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William Price hands Frank Jamison his prize for winning the Lions putting contest with a 75 foot putt. See more pictures in Family Album page 2.



Workers and supervisors are busy at a recent Helping Hands project. Read about it on page 10.

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Hospital Coming to Upcounty

By Kristen Milton

A site plan for the Upcounty's first new hospital in decades was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board in October.

At the October 20 hearing, the board approved four motions for a ninety-three-bed hospital on Observation Drive to anchor Montgomery College's planned biotechnology business park at its Germantown campus.

In January, the Maryland Health Care Commission granted Holy Cross Hospital the Certificate of Need necessary to build the new hospital, ending the years-long debate between Holy Cross and Adventist

HealthCare, which purchased land in 2002 in hopes of building a hospital in Clarksburg.

The approximately eighteen-acre site will include a traffic circle, parking garage, and medical office building as well as the hospital. Right-of-way dedications for future road construction were also discussed.

Planning chair, Françoise Carrier, advocated for signage that would assist drivers who might otherwise find themselves further on campus. "To me this is a troubling issue," Carrier said. "When people are looking for an emergency room, they shouldn't have to switch from one road to another."

Planning coordinator, Rich Weaver, said the visibility of the hospital from Middlebrook Road would eventually make the path clear to people over time.

Holy Cross attorney, Robert Dalrymple, noted that the proj-

ect merged health care, education, and economic development in a unique way.

"We are ready to move," Holy Cross president, Kevin Sexton, said. He said the economic benefit will include 1,100 construction jobs in the short term and a minimum of 1,500 hospital jobs.

The facility will be the first new hospital in Maryland since 1979 and is intended to serve the growing and aging Upcounty population. Public involvement in the project has been intensive. Civic groups, including Boyds Civic Association, Clarksburg Civic Association, and Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee, had supported the Adventist project while Holy Cross received the support of the Germantown Alliance, the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce, and Montgomery Hospice, among others.

Edwards Ferry Comes Back to Life

By Rande Davis

The National Park Service hosted the grand reopening of the historically-renovated Lockhouse 25 at Edwards Ferry on October 22. The building is part of the Canal Trust program to open facilities along the C&O Canal for overnight use. The three-story, white, brick building has been restored with the theme of life during the 1860s. Originally built in 1830, attendants living in the house operated Lock 25 (30.8 miles from Washington) for commerce and travelers on the canal. Its rustic



The exploits of Thaddeus Lowe and his Civil War Balloon Corps came to life during the grand reopening of Edwards Ferry Lockhouse 25.

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Family
Album



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The Girls on the Run team from Monocacy Elementary School practiced at Whalen Commons. Moms and a brother were there to give support.



Brandon Kocur built this seasonal snowman—just in time for Halloween!



Chip Smallwood, Father O'Reilly, and Chip Dunn handled cooking chores at St. Mary's Ham and Turkey Fall dinner. In this case, too many hands certainly did not spoil the soup.



Don and Mary Lou Hoffacker set up the condiments for the folks at St. Mary's Ham and Turkey dinner.



Senior Jonique D. Lyles was crowned the PHS 2011 Queen of Homecoming. She is accompanied by her date, senior Ean Hill-Addison.

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Daytripper

Surprise! Think Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Daytripper usually takes you to great places to visit within ninety minutes of Poolesville. This time, Daytripper tells you of a place you may not have even considered before. It is right here: Poolesville. We have always known our town is a great place to live and, now, let the word go forth, it's a great place to visit.

Maryland Heritage Area, Heritage Montgomery, and the Town of Poolesville have joined together to publish a new brochure/map on the Civil War in Poolesville that is simple, enjoyable, and highly informative.

With the help of the Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD) and many other friends named in their newly-published brochure/map and walking tour of Poolesville, grasping the historical significance of Poolesville and

visiting the key places of interest has been made easy.

This wonderful publication has been launched to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and is entitled *Poolesville: On the Road to the Civil War 1861-1865*. It lets you in on the role of Poolesville in the Civil War, identifies the buildings of significance, and provides brief information on the role of each location.

Perhaps you aren't familiar with all the historical aspects offered in the town, so you may be surprised to learn about the very important role Poolesville played during the war between the North and the South. Now, that history is right at your fingertips in one simple brochure.

In addition to the listing of the buildings, there is also a concise history of Poolesville along with a larger map pin-pointing even many more historical places of note outside of Poolesville in the Upcountry. The walking tour of Poolesville has eleven stops along the way. One stop is the place where the only sitting senator and close friend

of Lincoln, who was killed at the Battle of Balls Bluff, was taken after his mortal wounds. Another site tells the story of the Union Signal Corps, who stood ready to monitor Confederate movements. You may be surprised to learn of the many functions of the nearby Methodist Church building. Right outside that building, you can find historical tombstones from a previous cemetery for soldiers. Just wait to you hear about the intriguing things that occurred at the Presbyterian Church.

The brochure even explains how you can download a special app to facilitate your tour. The map is being distributed to retailers throughout town and can be obtained at the Poolesville Town Hall.

To get even more detail on the sites in Poolesville and in the immediate surrounding area, you can also visit historicmedley.org, heritagemontgomery.org, or sugarloafregionaltrails.org. The National Park Service has placed eight historical markers with historical narratives and pictures throughout our area.

Take the tour yourself, and

next time out-of-town guests arrive, give them the map/brochure, send them on their way, and let them see for themselves that there is so much more to our little town than meets the eye.



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Commentary

Learning to Love Apostasy

By John Clayton

It is Halloween, and there is snow on the ground (you down county readers will just have to take my word for that). Baseball season is over, and the Redskins and the Terps have finally turned into what we suspected they were all along—losing teams. Thanks to the National Basketball Association players' strike or owners' lockout (does it really matter which one it is?) the Washington Wizards are enjoying their least embarrassing season in years. I don't really follow hockey too closely, so I am grateful for the presidential race to keep the news interesting.

The race boils down to this: The Democrats have Barack Obama, for better and for worse, and are comfortable with the policies and initiatives that he believes in and wants to pursue. That is the good news. The bad news is that even his most loyal supporters have to admit, if only behind closed doors over a plate of warm brie, that he is making a hash of things and might not be the type of personality that can thrive in this most unforgiving of jobs. Admit it: George W. Bush, whatever his shortcomings, whatever his mistakes, looked pretty comfortable at the controls, and knew exactly who he was. Do you get that feeling from Mr. Obama? No, but you are not worried about what he believes.

The Republicans, however, are quite concerned with what their candidates believe. They not only worry about what their candidates believe now, they worry about what they believed back then, in their various pasts. The Republican right wing, which is calling the shots, maintains a tight playlist of issues and answers to which candidates must strictly adhere, now, then, and forever. Orthodoxy is all. Over the course of the last six months I think I have read the word "apostasy" in print more times than I have in the

last six years, or maybe ever. It doesn't take much to be declared an apostate, and once one has apostatized, one has to start backpedaling.

Global warming was an example of this; it had little effect on the polls, but it is illustrative. Two candidates have said in so many words that the scientific record suggests that global warming is occurring and that human activity is likely contributing. This is not supported by current right-wing dogma, and they had to backpedal. Rick Perry, who is about as right wing as I would ever want anyone to be, was turned into Dennis Kucinich overnight when he had to backpedal over immigration reform and the horror of his plan to extend tuition benefits to the children of undocumented (sorry, illegal) immigrants. I suppose it would be difficult for a Texas governor to just wash his hands of these issues, but if he wanted to be the Republican candidate, he would have been better off lathering up. There is a myriad of examples—I could go on. Mitt Romney's past transgressions against the party line could keep us here all week.

The question is: Which of these people understands that a lot of this is just campaign nonsense and if you get the big job, it goes out the window? Obama has, to his credit, continued a number of policies from Mr. Bush that he lambasted during the campaign, causing many of his supporters to rend their garments. Every good president does this and apparently some not-so-good ones as well. You have to deal with the situations you face and pitch some of the stuff that got you elected into the hamper. Are we going to elect candidates who will stray from the constraints of the party platform for the greater good? Will such a person ever get the chance to compete in front of the general electorate? I sincerely hope that the presidential race boils down to two tickets populated by people who will move beyond the platitudes to embrace the complexity of our problems and discuss workable solutions. Is that really asking for too much?

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Rande(m) Thoughts

There You Go Again!

By Rande Davis

Who would have thought the Poolesville Commissioners would do it again. On Monday, November 7, the challenging process to update the Town Charter will begin again. When they tried eighteen months ago, they tried to do everything all at once. The result was a confusing, complex document that opened the door to confusion allowing opponents to obfuscate the issue resulting in a referendum petition, which only added to the confusion and, at times, misled voters in the intent and purpose of the charter revisions.

As the commissioners go back to the drawing board, they have learned a lesson. This time they will do it piece by piece. By offering up the changes one at a time, their contents and purposes can be followed more accurately. You can have your cake and eat it too, but better to cut the cake in slices rather than offer it up whole. The

commissioners tried the whole approach last time and ended up with crumbs scattering and a mess all over their faces (hmm, maybe there is a message to national leaders here, too).

So now they start with one slice at a time, with perhaps the most contentious issue last time around: postponing final approval of the budget until all actual revenue data is provided by the state, county, and elsewhere.

Why do they want to do that? Better to finalize a budget with actual numbers than estimated guesses during these uncertain times. What's the problem with that? Doing so doesn't leave enough time for a voter petition and referendum process prior to the July 1 start of the fiscal year.

Here's the catch. The petition option in the old and the new proposed charters kicks in only when the budget meets or exceeds a seven percent increase in rev-

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In the Garden

End of Garden Season Thoughts

By Maureen O'Connell

I have just come in from my evening walk in the garden. As usual, my two sous-gardeners, Labs Sam and Tom, accompanied me. A different mood has furtively crept in and has settled around the roses, annuals, and perennials. It is not the same feeling as "there is a touch of fall in the air." In the early spring and summer months, hope and delusions of grandeur overtake our view of our gardens. We are full of energy and enthusiasm; sap is rising, the birds are singing, and we are in control. We trim, prune, and stake our plants into total submission. If we prune a little too heavily, a few days' growth will cover our mistakes. We insert our wills and referee boundary squabbles between unequal neighbors. We are the masters of our garden world. Then comes the solid part of summer—heat, drought, pests, and plant diseases—and we slowly (and sometimes quickly) lose our control over our little patch of Earth called our garden. By August, many once dedicated gardeners "throw in the trowel" and go on vacation, both literally and figuratively. I start to feel guilty; I have abandoned my friends. To be more ecologically responsible, I sprayed for pests and diseases only twice this year, and that was early in the morning when the bees were not out



The last few flowers await the coming of winter.

and about doing their important pollination work. But this year, it was the early spring rain and cool weather and the torrid mid-summer heat that did the most damage to my plants. Watering was no help; the plants shut down the process of photosynthesis. Even my usually very tolerant and glorious David Austin roses refused to bloom. The only flowering plants that completely thrived in the intolerable heat were my lanterns. They grew almost to three feet and never stopped blooming. If you haven't tried these annual winners, do so next year.

In late September to mid-October, autumnal decline arrived; the garden started to take control of its life and I let it. I have stopped trimming, deadheading, and pruning for now; I will deal with all those chores after the first or second frosts. My beautiful white 'David' phlox now has few blooms, and its leaves have a bit of powdery mildew. My annuals are giving it "one more go," but they have spread out into quite a tangle. I always say that it is a good year for my roses if I still have blooms by my daughter's birth date, October 26. This year, there are a few scattered buds

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Pot Lucks and Outer Beltways

On Sunday, October 23, Sugarloaf members and friends gathered for the annual Potluck Dinner. It was great to see the Linden Barn full of neighbors enjoying good food, warm fellowship and fabulous music in our beautiful up-county area. As you know, most of our barn gatherings tend to be "business" related because of the many challenges to the Agricultural Reserve.

One of the most consistent threats to the integrity of the up-county started long before the AgReserve was formed. No less than six feasibility studies were conducted to determine a route for a superhighway to connect Virginia and Maryland with a new bridge over the Potomac. First dubbed the "Outer Beltway", then the "Techway", this highway ran right through the AgReserve. Look at the maps on SCA's web site and you will see that these proposed routes would cut through the heart of our farm land. However, since the beginning Sugarloaf and a terrific coalition of citizens groups have successfully encouraged local and state governments to "just say no".

Sean Connaughton, the Virginia Secretary of Transportation said that Virginia would like to see a new bridge south of the Wilson Bridge. The Secretary of Transportation for Maryland, Beverley Swaim-Staley, stated that Maryland was concentrating on a list of priorities, and another river crossing was not on that list. In the Washington Post Oct. 23, Dr. Gridlock pointed out that the billions of dollars needed to "end" congestion appear to be far beyond the public's willingness to spend. Even maintaining our present infrastructure is a major financial challenge.

However, it now appears that Virginia's Governor Bob McDonnell and Virginia's U.S. Senator Mark Warner are reopening Pandora's Box. Be assured that Sugarloaf will keep our eye on this outer beltway/bridge crossing issue. In the past, our state and local officials have resisted the siren call from Virginia. **We hope to encourage them to continue to do so.**

Meanwhile, if you have not looked into formally conserving your acreage, check out the Maryland Environmental Trust (www.dnr.state.md.us/met) and the Sugarloaf Countryside Conservancy. The more acreage is formally conserved, the better our chance of protection.

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Youth Sports

Poolesville Cross Country Team Runs Large

By Jeff Stuart

Thirty-one members of the Poolesville High School cross country team competed in the Poolesville Day 5K run, sponsored by the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce. Even running against tough and serious competition in and out of our area, they had nine of the top finishers. Jordan Psaltakis (16:46), Chase Weaverling (16:57), Joey Werble, Tariq Beidleman, William Stamm, Patrick Krisko, Daniel O'Reilly.

Chelsie Pennello, the top lady finisher, placed twentieth.

The PACC 5k was great preparation for the second place performance at the Bull Run Invi-

tational on September 24.

The Division II leading Poolesville boys' cross country team stepped up to the big time and competed well against the large 4A schools. "The Bull Run Meet was at Hereford High School, the site of the state meet," says Head Coach James Vollmer. "We ran in the large school division. Because of homecoming the small school race was in the afternoon."

Austin Hayslett of Urbana finished first in 17:03. Chase Weaverling led Poolesville, finishing fifth in 17:47. Joe Werble finished a close seventh in 17:49. Jordan Psaltakis finished fourteenth in 18:03. Tariq Beidleman finished fifty-first and William Stamm finished fifty-fifth, allowing the Falcons to post a team score of 126. Freedom High School of Virginia finished first with a team score of 90. Chelsie Pennello led the Poolesville girls at the Bull Run finishing seventh in 21:35. Megan Gerdes was forty-fourth, Meaghan Harkins sixtieth, Emily Murphy sixty-fourth, and

Alison Gaynor sixty-ninth. That accounted for a team score of 244.

"The boys are 3-0," says Vollmer. "We have defeated Damascus, BCC, and Magruder. The girls are 0-3 but are continuing to improve and make strong showings. When we ran against Magruder at home on Tuesday, September 27, new school and course records were set on the boys' and the girls' side. Weaverling broke Psaltakis's record that was set when we ran against Damascus. The old record (lasting less than two weeks) was 17:08. Chase ran the course in 17:03. Pennello ran it in 20:27 breaking her old record which was also set during the September 14 meet against Damascus." The boys defeated Damascus, 19-42. The girls lost a close contest, 29-27.

On September 20 against B-CC at Candy Cane City in Meadowbrook, Rock Creek Park,



The Poolesville High School Cross Country Team

the boys' team was led by Joey Werble in a time of 16:58 in a sprint to the finish with teammate Jordan Psaltakis. Werble finished first in 16:58. Psaltakis finished second in 16:59, and Weaverling third in 17:09. Beidleman and Stamm finished sixth and seventh as the boys won, 19-36. There was only a spread of 1.04 between Poolesville's first and fifth place runners.

A third place finish by Chelsie Pennello led the girls' team in

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Local News

Missing Boy Found Slain in Clarksburg

By Jack Toomey

When the Germantown Panthers gathered for warm-ups before their game on October 1, coaches and parents noticed that William McQuain, one of their star players, was not on the field. A parent called his mother's cell phone and William answered. She asked whether he knew that the Panthers were playing that day, and William told her that he wasn't coming to the game. At that very time, William had just hours to live.

When William did not show up for school on October 3, no one thought much of it, but after four days of absence, the Martin Luther King Middle School automated system began calling the home of Jane McQuain, William's mother. The calls were not returned, and Montgomery County Public School officials later said that school counselors began calling emergency contact numbers in an attempt to find out why William was not attending school.

On October 12, a friend of Jane McQuain contacted the Montgomery County Police and reported that she was concerned about her friend. Police went to McQuain's apartment in the 13100 block of Briarcliff Terrace in Germantown and found the door locked. They used a ladder to get in a window and found Jane McQuain dead inside the apartment. An autopsy revealed that she had been stabbed and beaten. In the meantime, police were looking for McQuain's husband, Carlos Lopez, in hopes that he had custody of William. An Amber Alert was issued for William and for Jane McQuain's car.

On the morning of October 12, a woman driving Jane McQuain's car was involved in a minor wreck in Charlotte, North Carolina. An inquiry by Char-



The double homicide of William and Jane McQuain has resulted in the arrest of her husband, Carlos Lopez.

lotte police led to a motel where Lopez was located. Contact was made with Montgomery detectives about the circumstances of the discovery of McQuain's car. Montgomery detectives obtained a warrant charging Lopez with first degree murder, and he was arrested on the morning of October 13. He refused to provide any information about the location of his stepson.

In the meantime, police obtained surveillance video from a storage facility on Wisteria Drive in Germantown. The video showed that Lopez and William had visited the facility on October 1, and that William appeared to be unharmed as he was seen riding on his skateboard. Police also began focusing their search in the Clarksburg area based on cell phone records that they had obtained from Lopez's provider. Officers, detectives, K-9 officers, and some citizens participated in the searches. On the morning of Tuesday, October 18, a police K-9 officer and his dog, and a handler from Mid-Atlantic D.O.G.S. Search and Rescue were in the woods just off of the 23300 block of Clarksburg Road when they discovered the body of a young boy who was later determined to be William McQuain. The location was just fifty yards from the Liberty Gas Station at Route 355 and Clarksburg Road. Detectives reviewed surveillance tape from

the gas station and saw that Lopez and William had visited the establishment on October 1.

Police believe that William had spent the night of September 30 away from home and was not aware of his mother's murder that may have happened on that evening. Lopez then picked him up, went to the storage facility, and then to the Liberty Gas Station. Then, under some pretext, they walked into the woods where Lopez killed William.

A *Monocle* reporter visited the area after the discovery of the body. The owner of the property, who did not want to be named for publication, explained that he owned a large parcel of property that at one time contained the land where the Clarksburg Town Center is now located. That parcel was developed, but

he still owns considerable holdings in the area. A steel chain stretched across an entrance to a field on Clarksburg Road. The owner pointed out a path that led to the edge of a field and to a wooded area with heavy underbrush and bramble. It was in this area that William's body had been concealed. Ironically, this location is less than a mile from the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Clarksburg.

Friends and relatives established a roadside memorial near the gas station, and people were seen coming to the site all day leaving messages, footballs, flowers, and photographs.

The funeral for Jane and William McQuain was held on October 29. At press time, Lopez had yet to be returned to Montgomery County. Prosecutors are studying Maryland law to determine whether the death penalty can be sought in this case.



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Local News

More Changes With the Poolesville Day Committee

By Rande Davis

Although normally the sound advice to “leave the party early” is spot on, sometimes sticking around can prevent a problem as well. As a sponsor of Poolesville Day, the *Monocle* was pleased to enjoy the festivities during the Poolesville Day Committee sponsor appreciation dinner, but, alas, we had to leave early. In so doing, we missed an important announcement and change to the committee that resulted in a regretful oversight in reporting the change of leadership in the last issue. Bridget Burke, who has served on the committee for five years, notably as the co-chair and more recently as the

event manager, had decided to step down and announced her decision at the PDC dinner. “I feel blessed to have worked side-by-side with Brice and the rest of the Poolesville Day Committee over the past five years. We have a spirited, hardworking, and dedicated committee, and it has been wonderful to see the festival blossom into an event that really showcases our community. I feel proud to have been a part of Poolesville’s history and believe that the future Poolesville Day Committee is in good hands under the leadership of Faith Etheridge and Gina Beck,” Bridget told the *Monocle*. “I would love to see the festival still going strong ten to twenty years from now!”

Bridget attended Poolesville High School with Jake Perkins, the previous PDC chair. His untimely death coupled with her love of the community prompted her to volunteer on the committee. She felt it was a great way to honor Jake and help her hometown. She brought so much more than goodwill and desire, she also brought a highly-professional and

experienced background in event planning.

Among her many contributions was the creation of the sponsorship package, Falcon Lane, headlining entertainment concept, Whalen Commons layout including the food court, and she was also in charge of the marketing and exhibitors. This background and her legendary attention to detail are unlikely to be matched by any replacement. As is her wont, she will be leaving behind an extensive manual for the committee to guide her replacements. We use plural in this regard because it is unlikely any one person will be able to pick up with all of her responsibilities.

While she still will be avail-



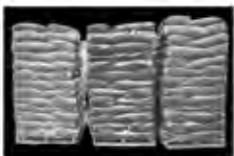
Bridget Burke (shown here with Brice Halbrook) co-chaired Poolesville Day for five years.

able for some consultation, she leaves a very big hole in the administration and management of the event.

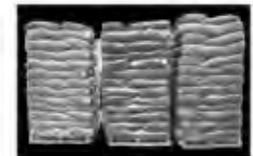
The committee is going to need a number of new volunteers to fill in the gaps. The PDC has already heard from Link Hoewing, who, in leaving his commissioner position, promised he would stay close, and he has already fulfilled

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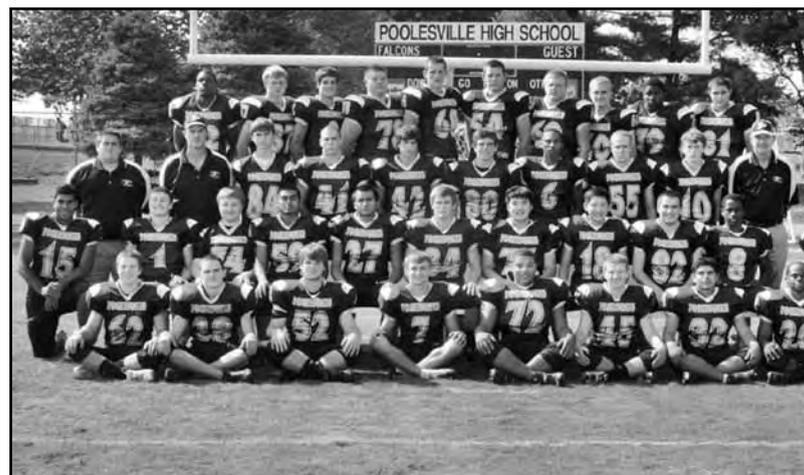
Youth Sports

Falcons Football Whatever It Takes

By Jeff Stuart

Either Kirby Carmack or Deandre Parrott like losing. Both had brashly predicted a 14-0 record before the season. Then fate took hold, Carmack, among the county leaders in passing, and Jonah Hessels, among the leaders in receiving, were both injured. Leading rusher, Thomas Gray, also sat out most of the game. Parrott was going to have to share more of the load if Poolesville was going to beat visiting Pikesville on Thursday, October 6. Deandre stepped in at quarterback and stepped up nicely, running for two touchdowns; running and throwing for another. With Poolesville trailing by seven

with 1:35 left, he methodically moved the Falcons downfield, aided by some heavy duty running by Nickolai Henze. Parrott's one-yard touchdown run with twenty-three seconds cut the Panthers lead to 20-19. New Head Coach Will Gant raised two fingers, electing to go for two points and the win. Henze (108 yds) bulled his way in, and Coach Gant's Falcons had their first win. "I am extremely proud of our players," said Gant. "Through a difficult beginning of the season, they have continued to work very hard. Seniors Robert Winning and Chris Oyer have been tremendous leaders of our football team." Parrott, a senior who also plays varsity basketball for PHS, came out for football for the first time this season. Deandre (3-10-1-2) completed only three passes and was intercepted twice, but on this night, he and his teammates—and Coach Gant—were not going to be denied. It was "a good, good night," as in the lyrics of the Black Eyed Peas song, "I



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The Falcons scored first on a ten-yard pass from Parrott to Joe Cho. Josh Womack added the extra point, but at halftime and after three quarters, PHS trailed, 12-7. Parrott scored early in the fourth on a two-yard run to give PHS a 13-12 lead. Poolesville's first two-point conversion attempt of the game failed. Pikesville responded with a long, time-

consuming drive, aided by critical Falcon penalties. They scored on a six-yard run and completed a pass for the two-point conversion to retake the lead, 20-13, with less than two minutes remaining. That set the stage for the dramatic comeback.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Disorderly conduct complaints: 17000 block of Tom Fox Avenue, 19500 block of Conlon Court, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 17200 block of Elmer School Road.

Past Crime

November 4, 1925 During a session of Police Court, Judge Riggs passed the following sentences. In a case that involved interfering with an officer, Raymond Riley of Seneca was fined \$50. It was said that Riley interfered with an officer who was trying to arrest Riley's friend. Kenneth Krischler, who said that he was a marine, was sent to jail for thirty days for operating his machine under the influence of liquor. Louis Voltz was fined \$50 for operating a vehicle recklessly.

November 4, 1925 Algie Gregg, well known farmer and threshing machine proprietor of Barnesville, was arrested and charged with violating the local

option laws. Sheriff Plummer visited his house and arrested him after a police officer purchased ten gallons of corn whiskey from Gregg.

November 8, 1926 It was reported that Officer Joseph Oldfield did not suffer a fractured skull as was first feared. He had been chasing an automobile on the Rockville Pike when his motorcycle crashed into a pedestrian in Rockville. The woman suffered a broken leg.

November 10, 1925 Dr. Henry Dixon was charged with manslaughter in the death of Mary DeVoe. Miss DeVoe, 26, and a nurse from Washington, died at a Montgomery County sanitarium while under the care of Dr. Dixon.

November 16, 1925 Lee Smith and Paul Scream, both of Dickerson, were arrested by Officer Roy Bodmer and Game Warden Clyde Smith on a charge of hunting on Sunday. Both claimed that they had gone for a walk and had simply brought their guns along.

Some material for this article was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.



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Local News

Helping Hands

The latest project of Helping Hands-Poolesville, the ecumenical community service organization, occurred on Saturday, October 15. An interdenominational group of fourteen individuals went to work to paint, repair, and spruce up WUMCO-Help headquarters near Beallsville. Tasks accomplished included: gutter repairs; staining of the exterior walls of the food pantry facility; removal of brush, trees, and undergrowth from a side yard; minor carpentry inside and outside the building; and grass seeding and landscape work. Executive Director Jane Stearns was ecstatic about the accomplishments of the Second Annual WUMCO Workday. She thanked the group "for your generous contribution that improves the

appearance of our facilities and environs."

All five Poolesville-located churches are members of Helping Hands-Poolesville: Memorial Methodist, Our Lady of the Presentation, Poolesville Baptist, Poolesville Presbyterian, and St. Peter's Episcopal. A steering committee composed of representatives of the five congregations envisions expanding its community service work beyond the WUMCO work days and the annual Rebuilding Together projects—the most important aspects of HHP's work to date.

The Fall Festival to Benefit WUMCO 2012

Although the event had to be moved to Sunday due to the unseasonable snowfall, the festival raised nearly \$5,000 for WUMCO. The contest winners for the day were:

Costumes: Cutest: *Aubrey Savino*, Most Creative Original: *Tiernan Selack*, Best Overall: *Ben Savino*

Pumpkin Painting: Cutest: *Jonah Valmonte*, Scariest: *Mark Mense*, Most Original: *Carly Dacanay*

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Local News

New Developer And New Church

By Kristen Milton

A potential new developer is on deck for the troubled Clarksburg Town Center but told the planning board he doesn't want to pay for the sins of his predecessor.

The big news of the quarterly status update required of current developer Newland Homes by a 2006 Plan of Compliance was the assumption of the development by Elm Street Development, responsible for the adjacent Clarksburg Village.

Elm Street president, David Flanagan, said his company was prospectively taking over the town development, which he said was "\$10 million underwater at least," just as the 900-building permit threshold was reached, which triggers retail, road, and other requirements.

Work on the 270-acre town center development located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway largely stopped years ago when area residents noticed that construction did not match approved plans. After hearings, court challenges, and policy changes, it was decided that the building violations would be addressed with a Plan of Compliance negotiated through mediation rather than monetary penalties.

Since then, Newland has moved—more slowly than many would like—towards completing its project. The housing downturn and recession complicated efforts.

Flanagan said some of what he called "bad boy provisions" in the compliance plan made the project economically infeasible. It would be two decades before the project could be built as currently approved, he said.

"Some things have to go," Flanagan said. "The bad boy things killed the developer who

did the bad thing, and now everyone can say, 'Yeah, the developer's dead,' so do you want the project to die or do you want the developer to die?"

Flanagan said his company was paying nothing to assume the project and that he would propose changes to "fix an unbuildable plan...It's a very ugly situation, but I think Newland's done a very honorable thing handing it to us, trying to take care of their homeowners and not just running away."

"That's a pretty sobering speech you've got there, Mr. Flanagan," Planning Commission chair, Françoise Carrier, noted.

Carrier said she took the "bad boy provisions" seriously since they had been negotiated as a replacement for penalties but appreciated Elm Street's openness with its intentions.

Newland's vice president, Keith Hurand, said the closing date for transferring the property was December 1.

Commissioner Norman Dreyfus said he hoped the change would lead to the end of the quarterly updates he called "parole hearings."

Meanwhile, Hurand said Newland has continued with road paving, tree replacement, home construction, and other projects within the development. He also presented a commercial and retail study illustrating the current economic challenges of the area. The study was commissioned as a response to board members who questioned the delay in finding a retail developer to begin construction of a grocery-anchored shopping center. A prospective buyer terminated negotiations with Newland in July, days before its last quarterly update before the board.

New Church Approved

The planning board unanimously approved plans October 20 for St. Jude African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church which plans to construct a hundred-seat facility at the intersection of Brink and Wildcat Roads.

The church's preliminary plan showed a 3,200-square-foot building with twenty-five park-

ing spaces which will replace a single residence on the site. All existing forest will be cleared for septic and storm water management facilities, but new trees will be planted. The approximately two-acre lot is located just outside Germantown but is in the county's Agricultural/Rural Open Space master plan.

As a condition of approval, the church will have no child care or educational uses on weekdays,

which would have added to traffic at the location.

No community testimony was submitted regarding the project.

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Local News

PPC Welcomes New Minister

By Rande Davis

The congregants of Poolesville Presbyterian Church officially welcomed their new minister, David Williams, on Sunday, October 3. Reverend Williams joins our community from his home in Annandale, Virginia, and to make the commute more fun (and less expensive) you might catch him coming into town on his bright yellow motorcycle.

Reverend Williams is a native of the D.C. area but went to high school in Falls Church, Virginia where he met his wife, Rachel, although they didn't start dating until both were in college. She is a vice president with the Council of Foundations in Arlington, Virginia.

As a young man, he chose to study religion and philosophy



Reverend David Williams was welcomed as the new minister of Poolesville Presbyterian Church on October 3.

at the University of Virginia. He wouldn't call it a "call" necessarily, but we think someone must have been tapping on his shoulder.

As with his educational choice, his early career with the Aspen Institute was a decision

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Things to Do

November 4

Entertainment Night at Cugini's
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November 5

Annual Christmas Bazaar
Memorial United Methodist Church – Poolesville
This is a day of fun with vendors offering holiday gifts, crafts, and decorations. There is a special luncheon and silent auction. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 5 and 6

Grand Opening of Sugarloaf Alpaca Farm Shoppe
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November 6

Poolesville Baptist Church Special Concert
PBC is hosting a free concert by the Mwamba Children's Choir at 6:00 p.m.

The Mwamba Children's Choir was started in 2008 by Stephen Sekitende to promote talent and to change lives through music. The choir sings in eight different languages and is composed of young children ranging from six to thirteen years of age. It sings mostly Christian-based songs of hope and inspiration. They released two albums in 2007 and 2008. In addition to singing, the children perform traditional Ugandan dances and short skits.

They've also traveled to Denmark, Sweden, and the U.K. During the 2008 tour in Denmark, the choir raised enough money to buy six acres of land in Uganda on which to build a school. There will be a free will offering collected.

November 7

Public Workshop on Environmental Issues Concerning Lighting

Poolesville Green and Kettler Forlines Homes are pleased to sponsor an event, *What's It All About: Lighting*, at the Brightwell Crossing model home. Light fare will be served starting at 6:30. The focus of the evening will be on developments in lighting technologies and standards, and what it means for homeowners and businesses in Upper Montgomery County.

"It is easy to get confused about the new lighting products on the market, plus there's a lot of misinformation out there," says Erin Speck, Assistant Professor of Interior Design at George Washington University and a member of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA). Ms. Speck, who will be leading the evening's discussion, will touch on the future of incandescent light bulbs, CFLs, and LEDs, as well as lighting color and appearance, energy usage, and safety

issues.

Poolesville Green has received many questions about lighting issues and, in joining the builder, is offering this workshop to answer the many questions on lighting's new requirements and new technologies. For more information: poolesvillegreen.org or on Facebook.

Brightwell Crossing model home at 17919 Elgin Rd. (Maryland Route 109) in Poolesville. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Meeting

The meeting features a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on Charter Amendment Resolution 001-11, which will amend the procedure and timetable for preparation of the annual budget. Copies of this proposed charter amendment are available at Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

November 11

Veterans Day Observation
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based on pursuing personal interest as opposed to being "career" oriented. The Aspen Institute mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. He may have left Aspen to pursue pastoral goals, but he has never left them far behind. After obtaining his Master's in Divinity at Wesleyan Theological Seminary in the District, he has continued to further his education through a doctorate program in leadership. With a career steeped in helping others and working for good causes, there still seemed to be something missing, and it was his wife who encouraged him to return to attending church more often (do we hear another tap-tap here?). In going back to the church of his youth, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, he became

highly involved in Sunday school teaching and their outreach missions for indigent and mentally ill persons. He finally acknowledged that ministry might be on his horizon and became a deacon there (do we now hear the sound of a loud backslap this time or is this what you call a bear hug?). More recently, Reverend Williams has served at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Bethesda, similar to Poolesville in that it is a small congregation. He chose Poolesville Presbyterian as he found the congregation to be, although small in size, a group "of positive people working to do a lot." What he was looking for was a church that emphasizes "warmth, laughter, and support." Sounds like he found it in PPC and, judging from a man who has a warm smile, has spent a career in and out of the clergy helping others, and who drives a yellow motorcycle, PPC has found it in him. Married for twenty years, the Williamses have two children, Samuel (13) and Elijah (11).

“Things to Do” Continued
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Poolesville

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November 12 and 13

Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

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November 14

A Public Forum on the Maryland Dream Act

A public forum will be held on the Maryland DREAM Act at the Poolesville Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The DREAM Act—which would allow some illegal immigrants (who have graduated from a Maryland public high school and whose parents can prove they paid Maryland taxes) in-state or in-county tuition at Maryland colleges—was signed into law by Governor O’Malley on May 10, 2011. A petition drive succeeded in getting the Maryland In-State Tuition Referendum placed on the November 2012 ballot, so the DREAM Act has not been enacted and remains in a pending status. The Rural Women’s Republican Club has invited two knowledgeable speakers, representing both sides of this issue, to present their positions and answer questions from the community. Mr. P.J. Hogan, Associate Vice Chancellor

for Government Relations at the University System of Maryland and former State Senator from District 39 (Montgomery County), will argue for the bill. Mr. Patrick McDonough, State Delegate from District 7 (Baltimore and Hartford Counties) and honorary chair of the Stop the Dream Act Petition, will argue against the bill. The event is open to the public.

November 17

Storytime

Poolesville Library
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10:30 a.m.

November 18

50th Anniversary MES PTA Casino Night and Auction

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Tidbits

Hoewing Recuperating from Home Accident

Ray Hoewing had an accident while doing home maintenance on October 25 resulting in a fractured pelvis and other hairline fractures, a gashed forehead, and a jammed elbow. He was taken to Suburban Hospital for immediate care and then transferred to Adventist Rehabilitation Center on October 28. He is expected to start in-home physical therapy by November 6. Although having painful injuries, he exhibited his usual good nature and sense of humor. He told the *Monocle* how grateful he was "for the outpouring of support which is typical of the good people of Poolesville and for the many cards, phone calls, and expressions of prayers and support offered to him and the family." The recovery process may take up to three months, but for the person most recently selected as grand marshal of the Poolesville Day parade, the community appreciation that his injuries were not more severe is held by all his many friends in the area.

Kuhlman Attends White House Function

Eddie Kuhlman, president of the Poolesville Town Commission, attended a conference held by the National League of Cities for mayors at the White House on October 27. David Agnew, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Senior Advisor Valarie Jarrett were among the speakers covering topics ranging

from the budget, housing, environment, and jobs. Following the conference in the Old Executive Building, guests were invited to the White House for a reception. President Obama greeted the city leaders during the reception.

The Maryland Municipal League was asked to recommend city and town leaders from their organization. From this list, the White House selected the guests. Mr. Kuhlman was grateful for the opportunity, stating, "It was such an honor to represent Poolesville, attend the meeting, and having the chance to shake the hand of a United States president."

Honoring Local Heroes

In 2002, Bob Ouellette, then the Montgomery County American Legion Commander, established a banner in Selby's market saluting those from the Poolesville area serving in active duty in the armed forces. There are fifty-eight persons so recognized. Now the recognition of military service will be expanded to all who have served in the military and were honorably discharged. Bob Ouellette and American Legion Post 247 Commander Bill Poole are working on identifying persons to be included and also to find a permanent memorial to Poolesville's heroes. It can be expected that some veterans will humbly not step forward to be so honored; therefore, if you know of any local persons who have served, you can contact Bob or Bill on behalf of those persons. To get more information or to submit a name for inclusion, please write to Project_Hero@post295.org.

Sixty Years of Bliss

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bliss of Poolesville are celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Bill and Janet were married October 22, 1951. They are blessed with four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They divide their time between their homes in Poolesville and Grasonville, Maryland. A family dinner was held at Dutch's Daughter restaurant in Frederick.



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“Edwards Ferry Reenactment” Continued from page 1. comfort (no electricity or indoor plumbing) is for guests to experience life in the bygone era of the C&O Canal with authenticity. For those intrigued by the concept of stepping back in time, a stay here will be illuminating in spirit for history buffs. The six-room building has two comfortable living areas on the first floor with two bedrooms upstairs that can sleep eight comfortably. All the furniture reflects the stark efficiency of the times.

Tom Kettler of Poolesville was one of a party of six in the inaugural night stay on October 22. He was enthralled with the experience which included sitting around a campfire outside roasting hot dogs and s'mores while sharing stories. Inside, the Park Service, in partnership with Canal Trust, provides a number scrapbooks depicting various epochs of life at Edwards Ferry and other historical artifacts.

When asked if they had any ghostly experiences, he laughed. Despite there being no rebel or union troops walking around, they did have an amusing experience. As the group retreated close to the riverbank to watch the sun set over Leesburg, the dim light seemed to show a ghostly figure on the western shore in a flowing white dress. Turned out, though, she was a just bride with her groom getting pictures of their wedding on a golf course across the way.

In the mid-1800s, Edwards Ferry was a little town where lockhouse keepers also helped run the redbrick Jarboe Store located fifty yards south. The building was a center of commerce where residents could obtain supplies, and travelers could replenish their stock of groceries and other essentials. The Jarboe Store, while far too dilapidated for full restoration, has been cleaned up and structurally made sound. It provides an additional glimpse of life and commerce at the location from 1836 to 1906. The grandfather of Doris Poole, Marion Beall, was the last Lockhouse Keeper, and Doris remembers the family

sharing stories of supplies and groceries arriving by canal boat.

The folks of Edwards Ferry saw their share of Civil War history. From June 25 to June 27, 1863, General Joseph Hooker of the Army of the Potomac, using a 1400 foot pontoon bridge, crossed his 75,000 troops on their way to Gettysburg. Rebel raiders also used the crossing on three different occasions during the war.

Additionally, Thaddeus Lowe's Balloon Corps was based at Edwards Ferry from December 1861 until March of 1862. The intelligence-gathering role of ballooning had its most important role in serving to safeguard Union troops from surprise attack at various times during the war.

Bringing authenticity to the event, the ol' professor (balloonists at the time were also entitled professors) encamped just outside the lockhouse on the other side of the canal. Well, it wasn't actually Lowe himself but rather a group of re-enactors specializing in the exploits of his balloon corps. There, Lowe (enacted by Major Kevin N. Knapp, U.S. Army, retired) greeted visitors pleased to learn more about Lowe's role at Edwards Ferry and elsewhere during the war. Lowe, who is recognized as the father of military reconnaissance and U.S. Chief of Aeronauts during the Civil War, brought a small contingent of his company. Joining him were Captain Cyrus Comstock (a.k.a. John Boyer), one of his privates (a.k.a. Mark Tennison), and his father Clovis (a.k.a. John Deperro) who handled maintenance of the balloon. For an aviator, maintenance is the essential key to success, requiring a trusted individual. Who better to trust than his father?

In full union uniform and dress of the day, the balloon corps pitched a tent, displayed a replica of the balloon baskets used at that time, floated a mini-replica of the original forty-five-foot-tall reconnaissance balloon, and shared war stories of America's first military aviators.

While Lowe only lived in our area a short time, he went on to become one of America's premier

inventors, scientists, and entrepreneurs. One of his patented inventions in ice-making made him a millionaire. He moved to California, built a 24,000-square-foot home, and incorporated the Pasadena and Mount Wilson Railroad Company. Alas, the railroad went in to receivership and he died at eighty, living with his daughter. The legendary man also had one more legend that remains unsubstantiated: supposedly he served as the model for the ballooning professor in the *Wizard of Oz*.

It's been over one hundred years, but Edwards Ferry has come back to relive the glory days of the canal and its dramatic witness to history. You can experience it for yourself and obtain all necessary information at the website, www.canaltrust.org.

“More Changes with Poolesville Day Committee” Continued from page 8.

that promise by coming forward to join the group.

As the committee meets to plan for 2012, the *Monocle* will help by publicizing the slots that need filling along with task requirements. If you agree that Poolesville Day is the highlight of festivals and celebrations in town, hopefully you will consider joining the group by volunteering for one of those slots. Consider your talents and advise the PDC where your assistance may be most useful. Please note that this writer has done just that and holds a highly-respected role with the committee and plans to continue as the Official Porta-Potty Coordinator, so if you were hoping for that slot please consider another position. Otherwise, let the committee know of your interest and get included in the flow of communication on upcoming meetings by emailing poolesvilleday@yahoo.com.

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20:08. Megan Gerdes continues to show strength finishing fourteenth in 22:30, followed closely by Megan Harkins and Alison Gaynor. Emily Murphy finished in 24:14 as PHS’s fifth runner. Unfortunately, they lost to B-CC, 18-45.

On Wednesday, September 27, the Falcons hosted Magruder. The boys won, 19-39. Weaverling’s record run was followed by Psaltakis and Werble. Biedelman finished fifth overall. Stamm was next in eighth place with a time of 18:31. Patrick Krisko ran in 18:45. Nick Stopak ran a fabulous race finishing in 19:04. The score was 19-39 with Poolesville winning. Following Penello’s course record, Megan Gerdes ran 22:25 for fifth place, followed by Alison Gaynor in 23:07. Emily Murphy ran a great race in 24:07 with Denise Larson in eleventh place. Magruder won, 22-35.

On Thursday, October 6 at the Oakdale Invitational in

Libertytown, the boys placed first, beating nine other teams. Weaverling finished in second place (17:02). Psaltakis was fourth (17:29). Werble placed fifth (17:30), Beidleman sixteenth, and Stamm twenty-second.

The girls were led to a second-place standing by Pennello’s first-place finish (20:19). Following her were Gerdes at thirteenth (22:52), Gaynor fifteenth, Murphy nineteenth, and Larson twenty-fifth. Oakdale High School placed first, beating PHS by nineteen points, 54 to 73.

Cross country could be called the solitary sport, athletes who work hard and perform out of the lime-light. Through grueling summer training and on-going practices, all the members of the Poolesville cross country team exhibited a determined effort to excel. During scheduled practices and on their own private time, these students can be proud, knowing this sport is something they can take with them throughout their lives. Good luck next year at the PACC 5K.

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enue. To be clear, petitioning your representatives for a referendum is an important tool in democratic governance. The difference in the proposed change is that by mandating a commissioner-approved resolution requiring them to hold to the less than seven percent increase, the petition process becomes moot and the budget does not have to be finalized prior to having the crucial financial information.

It’s a management thing, not an insidious attempt to circumvent voter power to increase taxes every year forever. If they do not resolve to hold to the restrictions, they still will have to allow enough time for a petition for referendum process.

As the legislative arm of the town government, the commissioners have always had the ability to increase or decrease taxes. Nothing has changed. That’s a decision they are elected to make. On the other hand, in this day

and age, if they do raise taxes, I think the voters have one thing to say: “Go ahead, make my day.”

Along with the importance of representative government, there is something of equal importance: participatory government, otherwise known as citizen involvement. The upcoming town meeting has set a time to hear from citizens on the matter of changing this part of the town charter. This is your best time to learn more and to be heard. No need to listen to me or to wait for a petitioner to buttonhole you at Selby’s. You say you have lived in town a long time and have never attended a town meeting? The right time is now and this is your time.

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you!
— Pericles (430 B.C.)

“End of Garden Season”
Continued From Page 5.

and open blossoms, but they look somewhat like things on a stick. It is okay to let your garden go for a bit. The first frost will arrive soon, and we can close the door on our 2011 garden.

Enough of sad thoughts; let me tell you about the darling of the fall garden, the dahlia. If you are one of my readers who followed my advice last spring and planted some dahlia tubers, you are now enjoying their beauty. In fact, they are, in my mind, the only truly beautiful flowering plants for a fall display. In our climate zone, dahlia tubers should be dug up in the fall, divided, and stored over winter and re-planted again in the spring after the last frost. Some people say that dahlias can survive left in the ground over the winter if they are heavily mulched. I have tried that for two years; they don’t make it. If the cold doesn’t kill them, the wet winters will rot them. Wait at least one week after the first frost

before digging up your dahlias. Cut down the stems to a height of six to eight inches; rinse the dirt off of them; let dry in the sun and then store for the winter. Store them in an area that will stay between forty and fifty degrees, not too warm but not too cold. For me, my basement is a good location.

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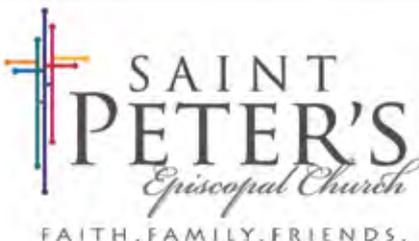
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- Top off all fluids under the hood
- Examine all belts and hoses for cracks and proper tension
- Broke inspection

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\$10⁰⁰ OFF Regular price

Cooling System Flush & Fill

Includes:

- Flush & refill radiator (up to 2 gallons antifreeze)
- Pressure test cooling system & radiator cap
- Inspect water pump, hoses & belts
- Tighten clamped connections

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\$199⁹⁵

Transmission Fluid Exchange

What we do:

- Replace all transmission fluid including fluid in:
 - Torque converter
 - Transmission cooler
 - All transmission lines
- Fill with OEM-approved transmission fluid

New technology:

- Until now, only 25% to 35% of the fluid in your transmission could be changed (Filter and gasket replacement extra, if needed)

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