



The PHS Wrestling Team, making its mark once again. See Youth Sports on page 10.



Principal Doug Robbins will lose his hair over this event. Read about it in School News on page 9.



Can you help write a happy ending to this story? If you've seen CoCo, the contact details are in Tidbits on page 22.



There was trouble on Jerusalem Road. Read all about it in Local News on page 6.

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PHS Forensic Team Honored At Assembly

By Rande Davis

On February 1, dignitaries of DC3, the Department of Defense (DoD) Cyber Crime Center, came to an assembly at Poolesville High School to personally present a student team with their award as the High School World Wide Champions as well as the Maryland Champions of the 2012 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge.

With the moniker of Falcon4, the team members are PHS students: seniors Anirudh Neti and Neel Virdy, junior Umesh Padia, and sophomore Aswin Sekar. The faculty team mentors are Mark Estep and Jack Stansbury.

DC3, the sponsor of the competition, sets standards for digital evidence processing, analysis, and diagnostics for any DoD investigation that requires computer forensic support to detect, enhance, or recover digital media, including

audio and video.

Presenting the awards to the students was Executive Director Steven D. Shirley,

Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, from Linthicum, Maryland. The DC3, as a national cyber center, incorporates five organizations: the Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy, National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force/Analytical Group, and the Defense Industrial Base Collaborative Information Sharing Environment.

Speaking at the assembly was Alan Paller, founder of SANS, a college and professional cyber security training school that has trained more than 145,000 cyber security technologists in seventy-two countries. He co-chairs the Secretary of Homeland Security's Task Force on CyberSkills, and serves on the FCC Communications Security, Reliability, and



Champions of the World: Umesh Padia, Neely Virdy, Ashwin Sekar, and Anirudh Neti.

Interoperability Council and on the NASA Advisory Council. Mr. Peller surprised the team by announcing that they will be attending additional training sessions in March. Best of all, as the training happens to be in Orlando, Florida, the team will be DC3 guests to Disney World.

In the world high school competition, competing teams came from 1,209 high schools, forty-nine states, and fifty-three countries. The ten-month process required the students to solve digital security problems at various levels of challenge

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Senior Night Celebrated With Surprises And Victories

By Rande Davis

Senior night is a time-honored commemoration at high school sporting events—a time of remembrance and a time of transition. It's a stepping-stone experience marking the ending of one journey leading to

a new one. Traditionally, at the final home game of a season, senior athletes are introduced and are accompanied by parents or others who are especially close to them in recognition of the end of the high school team experience. Pride and happiness are accompanied by a bittersweet melancholy: High school days are coming to an end.

Last Monday, February



Senior Kelsey Carnahan and Julia Taylor flanked by Brian and Cathy Carnahan.

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2012-2013 3A/2A Division Champs: Seniors Thomas Wolz, Niko Michaels, Collin Turner, Tommy Murgia, Brandon Prather, and Kirby Carmack.



Boosterthon, a fundraising event at PES, proved to be fun for the kids, parents, and teachers.



Senior Poms smile, knowing they are the Montgomery County Pom champs. Tiffany Ventura, Marianne Zhao, Coach Tanya Ventura, and Madison Pizer.



The PES Tiger mascot spurs the boys on as they race to the finish line.



The girls lined up at the tunnel entrance to begin their twenty-five laps during Boosterthon at PES.

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Business Briefs

Stempler Makes All Star Team

Poolesville's Jeff Stempler of REMN (Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc.) has claimed a spot on the REMN All-Star Team! He was ranked the number-two producing loan officer nationally in 2012 among over 300 loan officers in the company. We hope Jeff, who is on the board of directors of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, buckles down in 2013, as we expect him to become number one, no excuses.

Spring Business Fair Coming Up

The fourth annual community business fair, sponsored by the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place at the Poolesville Baptist Church on March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Last year, the event drew over 250 attendees. This is a wonderful way to present your business to the public, especially if your firm does not have a retail location. Vendor applications are now available at poolesvillechamber.com.

Local News

Out of Work And Homeless— You May be Surprised

By Rande Davis

The person is homeless. What comes to mind when you hear this statement?

My guess is it wouldn't be a young person between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. It wouldn't be one with some college education and whose physical appearance is not gaunt or gray or depleted by drug/alcohol use. You may be surprised to find such a person to be physically healthy, yet homeless, sleeping on the street—possibly no more

surprised than the individual him/herself. Life does throw some serious curves.

These young persons are lost in the crowd as someone lost at sea: plenty of water but nothing to drink; hundreds of people all around, but no one to help—or so they think.

They are often persons who have grown past the age for foster homes. Others simply lost jobs that only paid enough for a day-to-day existence to begin with. When the job ended, they lost their housing, too. These persons reach a critical juncture for themselves and for society. With the right help, the crisis is momentary, leading to a renewed path and opportunity. The wrong "help" can lead to a life of drugs, crime, and something worse than homelessness: hopelessness.

Beallsville's Steven Feys learned of this problem from Guy Brama, one of his Washington,

D.C. clients. Brama also told him about a way he could help: the Covenant House Executive Sleep Out Program. This program joins teams of volunteers together to donate and find sponsors for funds that benefit Covenant House in its mission, first to come to the immediate



Beallsville's Steven Feys learned that sometimes sleeping in a parking lot is a good thing.



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need of homeless young people, and then, through a covenant of faith and nurturing, lead them to a more hopeful future.

It works like a bike-a-thon or relay, except, in this case, executives leave the comfort of their homes and offices to experience, firsthand, a night sleeping on the streets. The Sleep Out is not like camping out. No serene sounds of the woods or stars to gaze at or glowing fire to keep warm. It's the sounds of the horns and sirens, the hazed-out starless sky due to a perpetual beaming overhead street lamp, and no fire for ambience, much less warmth. It's cold, hard, and lonesome, and for the young person, very scary. One key exception given to these executives not afforded the lost, lonely, and scared youth, two security guards to prevent unwanted intrusions.

Steven, a financial planner with Raymond James, joined twenty-three executives last November 15 for their Sleep Out. Why did he do it? "It is one thing to always write a check, which Kamilla (Steven's wife) and I are

pleased to do for the organizations we support, but a sleep out has a long-lasting effect by putting yourself in the position of someone who is less fortunate than you. While our hearts and wallets are in the right place, and these are important efforts as well, it is difficult to completely relate. The Sleep Out provided ways to somewhat understand what it is like to be homeless."

Not fully knowing what to expect from the experience, the *Monocle* wanted to know what he learned from the program and what surprised him the most. "I was fully enlightened with the education the Sleeper received, a learning process that began at the moment we arrived and met the enthusiastic staff. We had a breakout session where the staff divided us into small groups that included Sleepers as well as two young homeless kids currently in the Covenant House program. By doing so, it allowed us to learn about each other and

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Commentary

Divided Again

By John Clayton

As Jack Toomey reports elsewhere in this issue, the Montgomery County Police Department has, as of Monday, February 4, 2013, changed its district boundaries in our area. The most significant change from our local perspective is that police coverage for Poolesville and its immediate environs is now handled out of District 1 in Rockville. Barnesville and that general area will continue to be handled out of the Germantown District 5.

In an official statement on their website, the MC Police say that the first and foremost reason is “improved service to residents.” Well, of course, we would not expect anything less. This is explained by “a more balanced workload between police districts.” As Jack explains in his article, the Rockville District headquarters will be moved to MCP’s new facility on Edison Park Road in Gaithersburg off Route 28. This is the General Electric (GE) Technology Park, which people of a certain age also remember as the old National Geographic building. It is also noted that “improved officer safety” will result, a critical factor that I will take at their word.

The current Montgomery County Public Safety Headquarters for the entire department was on Research Boulevard in Rockville, and it has already moved to the newly-renovated facility on Edison Park Road, so the Rockville police officers will soon get to share their digs with the top brass. No comment from the street on this facet of the move was available at press time, but I’m sure they’re thrilled.

Jack, a former Montgomery County police officer, and a longtime reporter for the *Monocle*, noted in conversation that “Poolesville has a brand new group of officers who do not know the people, the crooks, or the characters.” He also observed that since the new dividing line

runs down Maryland Route 28 (more on that in a minute), it also splits the communities of Dickerson and Beallsville, for police response purposes. These are valid concerns, and hopefully—and, I think, more than likely—the police have incorporated these factors into their transition. They have had some time to deal with this, and I am confident that our police department is competently and professionally run (Jack certainly wasn’t suggesting otherwise), but the loss of some institutional experience has to hurt in the short term. Jack’s latter concern may be the more serious issue. He (whose column is this, anyway?) questioned whether it would have made more sense to keep Dickerson or Beallsville intact, to have drawn lines around them and kept them all in one district. This would make it easier for coordination on crimes in the same area. Granted, you have to draw the line somewhere, but in a sparsely-populated region, it doesn’t make sense to split up some of the few areas of higher density that you have to cover. Let’s hope that this can be revisited in the near future.

Otherwise, looking at the bigger geographic picture, it seems reasonable. If a police officer covering Poolesville is driving out Route 28 from headquarters, this may be better than having to traverse Germantown on Route 118 all the way out to Route 28 to get to work—it certainly isn’t any worse. Leaving the greater Barnesville area with Germantown also makes a lot more sense than trying to cover that area from Gaithersburg. In other words, if the new headquarters location calls for some load balancing, this was probably the way to do it. Furthermore, living in Barnesville, I wouldn’t say that if I ever needed assistance *tout de suite*, or faster, I was hoping they’d be steaming up from Poolesville.

What strikes me in the

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Whose Paper Is This Anyway?

By Rande Davis

I have been thinking a lot about you—the reader—lately. Not that you are ever very far from our thoughts. After all, John and I started the publication with you primarily in our minds. Your needs and input are so important to us. Even now, while it never gets tiring to hear of your appreciation for the *Monocle*, it’s the areas where we may be falling short that concern us the most. John and I continually seek ways to improve the paper and to meet your needs all within the maddeningly-tight limitations of print and restrictions of a bi-weekly publication. Oh, how I envy those who write in the clouds. People who know me well know I always have

something more to say. Okay, I know, even those of you who don’t know me so well probably know that much about me.

For someone like me, working within the discipline of print and strict space limitations is particularly challenging. Believe me, it’s tough to bring you Poolesville town government reports, results of meetings that can run three hours or more, within the space of six to seven hundred words. Besides, while it’s true that almost all our readers want to know about the town, only about half of our readers actually live in Poolesville. Poor John, he has to continually remind me that the paper is about more than Poolesville. He usually does so lightheartedly, jabbing me with “Hey, Poolesville guy”—but I digress (a worse problem for me than my verbal windiness)—back to you, the reader.

I was trying to come up with

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In the Garden

Is It Time to Change Your Garden's Blueprint?

By Maureen O'Connell

In my last article, I spoke about a garden's evolution. Even if you don't notice it, everything changes over the seasons and over the years. Plants grow old, succumb to diseases and pests, and are weakened by the vagaries of weather. If you removed yourself from a garden's creation, nature would take over completely and leave you with a collection of plants, shrubs, and trees that you might not recognize or like. Without your pruning, fertilizing, watering, weeding, and spraying for diseases and pests, the garden would revert to its natural, wild state. Roses, without a good gardener's spade and pruning shears, would soon become a tangle of thorny, thin stems and canes. My beautiful, fragrant tree wisteria 'Texas White' would quickly return to what it actually wants to be: an aggressive, heavy vine. *Physostegia*, whose common name is paradoxically Obedient Plant, and the *Tradescantia* (spiderwort) flowering plants would soon escape their boundaries and smother anything in their paths. Plant cleome and you have it for life. The slender seed pods contain hundreds of seeds, which

germinate readily everywhere. It took me many years to get rid of it in my upper garden. The seeds of the tall garden phlox, *Phlox paniculata*, would revert and produce pale magenta plants, unless you deadhead, or remove clusters of faded flowers, so that the mature, viable seeds are not dropped to the ground. Where do weeds fit into the evolution of a garden? Last year, it was a banner year for them in my gardens. According to Webster, a weed is an unwanted or unsightly plant. I might ask: In whose estimation? A. A. Milne (1822-1956), English author and creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, said: "Weeds are flowers, too, once you get to know them." You might remind yourself of this come July and your garden is all weeds.

When we speak about changes in the garden, there are many subcategories in this discussion. The biggest and most controversial is the question of global warming. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map, the first major revision since 1990. The predictions are based on an average minimal annual temperature for a specific area. Over the past sixteen years, most zones have shifted northward as average temperatures have changed. *New York Times* garden writer Anne Raver was the first to label this trend: "What it really is: global weirding." All parts of the country have been experiencing strange and often extreme weather conditions, be they hot, cold, wet, or dry. These

changes are significant, but I don't agree with the many people who believe that it is a simplification to talk about them in terms of warming. Well, what explains these changes? You can attribute them to any reason you like, but they are significantly affecting our gardens, from genetically-modified plants to meet new challenges to the plants you select to grow in your garden and their maintenance. We must now work with climate change rather than fight it. If drought and heat is a problem in your area, replace water-hungry, heat-sensitive plants with more appropriate ones. When many people think of drought-tolerant plants, they conjure up an image of cacti and aloe plants growing in a desert. Yes, you could create a new xeriscape garden. This method refers to landscaping and gardening in ways that reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation. In my travels to different gardens, I have seen more and more use of cacti and succulents such as hens and chicks, aloe vera, and sedum in traditional garden designs. There are many other plants that can stand up to extreme temperatures. Look for fine lacy foliage reducing leaf surface which means less water lost through surface evaporation; thick, succulent or waxy leaves which have the ability to store more water; hairy or fuzzy leaves, whose fine hairs keep moisture trapped at leaves' surface. Lavender, Echinacea, asters, yarrow, *Agastache*, catmint, *Verbascum*, Russian sage, rugosa roses, and salvia are other good drought-tolerant plants.

Are you bored with the cast of characters in your garden? This year, select some plants that you have never grown or never heard of. Every year, I try to plant something new. Here are some suggestions from my garden that do well in our area: *Baptisia australis*, *Crocasmia* 'Lucifer,' *Eryngium* (Sea Holly) 'Sapphire Blue,' *Aquilegia*, *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune,' *Agastache* 'Tutti Frutti,' *Liatris* 'Kobold,' Siberian Iris 'Flight of Butterflies,' Siberian Iris

'Pink Haze,' *Agapanthus* 'Storm Cloud,' *Fritillaria*, rugosa Roses, *Allium*, *Heuchera* 'Georgia Peach,' hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears,' and hosta 'Dancing Queen.'

Plant a butterfly garden. This is a good project for a family to do with children. Besides choosing proper plants, the children could learn about the many different types of butterflies. Plant colors are important. Adult butterflies are attracted to red, yellow, orange, pink, and purple blossoms. They need flat-topped plants or clusters of blossoms for a landing platform and short flower tubes for straightforward access to nectar. Here are eleven plants that are guaranteed to attract butterflies: *Aster x frikartii* 'Monch,' *Asclepias tuberosa* Gay Butterflies, *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb,' *Buddleia davidii* Peacock, *Hemerocallis* 'Lady Elizabeth,' *Phlox paniculata* 'David,' *Echinacea purpurea* 'Ruby Giant,' *Weigela florida* 'Wine and Roses,' *Liatris spicata* 'Kobold,' aster *S. novibelgii* 'Wood's Light Blue,' and sedum *H. telephium* 'Matrona.' These plants should receive full sun from mid-morning to mid-afternoon; butterfly adults generally feed only in the sun. Don't use any insecticides in or near their garden. Provide a place for the butterflies to rest. Last year I bought a butterfly house, but they preferred to rest and bake in the sun on several large flat stones I had near their garden.

I believe that a garden is an extension of the rooms in your house. Treat it similarly when it comes to design concepts of color, texture, and light. You often change the look of your indoor rooms; your garden rooms deserve the same.



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Local News

One Spring Day

By André Agnew

My grandfather was a hard man, molded by hard times. His real name was Ivan, though he changed his name to John when he immigrated to the United States from the Ukraine via Germany. As a young boy, during the 1930s, the Russians began brutally repressing the populace and systematically starving tens of millions of Ukrainians. So when Germany invaded in 1941, many Ukrainians saw the Germans as liberators. My grandfather's family decided to leave the widespread starvation to go live in Germany and find work there. During the fall of 1944, the German war machine began to falter as German cities were being bombed and Russia advanced steadily to the capital. My grandfather's story took place in the spring of 1945.

One day, my grandfather was out in the fields by himself, just passing the time. He was fourteen years old. It had just rained, and the air felt cool and fresh. The sky was overcast which gave the world a dull, gray gleam. After a while, a truckload of soldiers drove by on an ancient truck that was most likely commandeered from a nearby farm. As the truck tried to climb a hill, its wheels began spinning in the mud, and got stuck. A German officer leapt out of the truck, with his boots squelching into the mud, and then shouted a quick command, and all the soldiers clambered out of the truck and began struggling with the truck while the officer stood by watching imperiously. The officer eventually glanced over to where my grandfather was sitting and waded out towards him. The officer shouted out to him in German, gesturing to the feeble truck, which was still wriggling and coughing dark black smoke. My grandpa hesitated for a moment too long, so the officer calmly and methodically drew his pistol and leveled it at my grandpa's head, with the air of a man who had done this countless times before. My grandfather had

no choice but to do what he said.

Back at the truck he was assigned to help an old German collect sticks and branches to put under the tires of the truck to give it traction. He and the old German never said a word to each other yet they befriended each other just the same. It was as if they had known each other for a lifetime, and there simply was nothing more to say, but to silently reminisce upon the days of old, and to share in each other's companionship. Time seemed to freeze in that little hillside in Germany; they could have easily gone on gathering wood to the muted sound of the falling rain. Cares and worries were washed away by the rain, and they lived only in the present. Eventually, the truck was freed, and the soldiers piled on and drove away. My grandfather and the old man never saw each other again.

After the war, my grandfather and his family immigrated to America, leaving behind his sister, who had gotten separated during the chaos of invasion in Ukraine. Throughout his adult life, his childhood memories had gotten suppressed along with the episode on the muddy hillside. This memory only just returned, as my grandfather and I were chopping wood in the woods behind his house, when he suddenly put down his ax and began telling this story amongst several others. I suppose something about us working together, as he and the old German had done so many years before, suddenly broke the dam, causing all the memories, good and bad, to come gushing forth at once. When he had gotten it all out, we resumed splitting wood, and for a time, it seemed we had gone back in time to 1945. The old German sprang to life in our woods, and my grandfather was fourteen years old once more, with the same solemn face—just without the twinge of bitterness that had set in across the long decades.

Editor's Note: The Monocle will occasionally publish written works from local students. Send submissions to editor@monocacymonocle.com.

Local News

Dickerson Man Injured in Jerusalem Road Wreck

By Jack Toomey

A Dickerson man was injured on the morning of Sunday, January 27 when he lost control of his car on Jerusalem Road, and it rolled over a guardrail into a wooded area.

Montgomery County Police said that Benjamin Honemand, of Peachtree Road, was driving northbound on Jerusalem Road near Dry Seneca Creek at about

10:00 a.m. when he lost control of his 2003 Mercury. As the car began skidding sideways, it stuck a guardrail, flipped over, and landed on its side in the woods.

Mr. Honemand was trapped in his car for a period of time before fire and rescue personnel could extricate him. The officer in charge of the incident called for a medivac helicopter and a Maryland State Police helicopter was dispatched. It landed on a nearby field and then flew the patient to the Shock Trauma Unit in Baltimore.

Mr. Honemand declined to speak about the event except to say, "I am all right."



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

No incidents of any consequence were reported by the Montgomery County Police.

Past Crime

February 8, 1898 Deputy Sheriff Carlisle arrested Richard Thompson on a charge of defiling a thirteen-year-old girl. Thompson had been sought by authorities in Frederick and Montgomery Counties. While Thompson was being put on the train to Frederick, he tried to escape, and Carlisle shot him once in the back on the head. Thompson was then taken to the Gaithersburg Pharmacy where Dr. McCormick removed the bullet from his head.

February 10, 1910 William Stephens, living at Browningsville, Montgomery County, was taken into custody by Sheriff Viett at Monrovia. Stephens was alleged to have abused his wife and family. In the past, he had been arrested twice for beating his wife. Neighbors said that on the night before, Stephens was drunk and threatened to kill his wife and children. He also threatened to burn down the house. Mrs. Stephens fled the house with her children and took refuge at the home of Edward Davis where they were given refuge.

February 11, 1906 Two Rockville men were arrested for trying to wreck Baltimore and Ohio

express trains. Someone had been placing heavy railroad spikes on the tracks between Rockville and Derwood, resulting in an investigation by railroad detectives and Deputy Sheriff Mullican. In one case, a heavy westbound passenger train was nearly derailed when it struck the spikes.

February 12, 1911 Sheriff Viett took delivery of two bloodhounds, and he promised that crime in the county would decrease. Viett declared that the dogs would have many tasks and the first would be to detect speeding autoists. When asked how a dog would be able to do that, he said that it was a secret. The bloodhounds would also be used in manhunts and to catch chicken thieves. The sheriff said that in the past, tracking dogs had to be requested from other states which caused a delay in tracking fugitives.

February 18, 1913 William Clagett became the first person to receive the lash under the new law about wife beating. Sheriff C. L. Howard applied the whip to Clagett in the jail yard at Rockville. The prisoner was held fast by chains applied to his feet and hands which were attached to a pole. About twenty spectators witnessed the whipping. As Sheriff Howard applied the whip, Deputy Sheriff Hewitt kept count.

Some of the material used in this column was taken from the archives of the Washington Post.

Town of Poolesville

A Call To Action

By Rande Davis

The February 4 town commissioners' meeting began with what commission President Jim Brown labeled as a "call to action" to improve the economic development prospects for the town. The commissioners are tasking all boards and commission member to explore and submit ideas to help fill vacant space in the town, to assist retailers in improving sales, and to create an overall business-friendly atmosphere to improve the local economy.

Commissioners Brice Halbrook and Valaree Dickerson reported on a recent meeting they initiated with Jonathon Cutler, the owner of the shopping center where the Poolesville Library is located. Dickerson stated that the purpose was to build a relationship between the landlord and the town with an expectation that the improved communication might lead to an understanding as to how to attract businesses to lease space in Poolesville.

Michael Knapp, CEO of Orion Ventures, LLC presented a proposal to use his firm to manage the marketing of the town to public and private entities based on those industries that would be most attracted to the town's resources. Last summer, he was tasked with the objective of seeking new strategies for economic development of the town, identifying businesses and industries most conducive for town economic growth, and recommending possible governmental incentives and marketing tools to help attract the targeted prospects. The Knapp Report (available online on the town website) highlighted the agricultural industry and outdoor recreational services as primary resources to leverage the town's economic base. Services for seniors and tourism were also offered as other key resources in the report.

Knapp stated that despite the natural strength of talented individuals within the town and in

the private sector, all who are well-suited to assist in the development of both agricultural and recreational services, it comes down to who "has the time and focus to do so." His proposal to the town would be to hire his services through Orion Ventures LLC, tasking his firm to pursue targeted industries, reporting back to them with results within 90 to 120 days.

Knapp stated that although many ideas have been discussed, the town now needs to select specific industries to pursue. The next step is to find out "if what sounds like a good idea really is a good idea for economic growth for the town." Using outdoor recreational services as an example, the commissioners would first determine the extent of using and expanding our sports field resources to attract out-of-area groups to further strengthen our economy. Knapp would then be hired to meet with identified governmental and private sector groups that would be most likely to use those resources. His goal would be to do so within an agreed-upon timeframe, reporting back to the commissioners the results which would then guide them as to whether the sports services concept can be used to benefit the town.

Commissioner Dickerson was concerned with the metrics in measuring his work: What is he specifically doing and how to evaluate his success? While Commissioner Klobukowski voiced concern of the actual management and reporting role—Who will he manage? and How and whom will he report to?—Halbrook suggested that a short-string approach, a few months' trial with timely review, would be the best way to proceed.

No decisions were made on the proposal that could cost up \$6,500 per month. Each commissioner will be further studying the proposal for discussion and decision at future meetings.

Resident and CEDC member Frank Jamison presented ideas of

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The Pulse Glass Gets Highest Lions Honor

By Rande Davis

Congratulations to Charlie Glass for being the named the 2012 Monocacy Lions Melvin Jones Award recipient. This award, named after the founder of the Lion Clubs, is the highest individual award given to a Lion in recognition of exemplary hard work and dedication exhibited over many of years of membership. Glass, who chairs the highly-successful annual Lions golf outing, has been a member of the civic organization since 1974.

Among the many good works of the Monocacy Lions

are sponsorship of Barnesville Halloween Party for Youth, local blood drives, distribution of food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas which includes toy distribution, sponsorship of youth Leo Clubs at John Poole Middle School and Poolesville High School, collection of over one thousand pairs of used glasses to be recycled to needy users, payment of eye exams for low-income families, and eye exams at the county fair. Through their many fundraising efforts, they have donated to local community groups including Poolesville Relay for Life, Lions District Youth Band, Lions Camp Merrick in southern Maryland, which services blind and other young people with disabilities, and Lions Research Vision Research Foundation.

In addition to their strong public service efforts, the Lions schedule numerous social

events for the enjoyment of the members. Those events are supported directly by the members and donated funds do not fund those activities.

Now in its sixth decade of community service, the Lions always seek new members and welcome inquiries as to becoming a Lion. If you are interested in becoming a Lion, contact Lion Bill Jamison at billjamison@mris.com.



Charlie Glass (left) receives the Lions' highest honor, the Melvin Jones Award, from King Lion Roger Brenholtz.

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School News

PES PTA Raises Over \$19,000

By Rande Davis

On January 31, Poolesville Elementary School completed a fundraising program that combined the need for funds with lessons on strengthening integrity/character, building leadership skills, and fitness awareness. Boosterthon Fun Run is a nine-day program that opens with a pep rally that leads to lessons given on those three principles and ends with a Fun Run fundraising race. Each student finds sponsors to pay \$1 per lap for the students' participation. The Fun Run event at Poolesville was held in the PES gymnasium this year due to heavy rains that hit the area earlier in the week.

Classes and genders run separately in a frenzied race that starts by running through a tunnel then around the room for twenty-five laps. The boys and girls ran separately, and as one group ran, the other cheered them on. The atmosphere is party-like with very loud pumping music to motivate the runners and a constant buzz of kids screaming and cheering and basically having a great time non-stop. As each runner ends a lap, a volunteer adult marks his or her Boosterthon T-shirt with a check mark.

One of the goals is to get sponsors from every state in the nation. PES not only reached that goal but also got sponsors from ten different countries. The representative of Boosterthon.com, Justin Loureiro, said for a school as small as Poolesville (388 students), he found it "really remarkable they were able to achieve their goal of sponsors from every state."

The students added their own special twist to the event. Principal Robbins promised that if they got all fifty states represented, he would let them vote on one of three possible choices. He would shave his head, allow himself to

be duct taped to the wall, or have a pie thrown into his face. The students voted to have him shave his head. The date to do so will be announced later. When the big day comes, the *Monocle* will be there to record it for posterity.

After a few hours of cheering by the kids, the result of the Fun Run caused the loudest cheer: The kids raised over \$19,000. The Montgomery County Public Schools TV network filmed the assembly and will be showing the assembly periodically.

Turner First Frostburg State Irene Ryan Nominee

Scott S. Turner is a PHS alumni from the class of 2009 and a theater major at Frostburg State University finishing his senior year. As well as being on dean's list for the past 3 1/2 years he just finished the KCACTF Festival at Towson University where he competed as an Irene Ryan Nominee. He received the nomination for his performance this past October during the run of "Angels in America" at the college. He is the first student from Frostburg State to ever compete for this prestigious honor. He was competing along side of 280 actors and advanced to semi-finalist which was only 32 in number. The festival also offered workshops, play writing competition as well as full stage performances.



Scott Turner was honored as an Irene Ryan nominee at Frostburg State.

"Rande(m) Thoughts" Continued from Page 4.

ways to get the message to you more clearly that while we may publish the paper, the *Monocle* is your paper, too. We want and would love to hear from you more often. When people ask, "What's new?" it often depends on how much we have heard from you, the reader.

We can use your help, especially in certain columns such as Things to Do, Tidbits, School News, Family Album, Business Briefs, etc. You have an event needing publicity? Send it to us for Things to Do. You know about someone who has reached a milestone, made an achievement, or has some news to share with the public? Let us know for Tidbits. Does your civic group, church, or school group have news to share? Don't be shy. Let us know. Send us a tip. For those of you who own a local business, did you have an anniversary, receive an award, and reach a goal? Business Briefs is for you. If your group

holds a special event but there is no *Monocle* photographer on hand, send us a few photos (with a caption) that you or a group member may have taken. Family Album was created just for that kind of thing.

Of course, it's not just in these abbreviated columns that we look to you for tips. Some things deserve special, lengthier coverage. Give us a call or send an email, our writers stand ready to follow up. Our phone number and email address are in our masthead, and we would truly welcome your input and to hear from you more often.

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Now We're Cooking

Beignets de Carnaval

By Dominique Agnew



Your finished beignets should look like this.

Carnaval is the week preceding Lent in Martinique. It's usually nearing the end of the dry season; the weather is beautiful, children have off from school, and on the last Tuesday before the beginning of Lent, yes, Mardi Gras, everyone eats beignets. They have parades and all that other good stuff, too, but in our kitchens, it's about the beignets.

Friends have mentioned eating beignets from New Orleans. All I could say was, "I'm sorry." Those are a different beast (really, they put yeast in them down there!).

The recipe I'm sharing, passed from my two maternal great-grandmothers to my maternal grandmother to my maternal, ahem, mother cannot be found on the internet. When I told my mother some of the ingredients I came across in online recipes for beignets, she said, "Quelle horreur!"

Here it is, the Secret Family Recipe revealed:

2 c. whole milk
1 c. sugar
2-inch piece of a vanilla bean
2 c. flour
1 ¼ c. water (a little more, maybe)
4 eggs
¾ c. flour
Crisco fat
Confectioner's sugar

Heat milk, sugar, and vanilla bean in heavy pot over medium heat until warm, not hot. While the mixture is heating, stir 1 ¼ cups water into 2 cups flour until a pourable thick paste forms. If milk in pot scalds or boils, let cool until it's warm, not hot. Pour flour mixture into milk and sugar mixture, constantly stirring over medium heat (constantly, constantly stirring) until mixture thickens. Batter is ready when it completely detaches from sides of pot—usually less than five minutes. Let cool to room temperature.

Discard vanilla bean. Add eggs one at a time to cooled beignet batter completely incorporating each egg before adding the next. Mix in ¾ cup flour. Heat Crisco fat in saucepan to a depth of two to three inches. When the fat is at a nice frying temperature, drop beignet batter by heaping teaspoonfuls into fat. After two or three minutes, beignets should be floating, and they can be gently turned with a fork. Another one or two minutes and golden-brown beignets can be removed to drain on a paper towel or in a colander. Continue cooking beignets in batches. Sprinkle confectioner's sugar over prepared beignets and serve.

Youth Sport

PHS Grapplers Forging Ahead

By Dominique Agnew and Jeff Stuart

January 29 was senior night for varsity wrestling, and the seniors were excitedly diving through their gift bags. Did they want the candy? No. Was it the comfy travel pillows they were frantically seeking? No. One by one, they pulled them out and quickly donned them: their Crazy Socks. Yes, following the tradition begun by Sammi Jo Dorsey in 2007 during her first year as team manager, the team manager always includes a pair of Crazy Socks for each senior as part his (or her, some years) senior gift. "They can't wait to get them on and wrestle in them," says Dawn Dorsey, wife to the head coach and mother of a senior wrestler.

This wrestling season's graduating class includes seven seniors: Che Caballero, Sam Dodds, Cody Dorsey, Will Korzeniewski, Tyler Magaha, Cory Savage, and Josh Womack. These seniors are quite familiar with wrestling and tournament competition. "This will be about my tenth year of wrestling," says Magaha. "I have been wrestling since I was a little kid. My coach is my uncle, so it just seemed like the thing to do." His highlight of his senior year was taking second at the Damascus tournament in December.

Dorsey, the coach's son, had his own personal highlight this year. "Our match against Sherwood—I wrestled last," he says. "We were down by four points, and I needed to get a pin to win the match. I pinned him in the last ten seconds of the last period."

"We have a bunch of good seniors, a bunch of good juniors, and our young wrestlers are learning a lot," says Head Coach Kevin Dorsey. He's happy the team qualified for the region duals competition. "They are all picking up and doing the job. Everyone has done about what I expected them to do from last year. They are doing well."

Two of the seniors, Dorsey and Korzeniewski are very close to having one hundred victories for their career. Both are four-year varsity wrestlers who have ninety-six and ninety-three victories, respectively. This is a very difficult milestone to accomplish considering the fact that there are only fourteen dual meet matches and three tournaments each year in the regular season. The county, regional, and state tournaments offer additional matches, but victories in these tournaments are hard to come by, considering the level of competition to be faced.

The Falcons qualified for their fifth consecutive dual meet championship which will be held this year at Glenelg High School, seeded third after an exciting victory over Quince Orchard High School on February 2. Trailing 18-0 after the first three matches, they completed a thrilling come-from-behind, 36-33, victory. The win was in contention until the very last match, but heavyweight Jaylen McCaine pinned his opponent, putting the Falcons in the lead for good with two matches remaining. Luke Maher, the 106-pound wrestler extended the lead with a decision, and Nick Kibbey (113) fought a tough Quince Orchard wrestler who needed to get the pin to give Quince Orchard the victory. Kibbey settled for a loss by decision

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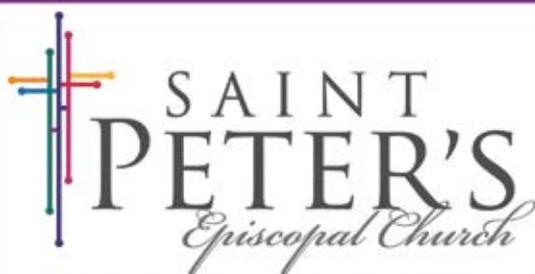
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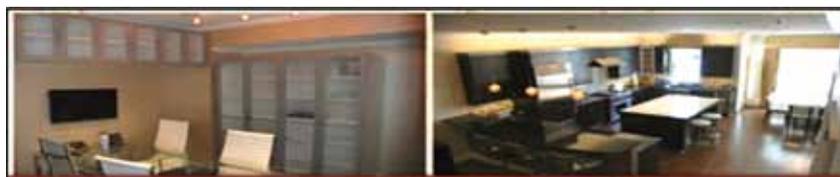


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Local News

Life Can Go On

By Dee Turner

It's 4:00 a.m., and a police officer is standing at your door. You see the look on his face, and you know it's not good. "Mr. and Mrs. Turner, I am sorry to have to tell you this..." From that moment on, your life will never be the same.

January 21, 2006 was the day that changed my family: My son was just walking across the street, going to the store to get his Red Bull, and intended to return to his apartment when the car struck him. He had to be airlifted to a trauma center. He was breathing but not responding; he had a pulse but no voice; his blood was flowing through his veins but not to his brain.

He was placed on a ventilator. The doctors tried as hard as they could, but there was no hope. The next day, we flew from Florida to Arizona, and when we got to the hospital, we were told he was clinically brain dead. How could that be? I was holding his hand, he was breathing, and I was talking to him. He was twenty-one years old, strong, healthy, and had no medical problems.

How can something this tragic ever turn into something positive? I know that not everyone believes in organ donation, maybe because of religious beliefs or maybe because of personal values, but having the ability to save someone's life should be the only answer.

Organ donation was a way to make what seemed like the end, to be really a new beginning. The emotions were overwhelming, but not when it

came to the decision to donate our son's organs. The number of organs needed far exceeds the number of organs donated. The organ that is needed the most is the kidney. Because of a lack of organs, people die while waiting on the transplant list.

Should a life that has been cut short end just like that when there are other possibilities? Anthony had just celebrated his birthday on September 19, 2005. He was physically fit, in good health, and took care of himself, but none of that mattered. The impact to the base of his neck caused the break in the flow of blood to his brain, and he was declared brain dead. The Organ Transplant Organization website gives a very clear definition: "Brain death occurs when there is no electrical activity in the brain." If there is no blood flow to the brain,

the patient has suffered a clinical brain death. When a person is hit by a car traveling at forty miles per hour, he usually doesn't live. The car that struck Anthony was going forty-four.

On January 25, 2006, at 8:45 a.m., four days after the accident, I held him close, played with his hair, kissed him, and told him how proud I was because he was going to help save others. I still find it overwhelming to think that my son lost his one life but has been able to give life to six other people, give hope to six other families and become my hero. Experts from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services suggest that each one of us could help as many as fifty people by being an organ and tissue donor. You can be a living organ donor. Bone marrow can save the life of a person with leukemia or other blood disorder; a kidney could

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but gave the team the win.

This is the seventh season for the coaching duo of Dorsey and Mark Agnew. They started slowly, having only nine of the fourteen weight classes filled in their first season but still managing to finish a respectable 5-9. Their second season was much more successful as they filled their lineup in all of the weight classes and inverted their record to finish 9-5 on the season. That second year, the Falcons had to wrestle their last match on the Saturday before the dual meet championship and if they won they would tie Marriott's Ridge for the final spot in the regional dual meet championship in which only the top four teams in each region qualify. The tie-breaking criterion was to be a coin toss held at Oakland Mills on Satur-

day after the match if they won. The Falcons won the match and called to report the score and find out where they needed to go for the coin toss. The dual meet season ended in a huge disappointment. The coin toss had been held the day before, and they learned that they had lost the coin toss. Disbelief and a sense of injustice set in on the coaches. "We were in total shock when we heard that they had the coin toss without us, we were ready to drive to Howard County, and then to find out that our season had already ended the day before, left us with a bitter taste in our mouths," says Coach Mark Agnew.

That was five seasons ago, and the Falcons have been back every year since. Now they are looking for their first win and hope to take another step and make it to the finals to most likely face Howard County powerhouse Glenelg.



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Local News

White's Ferry Road to Close

By Kristen Milton

Bridge repairs on White's Ferry Road planned for summer 2014 will require a detour that concerns some area businesses.

The county's Department of Transportation held a public hearing on January 23 to discuss the work planned for two bridges on the rural rustic road. According to Bruce Johnston, chief of the engineering division, the nearly \$2.5 million project will involve replacing the bridges and an adjacent culvert and reconstructing approximately 800 feet of road. A 2009 bridge inspection report found multiple cracks in both bridges which were built in 1920 and do not meet current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials safety standards.

One bridge is less than a half-mile from the intersection of Wasche Road and White's Ferry, and the other is a mile from the first. Both bridges span tributaries to Broad Run.

In order to accommodate the work, the county plans to use a detour that was put in place when another White's Ferry Road bridge was constructed in 1998. The detour will direct drivers down Wasche and West Hunter Roads to Beallsville Road in Beallsville; however, the plan worries area businesses who saw negative impacts from the fifty-day road closure in 1998.

"The Chamber of Commerce has some concerns about the impact on the economy locally," chamber president Hilary Schwab said upon being informed of the

detour. Schwab said the issue would likely be discussed at a future chamber meeting in order to prepare a formal response to the project.

"I would like to know why they can't just close one lane," said George Virkus, general manager of Bassett's in Poolesville. "I don't have a real number for what percentage of our business comes across the ferry, but I do know it's a significant amount."

Virkus said he feared if Virginia customers didn't have easy access to the area, they would simply stay on Route 28 and all of Poolesville's businesses would suffer as a consequence. "The way the economy has been the last five, six years, we're just starting to see the glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel," Virkus said. "I'm afraid this would put it out."

Edwin and Malcolm Brown, owners of White's Ferry, and Bill Lermond of Beallsville's Bobinawarra Farm testified at the January hearing in Rockville. During the 1998 detour, when the road was closed mid-June to early August, Brown and his employees reported a drop in business at the ferry and its adjacent store. Transport of agricultural products was also an issue for some area farms.

The county will accept written testimony concerning the project through February 20 and plans to hold a public meeting closer to Poolesville before that time. If the project is approved by the county executive, a contractor will be sought this summer with construction expected in summer 2014.

Currently, the two bridges are sixteen and ten feet long. They will be replaced with forty-six- and twenty-four-foot spans and raised by a foot to prevent flooding. The signs that currently post weight limits for the two sites will be removed after project completion.

Center Stage

Full Circle Book Club

By Dominique Agnew

Just a few weeks ago, local author Mary E. Kingsley visited a book club in Roanoke, Virginia. As she has been doing since publication of her debut novel, *Angel*, just a year ago, the members of the book club had read *Angel* and had invited Mary to discuss different aspects of the story with them. What was special about this visit to Roanoke was that Mary had helped found this particular book club in the early nineties, and many of the original members were still there. "I had the pleasure of my book club friends reading and enjoying my book," Mary says. "It's a fun way to spread the book around," visiting readers in their homes in an informal, friendly atmosphere. In 1994, Mary moved from Roanoke to Johns Creek, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, where she was the founding member of yet another book club. Last May, Mary had the opportunity to share her novel with old friends when she revisited that book club to discuss *Angel* with them, the first of many visits to various book clubs along the East Coast. This word-of-mouth approach helped propel *Angel* to a top-100 ebook list on Amazon over the summer.

Mary had always wanted to write and had always written short stories, essays, and poems, but she waited until all her children were in school before writing seriously. That first school day that she was alone, "I sat down to the kitchen table and wrote a short story." It was still a big leap for her to acknowledge to herself that she was actually a writer. "I was embarrassed...shy to say, 'I'm a writer.'"

Mary started writing *Angel* in 2004. She'd heard of a complicated family situation and "wanted to tell the story through the eyes of an innocent child." *Angel* is a thirteen-year-old coming of age



Mary E. Kingsley

in 1960s east Tennessee, in the fictional town of Riley, loosely based on Mary's real hometown of Kingsport, Tennessee.

In many ways, *Angel* is historical fiction. The time and place are autobiographical, Mary explains, even though the story is fictional. Readers across a wide age range have enjoyed the story, and those, especially, that grew up in the sixties and seventies connect with the young protagonist.

In 2007, Mary moved to the D.C. area and soon after met her editor. She also connected with a New York City agent but later made the decision to publish independently, setting up her own publishing company. With the ease of publishing and selling either print or in the digital format created by new technology, many authors are moving away from legacy publishers (the traditional publishing houses) towards independent publishing like Mary has done.

The only difficulty that Mary finds in independent publishing is that everything falls into the hands of the author, including promotion, which is not as easy as printing and selling. Enter Amazon, believe it or not. She has found some of the promotion specials offered by Amazon to be a big boost to her sales and recognizance. Mary also feels that Amazon will make it easier for authors to sell short stories or novellas, a category that Amazon has recently added. Mary's next publication, in the final editing stages, will be a Kindle single, a short story, entitled *All the Pieces*. Mary also has other short stories

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February 8

Ice Skating Fundraiser for Poolesville Relay for Life

Rockville Town Center. 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Movie Night at PES

Feature: *Hotel Transylvania* Fundraiser for RFL. Great family fun with popcorn and soda, too. \$5.00 per person includes popcorn, a drink, and choice of candy.

Poolesville Elementary School. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Mott Squad. 8:30 p.m.

February 9 and 10

For the Love of Reading

This local authors'/writers' symposium is open to the public for free. It is a His-

toric Medley District, Inc.-sponsored event and drop-in anytime reception. Meet over a dozen local authors and learn about their books and their journeys to becoming authors. If you have ever thought of writing, this is a great time to learn from those who have already done so. Special Guest Speakers: Saturday: Melissa Foster, author and publishing consultant, 1:30 p.m. Poolesville Old Town Hall Museum. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days

February 11

Mother's Day Out

Do you need some time for errands and other personal things? MDO is available to watch the children on Mondays. For more information, contact Christie Maisel at 301-655-9469. St. Peter's Church. 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Keep Your Heart Stronger to Live Longer Seminar!

Join Suburban Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine in a discussion on how to reduce your risk for a heart attack, what the signs and symptoms of a heart attack are and how to respond, and learn strategies for heart-healthy living. Recipes are included. Space is limited. Contact Cathy Bupp at Town Hall to reserve a seat at 301-428-8927.

Poolesville Town Hall. Free. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

February 13

Connection Café

Enjoy a cup of coffee, socialization, and computer and internet assistance. Poolesville Presbyterian Church. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

February 14

Storytime for Twos

Poolesville Library. 10:30 a.m.

February 15

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: V6. 8:30 p.m.

Valaree's Valentine's Dance for Charity

To benefit Poolesville Relay for Life, JPMS Leos Clubs, and RFL Kold Kat's Deep Dunk Team (a Special Olympic fundraising event at Deep Creek similar to polar freeze dipping events elsewhere). With Valaree Dickerson as DJ, there will be dancing and lots of other Valentine fun things to do. Suggested donation per person: \$10.00.

Asian House of Poolesville.

8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

February 18

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

February 22

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Mom's Night Out Open House. Martha Capone Band. 8:30 p.m.

February 23

Basket Bingo for RFL

St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville. Tickets: \$20 for 30 games; door prizes, raffle, homemade food for purchase. Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Games: 7:00 p.m.

African American History in Montgomery County

Featuring: The Boyds School and Education

Join local attorney and educator Elaine R. Fors-MacKellar as she gives a presentation

describing this small rural segregated school, which represents an important segment of the timeline of the history of segregated education in Montgomery County. Recollections of former students and teachers help tell the story of this one-room school with no central heat, water, or electricity, which served the African American children of Boyds and surrounding communities from 1896 to 1936.

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to put together as a compilation, and she's working on two more novels, one, a prequel to *Angel* set in the 1920s, and the other, a story describing her mother's childhood in east Tennessee.

This past September, Mary and her husband purchased a small farm in the Poolesville area, and Mary has slowly been moving out more and more permanently. Now that the pets have made the move, Mary is calling it home as well. "I just want to be here," she says. Her ideal day on the farm would include working in the garden, feeding the chickens, doing her writing, and cooking a nice meal. Her goal is to write one thousand words per day. "When I stick to that, it gets done."

Mary welcomes invitations from book clubs and other literary groups to discuss *Angel*. Locally, she will be at HMD's "For the Love of Reading" event on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, signing and selling her books.

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4, senior night for the varsity girls' basketball team was much more than traditional and, for many, will become one of the more remembered events of their high school experience.

For guards Kelsey Carnahan, Tara Beaton, Kelly Hughes, forwards Jamie Baker and Jocelyn Bodmer, along with center Shannon Hemp, senior night became even more special with news anchor Steve Chenevy of ABC News affiliate WJLA Channel 7 TV on hand to film it.

The reason was due to another very special girl who would joined the athletes at center court. The fourteen-year-old Julia Taylor, who is the recipient of the heart from Dale Carnahan, Kelsey's brother, joined Kelsey, arm in arm, along with Brian and Cathy Carnahan to a thunderous reception by those in attendance.

Dale Carnahan was killed in a car accident on Route 28 in the spring of 2008. Julia, who was ten at the time and the daughter of Jennifer and Mike Taylor, was experiencing congestive heart failure and had been moved to the top of the heart transplant recipients' list.

When Dale had gotten his driver's license, he had generously volunteered to be an organ donor. The heartbreaking decision by his parents was confirmed as the doctors declared that Dale had experienced brain death, and although his heart still pumped, his body functions were beginning to irreversibly shut down. Dale's gift of life to Julia was the first step

that would eventually save the lives of another seven people and improve the lives of another 150 persons.

Dale, a popular sports-loving student, was well-described by Jim Brown as "one of a kind, a loving son, a doting and caring brother, and a generous friend whose easygoing smile and giving personality made an imprint on all who met, befriended, and loved him."

In reflecting about senior night and Kelsey's illustrious athletic career at PHS, Cathy Carnahan told the *Monocle*, "Kelsey has been our strength. She has always spiritually shared her sports life with her brother and that started early. Even her jersey number, #12 was chosen as it was Dale's number." For Kelsey, the night was "emotional but fun, and I always love seeing Julia." Cathy Carnahan observed that "Dale would be so happy, and I'm sure he was smiling upon that gym tonight watching his sister and Julia with so much pride."

He would be smiling also for the way Poolesville athletics shined that night with the girls beating Seneca Valley 42-30, and the boys winning their game against Seneca Valley 70-49.

The senior boys, Tommy Murgia, Kirby Carmack, Niko Michaels, Collin Turner, Brandon Prather, and Thomas Wolz were especially pleased, knowing they already won the 3A/2A Division title. The Falcon Poms seniors Madison Pizer, Tiffany Ventura, and Marianne Zhao also had something to brag about. They had just won first place in the county competition the previous weekend.

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what the town might do regarding RDT and other zoning ordinances that might set the town apart from county restrictions that will make Poolesville more attractive, especially as a hub for the county agriculture industry. He pointed to the town's strength in sustainable and commodity farming and leveraging both to make Poolesville a possible governmental, educational, and economic agricultural center. Sustainable farming is growing fresh produce for local personal and institutional use. Commodity farming is produce as an ingredient for commercial use. Beyond the town's natural geographical strength to the county as an ag center, he pointed to the farmers in our area such as his brother Jamie Jamison, Dee Willard, and Dave Weitzer as individuals who have been national leaders in produce and dairy farming. As an example, he offered that Poolesville is a natural location for an agricultural

think tank.

In other agenda items, the commissioners agreed to hire one new full-time employee for the water and sewer department and to add an additional part-time person in the wastewater treatment plant.

Town Engineer John Strong presented the plan to extend the sidewalk and curbing from Fisher Avenue to the Baptist Church on West Willard Road. The plan for this previously-approved expenditure met with the commissioners' approval.

The commissioners also received a presentation by Historic Medley District, Inc.'s executive director, Rande Davis, on the organization's progress to attract more tourism and cultural event programs with a request for assistance from the town. The commissioners required more specific information as to how such assistance would be used prior to proffering a decision.

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save a life. We all can make a difference, it could be now or later, but it will matter to someone, somewhere.

In a letter in the *New York Times* from November 10, 2008, Mr. James Chippendale told how he was suffering from a lethal form of leukemia and finding a matching donor looked bleak. Five thousand miles away, a bicycle repairman, Mr. Kaiser, was a donor on an international data base because he tried to donate marrow for a friend years ago. Each year, he received a letter asking if he wanted to remain on the donor registry, each year he checked yes and sent it back. In November of 2000, Mr. Kaiser donated his bone marrow, which was a perfect match to save the life of a man he never met. Today, Mr. Chippendale is cancer-free because someone made the choice to donate.

Making the decision of organ donation when you've just lost someone you love is difficult, but knowing that even though at that

very moment when the pain is most unbearable, the grief is most overwhelming and you wonder incredulously how this could be happening, you can make a difference, you can save a life. I truly believe that it was not a decision that we had to make; it was the only thing to do.

Our family had just finished celebrating the holidays, and Anthony had moved to Arizona to start a new job. He was very excited about the New Year and a new career. He had his whole life ahead of him, but it was not meant to be. Even though he does not call me or spend the holidays with us, he still lives on.

Leroy is his name. On January 25, 2006, my son gave him his life back. Leroy was told he would not live through the end of that week because only five percent of his heart was working, but now he has years of life ahead of him. He can now take his granddaughters for walks, play with them in the park, and he is awaiting the arrival of his grandson. My husband, I, and our other two children got to spend two

days with Leroy and Tish, his wife, in July 2007. We laughed, we cried, and I was able to tell them all about Anthony. I made a photo album for them of Anthony's life. When it was time to say goodbye for now, Leroy asked me to come inside with him. "I can never repay you for what you did, and I could never begin to understand your pain, but I can do one thing." He opened his shirt and took my hand in his and placed it on his chest. "Feel that. Anthony's heart is still beating ever so strong. Thank you for giving me my new life." As the tears rolled down my cheek, I knew the choice that we made was the right one. Yes, my son lives on.



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**"Homeless Night"
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especially about the young adults who are in the program, their backgrounds, how they came to Covenant House.

"Some of the stories are tragic, and, at best, these kids were in extremely difficult situations—which left them on the street. The entire time, I thought of my youth, how fortunate I was to have a loving and supportive family. "I learned that CH provides a support system and foundation to give these young people a hand up, to allow for them to get back on their feet and to perhaps get a break in life. I realized that, in many cases, it is about opening doors for opportunity. The CH D.C.'s executive director is Daniel Brannen, a marine who joined the CH NYC fifteen years ago after leaving active duty. Dan explained that they are not there to hand out food

and provide cardboard boxes. The CH's goal is to provide a foundation for education and employment, a hand-up approach. The individuals must be dedicated to improving themselves either with education (which the CH provides) or with employment (which the CH helps with as well)." Steven would encourage other executives to experience the program and also had some advice for those who might want to participate in a future Sleep Out. "First, I suggest volunteers do this with a few friends. It allows for a little competition with fundraising, collaboration for the main event as well as future efforts for this great cause. Secondly, long johns and layers of appropriate apparel are highly recommended."

To learn more about the Covenant House and its Sleep Out Program, visit covenanthouse.org.

to Great Start

PRFL's first team captain meeting for 2013 was a great success. Chontelle Hockenbery reports they had eight new members sign up. So far, they have fifteen teams with eighty-three participants. To date, they have raised \$9911.00 and are only \$89.00 away from \$10,000 for the first month. They need to raise \$15,000 per month on average through June if they are to reach this year's goal of \$75,000. They always need more teams and participants. Be sure to watch for their monthly events in the *Monocle's* Things to Do column.

Dog Gone

CoCo, a little mixed Yorkie, has been missing since last January, and her owner is heartbroken. If you spot her, please call 301-916-3532, 301-802-5100, or 240-672-1435.

**"Divided Again" Continued
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broader context is how that Route 28 dividing line has been carving up our cozy little western upper Montgomery County area. At one time, Barnesville, Poolesville, Dickerson, and Beallsville, and parts of other named communities here and there, shared police coverage and the same county council representative. I think of us as one larger community, and it is most assuredly a united market for our newspaper, regardless of the attitudes of the more Poolesville-centric among us. Will the Montgomery County government continue to drive a wedge into our solidarity?

Then again, the trend isn't all towards partition—it probably won't be long before we're all sharing the same post office.

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that ranged all the way up to problems with unknown answers.

Their Maryland competition had 113 teams and was not just for high schools but included all categories: civilian, military, government, commercial, and academia (high school, community college, undergraduate, and graduate).

Recently, the team was recognized at the Maryland Digital Forensics Investigation Conference and Challenge, hosted by CyberWatch and Prince George's Community College. Team PHS-Falcons4 were escorted through the Pentagon and met with senior DOD cyber leaders.

Neel Viridy will be attending Brown University. Anirudh Neti will make his decision in March.

Tidbits

Vandalism in Seneca Chase

The Montgomery County Police have put out an announcement that there has been a rash of vandalism in the Seneca Chase subdivision in Poolesville. Residents are asked to be especially alert for any suspicious activity.

Brown Graduates from Nursing School

Dianna Brown, a PHS Class of 2008 graduate, recently graduated from Montgomery College Nursing School on December 17. She won the highest award, The Helen Statts Award, in her graduating class. This award is given to graduates who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential. Congratulations, Dianna. **Poolesville Relay for Life Off**

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Three size cuts to fit all appetites

WEDNESDAYS

Southern Cuisine Family Style

With seconds on us – it is all you can handle!

Sweet Potato Biscuits with Molasses Butter
She-Crab Soup and Brunswick Stew
Fried Green Tomatoes

Chicken and Barbeque Platters with Sides
Adults: \$15.00 Children Ten and Under: \$9.00

THURSDAYS

WINE NIGHT: 50% OFF ALL BOTTLED WINES

Limited Seating - Reservations Strongly Suggested: 301-874-1831

Don't Miss Sunday Brunch: 11:00-3:00 Every Week



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