate mission is to secure land for FYSA. So far, he has been thwarted in

his attempts for various reasons. "It is just unfair to the kids in the program. I am just a concerned parent trying to do what's best for the kids and get them a field they can call home. I am doing this on my own and not as a representative of FYSA" states Mickey. If a private landowner or farmer can donate a parcel of land to the program, he has the sponsors who will come in and develop it. "JimCo has offered to grade the field and provide any top soil needed, Chuck Wade Sod Farm has offered to sod the field, Vulcan Materials Company has offered the gravel needed, Harris, Smariga & Assoc. Inc. has offered to do any design work needed and cover permit submittals, and Phoenix Systems has offered a PA system" says Mickey. "So if anyone wants to help by donating the land" continues Mickey, "I will make sure that the intent of the owner to help the kids will be met".

SFCYAF is calling attention to the problem. Tim says "We have discussed our mission with Parks and Recreation and a member of the Board of Commissioners. At our last meeting, Charles Jenkins attended and provided us with his thoughts and insights on our worsening problem."

The group has a crucial meeting coming up on May 20 with the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education. A sizeable turnout by the community may help highlight the severity of the problem. "The goal of the meeting is to propose a possible solution and find out how the BOCC and BOE react to our ideas" states Tim. It's all about the kids.

"Soccerplex Plans" Continued on Page 1.

about expanding the foundation's board to broaden potential funding. "If Maureen [Hendricks] were not on that board, would you still have a diverse giving source?" Bryant asked. "And if not, is that part of your strategic plan?" Heffelfinger said the board had recently added two new members with legal and public relations expertise, but that a fundraiser, or "rain-maker," was still being sought.

Commission secretary/treasurer Patty Barney declared herself pleased with the soccerplex's overall financial situation, saying the operations were

"stable" with growing revenue and potential for adding to needed reserves.

Besides the stadium plans, Heffelfinger said the soccerplex had expanded its audience in the Latino community as they hosted Real Maryland, a professional soccer team, and in the youth market with the introduction of 'Playtime at the Plex' on Thursday afternoons. The latter drew an average of forty-five children a week in April, its first month, she said. Heffelfinger also lauded the three lit synthetic turf fields completed in the last months of 2007. The fields were active 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. each night with soccer and flag football, she said.

**"CSH PHS Volleyball" Continued
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coed can be a challenge. Two years ago, Duvall had three seniors, Jason Norton, Manny McEleny, and Steve Kerr leave the coed team for the boys' team. It was a move that she encouraged. "I think that coed teams volleyball help to get the boys' feet wet, but I'd rather see us go with JV and varsity boys' volleyball in the spring. I think the county likes the uniqueness of having coed teams, but the girls get their team in the fall. I try to rotate six boys into those three spots on the floor and really try to develop them," she said. Nonetheless, that view does not diminish Coach Duvall's pride in the existing coed team, or her enthusiasm for volleyball in general, a passion she shares with her children. Fran's son, Dan, plays volleyball for Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. Her daughter, Maureen, plays for Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

The Poolesville boys' volleyball team, coached by Robert Smith, finished the regular season with a 9-3 mark. The boys picked up a five-game win over neighboring Quince Orchard to advance to a county

quarterfinal match-up at Sherwood. Led by seniors, Brian Karn and Arash Azizi-Namini, and sophomore, Logan Wilson, the Falcons had a strong year, but they lost to the Warriors, 25-16, 25-9, and 25-12, to end their season. "This is the first time in Poolesville boys history that they have made it past the first round of the playoffs," said Coach Smith. "We will be losing seven seniors after this year, and all of them had a great impact on our success. Brian was consistently good all year. Arash, our captain, was very energetic and one of our best all-around players. He definitely stood out. Max Ricker was our senior captain. Senior Mickey Hagblade was one of our best all-around players. Peter Psaltakis was a great back row passer, and Zack Samuelson, a first-year player, was our best all around hitter. Brett Bowers was a good hitter and very energetic."

As for players to watch next year, Coach Smith singles out "Wilson, a great setter, and Jason Chang, who went from a practice player to joining the team this year as a freshman, Matt Hunt and Edward Wang are great back row players, and Jake Davis, who joined the team late and had a great impact on the front line."

Clarksburg's spring volleyball

teams completed their second season of competition. While they showed more experience in just their second season of varsity competition, the boys' and coed teams won just two matches each, but they are still young and Head Coaches Dawn Dickinson and Terri Tippett feel they are improving. "I realistically feel we should/could have been at least .500 this year," said Dickinson. "The boys just haven't 'learned' how to win yet. Last year, they didn't win one game and lost all their matches, except one, in three games. This year, the boys at least 'learned' the game of volleyball. I only had two seniors on the team, Paul Lee who played back row and Jeff Turner who by the end of the season was playing a full rotation. My biggest hitter was Derek Abbott. Defensively, we were led by Tai Chau and Kevin Gu. My two setters were Philip Kem and Kunal Arora. Bibu Jijo also played outside hitter and was a consistent server/defensive player. Truong Truong, Spencer McCune, and Yongi Xu provided some excellent front row play. John Ko filled in on the defensive and serving end."

"Coed volleyball did a great job this year," said Tippett. "They worked hard to improve. Except against Damascus and Poolesville, we were com-

petitive and should have won at least six, but we are still learning how to win and hope next year is the break-out year. Lena Kem, on back row, was our only senior and a great leader for the team. Cynthia Alfaro (outside hitter) and Taylor Randall (setter) continue to make awesome strides and will lead the team next year as juniors. Among the boys, Moses Lahey was our most consistent all-around player. Paul Acedera, a 130-pound wrestler in winter, and Jon Vu were great additions to the team. Khanita Suvarnasuddhi was very consistent on back row."

Vacation Bible Schools					
Dawsonville Mennonite	Blast Off At Power Lab	July 7 - 11	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Pre-K thru 6 th & Adults Class	Free
Barnesville Baptist	Outrigger Island	July 28 - August 1	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Pre-K thru 7 th	Free
Poolesville Presbyterian At Calvary Farm, Jerusalem Rd.	One Day VBS Beach Party "Surfing the Scriptures"	One Day July 26	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	K thru 5 th	Free Donation to WUMCO
St Peter's Episcopal Parish	Rainforest Adventures	June 23 - 27	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pre-K thru 5 th	Free
United Memorial Methodist Church	To be determined	July 6 - 10	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	K thru Teens	Free
Poolesville Baptist Church	OLYMPIAN Spiritual Adventure Olympic Theme	July 20 - 24	Sun. 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mon - Thurs 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Pre-K thru 6 th	Free
Cedarbrook Community Church Clarksburg	Power Lab	July 7 - 11	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	K - 5 th	Free
St. Mary's Barnesville	Rainforest Adventures	July 7 - 11	9:30 a.m. to Noon	Pre-K thru 5 th	Free

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Big Board

All Things Celestial

Please join Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre for its spring recital, All Things Celestial, on May 30, 7:00 p.m., at Poolesville High School, featuring local classical ballet students, as well as special guest professional ballet dancers. The recital is free, and donations will be accepted. Located in Poolesville at Healthworks, Hope Garden Ballet has been offering pre-professional as well as recreational classes in classical ballet for boys, girls, and adults since 1997. Artistic Director and Founder, Fran Ichijo, has been teaching ballet for thirty years using the Vaganova System. She shares her passion for dance with kindness and fun. Her dancers have gone on to become soloists and principals at ballet companies around the world. Visit www.hopegardenballet.org for more information.

Carwash Helps JPMS Students Go to Europe

Mr. Young, who teaches World History at John Poole Middle School hosts an eighth grade trip to Europe each year. With a spring 2009 trip planned to Austria, Switzerland, and Germany, the kids are gearing up to work so as to raise the funds needed. They will be doing work projects throughout the year and have even come up with a special name for the group: World Wide Explorers. Their first work project is May 31 where they will have a carwash in the parking lot of Family Dentistry on Fisher Avenue in Poolesville. They will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue as long the cars keep coming.

The Princess Bride (1987)

Director Rob Reiner's far-from-average fairy tale featuring swashbuckling pirates, rhyming giants, rodents of unusual size, and a six-fingered man will be shown at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on June 6 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors. Visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

Poolesville Relay for Life

With nearly a full year's effort to prepare, the Poolesville Relay for Life teams are excited about the big event on June 7 and 8 at the Poolesville High School athletic field. The event begins with a very special survivor's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and then the spectacular Open Ceremonies begin at 2:00 p.m. While the relay teams begin

their walkathon around the running track that will continue throughout the night, there will be food, entertainment, and camaraderie to share. Even if you haven't been involved in Relay for Life before, this two-day event is a good time to come by to learn and to participate. It is never too late to sponsor a Luminara candle in honor of someone you know whose life has been impacted by cancer.

Farmers' Market to Open in Clarksburg

The Clarksburg community, local farmers and merchants, and Newland Communities will join together to create the first Farmers' Market in the town. Nikki Lewis of Green Earth Goods will be the manager of the new venture. The market will be open in the Town Center on Sundays starting June 8 from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Currently, Ms. Lewis's Green Earth Goods provides locally grown vegetables, fresh bread, and coffee as well as healthy pet products. Both Green Earth and Clarksburg Farmers' Market are constantly on the lookout for new sources of supplies for unique, allergen-free, and gluten-free products. More information about the Farmers' Market is available at the Green Earth Goods, located in the historic Wilson general store and original Indian Trading Post, at 23341 Frederick Road, Clarksburg or call 301 916 2035. For details on the Market, see www.clarksburgfarmersmarket.com.

Adopt a Stone, Save an Aqueduct

The Catoctin Aqueduct Restoration Fund, Inc. has officially launched the Adopt-a-Stone fundraising campaign. The campaign will allow donors to adopt stones that will become part of the restored Catoctin Aqueduct. The goal of the campaign is to raise the remaining \$120,000 necessary to begin the restoration of the aqueduct.

"This is an opportunity for people and organizations to have a lasting impact on the Catoctin Aqueduct by adopting a stone that will be part of the restored aqueduct," George Lewis, President of the Catoctin Aqueduct Restoration fund said. "Imagine visiting the restored aqueduct and being able to point out, or possibly touch, the stone you adopted that helped make the project a success." Imagine giving such a gift or adopting one in memory of a loved one.

Over one thousand large cut granite stones ranging in weight from 100 to 3000 pounds can be adopted for as

little as \$125 for spandrel stones and as much as \$10,000 for the limited key stones. Donors will receive an adoption certificate acknowledging their support and a location map that will enable them to locate their adopted stone. All donations are tax deductible. To adopt a stone, go to www.catoctinaqueduct.org and select the "adopt a stone" button.

Here Comes the Judge—We Hope

The Montgomery County Board of Elections needs about four thousand volunteer election judges to staff almost 250 precincts during the November general election. To serve, a judge attends training (three hours for most judges), helps set up the polling place the night before the election, and serves on Election Day. Most judges work at their precincts from early in the morning to the closing of the polls, but some serve only from 6:00 p.m. to about 11:00 p.m. Most judges receive a stipend of \$180.

With this being a presidential election year, turnout is expected to be high. Interested persons can visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org or can call 240-777-8533.

Friends of the Circle School Join in a 25-Year Celebration

The Circle School in Darnestown is celebrating twenty-five years! They are inviting all who have been involved with the school—students, parents, teachers and administrators—to join them on June 1, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 15601 Germantown Road. This is a great time to take a tour, visit with all teachers and friends, and meet the new Head of School, Dr. Brooke Carroll. RSVP at www.senecaacademy.org or call 301-869-3728.

Town Summer Recreation Program Now Accepting Applicants

The seven-week Poolesville summer recreation program will begin on June 16 and will be for children six years old to twelve years old. The hours of participation are from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Stevens Park. The program will offer different sports each week starting with tennis and basketball. As the program develops through the summer, other sports offered will be soccer, baseball, lacrosse, cheerleading, and field hockey. There will be crafts and games such as capture the flag, manhunt, pickleball, and flag football.

Registration forms, a weekly schedule of activities, and other information can be obtained from town hall. There is a \$20.00 fee for all participants.

Traditional Summer Programs on Tap

This is a reminder that all the traditional summer activities will start this month starting with Vacation Bible School (watch for the Monocle VBS directory) and the summer entertainment programs in Whalen Commons. The music concerts get started on June 29 with the Poolesville Project Band followed by Doug Bell on July 13. There will be concerts right on through September 14. The Movie Night offerings this summer are Surf's Up (July 12), Grease (July 19), Dreamer (July 26), We Are Marshall (August 2) and Over the Hedge (August 9).

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

Theft from a construction site. May 5, 13400 block of Latrobe Lane, Clarksburg. Forced entry, property taken.

Commercial burglary, May 7, Ben Lewis Plumbing, 23407 Frederick Road, Clarksburg. Forced entry, nothing taken.

Residential burglary, May 8. 17100 block of Butler Road, Poolesville. Forced entry to a residence.

Narcotics offense. May 10. 19200 block of Walters Lane, Poolesville. Police responded to a complaint of a narcotics usage.

Disorderly Conduct. May 8. 19500 block of Wootton Avenue and 17400 block of Hughes Road. Police responded to complaints of disorderly conduct.

May 19 A fire destroyed a dairy barn in the 3200 block of New Design Road in the Buckeystown area.

Past

May 30, 1931 Police were investigating the shooting death of Beulah Reiffit who was killed when she attempted to wrest a pistol from the hands of her husband at their home near Burdette, Maryland. It was said that John Reiffit was threatening suicide following a quarrel when Mrs. Reiffit was shot.

May 30, 1952 Police were searching for an escaped lunatic who was suspected of committing three ghastly murders in one night in the Leesburg area. He had escaped from a mental institution in Staunton, Virginia, but Loudoun County authorities had not been notified.

June 2, 1930 The home of William Moxley, located next to the Glen Echo Amusement Park, was destroyed by fire. His wife and five children perished in the fire. Officials were searching through the rubble to determine the cause of the fire which might have been caused by an overheated iron. The amusement park was closed out of respect for the family.

June 10, 1938 Crowds gathered at the courthouse in Rockville in hopes of watching the opening day of the trial of Anne Lyddane and four other men. They were charged with conspiracy to murder the husband of Mrs. Lyddane and a woman that he was said to have been dating.

June 12, 1955 A Wilson High School senior was killed when his car struck a tree on Route 28 near Dawsonville. Police said that the car was traveling at a high speed, and that the boy had just attended his school's prom at the Shoreham Hotel. He was on the way to a party in Dickerson.

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facility, and any further expansion would await the degree of usage and demand. The board was unable at this time to comment on whether to have paid supervision or to offer the use of the ramps without any supervision. The board members were supportive of the 3.77-acre lot behind Selby's Market as a potential site, however.

Opening of Town Hall Pushed Back to End of July

Due to inclement weather and other factors, Bruchey Contracting requested that their contract for building the new town hall be extended an additional twenty-seven days resulting in the completion of the building now set for the end of the July. The commissioners agreed to the extension.

Town Manager Wade Yost reported to the commissioners on fourteen items that required a construction change in orders that will raise the cost of the original \$1,079,500 contract by \$57,626.00. Most of the items listed were in the original plans but were not included in the contract agreement with Bruchey.

Of the fourteen changes in work order, the major cost changes included a \$9,530.00 cost of placing the phone and electrical cables underground rather than the original plan that had a power, phone, and cable tube on the west side of the property. The lights for the parking lot, originally scheduled for \$12,500.00, were not included within the original contract with the general contractor as they should have been. Also, the architect deleted a planned \$17,800.00 generator with supporting pad from the contract document which should have been listed. The installation and connection of the gas line by Washington Gas with a cost of \$16,202.00 needed to be added to the contract.

While changes of orders are considered normal in construction projects, the commissioners asked town manager Yost, along with the town attorney Alan Wright, to determine if any of the change of orders could be charged back to the architectural firm.

Verizon Seeks Additional Cell Phone Antennas

Verizon, which currently rents space for nine antennas on the town water tower, has requested an additional three hookups for that location. The company made the request without any proposal for further compensation, so the commissioners did not approve the request but directed that

that the town manager explore some compensatory options that could include an increase in rental fees and/or improvement in fencing that surrounds their infrastructure at the base of the tower.

Public Forum

During the public forum, Robert Pierce of Westerly Road read a statement presenting an explanation as to why he may take administrative action preventing approval of the operation of a new well that will serve the Winchester development. Homeowners in the vicinity of the development have been provided a guarantee against water supply problems from the operation of a new well on the developer's property. In the event that a homeowner is negatively impacted by the Winchester well, the town would either drill a new well or connect the property up to town water at the expense of the developer. Mr. Pierce told the Monocle that the town will require him to be connected to town water. The letter rejects this option by stating "we lose our high quality well water, which will be mixed with the Town water supply, contaminated with chlorine, and sold back to us." The letter further maintains that "the Commissioners have summarily dismissed each of our reasonable requests and forced us to engage an attorney to protect our rights." While the letter maintains that monetary compensation has not been requested, it did not explicitly provide information as to what other compensation is being requested. Mr. Pierce did state that matters relating to three additional taps on his property are presently in dispute. Town officials will not comment on the letter at this time since legal proceedings are possible. An administrative pre-hearing on June 10 is scheduled which may determine the extent of legal action to be taken.

On miscellaneous matters, the commissioners voted to approve a \$1,000.00 scholarship to intern Joe Gilpin for his work in assisting the town manager this past year. They decided to pass on Mr. Gilpin's recommendation for creating a permanent town intern scholarship program for the future. The commissioners suggested that the town manager may present such a proposal for their consideration later in the year. The commissioners also approved the nomination of Paul Shibelski to the Sign Review Board and Tim Whitehouse as the resident member of the CEDC.

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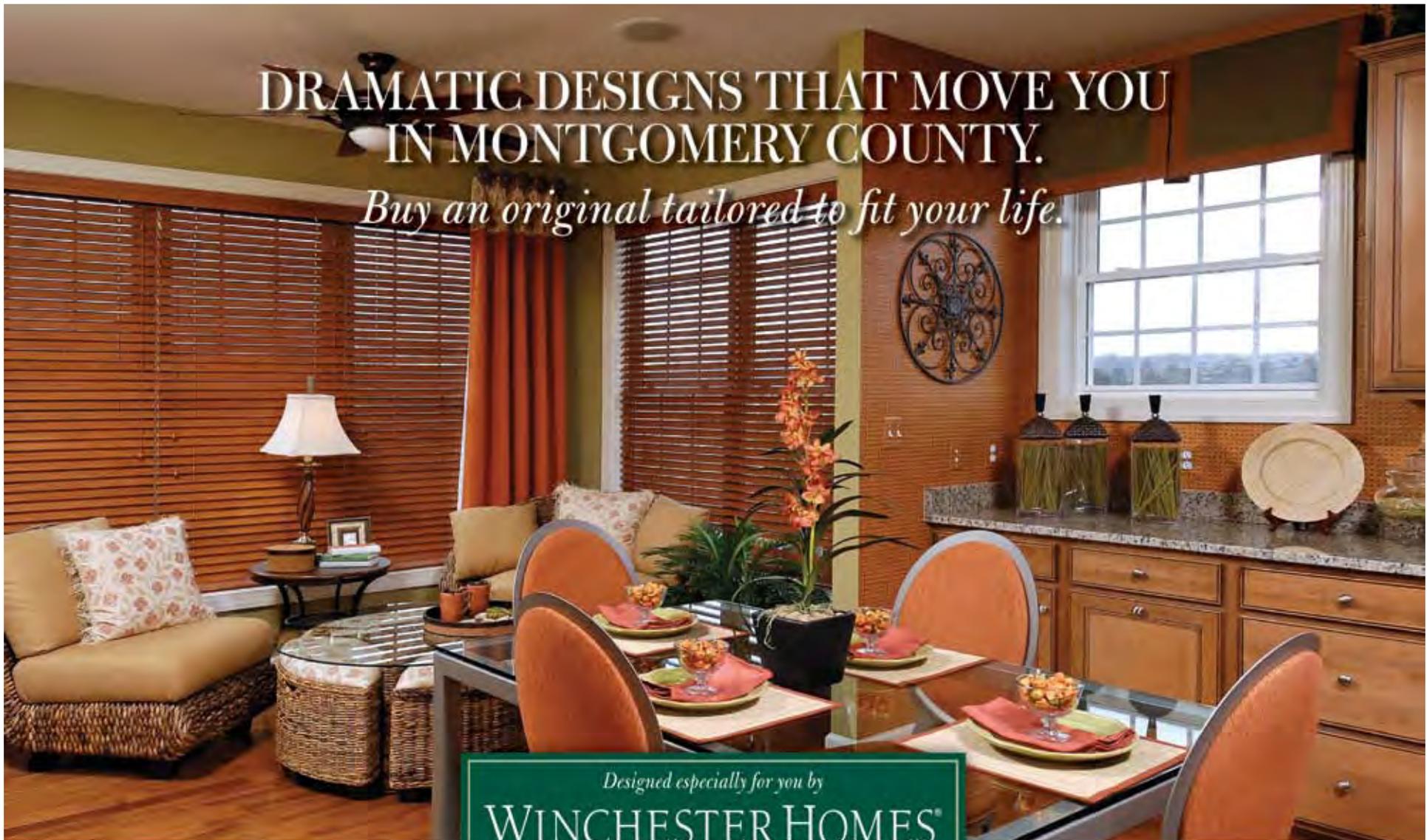
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