



*Jatin Narang runs for the Clarksburg High School track team. See Youth Sports on Page 9.*



*The Rev. Jace Broadhurst received his doctorate recently, and his sons were there to see it, at least in spirit. Read all about it in Tidbits on Page 13.*



*It was a nice day in Dickerson; hopefully the auxiliary brought some hot dogs to roast. Local News, on Page 8, has the full story.*



*Here's a hint: it's June. It's what it is by any name, and you can read about them in The Garden on Page 3.*

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

*Keeping An Eye On Local News*

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## **PHS Students Undertake True-to-Life Design Project**

By Rande Davis

PHS math teacher, Jan Maloney, brought a true-to-life experience to her Civil Engineering and Architecture class this past year, challenging them to creatively develop a plan to use an empty lot owned by the town of Poolesville. The property known as Lot 840 is located behind McDonald's on Wootton Avenue. The town's soon-to-open skateboard park is located on one section of the property, but the remainder of the lot awaits ideas or suggestions on how to use the future park site.

Four separate teams of students recently completed nearly a full year's work on a comprehensive plan development. The process included conceptualizing a use for the park area, developing draw-



*Julia Barnes and Eliza McElroy present their community center design to the Poolesville Planning Commission.*

ings of their proposed facility, hours and hours of research into ordinance requirements, master plan restrictions, market analysis of the potential for success of their plan, architectural renderings (both manual and virtual), and cost projections. Just as in real life, the students ultimately had to go before the town's Planning

Commission to present their plans. This gave the students the unique yet fully-realistic experience of presenting their case before a panel of town planning commissioners, subjecting themselves and their plans to the scrutiny and

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## **County Executive Ike Leggett to Attend Town Meeting**

Montgomery County executive Ike Leggett will attend the June 21 Poolesville Commissioners' meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m., where he will answer questions from attendees. There will also be an announcement regarding the recent petition to bring the town charter revisions to referendum.

## **PHS Girls' Lacrosse Accolades**

While the community of Poolesville High School has known for years about the strength of the PHS lacrosse girls' team, the girls are beginning to be recognized throughout the county and are earning their due.

Winners in the 2A/1A Division, the PHS girls also filled half the spots for the 2A/1A Division Team. Named to the division team were: Chantal Agnew, Dakota Bierly, Meg-



*Charlie's Angels? It's true that they're armed and lethal, but...how about no. Senior Meggie Hotard scoops up a ground ball as junior Chantal Agnew and senior Meaghan Rolle back her up. Photograph by Hugh Flick.*

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Dan McDermott and Chris Hotard of Poolesville High School drew a smile from the town planning commissioners during a mock presentation on a proposed community center.

Members of Poolesville's American Legion Post 247 and other residents gathered to give tribute to the fallen heroes of the United States military.



Even amidst a fire emergency, care for animals was on the minds of the firefighters.



Poolesville student Maxwell Applewhite was recently honored with a McDonald's Educates Scholarship at a glamorous Kennedy Center reception in Washington, D.C. Maxwell Applewhite, a senior at The Avalon School, was among forty-three students honored with \$1500 scholarships to the college or university of their choice. Pictured are Maxwell Applewhite, Brian Cleghorn (Poolesville franchise owner), Ron McDonald and Mehadi Khan, a winner from Gaithersburg.

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## In the Garden

# A Rose of a Month

By Maureen O'Connell

June is National Rose Month in the United States, and it is most appropriate, since it is the perfect month for roses. To borrow a term from the economics world, it is its Goldilocks time. The weather is not too hot, not too cold, not too buggy, and you are not too tired of working in the garden; it is just right. For those of you frequent readers of my columns, you know that, for me, the rose is the Queen of Flowers.

Many gardeners believe that roses are too high maintenance and prone to too many diseases and pests. I will probably never cajole them to give roses a try, but I shall keep trying, because they are missing out on enjoying one of nature's most beautiful flowers. However, I have made some converts; I got them hooked by introducing them to the Knockout roses. True, they are low maintenance and pretty in their own floppy way, but they cannot compare to the exquisite frame, flower buds, and fragrance of hybrid teas, grandifloras, old roses, and David Austin English roses. You get what you pay for in time, and it might be time for you to advance to a different level of roses. They are worth the effort.

Our past, cold, snowy winter was one for the record books. I found it very interesting that the damage to the in-ground plants was very minimal. The trees and shrubs did not fare that well. I lost quite a few very large white pine trees. One of them was completely uprooted and fell on two of my hybrid tea rose beds. With the heavy snow, we were not able to remove it right away. I was sure that the twelve roses underneath this giant of a tree were dead. When we removed it and all of its broken branches, most of the rose stems were smashed. In March, I cut them all back to the ground, and by

early April, new, healthy stems started to poke out. They are now growing better and stronger than ever, since they now receive more direct sun. That shows you the resiliency of some roses. All of my roses, the hybrid teas, the rugosas, the old English, and the David Austin roses, survived this winter very, very well. The long-standing thick blanket of snow protected them from the biting winter winds. Sometimes, there is a silver lining in a storm.

If we want our roses to continue looking healthy, there are several things we can do to ensure their health. Regular watering is essential. The rose will be stronger, healthier, and it will produce more flowers. A long, deep watering at least once a week is more advantageous than a light splash every day. Roses are hungry plants. I fertilize mine every three weeks with Rosetone. Slow-release fertilizer applied and worked into the ground is more effective than foliar feeds. A two-to-three-inch layer of mulch will conserve water and keep the soil cool during the hot summer days. Continue pruning all summer; roses are tough. Don't get too hung up on "proper pruning." Much latitude is possible. The main aims of pruning are to maintain a pleasant shape, to encourage good flowering, and to remove any diseased or damaged shoots.

I think that many gardeners do not grow roses because they believe that they are more susceptible to diseases and pests than other flowering plants. There is some truth in that. The best way to keep your roses looking healthy all summer is to choose disease-resistant and drought- and heat-tolerant varieties. The rose cultivators have made great efforts to introduce more and more of these tougher roses every year; however, sometimes no matter what you do, your roses are going to be hit with diseases and pests. Very often, the weather conditions in the winter, spring, and fall affect the roses' health. That brings up

the issue of spraying. It is easier to prevent diseases than it is to cure them. The important point is to start spraying early in the season, before there is a problem. I have cut back the frequency of my spraying, and I do it early in the morning before the bees are flying about. I use both natural and chemical fungicides and pesticides.

Perhaps the biggest problem for roses is blackspot. Few roses are completely resistant to this disease, and it seems to appear overnight. The symptoms are just as the name suggests: black patches appear on the leaves, with yellow at the edges. Cool, wet early spring weather, poor drainage, and the shade of trees will encourage this disease. Powdery mildew is a white powdery mold that appears on the leaves and buds. Canker is a fungal disease that causes the canes to turn black or brown; it will kill the canes. Last year, I noticed on several of my rosebushes some-



thing I had never seen before. I called the horticulturist at White Flower Farm and described the symptoms to her; she did not know what it was. I did some research this year; it is the rose rosette disease. It is believed to be caused by a virus and carried to plants by a microscopic mite. It originally attacked the multifloral rose, but in the past several years, it is showing up among ornamen-

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## Commentary

### Promises

By John Clayton

In our May 14 issue, we printed a letter from Town of Poolesville commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, "Why Monocacy Elementary Must Stay Open." He makes a number of good points in support of his argument, but one at the end seemed particularly apt, "...when the county created what is now the nationally-heralded Agricultural Reserve, a promise was made to the Reserve's residents that size would not be used as an excuse to shortchange them on services or to make them second-class citizens." I think we are living on the edge of that promise.

Admittedly, I'm not sure who made that promise, and perhaps it can only be applied figuratively to some of the issues at hand. Living in the Ag Reserve means that we live in an area of sparse population and are dwarfed in number by our neighbors down county and in our voting districts, county, state, and federal. Our interests cannot be preserved by majority vote. There are situations where we have to be protected, and I believe this is of what Mr. Klobukowski speaks.

Three things come immediately to mind: Monocacy Elementary School, the Beallsville Post Office, and the Dickerson and Boyds MARC train stations. All of these are publicly-provided services, or in the case of post offices, a privatized offering of a public franchise. Monocacy Elementary School is a prime example of a facility that is vitally important to a small community, the removal of which would affect the quality of life for a significant number of families. I won't rehash the points ably made by Mr. Klobukowski (his letter is available on our website on page four of the May 14 issue); he makes a strong case.

The train station closings were several years ago, but who knows if they will be attempted

again? The reasons given for the attempted closings were justified by low ridership at those stations (the method of tabulating this was questioned) and modernization of the larger stations that wouldn't be cost-effective at a smaller station. The feeling was that people could just drive to Barnesville (where parking is at capacity), or to the huge Germantown station, or, I suppose, just drive to work. This may have saved a few dollars, but while one should try to run a public facility efficiently as a private business would, it doesn't make it a private business. There are other imperatives.

This is my main objection with the Beallsville Post Office closing. I realize that the USPS is a private business concern, but they are operating a public franchise and they have responsibilities, even if they represent an expense they would rather avoid. Part of the requirement of operating the great money pit that is the postal system should be that P.O. boxes and some services are maintained at convenient locations. The entire western Upcounty should not have to drive to Poolesville. I would trade Saturday delivery for that, which I think would be less of an impact to most people, unless one is waiting for a Saturday night Netflix movie. I remember twice-a-day delivery (and afternoon newspapers delivered by high school kids), but the world has endured without them, and Saturday delivery may also be a quaint memory in the very near future.

We are running out of services brought out to us locally in lieu of centralized mega-locations. I have talked to a few people about the post office closing, and most of these were unsympathetic—even suggesting closing Dickerson. I suppose Barnesville wouldn't be far behind.

The recent letter to the community sent out by Selby's Market in Poolesville highlights the tenuous nature of private enterprises, but changes in the business makeup of the Upcounty as elsewhere are nothing new. Commercial ventures succeed

or fail over time for any number of reasons, but mostly because we the customers have changed, what we want has changed, and the marketplace responds. As Rande Davis pointed out in his commentary in our May 28 issue (The Heart of Poolesville: Got Milk?) one can rage against the coming of this particular darkness by dedicating more of our shopping to this important local business—and don't stop there. There are a number of other local businesses that could use our support.

When the smaller train stations, post offices, and schools have disappeared, and when there's no full service supermarket left, the Upcounty becomes a slightly different place. These places all matter and are worth the extra expense it takes to keep them alive. Is this the flip side of smart growth? When the county has to stop building out

and builds up so that everyone is close to shopping, services, and transportation, do we just get the opposite? I know the idea is to preserve a lot of space out here, but some services would be nice, too. I think we deserve it, and it's important that the rest of the county knows we think that way. It's important that the majority knows that the minority out here won't stand for being walked over. It's important, because there's no telling what could happen next. Someone may even try to sell us a bridge.

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**"PHS Architectural Class"**  
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challenges that come from the process.

Three of the four teams decided on proposing a community center for the property while one team chose to propose a Brazilian steakhouse. The teams suggesting a community center were Phillip Kuldell/Eric Weiss, Julia Barnes/Eliza McElroy, and Dan McDermott/Chris Hotard. The team of Ian Hallman/Sid Egly came up with the restaurant idea they named Proprio do Brazil. The restaurant facility came with an estimated cost of just over two million dollars and included dining room, bar, patio eating area, and café.

The costs for the community centers ranged from an estimated 2.8 million dollars to over six million dollars. Adding heavily to many of the plans was the emphasis on environmentally-advanced standards for the buildings and infrastructure. Kuldell and Weiss gave their center the theme of "The Sky is the Limit" and proposed a bold plan that

would partner with a private sector youth entertainment company called Skyzone which has built a number of facilities having large trampoline courts. Barnes and McElroy modified ideas from a community center in Egan, Minnesota incorporating activities such as a billiards room, study room, food court, and great hall along with a modest movie theater. With the theme of "The Extra Smile," McDermott/Hotard included a sports game room/basketball court, arcades, and additional smaller play rooms in the plan.

Jan Maloney expressed the appreciation of the class to the members of the planning commission (George Coakley, Charles Stump, Cal Sneed), Link Hoewing, Town Manager Wade Yost, and town consulting engineer John Strong for volunteering their personal time to help the students in this project.

Commission chairman George Coakley noted how impressed he was with the professional manner of the presentations made by the students.

"Many professionals have come before this body who were less prepared, less poised, less articulate, and whose quality of work did not equal the job done by these students in their presentations."

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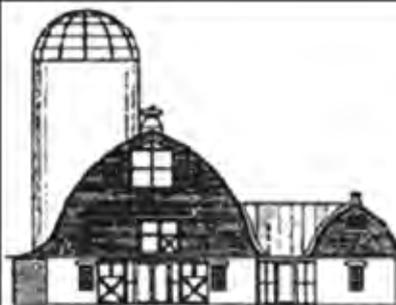
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### Calleva's Neglect of Zoning

A Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) is a proposal requesting the Montgomery County Council to approve measures that are not automatically permitted under the zoning laws of the County. There are many ZTA proposals every year and it is easy to consider them simply short-term legal issues to be dealt with by politicians and their professional staff. In fact, many times a ZTA implies changes that can have a profound impact for years to come.

Calleva, the folks who brought the "Haunted Forest" and other large scale activities to the Agricultural Reserve, has submitted a ZTA proposing overnight camping on their property. **The present zoning laws do not allow the construction or operation of any facility offering overnight accommodation to the general public in the Reserve.**

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) believes that opening the door for Calleva for overnight accommodation of a large number of visitors will invite other proposals for camp facilities, lodges, and even motel operations within the boundaries of the Agricultural Reserve. The zoning regulations banning overnight guest facilities have been designed to preserve the agricultural base. The planners knew that once land was set aside for agriculture the unique qualities of the landscape would attract tourists. We believe visitors should be welcome but they can find great accommodations in the many communities surrounding the Reserve.

SCA does not oppose the kind of activities offered by Calleva - on the contrary, it is important for young people to learn about farming and environmental issues. However, overnight accommodation for such activities is not permitted in the Agricultural Reserve unless a special exception is approved by the County. **The fact is that Calleva has not obtained any permits or special exceptions for what they are doing but have operated for some time outside the boundaries of the regulations for the Agricultural Reserve.**

Calleva now requests County permission to be the only organization allowed to break the rules protecting the Reserve. We urge the County Council to turn down the requested amendment while we want the general public to understand why this denial is important even though the amendment is proposed by an organization many people admire.

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## Local News

### Stolen: Memorial Wreath

By Rande Davis

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Emma and Tucker Ross placed two roses in remembrance of all who died in service to America.

## Local News

### Propane Leak in Dickerson

By Rande Davis

A driver for National Propane Buyers' Cooperative of Boyds was making a routine delivery to a facility on Martinsburg Road on June 2 when a valve on the propane tank became damaged, causing a leak which injured his eye. An injury from leaking propane is similar to a burn caused by dry ice. The driver was taken to the hospital and released expecting a full recovery.

presenting the youngest generation. In placing the roses, they showed their appreciation and remembrance of Scott and Kirk and all who have died, especially Major Gary Wratten who was killed on October 12, 1966 and was the grandfather they never got to meet. The cost to replace the wreath is estimated to be \$100.00. Anyone wishing to contribute to that cost may send a donation to Post Commander William Poole, American Legion Post #247, 17329 Hughes Road, Poolesville, Maryland 20837.

Jill Knudson was in the building at the time of the delivery and immediately called 911. Because of the potential and unpredictable danger of a leak from a propane tank, fire trucks from as far away as Clarksburg, Gaithersburg, Germantown, and even one hazmat truck from the National Institute of Health raced through Poolesville around noon to join those from the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department already on the scene. Nicole Campbell, proprietor of Equiscovery, which has its stables at the location, was relieved when the propane in the tank was burned completely



Fire and rescue personnel watch the propane burn off a faulty tank.

to allow for repair to the propane tank.

Other than the driver, no other injuries occurred.

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## Youth Sports

# The Best for Last

By Jeff Stuart

The state track championship over Memorial Day weekend is the traditional finish of the high school sports calendar. Though there were no state champs from Clarksburg or Poolesville, there were some great individual

performances. The Clarksburg girls were good enough to finish fourth in the state, after finishing second in the 3A West Region. The Coyotes boys' team could not match the championship success it had last year at states, but finished fifth in the 3A West Region. The Poolesville boys finished ninth in the 2A West Region and tenth in the states, held at Morgan State University.

"It was a terrific end to the season. Every athlete competing at states saved their best performance for last," said Poolesville Head Coach Mike Trumbull.

"We, as coaches, could not ask for anything else."

In the 400m dash, senior Kevin Dickerson broke the school record in a time of 50.09 to finish fifth overall. "Kevin has been tiptoeing with a performance like this all season. It is nice to see him finally put it all together on his final day of competition for his career at Poolesville."

In the 800m at states, senior Sam Widmayer ran a personal best 1:58.48 for fourth place. "Sam ran a great race," said Trumbull. "The last two meets he has shown the speed and heart we saw last year at states. Sam ran consistent and smart, and it showed with his performance."

In the 1600m, junior Eric Holmstead broke the school record by nearly five seconds with 4:23.86, finishing third. "Eric had his best performance at states. In his last two 1600m races, he dropped fifteen seconds from his personal best. He definitely made a name for himself." In the 4x200 meter relay, seniors, Milton Pratt, Kevin Dickerson, and Eric Gochenour, and junior, Kevin Connor, had one of their strongest performances at states. These four ran hard all year, and they put together a solid performance in a tough field. In the 4x400 meter relay, juniors, Kevin Connor and Eric Holmstead, along with seniors, Kevin Dickerson and Sam Widmayer, ran a seasonal best time of 3:25.47, four seconds off their previous high mark, for a fourth place overall finish. "We knew they were capable of this. They saved their best race for last and really turned some heads in the county." For the 4x800 meter relay, sophomore, Jordan Psaltakis, junior, Eric Holmstead, and seniors, David Wilson and Sam Widmayer, shattered their own school record by six seconds, running an 8:12.02 for fourth place. "That got our state meet started on the right foot on day one. They were only a few strides away from placing second overall."

Sophomore Brittani Mason, the only representative from the girls' team, qualified for states by running her best time of the season in the 100 hurdles by over

a second at the region championship. At the state meet, Brittani finished in her second best time ever of 17.55 seconds. "Brittani was a wonderful surprise. She worked hard all season, and it was nice to see it pay off for her at regionals. She gained some quality experience at states and will be better for it next season. I am excited to see what she can do."

It is perhaps a measure of respect for the rapidly-maturing Clarksburg track program that the Coyotes hosted the Montgomery County Championships for the second straight year and also hosted the 3A West Region this year.

After going undefeated in the division, Clarksburg's (6-0) end-of-season efforts were again led by senior Lauren Sumner and freshman Abby Daley. Sumner finished second in the 1600m at the states with Daley right behind her in third place. Daley finished first in the 1600m in the region with Sumner in third place. She also won the 3200m in the region, with sophomore Jacqui Young finishing seventh. Sumner finished third in the region running the 800m. In the 4x800 relay team, Sumner, Daley, senior Julianne Dirks, and sophomore, Jessica Obrien, finished fourth at states. Senior Briani Claggett finished second in the high jump. Sophomore Bailee Freeman finished sixth. Senior Charnay Ryland finished third in the triple jump. Bailee finished eighth. Daley finished sixth in the 3200 at states. Sumner finished eighth at 800m.

On the boys' side at the region championship, junior Malcolm Ayres finished fourth in the 400m and tenth at states. Senior Jatin Narang finished fourth in the region in the 1600m. Senior Devin Moreno, the county champ in the 300m hurdles, finished third in the 300m hurdles at states after finishing fourth in the region.

This was a rebuilding year and an adjustment to the move up to 3A, but the Coyotes' future was also on display at the Mont-

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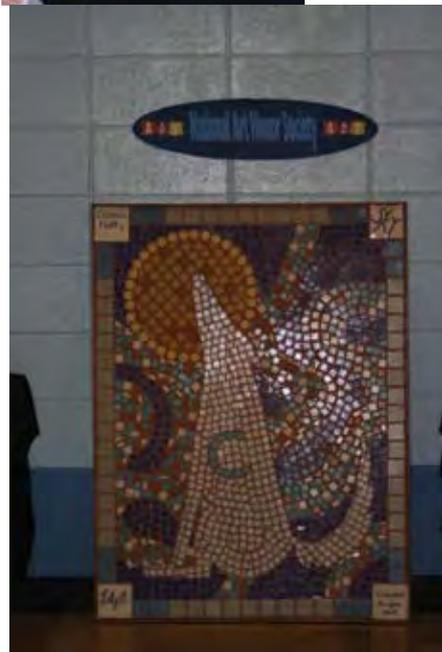
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## Local News

# Commissioners Meet to Discuss Referendum on Town Charter

By Rande Davis

A petition drive to force a referendum regarding the newly-approved changes to the town charter of Poolesville was turned in to the town clerk on April 21. Don and Linda Barnes, the persons who spearheaded the petition drive, obtained 776 signatures of persons who want final enactment of Charter Revision Resolution No. 001-10 rescinded. The petition resolution also calls for an "immediate special election" on the charter.

Prior to adjourning to executive session for discussion and to gain advice from Jack Gullo, the town attorney, Alain Briançon, a resident who assisted in the signature drive, queried for an explanation as to the process and possible timetable of events. Also,

Don Barnes called on the commissioners to immediately turn the petition over to the Board of Elections to set up a special election. While Commissioner Kuhlman stated he was unable to provide the answers to Briançon's request prior to the executive session, Link Hoewing stated that the commissioners plan to hold a referendum election should the signatures prove to meet the legal requirements. He also asked the town attorney to respond to the questions of process and statements by Barnes and Briançon.

Jack Gullo explained that by state law the process begins with the first meeting of the legislative body (commissioners) and not when the petition was turned in. He stated that the first step will be to ascertain for "the benefit of all parties, the legality and accuracy of the signatures."

Once the signatures are verified and proven to meet the requirements of the law, which is twenty percent of the registered voters in Poolesville (approximately 680 signatures), other details

such as the wording of the ballot and the timing will need to be worked out. Gullo gave his legal opinion that this petition referendum does not have to be immediate and could possibly await the general election.

Registered voters were asked to sign the petition to nullify the whole charter revision based on the following: the charter changes would increase commissioner acquisition of power, influence, and money; the new charter would allow up to a seven percent increase in property taxes per year and an increase of sewage and water fees through 2020 and beyond (these are already in the original charter, as it stands); and finally, signers were told that Maryland Constitutional planning powers would shift from the planning commission to the Community Economic Development Committee. Knowing which of the items motivated voters to sign the petition is not possible, and without a specific item-by-item amendment vote, a referendum vote will not make it any clearer. While Commissioner Hoewing stated that the petitioners were not providing accurate information to the public, he acknowledged, nevertheless, that the basic question to rescind the charter resolution was clear and to the point, which is the primary requirement for the petition to be

legal.

Don Barnes told the *Monocle* that the petitioners believe that the ballot initiative should be a straight up or down vote on the revision. The charter revision is based on twenty-four separate recorded amendment changes to the 1982 charter. A simple up or down vote on the charter revision as a whole will not allow the commissioners to determine which proposed amendment changes were turned down by a majority of voters and which were acceptable. By law, referendum issues must be clearly described for the voter within the voting booth. In this instance, twenty-four separate descriptions requiring twenty-four individual ye or nay votes is extremely cumbersome at the very least.

Another consideration on the process is to determine if there should be a special election concerning the referendum or if it should be combined with the general election in November. While the approval of the charter is not necessarily an urgent matter (no adjustments to the town charter have been made for twenty-eight years), and the town could easily continue on the old charter, a decision on the process will be announced at the town meeting on June 21.

*"Rose Month" Continued From Page 3.*

been simply cutting back to the ground the diseased canes. So far, this seems to have kept it from killing the entire bush. I did notice, though, that the pesticide Sevin lists this mite on the bottle as one it targets. Aphids, midge, and leaf-rolling sawfly love roses. There are many commercial chemical and natural sprays on the market which will control and kill the disease and pests I have just mentioned.

The above recommendations for the care and feeding of roses might seem too time consuming for many gardeners. That might be, but you are missing out on the beauty of the Queen of Flowers.

tal rose species and cultivars. It is also known as Witches Broom. The symptoms are characterized by rapid, vigorous growth of new shoots, followed by a development of witches' brooms, or clusters of branches with small, distorted leaves with an unusually-dense formation of prickles on stems and canes. The canes appear overly large and fat, with a pale green shade near the base and turning into a deep red or purple color. There is no cure for this disease. It is recommended that you remove and discard the bush. Since my infected bushes were in the middle of a large bed with many other roses, I have



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## Things to Do

### June 12 through June 19

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### June 16

Montgomery County schools close for the summer

### June 18

Special Summer Time Event, Concert in the Park Featuring Brian Keith Gross  
Poolesville Whalen Commons, 7:00 p.m.

### June 19

Annual Poolesville Relay for Life  
Located at Upper Montgomery County Voluntary Fire Depart-

*"The Best For Last" Continued  
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gomery County "B" meet at Walt Whitman on May 15. Sophomore Moran Stickler won the girls' 100m and placed second in the long jump. Stickler also won the triple jump. In the girls' 100m hurdles, Noella Anyangwe won by over a second. The girls' 4x100m relay (53.0) broke the meet record. Teammate Amanda Neff finished third. Clarksburg won the 4x200m relay as well. The girls finished first by nearly thirty points.

In the boys' 800 race, freshman Dewayne Johnson of Clarksburg finished second. Joseph Paul and Jared Thompson of Clarksburg won the boys' triple jump and long jump in 39'1" and 18'7", respectively. Clarksburg finished second as a team.

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## Tidbits

### Broadhurst Earns PhD



*Poolesville Baptist Church's Reverend Jace Broadhurst and his wife, Jaclynette at his recent doctoral graduation.*

Congratulations to the Rev. Jace Broadhurst of the Poolesville Baptist Church upon his graduation from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia on May 27, earning a PhD in Hermeneutics and Biblical Theology. Hermeneutics is the biblical study that emphasizes the Christotelic (pointing to Christ)

interpretation of the Old Testament.

For Rev. Broadhurst, this has been a nine-year journey of remarkable challenges, including two years of classes, having to sustain competency in German, French, Latin, Greek, Aramaic, and Hebrew, eleven hours of written comprehensive exams, and two hours of oral comps. He also spent a year and half writing on a subject that turned out to not be viable for his PhD and resulted in another five years writing his final dissertation. In early May, he had to defend his dissertation entitled, "The via media approach to senses literalis in hermeneutic of John Lightfoot." Jace will have to explain himself to inquiring readers. His recommendation? Stop by PBC, and he'll tell you all about it.

### First Salute Tradition Launches Military Career

Will Martin (Poolesville High School, Class of 2005), graduated in May from the University of Maryland, and, through his participation in the ROTC program, was commissioned a 2nd

Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Will Martin extended a special honor to Steve Robillard (U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, Retired) by requesting that he take part in Martin's first salute ceremony, a ceremonial tradition stretching back to the days when naval officers rounded up "recruits" at saloons and paid them a pittance right after they saluted the officer for the first time. The First Salute Ceremony has since become a tradition in all branches of the military. Today,



*Steve Robillard (U. S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, Retired) becomes first person to salute newly commissioned Air Force Second Lieutenant Will Martin.*

the tradition calls for newly-commissioned officers to "pay" the first enlisted person who salutes him/her a silver dollar.

Steve and Will's relationship goes back many years to when Will first became a cub scout and continued beyond Will's becoming an Eagle Scout.

Second Lieutenant Martin will now be heading to Columbus AFB in Mississippi to start flight school. He hopes to become an A10 fighter pilot and intends to serve for ten years. "We'll see after ten years what direction my career will take."

### Clarksburg PTSA Seeks to Help House Fire Victims

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The Clarksburg PTSA president, Marilyn Williamson, put out the following notice as to how

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St Peter's Episcopal Parish	<b>RENEW</b> Growth in Faith Have Fun Change the World	June 28 to July 2	12:45 pm to 4:00 p.m.	Ages 4 through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$20 Suggested Donation
Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church	<b>GALACTIC BLAST:</b> A cosmic adventure praising God!	July 12 to July 16	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Age 3 to entering sixth grade	Free
Poolesville Baptist Church	<b>GENESIS 1:</b> Space Probe Cruise the Cosmos Seek Out the Lord of the Universe	July 11 to July 15	5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Ages 5 through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Free
Cedarbrook Church Clarksburg	<b>Creative Arts Camp</b> Reserve at 301-528-6702	July 12 to July 17	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Entering grades 2 through 5	Free
St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Presentation  Barnesville Pavilion	<b>Baobab Blast:</b> Explore the Bible and African Savannah	July 12 to July 16	9:30 a.m. to Noon	Ages 3 through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Free



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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Current Crimes

Burglary: 15300 block of Mt. Nebo Road.

Theft: 17200 block of Whites Road, 23300 block of White's Ferry Road.

Assault: 17400 block of Hoskinson Road.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 15500 block of Schaeffer Road, 19200 block of Wasche Road, 19200 block of Walters Road, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue.

### Past Crimes

June 11, 1955

A thirty-five-year-old Poolesville man was arrested on two charges of false pretense. He was charged with selling rootless trees to Montgomery County homeowners.

June 21, 1905

Louis Mossier had been held at police headquarters on charges of embezzlement and unlawfully obtaining money. He grabbed a knife from a table and attempted to kill himself by slicing his throat but was unsuccessful. The instrument he used was a butter knife.

June 24, 1932

Residents of the Potomac area were wakened by an explosion of the new gas line that had been recently built. Just a few days earlier, three people had been killed when a section of the gas line had exploded.

Three people were seriously injured in the collision of two vehicles on the Georgetown-Boyds Road. Eloise Hubbard of Beallsville was riding in a car operated by Walter Gordon of Poolesville when it collided with a car driven by John Talley of Boyds.

June 24, 1930

Police arrested Matthew Craven, of Poolesville, on a charge of criminal assault against a Poolesville housewife. It was reported that the woman was out in her field picking raspberries when Craven rode up and asked if her if her husband was at home. When she answered in the negative, Craven threw her to the ground and assaulted her. Craven was later arrested at his Boyds home.

*"Lacrosse Accolades" Continued From Page 1.*

gie Hotard, Katelyn Keese, Gina Lee, Britt Miller, and Emily Moore. Stephanie Boulter, Allyson Dahlen, and Marlene Haggblade were honorable mention.

In all of Montgomery County, the coaches named Chantal Agnew, Dakota Bierly, and Gina Lee to the First Team; Allyson Dahlen, Meggie Hotard, Katelyn Keese, and Emily Moore to the Second Team; and Stephanie Boulter, Marlene Haggblade, and Britt Miller as honorable mention.

All-Gazette honors, which also include private schools in the area, went to two juniors: Chantal Agnew, Second Team, and Katelyn Keese, honorable mention.

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## Local News

### Mark Gochnour Retires

By Rande Davis

The library filled with the many friends of Mark Gochnour at his recent reception honoring his retirement as the Poolesville librarian. There were many words of gratitude and praise for the dedication of this town librarian who gave the town his best for nineteen years. For Mark, it was his attention to detail that demonstrated his caring so much. "It got to the point where I didn't even have to sign up on the list when one of my favorite authors came out with a new book," said Maggie Nightingale of the Library Advisory Committee. "He knew my favorites and simply put my name on the list automatically." More than one person confirmed that kind of special attention.

A proclamation of appreciation from the Commissioners of Poolesville pointed to his personal touch and professional achievement, "When he saw a person walk through the door, regardless if they were four, forty, or eighty years old, who was unsure of what to read, he sought to find them a tome that would pique their interest and stimulate their mind; and of his deep understanding that a strong intellectual foundation is necessary for future creativity and success, he sought to make the library a place to excite young minds, instill a love of reading, and demonstrate how the library is an asset to be used to enrich one's future." Highly respected professionally by his colleagues in the Montgomery County Library System, Parker Hamilton, Director of Montgomery County Libraries told the Monocle, "Mark was the perfect fit for [the] Poolesville community. He has been an excellent children's librarian and agency manager. He will be sincerely missed by the Department of Public Libraries and the community." The

Monocle wanted this beloved public servant to have a chance to say farewell to the community. As might be expected from Mark, his listing of persons for special appreciation is very long, so the Monocle has posted his statement in its entirety on [www.monocle-online.com](http://www.monocle-online.com).

From Mark Gochnour:

I have been fortunate to work at multiple libraries in my nearly thirty-seven-year career, but my nineteen years at Poolesville have been a very special time for me. I have been blessed by being here, and many people have been helped by my serving them in the library. I had thought years ago I might become a minister in a church, but I recognize that God had better plans in that my ministry was...being a librarian. I have been able to share a part of my life with so many, and you have shared your lives with me. I always wanted the library to be a place that people were glad they came to visit and obtain the assistance they wanted and wanted to return again. By being the children's librarian and then Branch Manager and work with people on various levels and issues enabled me to develop working relationships with many individuals and families. Years ago, a high school librarian thought I should work in the schools, but I told her that public libraries offered me the opportunity to work with infants to grandparents, and that is what I preferred. I know I made the right decision. I have watched infants that I held in my arms in twos storytimes in 1991 grow up and go off to college. Children I met in school visits have children of their own. This community is unique, and it welcomed me with open arms years ago, and I have received so much enjoyment by being a part of it.

I look forward to continuing to revisit the community, return to the library, to see friends, to work at Homestead Farm in the fall, and, of course, participate/attend Poolesville Day. I am working on a project with the Historic Medley District (historical society). I will be doing things with my family who are local. I plan to continue to reenact the



Librarian Mark Gochnour's farewell reception on June 1 was highly attended and members of his family joined in as well. Pictured are sister-in-law Lynne Gochnour, brother Gregg Gochnour, daughter Emily Gochnour, daughter Amy Gochnour, his wife Holly Gochnour, Mark Gochnour, sister Donna Riley, son Kevin Gochnour, and his mother Ruth Gochnour.

eighteenth century time period at various events and activities via camping, hunting, and making a hymnbook. I will preserve fruits either by canning or making jam. I might go back to work full time

at some time in the future, but I am still learning what God would have me do just now.

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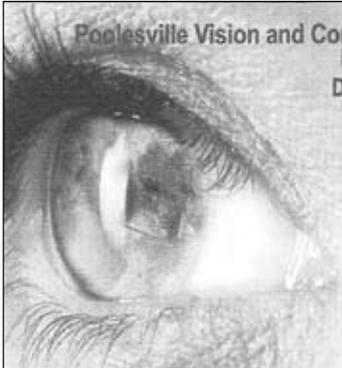
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ment ball field at the Beallsville Fire Station. The event begins with a survivor's luncheon for cancer survivors and their friends and family 11:30 a.m. on the athletic field at Beallsville Fire Station, followed by an opening ceremony at 2:15 p.m. There will be activities, games, music and demonstrations throughout the day, which culminates with a Luminaria Ceremony at dusk in honor of those who died from cancer. A final ceremony and award presentation will be at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, and some activities

may cost money. It's never too late to get involved and you may contact Chontelle Hockenbery through [www.PoolesvilleRelay.org](http://www.PoolesvilleRelay.org) or call 301-972-7867 or [hockenbery@verizon.net](mailto:hockenbery@verizon.net).

**June 20**  
 Father's Day Wine Tasting Celebration  
 Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards,  
 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Live music featuring Shane Gamble

**June 21**  
 Poolesville Town Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
 County Executive Ike Leggett attending

**June 21 – June 25**  
 Stevens Park Summer Recreational Program Begins  
 This is a seven week program that runs through the week beginning on Monday August 6. Children between the ages of six to twelve may participate. Registration forms are available at the town hall or online at [www.poolesville.com](http://www.poolesville.com). Participants provide their own lunch, water bottles, and sunscreen. The total cost for all seven weeks is \$20.00. Theme: We've Got Game. Activities: Soccer and capture the flag  
 Soccer Camp  
 Poolesville Baptist Church, 6:30

p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
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**June 23**  
 CEDC Meeting  
 Poolesville Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**June 25**  
 Special Summer Time Event  
 Poolesville Whalen Commons  
 Farmer's Market: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Cute Dog Contest: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Concert in the Park: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featuring: Poolesville Band Project

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the Clarksburg community may help this family.

The family needs financial help for basic necessities and relocation costs. They also need financial help to salvage, store, clean, and rebuild their three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath townhome. They desperately need general contractors, home builders, roofers, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, etc. to volunteer time to work on the home. They also need a myriad of construction building materials (windows, doors, drywall, toilets, entire kitchen of cabinets, appliances, counters, plumbing, wiring, and flooring).

Monetary donations, household items, or building materials will be accepted through the Damascus Wesleyan Church on behalf of the family. For tax-deductible donations, the check

should be made out to "DWC/ Lyons Family Fund" and mailed or dropped off at: Damascus Wesleyan Church, Attn: The Lyons Family Fund, 11210 Bethesda Church Road, Damascus, MD, 20872.

Persons may join the Facebook site, Support for the Lyons/Marth Family, for updates on the family, house, and fundraising. No offer of assistance or donation item is too small.

For further details, please directly contact Lillian Golden at [llgolden@verizon.net](mailto:llgolden@verizon.net) or 301-253-6715.

**Free Health Clinic Holds 5K**  
 Mercy Health Clinic's second annual 5K Health Run/Walk took place on May 22 around the campus of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Over two hundred runners and walkers of all ages participated, easily doubling the number of participants from the

inaugural event. In 2009, Mercy Health Clinic treated 2,230 low-income, uninsured residents of Montgomery County. Established in 2000, the clinic is among the larger free health clinics in Montgomery County. The clinic occupies a modern, well-equipped facility in Gaithersburg near the Motor Vehicle Administration. For more information, visit the Mercy Health Clinic website at [www.mercyhealthclinic.org](http://www.mercyhealthclinic.org).

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### June Is Busting Out All Over

The Organic Market and Holistic Center of Poolesville is making June its official grand opening month. With the start of summer, the season of fresh, local produce and products is about to peak, and Dawa Dellamula tells the *Monocle* that the store will have a number of exciting things during this grand-opening month. Their philosophy/mission is to provide the greater Poolesville community with a local organic market and holistic center providing the nutrition and medicine the whole family needs to live a healthy and balanced life. They are interested in enhancing the quality of the local environment for future generations by working with local organic farmers who use renewable resources, conserve soil and water, and raise animals with compassion. Their holistic center will promote health and wellness through acupuncture, massage therapy, reiki, and other holistic modalities, offering consultations and treatments to help the community live a balanced and higher quality of life.

### On the Go and On the Move

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The Shops at Jo's Gifts will now expand and change its name to Finders Keepers: Home, Garden, Gifts. They will offer vintage furniture, unique treasures, and home décor and gifts. Open on the weekends and during the week by chance, their new phone number is 301-349-3333, and the website is [www.finderskeeper-shgg.com](http://www.finderskeeper-shgg.com).

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gomery County "B" meet at Walt Whitman on May 15. Sophomore Moran Stickler won the girls' 100m and placed second in the long jump. Stickler also won the triple jump. In the girls' 100m hurdles, Noella Anyangwe won by over a second. The girls' 4x100m relay (53.0) broke the meet record. Teammate Amanda Neff finished third. Clarksburg

won the 4x200m relay as well. The girls finished first by nearly thirty points.

In the boys' 800 race, freshman Dewayne Johnson of Clarksburg finished second. Joseph Paul and Jared Thompson of Clarksburg won the boys' triple jump and long jump in 39'1" and 18'7", respectively. Clarksburg finished second as a team.

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