



*The Clarksburg field hockey team on the march. See Youth Sports on Page 12.*



*Is that Sugarloaf Mountain in the distance? Not. See In the Garden on Page 8 to read about Holebird Gardens.*



*Betsy Lyman and Kitty Cooley officiated at the Monocacy Garden Club flower show. Read all about it in Local News on Page 5.*



*Read about Jenny Better and Chelsea Glowacki and PHS volleyball on Page 25.*

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

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## *The Numbers Are In on Speed Cameras*

By Rande Davis

Recent data on the results of the use of speed cameras in Poolesville have become available with a reported 31,584 images (tickets) taken year-to-date through the middle of September. There are two sets of cameras in place on Fisher Avenue monitoring traffic in and out of the town. Their locations are at the 19500 block on Fisher Avenue near the entrance to Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church on Tom Fox Avenue, and the other is positioned near the entrance to the county swimming pool.

The location near the church generated 5,724 images (tickets) for vehicles entering the town and 6,715 for vehicles departing. At the swimming pool location 5,181 images were taken for those entering Poolesville and 13,964 for those leaving town headed toward White's Ferry.

The introduction of the photo speed system has resulted in public controversy regarding the effectiveness in slowing traffic, their impact on business commerce, the fairness in their locations, and the beneficiaries of the revenue generated. Based on trends of imaging, there is consensus that they have reduced speed levels at both locations. On the other issues, concerns voiced by various sectors in the community on the other topics will not be assuaged by the data released.

One of the most controversial aspects is that revenue from the imaging does not go to the town but to the state

and the operating firm for the cameras. Of the four locations, the one leaving town toward White's Ferry is viewed by many as most troubling for its "speed trap" positioning. The legal speed limit within the town at that point is twenty-five miles per hour with the next increase to thirty miles per hour approximately two hundred yards west. Originally, the signage of an increase in speed limits did not exist until about three-quarters of a mile outside of town where the speed limit then becomes forty miles per hour.

Data distinguishing between in-state and out-of-state

## *Griffith Stadium*

By Jack Toomey

*Editor's Note: A shorter version of this article was recently printed in the Washington Post, which ran a series of articles on local icons of old Washington, such as Griffith Stadium, where the Washington Senators, Homestead Grays, and Washington Redskins played until the opening of D.C. Stadium in 1961.*

My first recollection of Griffith Stadium was when I was in grade school. My father would take me to George Washington University and Catholic League high school football games that were usually played on Friday nights. Driving down Georgia Avenue you knew that you were near the stadium when the smell of the baking bread



*The much loathed but amazingly productive speed cameras leaving Poolesville.*

violators were not available at this time.

The percentage of speeders can be approximated in data submitted for the September 7 to September 13 information reviewed. In that period, the in-

*- Continued on Page 17.*



*An undated photograph of Griffith Stadium, which stood at the corner of Georgia Avenue and W Street, NW, in Washington, D.C., the present day site of Howard University Hospital.*

from the Wonder Bread factory wafted through the window. We were fortunate enough to have a neighbor who was an official with Capital Transit, and we parked in their garage right across the street from the stadium. There was a wide ramp that led up to the main grandstand, and the first sight that I remember was the greenest grass I had ever seen.

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# PHS PEP RALLY



The Monocacy Monocle's team for the Lions Club golf tournament enjoyed the after play barbecue. Pictured from left to right: Rev. Tom Purdy (of St. Peter's Church – he chipped two shots from 50-60 yards off the green into the cup, only to miss a third when it hit the pin), Dean Wroth (visiting from another team), Ted Wroth (who won the closest to the pin contest), and John Clayton, who was just happy to be there. Not in the picture here (or really on the greens for that matter) photographer Rande Davis.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus rose at dawn to prepare for their annual yard sale in the parking lot of Healthworks. Ben Snouffer, Tom McCartin, Harry Ganjian, Mel Washington and Bryan Adamczyk.



The team from Truland Electric and Windridge Farm took top honors at the recent Monocacy Lions Club charity golf tournament. Event chairman Ed Rothenberg, Hap Butz, Kevin Murphy, Ted Hall and Joel King



Members of the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church chose to spend a beautiful Saturday morning helping to make Cattail Road more beautiful.

## School News

### PHS Homecoming 2008

By Chantal Agnew

On Friday, September 26, the PHS varsity football team played Northwood for their homecoming game. Although they lost 28-19, it was a good game for the Falcons, especially since this was their first time scoring this season. The actual homecoming dance was held the next day.

The 2008 homecoming court consisted of a prince and princess for each grade and the king and queen from the seniors. The freshmen prince and princess were Robert Winning and Mitsu Shinderis. For the sophomores, Kevin Connor and Sahara Saasta were crowned; however, Kevin nobly gave his title of prince to fellow nominee, Jeff Stanley. This year's prince and princess for the juniors were Cori Cotter and Morgan Kohler; and finally, the

king and queen for this year's 2008 homecoming were Andre Martinez and Megan Kenneweg.



The Poolesville High School 2008 homecoming king and queen: Andre Martinez and Megan Kenneweg.



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# Center Stage Local Dancers Join Joffrey Ballet

By Dominique Agnew

On the beautiful Saturday that marked Poolesville Day 2008, eight parade participants promptly left the festivities immediately after marching in the parade. Most of them carpooled together to an open audition for the famed Joffrey Ballet Company's Nutcracker production. All eight girls, Amanda Chasin, Victoria Contreras, Suzanne Creedon, Lexi Dorsey, Chloe Insalaco, Sally Miller, Brooke O'Connell, and Renee Terragno, ranging in age from ten to eleven, breezed through the audition and were given parts for the December 11 through December 14 performances at the Kennedy Center.

These girls represent



Reaching for the stars.

the foundation of the newly-formed Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, an offshoot of the Hope Garden Ballet school that artistic director, Fran Ichijo, founded and runs out of Healthworks Fitness Center in Poolesville (visit [www.monocacymonocle.com](http://www.monocacymonocle.com) to read the article about Fran and her ballet school). The Children's Theatre will provide advanced dancers more opportunities to perform outside of the biannual winter and spring concerts. The HGB Children's Theatre plans to expand perfor-

mance venues to schools for enrichment programs and to bring joy and beauty to the community.

The ease with which they auditioned—"The steps were easy for me," mentioned Amanda

Chasin to Fran Ichijo—and the comments made by the judges are testaments to the exceptional quality of training, discipline, love, and nurturing found at Hope Garden Ballet. The girls kept a cheerful demeanor during their audition and were very poised at all times—so much so that at one point, a judge requested other dancers to relax and be cheerful like the smiling Hope Garden Ballet dancers. When Fran heard this, she was so happy, "They don't want to

work with grumpy dancers." Also, Amanda mentioned, "We were the only ones who bowed to the teachers at the end." Two of the more experienced dancers, Sally Miller and Suzanne Creedon, were given the roles of Polichinelles, which are fairly technical. The other girls will be Party Girls and Snow Tree Angels.

"All the performing experience that [the girls] have had really helped them to be better prepared and more poised in a different situation," says Fran. With Hope Garden Ballet, the girls have performed every December and May, some have been performing since they were four years old. More information about the Nutcracker performance can be found at the Kennedy Center website: [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org). The Hope Garden Ballet website, [www.hopegardenballet.org](http://www.hopegardenballet.org), will have information about their upcoming winter concert at Poolesville High School.

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# Commentary

## All This—and Popcorn, Too

By John Clayton

The first debate between McCain and Obama (Remember them? They're running for president with Palin and Biden) reinforced for me the generational aspect of this election. I admittedly am no longer much of an admirer of John McCain as a national leader (even though, strangely enough, I still think he is the best of the candidates in the Republican primary), but throughout the entire debate, I thought he had the upper hand. Some of this may be my own pessimism. It was like watching the Redskins play a team like, for instance, the Dallas Cowboys. No matter how well things are going, you know that something is going to go horribly wrong at any minute. I think I felt that way, and it may have affected my assessment of the debate. More promi-

nently, though, I thought many of McCain's attacks were landing and were not countered. Plus, Obama often noted how he agreed with McCain, maintaining a fairly pleasant and reasonable demeanor. I wanted him to hit back.

So you can imagine my surprise at the rather widespread sentiment, reflected in post-debate polling, that Obama had gained in the debate. I realize now that some of what I saw as McCain's strengths were less effective with much of the electorate. For example, I didn't see anything wrong with the topics of the marines in Beirut in the 1980s, Gulf War I, and Somalia and Bosnia in the 1990s as being relevant. (The Vietnam War was another matter entirely. I thought we re-fought that one quite sufficiently in the last election.) I thought these were perfectly reasonable examples of recent history, and John McCain was more than entitled to express his positions or actions in the Senate with regard to those conflicts. If these events cast light on his experience relative to his opponent, then that's

just life in the big leagues, as they say.

Apparently, recent history falls into that category of relative terms. Some have written that much of the electorate was troubled or at least annoyed by McCain's recitation of ancient history. I think that makes the point fairly clearly. I realize that I am well ensconced in the middle age demographic, but that doesn't mean I always enjoy seeing that fact reinforced. I watched the debates with my Dad, who is older than I am, and I think we both had the same feeling. I guess I should be pleased that my choice of candidates is holding up and demonstrating significant grace under pressure, but I wish I could have enjoyed it at the time.

With regard to the vice presidential debate, there isn't much else to say, and I won't really try. Sarah, sorry, Governor Palin, successfully regurgitated and repeated her approved talking points, and if a question didn't trigger a relevant passage, she simply shifted to a issue that did. Avoiding a question by substituting information one would rather offer up is an ac-

cepted and necessary skill among politicians at this level, but I would quibble by noting that the accepted convention is that one should slide to a tangential or at least related topic. By ignoring this rule, perhaps the governor has indeed helped to rewrite the rules of political discourse, but not necessarily in a good way. Senator "Say it Ain't So" Joe Biden kept that smile ready at all times, and I finally deduced what it really meant: "If I bite my tongue hard enough it makes me smile, and I will look gracious and stay out of trouble."

I thought the CNN pundits scored it correctly and even fairly, surprisingly enough: Biden won, but Palin beat the point spread. The experts everywhere seem to agree that vice presidential candidates and their debates have little effect on the final outcome, and thank God for that. At least this one was fun.

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## Local News

### The Monocacy Garden Club Flower Show

The Monocacy Garden Club held its biannual standard flower show, "Colors of Life," on Friday, September 19 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. The show, which was judged by six accredited National Garden Clubs judges from Maryland and Virginia, included thirty-six floral designs made by individual club members and over 130 horticultural specimens grown by its thirty-five members.

The "Colors of Life" designs were judged in class categories named for songs with colors in their title. Special exhibits by two area student groups were given an Award of Appreciation: "Bein' Green" by Land and Nature Discoveries (L.A.N.D. — Garth and Amy Seely, leaders), and "Tapestry" — three garden project displays by Poolesville High School Global Ecology students.

Blue ribbon winners in Section A, Creative Design, were Carole Johnson

for class one, "Over the Rainbow" (mass arrangement on a pedestal); Carole Johnson for class two, "Scarlet Ribbons" (staged on a coffee table); and Mary White Lok for class three, "Heart of Gold." The tricolor award for best design in Section A was awarded to Carole Johnson for her "Scarlet Ribbons" entry.

Section B, Table Designs, blue winners were Dale Mackintosh for class four, "Little Green Apples" (a picnic); Barbara Wooden for class five, "Red Sails in the Sunset" (a tailgate party); and Joyce Brown for class six, "Mood Indigo," a semi-formal table for two. Dale Mackintosh was awarded the Table Artistry Award for best design in Section B.

Background panels were used for the first time in the designs for two of the classes in Section C, Interpretive Design. The blue ribbon winner in class seven, "Ebony and Ivory," was Terrill Meyer, and in class eight, "Red Rain," Linda Pepe. The blue ribbon for class nine, "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," to be staged on a burlap covered card table, was awarded to Kathy Noble. Terrill Meyer's "Ebony and Ivory" design received the Designer's Choice Award for Section C.

For their 2004 Flower Show, the Monocacy Garden Club established the Ella Atwood Creativity Award. Created in memory of Ella Atwood with the support of Ella's daughter Sandy Kavouras, this award, in the form of a crystal vase, is presented to the blue ribbon design exhibit which the judges deem the "best of show" in Design Sections A, B, and C. Joyce Brown has been awarded the Ella Atwood Award in 2004 and 2006; this year the vase was presented to Carole Johnson for her "Scarlet Ribbons" entry.

Horticulture specimens, each beautifully displayed in their own green glass bottle, included annuals; perennials and biennials; berried, fruited or flowering trees; evergreen trees; and container-grown plants. Sectional awards for horticultural entries were given to Kitty Cooley for her white zinnia (annuals); Dale Mackintosh for her yellow dahlia (perennial and biennials); Sharon Bauer for her fruited fig tree; Linda Pepe for her Japanese black pine (evergreen); and Linda Pepe for her jade plant (containers). The jade also received the overall Award of Horticultural Excellence.



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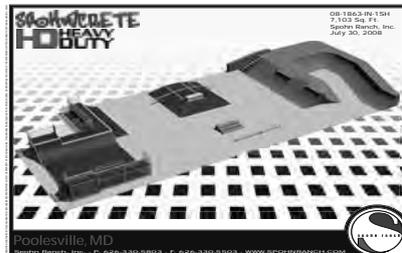
# Local News Skate Park Committee

Town Commissioner Jim Brown handed out an initial design concept (see graphic on this page) that incorporates what he described to Poolesville Online as the "ingredients needed to make for a successful, well-utilized skate park," though he emphasized that no final design has yet been adopted by the committee. He said the group is looking at three other designs, each of which provides similar equipment but has different price tags. Other committee members serving are Butch Zachrel of the Parks Board and local resident Peter D 'Amelio who is chairman of KaBOOM, a nonprofit group that helps communities build play areas, such as skate parks

Mr. Brown says that the design that he shared with the group would cost in the \$120,000 to \$150,000 range, including cost

of pad. The committee will ultimately develop a list of functional requirements along with cost estimates (including cost of the pad), he said.

Whatever is proposed by the committee, Commissioner Brown says, will have "passed through the skater's test—both locally and non-locally," noting that concepts have been run by skaters with a variety of skill levels and skating styles. "When reviewing possible layout and features, we've also discussed with them the run lines, level of difficulty, etc. We try to get them to think ahead with consideration to the process and the cost of building a park." He said there would be additional interchange with local skaters and outside experts as they hone in on a specific layout.



# Local News Roy Johnson Files to Run for Commissioner Again

By Rande Davis

Former Commissioner Roy Johnson filed a petition to run for commissioner of Poolesville just minutes before the 4:00 p.m. close of business on October 6. Mr. Johnson served as commissioner from 1994 to 1998 and then again from 2000 to 2007. He was reelected in November of 2006 but stepped down in April 2007 primarily due to some personal matters and in disagreement with the direction the commission was taking.

Two other persons had requested petitions to run for commissioner but did not file within the time allotted. David MacKenzie of Capital Fence had been considering a run for the past couple of years and explored the possibility of running this fall. He determined, however,

that the timing was not appropriate this year but may consider seeking the position in the future. The other person, Robert Pierce, did not file the requested petition, and we were unable to obtain a statement as to why he chose not to file.

There will be four candidates for the three positions open for commissioner. Along with Mr. Johnson, all three incumbents will be seeking reelection: Commission President Eddie Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, and Link Hoewing. The Monocle will offer statements from all four candidates in our October 24 issue.

**Attention Poolesville Voters**

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“I Wandered Lonely as a  
Cloud” (also known as “The  
Daffodils”)

I wandered lonely as a  
cloud  
That floats on high o'er  
vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a  
crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the  
trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in  
the breeze.

*William Wordsworth -1804*

Summer skipped England  
this year. The cold, damp, bone-

chilling days of winter and early  
spring hung around through  
August. Luckily, for me, it chose  
to arrive in London and the Lake  
District while I was visiting there  
in mid-September. The Lake  
District, Cumbria, is tucked away  
in the far northwestern corner of  
England and is cut off from the  
mainstream of life by its geo-  
graphical location. Jutting into  
the Irish Sea, the area is parceled  
by the long, wide inlets of More-  
cambe Bay on the south side and  
Solway Firth on the north, as well  
as by its own mountain barriers.  
It covers 885 square miles, and  
it is one of England's few moun-  
tainous regions. There are twelve  
to sixteen lakes in the District,  
depending on whether you call  
the smallest ones lakes. I stayed  
in the southern area around Lake  
Windermere, which was the  
inspiration for the writings and  
artwork of Beatrice Potter.

Windermere is about a three  
and one-half hour train ride from  
Euston Station in London. After  
the train pulls out of the station,  
you gradually watch the land-  
scape change. Not far out, you

observe the vista of long rows  
of gray stone houses change to  
broad, green fields dotted with  
sheep, cattle, and horses. As the  
past summer was cold and rainy,  
the farmers are now out mow-  
ing, raking, and baling fields  
of bright, green hay. The flat  
land slowly gives way to small,  
rounded hills in the distance and  
then to taller—some rounded,  
some peaked—mountain ranges.  
In three short hours, you have  
traded the urban sprawl and the  
fast-paced lifestyle of London  
for one of the most beautiful and  
quiet parts of England.

Before the advent of heavy  
tourism to the Lake District, the  
poetry of William Wordsworth  
put this area “on the map” for  
people in England and Europe.  
His poetry brought the grandeur  
of the lakes to life. Wordsworth  
lived at his best-loved family  
home Rydal Mount in Amble-  
side, on the northern end of Lake  
Windermere from 1813 until his  
death in 1850 at the age of eighty.  
It was here that he wrote many of  
his poems, revised and improved  
much of his earlier works, and

published the final version of his  
most famous poem, “The Daf-  
fodils.”

Many people think that all  
of the Lake District endures  
cold winter-like days with lots  
and lots of rain. It depends on  
where you live. If you live in  
the rain shadow of a mountain,  
you receive little rain, while the  
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and in crannies in old stone walls

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**A Clear Vision of**  
**What Matters in Life**  
 By Rande Davis

Do you have a word to live by, something that in and of itself describes a philosophy of life that guides your every step? We can't be sure, but we think Poolesville's Charles "Charlie" Debree has one, and we guess it is quite simple yet bold: Determination.

We all have our challenges in life, even if for most of us those challenges are not necessarily obvious to others. For Charlie, his challenge is quite obvious, but something he steadfastly rises above through complete determination. Charlie is legally blind; despite this, he possesses a vision far greater than that of many.

Destination is another good word for Charlie since he always has somewhere he has to go and something that needs to be done; more often than not it's helping other people. Sitting still is not his style. Helping others seems to be his calling in life. He graduated from the State University of New York-Binghamton majoring in business enterprise. He went on to earn a master's in hospital administration at Xavier University. Now retired from the Public Health Service, Charlie had a long career as a hospital administrator. Much of his work was with the Indian Health Services and, in that capacity, much of his career was in Oklahoma and Alaska and being assigned to headquarters in Bethesda. Whether running a hospital or building one, his talent for detail has served him well in serving others.

Growing up in Pearl River in upstate New York, he was the oldest of three siblings. Sports played an important part in his youth since he was an avid baseball and softball player who also enjoyed wrestling.

Charlie met his wife Terry in 1974 on a—no pun intended—blind date for dinner and

the movies. Not someone used to wasting time, he proposed, and the couple got married on Valentine's Day in 1975. Before they were married, he knew that he had retinitis pigmentosa, an inherited condition that would gradually cost him his sight. His vision condition does allow some sense of light. In past years, he was also able to use a CCTV that enlarged writing to the point he could read it a bit. A fair understanding of his condition might be in closing your eyes in daylight. While nothing can be seen, it is still possible to have some light visible. He wears special glasses to cut down on glare from that light, and he is famous for his hats since wearing one also helps him in intense light.

He told Terry of the condition prior to the engagement, but, proving she shares his philosophy of life, she did not let one of life's tribulations dissuade her in any way.

Terry recently retired from the Montgomery Public Library department after a career spanning thirty-two years. She majored in library science at Clarion State College and gained her master's in library science at SUNY Geneseo. Together they raised two children, Alison and Charles Schuyler. Alison, who works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is married to Rodney Rivera. Schuyler and his wife, Cassie, live in San Antonio, Texas where he is currently serving his country in the air force. Both children got married in the summer of 2007. The couple does not abide sympathy, but having two weddings in the same summer surely is deserving of empathy.

He is always ready to serve, but he also is most reluctant to accept help. When he walks around town, he never gets lost. This is no surprise to wife Terry, since on road trips, he is the one with the innate sense of direction. When crossing the street, he patiently waits until all cars have passed. For those readers with a hybrid, though, it might be important to remember that a car that makes no sound is a car Charlie cannot "see." Drivers

should not stop for him, as that would present other dangers, but being keenly aware that his white cane announces his condition should give warning to be even more careful. The county turned down requests to put a four-way stop at Wootton and Fisher Avenues, but that would have provided him with at least two locations of optimum safety when crossing the street.

His leadership and involvement in many civic organizations have made him well known in the area. If you don't know him personally, you probably have seen him walking through Poolesville wearing one of his trademark hats and using his white cane to find his way. If not, then you most likely would have run across him in front of Selby's, always ready to help the Odd Fellows or Monocacy Lions raise money or deliver food baskets and toys. He couldn't be here for Poolesville Day 2008, but in years past, he has walked Fisher Avenue selling raffle tickets for both the Lions and the Odd Fellows. With clipboard in

hand, wearing two hats at once—a Lions cap pointed straight ahead and his Odd Fellows cap on backwards—he unabashedly approached all within the sound of his voice. Typically, Charlie is not content just to sit on a chair in a booth. We have even seen him help the Lions Club park cars at the Potomac Hunt Races. Watching the faces of the drivers quizzically wondering if the man with the white cane is really blind and, if so, how can he know where they should park their cars makes for an intriguing situation. Charlie's keen hearing of a car engine running and full awareness of where the next parking assistant is positioned, easily keeps the cars moving smoothly to their destination.

I had the distinct privilege of serving as the Monocacy Lions club secretary when Charlie was its president. Suffice it to say that no one ever committed himself as diligently. With a myriad of activities, causes, and club objectives to handle, he was always able to stay on top of every

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## Youth Sports

### Poolesville Field Hockey Girls Working Together Again

By Jeff Stuart

On a cool fall Monday evening, September 22, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) High School, Poolesville's field hockey team (4-2) played a strong Lady Barons team on relatively even terms for three quarters of the contest, but B-CC (5-2) scored two late goals to prevail, 2-0. B-CC handed the Falcons their only regular season defeat last year, 3-1, at Poolesville, but both perennial powers advanced to the state finals in their respective divisions.

Poolesville's athleticism and team speed matched the Barons' possession passing game. Though the Barons may have had a slight edge in time of possession, both teams had several scoring opportunities in the first half. B-CC had five penalty corners, but the



The Poolesville High School field hockey team.

Falcon's goalie, Megan Foy (ten shutouts last season), and other defenders kept the ball out of the goal. At the sixteen-minute mark, B-CC's Sunny Cobb carried the ball towards the Falcons' net, and Foy was forced to cover the ball, resulting in a Barons' penalty stroke. Catherine Mirsky took a great shot, but Foy made a great kick save. A minute later, the Falcons appeared to have scored on a penalty corner of their own—only to have the goal disallowed because it was way too high. The shot was by Lori Defnet.

In the second half, the B-CC goalie, Clare Vieth, was forced to

make several excellent saves, but, exhorted constantly and loudly by legendary B-CC coach Amy Wood (222-29-13 career record), the Barons kept up their intensity, and the Falcons resorted to a counter-punch game blasting the ball downfield and speeding after it.

At the 13:57 mark, the Barons converted on a penalty corner opportunity. Mirsky, with an assist from Charlotte Kettler, blasted a shot in for the score. Four minutes later, the Barons scored again. With the Falcons pressing to tie and overloading the offensive end, Mirsky broke out of the circle and blasted a ball fifty yards downfield to a streaking Page Donnelly, who turned on the jets and caught up to the ball just before goal tender Foy could get there. It was a difficult shot from a difficult angle, but it went in.

Despite this tough loss, the Falcons have had a strong season so far, opening with a 6-0 victory over 4A Northwest on September 8 and a 2-0 win over Walter John-

son just two days later. Katherine Connor and Angela Bardini had goals for Poolesville. Defnet had an assist. Foy had three saves. The Falcons then picked up an easy road win over 2A Rockville, 6-0, on Monday September 15 before suffering their first loss of the year at home—in overtime—against 3A Churchill, 2-1, the following Wednesday. The Falcons beat Churchill last year, 3-0. On Friday, September 19, the Falcons took out their frustrations on Wheaton, hammering the Knights, 10-0 at Poolesville.

The tougher competition offered by bigger schools in the area should help 1A Poolesville, with 744 students, prepare for the division and state tournaments. To put things in perspective, 3A B-CC has 1249 students, 4A Churchill has 1628, 2A Rockville has 973, and 2A Clarksburg has 987.

Coach Gina Grubb's team has been regional champs for seven straight years. "We'll need to work as a team to get there again this year, but we can do it," said

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### High School Varsity Home Games

October 10 to October 24

#### Poolesville High School Varsity Home Games

<b>Football:</b>	10/10 Watkins Mill 7:00 p.m.	<b>Volleyball Girls:</b>	10/20 Quince Orchard 6:30 p.m.
	10/24 B-CC 6:30 p.m.		10/22 Northwest 6:30 p.m.
<b>Field Hockey:</b>	10/10 Quince Orchard 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Soccer Boys:</b>	10/17 Einstein 6:00 p.m.	<b>Soccer Girls:</b>	10/14 Wheaton 7:00 p.m.
			10/17 Einstein 7:00 p.m.
			10/20 R. Montgomery 7:00 p.m.

#### Clarksburg High School Varsity Home Games

<b>Football:</b>	10/24* Einstein 6:00 p.m.	<b>Volleyball Girls:</b>	10/10 Poolesville 6:30 p.m.
	*Homecoming game		10/16 Wheaton 3:30 p.m.
<b>Field Hockey:</b>	10/10 Watkins Mill 7:00 p.m.	<b>Soccer Boys:</b>	10/11 Poolesville 10:00 a.m.
			10/17 Tuscarora 7:00 p.m.
<b>Soccer Girls:</b>	10/11 Poolesville 12:00 p.m.		
	10/21 Churchill 7:00 p.m.		

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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

### Present

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During the same period, police investigated eight incidents of thefts from vehicles in the same neighborhood in Germantown. In each case, GPS devices, iPods, purses, and radar detectors, all left in plain sight inside cars, were stolen.

**September 22** Breaking and entering. 19900 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

**September 22** Assault. 19600 block of Mosby Way, Poolesville. A juvenile reported that he was assaulted by another juvenile.

### Past

**October 10, 1900** Sheriff White arrested Columbus Bowens in connection with the murder of Howard Hall that happened at the picnic at Germantown. Two men who were on the road to Boyds said that they saw Hall fall dead in the road and that they heard Duffin and Bowens say, "We got him."

**October 13, 1896** A collision between two freight trains resulted in the death of Lawrence Deach who was a brakeman employed on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The wreck happened a short distance from the Dickerson station. Deach was taken to the Emergency Hospital by the next available train. He later died.

**October 17, 1942** The chief of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department died in floodwaters on River Road near Cabin John Run. John Buell had been responding to calls for stranded motorists when he came upon a car nearly covered by water. He and a tow man attached a cable to the car, but Buell was swept away by the raging waters. His body was later found two hundred yards downstream.

**October 20, 1905** A frightening scene was witnessed on the streets of Frederick. Mr. Michael, who lived in Buckeystown, had come to town and had hitched his team on South Market Street. The horses broke loose after being frightened by an automobile and ran through the streets before being halted.

**October 23, 1971** The Poolesville branch of the First National Bank of Maryland was robbed by two armed men. The men entered the bank, forced four women tellers to lie on the floor, and then emptied the teller drawers. They left in an automobile.

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## Youth Sports

### Weather Cools, Coyote Field Hockey Warms Up

By Jeff Stuart

On a chilly Monday afternoon, September 25, at Gaithersburg, the Clarksburg field hockey team picked up its first win of the year. Leading 3-1 at the half, the Coyotes defeated the Trojans, 4-2. A steady rain fell for much of the second half. Scoring for the Lady Coyotes were Bri Moylan, #13, Susan Wu, #19, Herietta Lee, #7, and sophomore Katie Bertrand, #1. Samantha Amberg, #3, had two assists. Moylan and sophomore Olivia Pond, #11, each had an assist.

Then Clarksburg picked up its first home win on the following Saturday, dominating Seneca Valley, 4-0, again playing in the rain. Scoring for the Coyotes were Darya Botkan, #16, Bertrand, Wu, and Pond. Wu, Mayte Valdivia, #9, and Bertrand each had an assist.

Hopefully there are more wins to come. "The girls are really starting to come together in their field play. We are starting to become more competitive and our work ethic has gotten better," says Head Coach Sissy Natoli.

The Clarksburg girls' field hockey team won one game in their first season and five in their second. They are looking to improve.

"Last year, we were more competitive," says Natoli. "We lost seven games by one goal. We showed some promise. We want to do better. This year's team should be a little more competitive. We don't have the basketball players back, but we have other kids with speed. If I can get the kids' confidence up, we'll do all right." Natoli has guided teams to 230 wins over twenty-six seasons. She knows what it takes to win. She has senior leadership in captains Amberg and Delaney Tenca, #12, along with Maria Hopson, #2, Moylan, Dana O'Connell, #10, and Wu.



*The Clarksburg High School field hockey team.*

Clarksburg got off to a slow start. After a September 6 game at Richard Montgomery was rained out. The Coyotes lost their opener at Whitman, 5-1, on Thursday, September 11. Bertrand scored on a terrific assist from Moylan to avoid the shutout. Goalies Jecille Flowers, #17, and Raju Mishra, #18, combined for ten saves. Amberg, Wu, and Moylan played well. Whitman (3-2) is a strong and talented squad.

Two days later, in a weekend tournament at Magruder, the Lady Coyotes dropped two more to very good Catholic League teams, losing to Visitation, 5-2, and Holy Child, 3-0. The Coyotes' MVPs for the tournament were Amberg, Lee, and Wu. Wu and O'Connell scored the Clarksburg goals. Lee had an assist. Mishra and Flowers combined for a total of twenty-five saves. Bertrand had an outstanding tournament, finishing with an assist.

On Wednesday, September 17, Clarksburg played another strong game against a quality opponent, falling to visiting Walter Johnson, 3-2. The Coyotes led, 2-0, at the half. Bertrand and O'Connell scored goals for the pack with assists from Amber Hough, #4, Moylan, and Bertrand. WJ came back with three goals in the second half.

And on Monday, September 22, with Coach Natoli getting flashbacks to last season, the Coyotes lost another one-goal contest at home, this time to Northwest, 2-1. Lee scored the Coyotes' lone goal on a great

assist.

Coming up from last year's JV are 2008 juniors, Megan Lin, Darya Botkan, #16, goalie, Raju Mishra (JV hockey in her freshman year, played JV soccer last season), backs Margarita Epley and Mayte Valdivia, and forward/midfielders, Catalina Kim, Herietta Lee, and Raju Mishra. Sophomore forwards Pond and Amber Hough have also moved up to varsity. Returning impact players are seniors Flowers, goalie, and defensive back, Damaris Diaz.

Last year, the improvement and effort Natoli was looking for was apparent. This year should be no different.

*"Charles DeBree" Continued From Page 9.*

detail. Charlie is the master of detail. His ability to memorize extensive lists is legendary. No phrase better describes his earnest approach than that of "just one more thing." While others can work off a long list written down, his mental organization skills can challenge the best. Of course, having Charlie as King Lion was a particular privilege for the Monocacy Lions Club which is especially dedicated to assisting issues of vision impairment. With the Lions motto of "To Serve," the club was led by a man who walked the walk.

Oh, and just one more thing: despite his intensity of effort, he is envisioned most of all by his ready smile and understanding for those of us unable to keep up with him.

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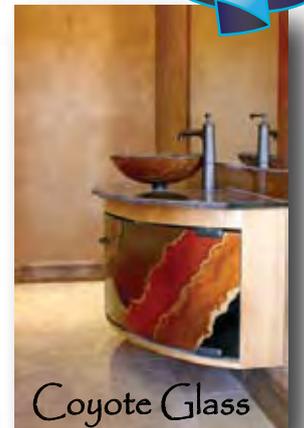
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### Nightmare Manor

Calvary Lutheran Church is sponsoring two events for the Halloween season at its retreat location in Beallsville on Darnestown Road. The mansion on the property will be the site of a haunted house with the theme of: Nightmare Manor - The Curse of the Grey Ghost, which will thrill the older children and adults through the first weekend in November. The admission to the haunted house is \$15.00 per person. They will also have a hayride through the ghostly grounds for \$5.00. The event begins at dusk on the nights of

October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 to 26, 30 to 31, and November 1 to 2. During the daylight hours, they also have Pirates Adventure, a terrific pirate ship corn maze, pony and hayrides, and refreshments. The cost for Pirates Adventure is \$10.00 for all ages and is open October 11 to 13, 18 to 19, 25 to 26, and November 1 to 2. The event starts at 11:00 a.m.

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### Making Apple Butter

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### Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

The annual Sugarloaf Crafts Festival at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds runs October 10, 11, and 12. The festival presents artists and craftsmen from all over the country to showcase their designs. This is a great craft show to find unique gifts, enjoy shopping with friends, and get to sample specialty foods. There will be children's shows to help entertain the young ones. For more information visit [www.sugarloaf-crafts.com](http://www.sugarloaf-crafts.com).

### Countryside Artisans Autumn Studio Tour

The Countryside Artisan tour starts on Friday, October 10 and runs through Sunday, October 12. The tour is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Meet and talk with the artisans in the UpCounty area as they open their studios to offer an array of handcrafted items for sale. Discover hand-blown glass, prints and paintings, yarn, jewelry, textiles, furniture, garden art, mosaics, and local wines. On this

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### 17th Annual Oktoberfest at Kentlands Set for October 12

The City of Gaithersburg and the Kentlands Citizens Assembly present the 17th Annual Oktoberfest at the Kentlands, Sunday, October 12, 2008, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Kentlands Village Green. Admission and parking are free. Free wheelchair accessible shuttle service will be available from the Global Exchange Services (GXS) Building at the corner of Main Street and Route 28, and will run regularly during festival hours.

Amidst horse-drawn hayrides and pumpkin painting,

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bound traffic near the church had 19,138 vehicles monitored with 122 getting tickets (imaged). For those leaving town at that location, 20,260 vehicles were monitored with 112 images taken.

At the other end of town near the pool, 7,546 vehicles were monitored coming into town with 116 violators recorded. In leaving town, a similar number of 7,472 vehicles were monitored, but in this case, the number of violators was nearly three times greater at 331 images.

The week reported (September 7 through September 13) shows 54,414 vehicles monitored with 681 tickets issued or a percentage of violators at .0125%. For the time period since the initiation of the cameras (May 7, 2008), the weekly average of violators was 1,662. The drop in average violations per week supports the notion that the traffic has been slowed.

However, the controversy regarding other issues remains intense. The disproportionate number of violators westbound from the pool area is of particular concern. Historically, the speed limits leaving the township have been forty miles per hour. Ticketing those moving to the higher speed limit while leaving town does not impact speed within the town, nor is there data available as to the degree of speeding that actually occurs. In other words, just how much above the speed limit is not available. Most tickets are issued when the limit is exceeded by ten miles per hour. For eastbound vehicles leaving

the thirty mile per hour town speed limit and approaching the forty mile per hour limit out of town, tickets are issued at forty-one miles per hour. For vehicles moving westbound and entering a thirty-mile-per-hour limit, they will be ticketed at thirty-six miles per hour.

The reduction in the number of weekly violators supports the notion that the local drivers have become much more cognizant of the cameras; however, reports of increased traffic on side roads (in particular, Hughes Road) in excess of speed limits only add to the controversy. The town commissioners in public discussion voiced concern as to the impact the cameras have on the township. The area near Poolesville Elementary School has been of concern, but the cameras are positioned so that their impact on slowing traffic near the school cannot be determined.

The commissioners have previously requested a four-way stop sign for the intersection of Fisher Avenue and Wootton Avenue which would better address the need to slow traffic near the elementary school. The state has refused the request.

Since the town does not have jurisdiction of the roadway, nor is it a direct beneficiary of the revenue, they are limited in the degree they can address the concerns. While warning signs positioned under speed limit signs do exist, area residents have voiced an interest in improving the degree of the warning as a way to continue the benefits of the speed cameras in slowing traffic, while at the same time lowering the number of speeders.

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*"Gardens of the Lake District"*  
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and garden flagstones. I recognized many plants that also grow in Monocacy country.

The Lake District has a long history of distinguished gardens. I have visited many gardens in many different locations, but I found these gardens particularly unique in that the lakes and mountains provided an unbeatable bit of borrowed landscape of dramatic backdrops. The eighteenth century garden design called picturesque is very much in evidence in Lake District gardens. The overall guiding plan of this design was based on creating a garden that respected the natural beauty of a landscape, while at the same time enhancing it with a carefully-selected collection of plants, shrubs, and trees. Gardens were intended to look like landscape paintings. They emphasized the rough and irregular, the surprising, the commonplace, and the decaying or aged.

Holehird Gardens is located a few miles outside the charming lakeside village of Windermere. The ten-acre hillside garden sits on an estate with a large, Victorian-style mansion, built in 1850. It was owned by several people over the years. In 1945, after the war, the owner gave it to the local county council, who then leased it to the Cheshire Foundation, which cared for wounded veterans of the war. Over time, the gardens became overgrown and were abandoned. Eventually, the house became a center for disabled people, administered by the National Health Service. In 1969, the gardens were saved by the Lakeland Horticultural Society. Today, the extensive garden is the only large garden in Britain open to the public every day of the year and is maintained entirely by volunteer labor. This is an enormous task as the garden includes a great variety of plantings: specimen trees and shrubs, extensive rock and heather gardens, alpine houses, a walled garden, herbaceous borders, and stream gardens. The Society holds three national collections

at Holehird Gardens: Astilbe, Hydrangea, and Polystichum Ferns. Hydrangea Walk is home to some 150 cultivars of *Hydrangea macrophylla*. The slightly acidic soil enables them to be seen in their full color range of blue, mauve, pink, red, and white.

In the walled garden, there was an enormous selection of flowering plants. What surprised me was the variety of plants that were all blooming at the same time. There were dicentra, astilbe, pulmonaria, aquilegia, heuchera, crocosmia, lady's mantle, poppies, daisies, campanula, digitalis, lavender, lupine, cosmos, euphorbia, larkspur, fuchsia, cranesbill, dahlias, and many more. The weather is so cool and moist that many of these plants that bloom in our area only in early spring and early summer, thrive here well into mid-September. Oh, if we could only have English weather for our gardens, what a joy they would be.

On the shores of Coniston Water, in the shadow of the mountain The Old Man, is Brantwood, the home of John Ruskin (1819-1900). The house is surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery of the Lake District and is set within 250 acres of woodland. Ruskin was a Victorian polymath who is remembered as a radical political theorist, artist, art critic, social reformer, and environmentalist. As a conservationist, he was a man ahead of his time. He understood the damage that man was causing to the natural environment. From his study in Brantwood, which overlooked the grandeur of the lake and the surrounding mountains, he recorded the direct impact of pollution, and he foresaw what we know as the Greenhouse Effect almost one hundred years before the phrase was coined.

The heart of the estate is Ruskin's eight beautiful, but very unique, gardens. They continue the many radical experiments in land management and horticulture which Ruskin began. He aptly describes his gardens as a "thinking space," a thought garden. The first garden you enter is the Lower Garden. Its fine

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herbaceous plantings trace the historical significance of plants in British culture, from medieval times, via William Morris and the Victorians, to the present day. The garden is enclosed by a simple wooden fence. There was a small sign on the gate that said: No dogs please; this garden is home to many rabbits. The other gardens snaked around the house and the stables, criss-crossed the gently sloping terrace walks above the house, and rose to the High Walk which provided a spectacular viewing terrace of some of the finest lake scenery. In the middle of the hike up the hill to the top is the Fern Garden, which is a maze of over 250 different types of British native ferns which thrive in the woodland climate of Brantwood. Throughout all of the gardens, from the pastel and deeply-colored flowers of the Lower Garden to the woodland flowers high on the hill, the colors were mostly greenish yellows and blues. Ruskin called them "the colors of the hills and the skies" which he so dearly loved.

Ruskin is seen by many to have challenged the moral foundations of the nineteenth century Britain in poetry, art, and criticism. His gardens at Brantwood were one more testimony to the uniqueness and vision of this Victorian, but ever so much Renaissance, man.

Rydal Mount, William Wordsworth's home from 1813 to his death in 1850, is situated in Ambleside in the heart of the English Lake District. Wordsworth was an intense gardener. The well-thought-out four acres of gardens have changed little since his day. His overriding belief was that a garden should be informal, that it should harmonize with the countryside, and should consist of lawn and trees carefully planted so as not to obscure the view. His gardens were in the "picturesque" style. From every window in the house, there is a view to the surrounding mountains and Lake Windermere. The gardens are to the west

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# Mystery History A 1922 Warning About Terrorism

By Rande Davis

Our story this issue is another look at Poolesville in 1922 as reported by students at the high school writing in their new, monthly newspaper, *The Poolesville Pool*. This report is more history than mystery but still holds as a wonderful window into the thoughts of our young predecessors of the past.

From this article by Louise Grubb, it is apparent that there is public discussion regarding the Ku Klux Klan. The concern is about a growing movement nationally that is apparently threatening to come to Montgomery County. It is hard to imagine, but from the article, it is also apparent that the KKK is making inroads using a guise of "good works." Ms. Grubb strongly warns her readers about being

duped by spurious arguments supporting the KKK.

We pick up the article at the point right after she has described the scene elsewhere in the country of haunting nighttime treks of ghostly-robed men marching with torches ablaze.

*Men join in the excitement not fully realizing what step they have taken, not realizing how many innocent men have been lynched by the Ku Klux Klan. They say they come to uphold the law, to take the law in their own hands, to break up gambling joints, but how many homes have been broken up by the hanging of innocent, harmless men by a horde of men gone mad, a flock of human passions let loose? The courts and juries should tend to this business.*

*They say they capture bootleggers and stills, but let us think a while about those bootleggers. They are not breaking the law any more than those Klansmen, they have no authority to take the law in their own hands any more than you or I have.*

*If the Ku Klux Klan was organized to do good, why do they mask? Are they ashamed of their organiza-*

*tion? The must be! Missionaries who help the poor and needy do not mask. The Y.M.C.A. workers do not mask. The Knights of Columbus build hospitals and charity institutions. But they are proud to do good. They do not do it in a state of excitement—they think it over to see to what advantage the money can be put. But the Klan goes out in the darkness of the night masked and do more harm than good! Any organization that is proud of its work would not wear masks, but when those men have a sheet and a mask on, they just come running like a pack of small boys playing Indians.*

*If the Ku Klux Klan is organized in Montgomery County, it will be a disgrace to our county. Many God-fearing men are enrolled in its membership, but these men have made a great tragic mistake in their hope of doing good. The Klan may do some good, but consider the menace they constitute.*

*No one outside this organization knows when it may be his turn to be dragged from his home and whipped and be degraded without knowing what his fault has been. The Klan*

*does this for glory. Tragedies like this have happened before. They are liable to happen as long as we in the United States tolerate an organization whose purpose it is to terrorize.*

*A power calling itself the Invisible Empire hides behind masks and goes out to take away the authority which belongs to the government and put in its place its whips and night riders instead of the legally constituted laws of this country.*

Ms. Grubb strikes at the notion so often perpetrated in history by those pretending to do good while doing such evil. Whether it was Hitler's social programs or in today's environment, the social work done by Hezbollah or Hamas, real evil can hide behind a shroud disguising ill intent. In the case of the KKK, the shroud was their uniform.

We can all be grateful to a resident like Louise Grubb and her willingness to stand up and speak out.



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20. Make sure that your doors and windows are draft free in heated and cooled areas. Consider "airlock" porches with a double set of doors, install comprehensive weather-stripping (visit [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com)). Please don't confuse this suggestion for heated and cooled areas with the stable itself, which requires many full air exchanges per hour to keep stabled animals healthy. Help make the planet and your animals healthier.

### *"PHS Field Hockey" Continued From Page 10.*

Coach Grubb, who is in her ninth season. "We lost twelve seniors last year, but we return seven players from last year's team and have a good group of juniors coming from the JV squad. Megan Foy (Washington Post All-Met) had a great year in goal last year, and I'm glad she'll be back."

Midfielder Jennifer Bateman (two goals, three assists), defender Angela Bardini, and forward Katherine Connor (seven goals) are also back. "I'm just trying to develop younger players," says Grubb. "We're just building together and working on fundamentals. Working together as a team is our main goal." Defnet and Dakota Bierly are among the newcomers to the varsity level. Defnet is a softball player in the spring. Poolesville is ranked sixth in the county Rated Power Index website, [www.shsfieldhockey.com](http://www.shsfieldhockey.com), hosted by Springbrook High School. All county team scores and standings can be seen on that web page.

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## Tidbits

### Semifinalists in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program

Poolesville High School announces that Carly L. Gayle of Gaithersburg, Maryland was nominated a semifinalist. The National Merit Scholarship Program, conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), is an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships. Established in 1955, NMSC is a privately-financed not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance.

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Lisa Fredette, Certified Life and Relationship Coach, has joined The Women's Nest (TWN) and is offering her services to its members—another way that TWN is working to help make the lives better for the women of the world. On another front, author Jennie Shortridge will be chatting with TWN's Book Club on October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Nest is growing and helping women everywhere escape the chaos of their daily lives. Any exposure is good exposure, as the site is completely free for members.

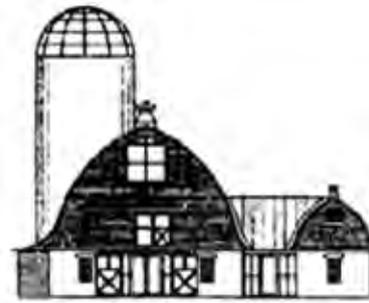
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### 4H Goat Club Holds First Sale at Fair

The Montgomery County 4-H Meat Goat Club held its first sale at the sixtieth Montgomery County Fair. This was also the first time 4-H members sold goats at the Montgomery County Fair.

The club had eleven members this year from the Barnesville, Dickerson, Boyds, and Damascus area. The Grand Champion goat was shown by Josh Mayne of Damascus, and the Reserve Champion was shown by Michael Cropp also of Damascus. The title for Rate of Gain was shared by Catherine Savage of Dickerson and Mietzy Prasada-Rao of Barnesville. Their animals each gained 0.3 pounds per day; the average rate of gain for the remaining animals was 0.24 pounds per day. The average price fetched for the twenty-one goats offered for sale was \$349.79. The club meets monthly, and the members learn how to care for their projects and participate in community service projects throughout the year. For more information on the 4-H Meat

Goat Club contact Ineke Schneider at [jusgoats4h@yahoo.com](mailto:jusgoats4h@yahoo.com).



## SUGARLOAF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER October 2008

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### Message from the President, Gary L. Valen

Recently, the Washington Post reported a joke that ran something like this: "You know you are in Upper Montgomery County when the McMansions no longer touch." A proposed subdivision on Peach Tree Road called Barnesville Oak Farms would change that punch line. The plan was recently presented to the community by Josh Maisel of Benning Associates, representing landowners, Malsama, LLC, an offshore entity.

The development proposes to subdivide the 840 acre Malsama farm into 33 lots with 31 of the parcels to be between 3 and 4 acres in size and clustered within two forested areas on the farm. The project meets the County's Ag Reserve building requirements of one house per 25 acres by grouping the lots together while keeping the rest of the land intact in two farm parcels of 368 and 344 contiguous acres. The current master plan regulations allow a subdivided lot to be as small as 40,000 square feet, or almost one acre.

The proposed subdivision has been carefully crafted to meet many of the objections raised about other housing developments in the Reserve. The planners point out that the project will not require any special exceptions from the County and there will be no sand mound septic systems or child lots in the plan. It is clear that they are making every effort to comply with the requirements of the County's Master Plan. And while it is understandable that the owners of the property would like to make as much money as they can and the potential developers and builders also have a significant economic stake in the outcome, the Sugarloaf Citizens Association feels that it is prudent to address the other impacts this subdivision and the others like it would have on the area.

One problem with the proposed development is that it concentrates 31 residences in a rural area that is not set up for high density housing of any kind. That number of single family residences will create a small community that actually exceeds the number of homes in the nearby town of Barnesville. There are no indications in the plan how this will impact the current residents' community services, or who will handle road maintenance into the area or disputes that which often arise in suburban type developments adjacent to agricultural uses.

An additional concern is the increased traffic that more homes would add to the narrow, winding rural roads that are not designed to carry commuter traffic. More vehicles from this development will combine with those from the two other subdivisions in the area to create additional traffic hazards especially for farmers who use the road for their slow moving equipment. Farmers have the right of way in all cases but they are often harassed by drivers who feel inconvenienced by the movement of farm equipment. Increased traffic on Peach Tree Road for current drivers, as well as the many bikers who use the road, may require significant changes to the rural road system to accommodate more suburban-like driving conditions.

A third troubling aspect of this project is the significant drain that 31 new households will have on ground water in the area. During several recent droughts residents in the Ag Reserve have run out of water. Clustering 31 wells in the same area may require a regulated effort to limit how much water is being used by each household to make sure all the wells remain viable. Will the next step be an expensive rural water system to accommodate this growing need for water? And another issue being discussed is although grouping the houses helps to preserve the prime farmland, the lots will be located in densely forested areas raising concerns about fragmenting and clear cutting important forest resources.

Sugarloaf Citizens Association urges the Barnesville Oak Farms land owners who are behind the current proposal to investigate other conservation programs offered by private, state, and county programs such as Program Open Space, Legacy Open Space, Rural Legacy and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation which can give generous financial returns and tax benefits for placing land in conservation. The farm's location and size make it an ideal candidate for a combination of scaled-back development and easements or outright preservation without compromising the financial goals of the owners or increasing the burden on the Ag Reserve's resources.

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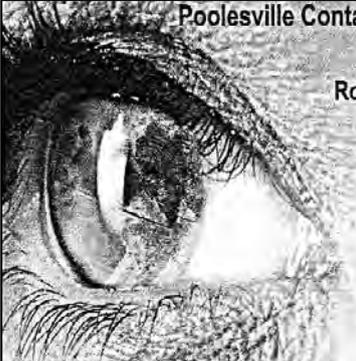
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### October 10 and 11

St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### October 10, 11, and 12

Sugarloaf Craft Festival  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Countryside Artisan Autumn Tour  
Twelve Artisan Studios  
10:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
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### October 10

UMCVFD Basket Bingo  
Fire hall in Bealsville  
Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.  
Games: 7:00 p.m.

### October 11

Cugini's Entertainment Night  
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8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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### October 12

OktoberFest at Kentlands  
Kentland's Village Green  
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mini-Walk for the Homeless  
Poolesville Presbyterian Church  
\$15.00 youth/ \$30.00 adult  
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Contact Bob Beliveau 301-916-3028

### October 14

Open Mic Night  
Bassett's  
Patrons offer up their talents  
9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Monocacy Lions Blood Drive  
Poolesville Baptist Church  
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### October 16

Poolesville Library  
Storytime for Twos  
Stories, fingerplays, and music  
10:30 a.m.

### October 17

John Sebastian and David Grisman  
Weinberg Center in Frederick  
8:00 p.m.

### October 18

Chris Compton  
Bassett's Restaurant  
Acoustic Mix Performer  
10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### October 18 and 19

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard's  
2nd Annual Grape Stomp  
Music, food, wine tasting, tours  
\$10.00 for 21 years or older  
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

### October 20

Third Annual Coyote Golf Open  
Golf, lunch, contests and awards

### October 20 to 24

PES Fall Book Fair  
Annual Fundraiser  
Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### October 21

Open Mic Night  
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9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### October 23

Poolesville Library  
Storytime: Threes through sixes  
Stories, fingerplays, and music  
10:30 a.m.

October Poolesville Library  
Adult Book Discussion Group  
The Race by Richard North Patterson  
7:30 p.m.

### October 25 and October 26

Annual Barnesville Basement indoor community yard sale to benefit The Barnesville School and the Frederick Mission  
Saturday, October 25, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 26, noon to 4:00 p.m.  
American Red Cross blood drive  
Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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### October 25

Poolesville Presbyterian Church  
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festival goers can enjoy authentic Bavarian food and beer and lively performances by the Alte Kameraden German Band and Alt-Washingtonia Bavarian dancers. Throughout the festival you'll find booths representing local merchants, organizations, artists, and craftspeople. The City Art Shop, housed in the Arts Barn adjacent to the Village Green, will showcase one-of-a-kind pieces by more than one hundred local artists.

The outdoor Family Stage will feature the contagious energy of FLUMPA, Live!, while the dynamic dancers of Studio C will be performing on the Arts Barn Theater stage. Performing on both stages will be the talents of Upbeat Unlimited, The Day Dream Dance Performance Company, The Kentland's Community Children's Chorus, and The Damascus Theater Group. Kids will also enjoy a full day of pony rides, moon bounce, face painting, recycling art projects, and many other activities. A used book exchange will be taking

place inside the Arts Barn, so be sure to bring a used book to swap for a "new" used book! Note that a small fee will be charged for some activities. For more information call 301-258-6350 or visit the city's website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

**Two Musical Giants on Stage at the Weinberg**

John Sebastian teams with mandolin master David Grisman for a set of traditional folk/blues songs and instrumentals when they take the stage at the Weinberg Center in Frederick on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. John Sebastian and David Grisman made their first recording together as members of the Even Dozen Jug Band. The rest is musical history. Sebastian became lead singer and songwriter of "The Lovin' Spoonful" and Grisman spearheaded an acoustic music revolution with his genre-defying "Dawg" music. Come hear songs from their recent chart-topping album Satisfied, and leave satisfied! Tickets to the concert are \$30.00, \$25.00, \$20.00. To purchase tickets, call the Weinberg Center for the Arts at

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**Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard's Second Annual Grape Stomp**

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On Sunday of the Stomp, SMV will host the presentation of the 2008 Royce Hansen Award by the Montgomery Countryside Alliance. The award recognizes the outstanding commitment toward protection of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. MCA is pleased to name the award after its first recipient and one of the architects of the Agricultural Reserve. MCA is committed to the preservation of agricultural lands, rural open space, and the rural wedge. It is SMV's commitment to support the efforts which have resulted in our pastoral countryside.

**Third Annual Coyote Open**

This annual golf tournament, sponsored by the Clarksburg High School Boosters club, will be held on Monday, October 20 at the beautiful and convenient Little Bennett Golf Course in Clarksburg. A day of great golf planned is planned with lunch, contests, and awards. Don't forget to check out the "Golf Tournament" page on the CHS Booster Club website during the next month for updated details. Players, sponsors, and raffle donations are needed to ensure a successful event. Remember, a bad day of golf is better than a

good day at work. Contact Patty Kelly, [bpjjkelly@aol.com](mailto:bpjjkelly@aol.com), or Doty Hillsm [j-dhills@comcast.net](mailto:j-dhills@comcast.net).

**C&O Canal Announces Great Falls Canal Boat Running Again**

The C&O Canal National Historical Park has once again begun running the Charles F. Mercer, a replica canal boat, near the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. The hour-long aboard the Mercer recreates the experience of the mule-pulled boat trips of the past. The boat makes three trips a day, Wednesday through Sunday, at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., and the cost is \$5.00 per person. These trips will run until November 2.

**Huge Indoor Community Yard Sale**

Don't miss the annual Barnesville Basement to benefit the Barnesville School and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Bargains Galore! Rain or shine - Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 26, noon to 4 p.m. Items include gently used, brand name children's and adult clothing, baby gear, toys, books, sports equipment, electronics, furniture and much more! Come early for the best selection! The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be on site for a blood drive Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The school is located at the corner of Barnesville and Peach Tree Roads, Barnesville. For more information, 301-972-0341 or [www.barnesvilleschool.org](http://www.barnesvilleschool.org)

**Poolesville Presbyterian Church Auction**

Everyone is invited. Join us for a fun time at our family-friendly auction. The silent auction starts at 5:00 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Ross Koeser at 301-349-2191. Saturday, Oct 25, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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## Youth Sports

### Falcons Volleyball: Houston, We Have Lift Off

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville Falcons girls' volleyball team is on a Mission. Coach Fran Duvall, in her twelfth season, is mission control. Senior Jenny Better, #15, standing tall at 5'3", is the mission commander. Senior middle hitters Chelsea Glowacki, #27, and Jessica Chittenden, #22, are her weapons on offense. Last fall, the Poolesville girls' team went through the regular season undefeated (14-0) before falling to Boonsboro in the 1A West Region semifinal. They reached the 1A South Region final in 2006, the state finals in 2002, 2003, and 2005, and the state semi-finals in 2004. That is a high standard to live up to, but the Falcons do not want to just live up to anything. They want to raise the bar.

"The seniors have worked really hard for four years, and they seem to be more focused," says Coach Duvall. "Jenny Better is a returning first team All-County setter and does a great job of getting the ball to our hitters," says Coach Duvall. "She plays a position that gets very little recognition; however, as a coach, I know she is the difference maker on our team. Without her, we would

be a good team. With her, we are potentially a great team." Better is an honors student.

Christina Hanson, #6, Megan Kenneweg, #8, Tori Kirkpatrick, #16 and Celi Blanc, #11, are the remaining seniors. Hanson, Kenneweg, and Blanc are also honors students. Hanson is a distance runner on the track team.

The Falcons are off to a great start by winning their first five matches without dropping a game. The Falcons swept three from visiting Blair in the season opener on September 5, but Blazer coach, Chris Liang, was proud of her team's effort. "[Poolesville] has a pretty solid offense with a strong middle and a good setter who can always connect. They are used to playing standard middle back defense. We scored a few early points tipping and dinking, but they adjusted. We had a few touches off the hits which really slowed the ball down giving us a chance to put it back into play. Our defense was also really solid that day... so we were able to dig a few of the hits up."

On September 9, seniors Glowacki and Blanc each had seven kills, leading 25-9, 25-13, and 25-23 set wins. Damascus took a late-game lead in the final game, 23-18, but the Falcons rallied behind the home crowd chants of "Let's go Poolesville." The team responded and won the next seven points to capture the match. Outstanding serves by junior setter Kelly Rosenberg, #9, proved to be the difference.

Poolesville swept three at

Rockville on September 11, 25-11, 25-11, 25-10.

"Well, our current record is 4-1," said Rams Coach Cindy Hollies, "so that is some consolation." The Falcons rolled again on September 15 at Whitman, 25-5, 25-10, and 25-11.

"We have not really been challenged so far except for the third set against Damascus," said Coach Duvall.

But they were challenged again in the first set of a three-game sweep of Wootton on September 19 at Poolesville. Wootton, 2007 Class 4A state runner-up, had only a 1-3 record and had lost several key players from last season's team to graduation, but behind strong serves from junior setter Jen Chen, and solid play from junior outside hitter, Allison Wynant, and junior middle hitter Kassandra Reyes, the Patriots built an 8-4 lead in the first game. The game was tied at 19-19 when a spike by



The PHS volleyball team on alert.

Glowacki gave the Falcons their first lead of the game. The Patriots got a side out and built a 23-20 lead. A block by Chittenden gave the Falcons a side out and Better served out the game. The dispirited Patriots dropped the second game, 25-14, and, although Wootton made the third game more competitive, Poolesville again prevailed, 25-17. "We are off to a slow start in the overall record department, but are steadily

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We also had season tickets to the Redskins games, and I attended Senators games all of the time. When I grew a little older, I started to explore the stadium. By seventh grade, my parents allowed me to go down to the field level during the fourth quarter of Redskins games. It was a simple matter to walk through an open gate onto the field. I don't ever recall any security people or ushers preventing me from doing this. I would stand near the end zone and watch the fourth quarter. I vividly remember one game against the Browns in December when the field was frozen, and my feet were burning from the cold because I was wearing sneakers. The Redskins lost that game on a last-second field goal. I would always stand behind the goal post in hopes of catching a field goal or extra point, but I never touched a ball. It was a custom to try to get chin straps from players when the games ended, and I remember getting them from several Redskins players since they would be heading towards the home team baseball dugout. It was perfectly normal to roam the field after a Redskins' game and see what kind of souvenirs you could pick up—maybe also mingle with the players. The Redskins would erect a huge set of bleachers in right field after the baseball season ended and that would increase the seating capacity of the stadium by thousands. On the top of the bleachers there was a big white teepee that would belch smoke every time the Redskins scored a touchdown. Strangely, I don't ever recall fans standing up at games unless the Redskins scored. Today, at some games, the people stand up most of the time.

The closest that I came to actually playing on the field was when I was in eighth grade. My Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football team had come in first in one of the three divisions. Since there had to be a playoff, they decided to hold a coin flip at halftime of a Catholic League game and did so at the fifty yard line. Most of us ran out of the stands, as did the players from St. Francis Xavier, and one other team, and we crowded around the per-

son with the coin. I heard him call our team's name, Holy Redeemer from Kensington. We started cheering because we thought that we had gotten a bye and were going to play at the stadium. To our surprise, the announcement meant that we had to participate in the playoff for the right to play at the stadium. We lost and had to watch the championship game from the stands which was played before the St. John's and Gonzaga game.

When I was in eighth grade, I was allowed to take the streetcar to the Senators' games. Either one of my parents or my friend's parents would take us over to Georgia and Alaska Avenue near Silver Spring where there was a bus and streetcar transfer station. We would ride the streetcar straight down Georgia Avenue to the stadium. In those days, the visitors' bullpen was in left field and there was no bathroom for the players, so the visiting relief pitchers had to use the public bathroom under the left field grandstand. Of course, I knew that and would stakeout the bathroom between innings on hopes of getting autographs. The Yankees had a fearsome relief pitcher named Ryne Duren, and one day I saw him go into the bathroom. He came out, and I offered him my autograph book and pen. He screamed and cursed at me and told me to get back to my seat and not to bother him.

In those days, some of the players took the streetcar home or walked while others drove. The parking lot for the players was right behind the right field grandstand, so sometimes we would wait there and try to get autographs. One day, Jose Valdivoso, a Senators shortstop who was Cuban, came out of the players' entrance and we chased him to the drug store on Florida Avenue. We didn't understand why he wouldn't sign our book but later found out that he didn't speak a word of English.

I went to one of the last games that Ted Williams played at Griffith Stadium. By that time I was in high school and several of us took the streetcar to a Red Sox game. There were less than five thousand people there, and we could sit wherever we wanted. One of my

mouthy friends began shouting at Ted Williams while he was warming up. Then when he came to bat, my friend continued to shout at him, so he stepped out, took one long glare at us sitting down in the lower right field stands, and stepped back in. On the next pitch, he hit a screaming line drive just over our heads. There was no doubt in my mind that it was intentional.

Perhaps my greatest feat involved an incident in the spring of 1959. I was in eighth grade, and my dad was in charge of the CYO in our parish. We had had the awards ceremonies the night before, and it was his job to take back the 16-mm film that included the Senators highlights from the year before. We drove to the stadium on a Saturday morning. It was raining and the team was out of town. While my dad went into the office with the film, I took a baseball bat and a golf ball from the car and walked down onto the field. No one was there. I walked out towards home plate, looked around, and hit the

golf ball over the green wall in right field. I have no idea how far the ball traveled, but later I realized that the ball most likely hit a house or even traveled out onto U Street.

The stadium sat vacant for four years after the Senators and Redskins moved to D.C Stadium. After I got my driver's license, I drove down to the old stadium one day and parked. The gates were wide open, and it seemed that a lot of the fixtures had been removed. I walked in the main gate and looked down at what once had been an immaculately-kept field. To my surprise, weeds had taken over the entire field, some small trees had taken root, and many of the seats had been either stolen or removed as souvenirs. I walked around the field, with grass and brush up to my hips in places, for the last time. It was like saying goodbye to an old friend. A few months later, the stadium was demolished and Howard University began construction on its new hospital which occupies the site of Griffith Stadium.

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ground slopes downwards. Here Wordsworth made a lawn bordered with flowering shrubs. The lay of the land serendipitously accommodates Wordsworth's vision of a garden. Nothing clashes with the crowning jewel of the garden, the landscape. Wordsworth was very close to his daughter Dora. She was her father's constant companion, accompanying him on many of his tours abroad. She sadly died in 1847 at the age of forty-three. In memory of their daughter, William and his wife Mary planted in a large field next to their house wild daffodils. How fitting that a poem he composed forty-three years before her death, "The Daffodils," became his most famous poem.

Whenever I visit new gardens, I look at them in two ways. How does this garden fit into the surrounding landscape, and what plants, trees, and shrubs did the gardener choose to create this look and feeling? I then

look at it with the eye of how I could use some of these ideas in my gardens in Barnesville. As I always say, every garden lives in a state of evolution. It is never finished. The gardener might not change a thing, but nature changes everything. Every new garden you see can add more beauty to your own.

P.S. I recently wrote about the decline in bees and bulbs to plant now for the spring. The best way to help bees is to maintain a constant source of food for them. Certain flowers provide a richer source of nectar and pollen than others. Crocuses furnish essential food for the first bees to emerge in early spring. Plant them now in sunny spots and come spring, your garden can become a feeding station for local bees.

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improving," said Wootton coach, Mary Malinauskas. "We have the enthusiasm of youth and the hunger and willingness to learn. We will be back."

On Tuesday, September 23, the Falcons tacked on three more wins at Richard Montgomery, defeating the Rockets, 25-8, 25-11, 25-14.

The Falcon's sophomore libero Paige Sekerak, #2, a 2007 All-Gazette honorable mention, saw significant time as a freshman and complements the senior talent on the team.

"The team's tallest player is 5'11" Chittenden, but we can still get it done," says the coach.

Surrounded by larger schools, the Falcons play an extremely tough schedule because there are not many other 1A schools nearby. In addition to Wootton, that schedule includes traditional county powers Gaithersburg and B-CC. They wouldn't have it any other way.

"I like it," said Duvall. "I think if you play better teams, you get better. If you play teams that are even or below you, you are not pushing yourself."

Lena Stypek, #1, Laura Graham, #10, Ashley Zahn, #3, are juniors. Sahara Saasta, #4, and Lauren Rocco, #14, are sophomores. They round out a squad with talent in reserve.

"Poolesville over the years always had a strong team," said Blair coach Liang. "Fran always convinces the girls to start playing club and begin training over the summer. A majority of them do." Betters is one that does. She plays for the Metro American Volleyball Club run out of Washington, D.C. She quit softball in favor of coed volleyball in the spring. The coed team is also coached by Duvall.

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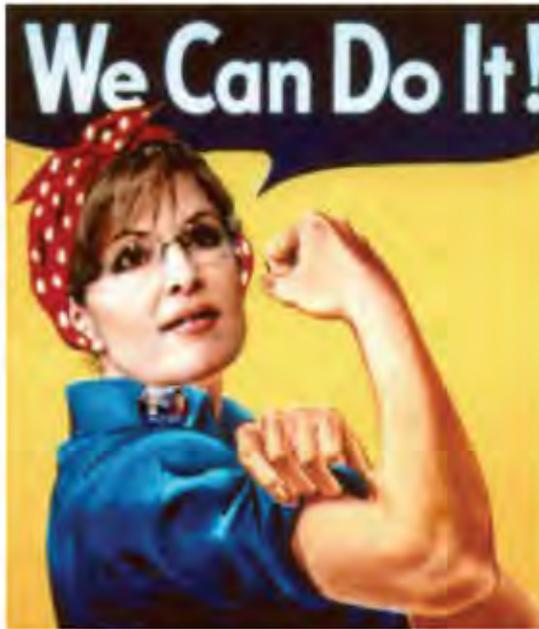
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