



Poolesville traffic before the stop signs? Mystery History will explain everything, on page 10.



Did it? See Local News on page 5 to find out.



The old luncheonette predated Staub's Restaurant. Is it about to make a comeback? Read more in Focus on Business on page 14.



Yes, there's a place for them, and it's with the Mystery Players' performance of West Side Story. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.

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Floreen Attends Town Meeting, Hears from Public

By Rande Davis

Montgomery County Council at-large member, Nancy Floreen, attended the April 16 Poolesville Town Commissioners' meeting to update the commissioners on county matters and to hear from them and residents about issues that concern them.

The former mayor of Garrett Park provided town leaders perspective on what to expect from the county in the coming months and also gave insight as to the council's expectation of what they expect from the state.

Calling Montgomery County the bull's-eye in the target of the state government needing additional revenue, she noted that the county is now preparing to face the requirement to cover the cost of teacher pensions under the hammer that if they fail to do so, the state will simply pay it and deduct it from county revenue anyway.

She reported that the coun-

ty's energy tax, which was due to lapse this year, will most likely stay in place, perhaps perpetually, although her preference is that it should only be extended to a specific date. The income from the energy tax is estimated to be \$114,000,000.

The county executive is required to submit a budget by the middle of March—long before revenue information from the state is available. Normally, the county council would be in the process of making final adjustments to the county budget at this time rather than waiting for more complete revenue data from the state.

She stated, "Never in ten years have I seen so much unresolved budgetary issues this far in the process." With a special session in Annapolis, the timing

on finalizing the county budget will be altered even more. Bottom line, she reported that taxes and fees are on the increase. "When the dust settles, taxes will go up."

Floreen, the current chair of the county's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee, reported that the county is in the process of plans to rewrite zoning ordinance documents and encouraged voter attendance at a Planning

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County Councilwoman Nancy Floreen held a town meeting in Poolesville on April 16.

Multi-Sport Athletes Fuel Girls' Lacrosse Success

By Jeff Stuart and Dominique Agnew

Senior Allyson Dahlen has been a key performer for the PHS girls' lacrosse team this spring as she was for the state finalist field hockey team last fall: both successful programs. Her Jackals Club teams in both sports have been winners as well.

For Dahlen, a second team All-Gazette selection in field hockey, this spring is her last tour of duty as a Poolesville athlete.

"I am more excited about it than sad," said Dahlen, looking forward. "They have been awfully good years, but we have a new coach this year (Kristine Augone), lots of new set plays. We have a good shot to go far in the regions." Ally and senior Megan Shapiro led the team with four goals each in an opening lacrosse win in overtime at Northwest, 17-14. Junior Joceyln Bodmer, a three-



The PHS girls' lacrosse team preparing to take the field.

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On Saturday, March 24, St. Thomas More Academy held its annual Irish Night Celebration. The sold-out event was held at the Hollow Creek Golf Club in Middletown and included live Irish music, dinner, and both silent and live auctions. All proceeds benefit STMA, an independent Catholic school located in Buckeystown, serving Pre-K through eighth grade students.



Coach Jon Leong and team captains getting ready to hand out Freshman Awards at the Swim and Dive Team banquet.

The PHS orchestra accompanies the production of West Side Story.



Sophie Stypeck, a diver on the PHS Swim and Dive Team, receives her Senior Towel.



The PHS Midnight Players offers a revival of West Side Story the weekend of April 20 and 21.

Local News

Town Proposes Quarterly Sewer Tax

By Rande Davis

The commissioners' meeting of April 16 started late following a presentation by county councilwoman Nancy Floreen and a public hearing that followed.

The commissioners proposed a new resolution to introduce a quarterly sewer fee of \$15.00 per property. The fee is being introduced as one way to reduce a deficit in the water and wastewater operations budget. Even with the fee, the water and wastewater budget deficit is at \$40,000, the lowest such deficit amount in many years. Rising costs of operation are cited as part of the reason for the need to introduce the new fee. Those increased costs include sampling due to EPA mandates, the rising cost of sludge hauling and disposal to Pennsylvania, and some increases in administrative costs such as fuel, copper/brass repair parts, chemicals, etc.

There will be a public hearing on this proposal at the town meeting on May 7.

The fiscal year 2013 draft budget has been reported by town manager Wade Yost to the commissioners. Highlights of the budget report that the \$2.6 million General Fund is based on maintaining last year's Constant Tax Yield rate of 18.9 cents per \$100.00 of property value. There is an anticipated loss in revenue from State Highway User Fund and county revenue sharing.

As estimated, revenue for the General Fund comes from property taxes (forty-two percent), income taxes (thirty-seven percent), revenue sharing (eight percent), wireless services rental (seven percent), interest income (one percent), and highway user funds (two percent). There are no projected increases in existing fees.

The controversial issue of subsidizing the water and wastewater budget from general funds will be part of the public discussion this year even though the proposed sewer fee lowers that subsidy to about twenty-five percent of what it has been in the recent past.

Opponents to the subsidy maintain that large nontaxable properties (schools, churches, and county pool) should be assessed their share by estimating the value of their property and taxing those entities at the same rate as all other users in the town. All water users pay for water at a rate based on the volume used.

Overall projections show the town with \$2,586,173 in revenue, leaving an annual balance of \$2,166. The town maintains a reduced unrestricted fund of \$779,390 and projected cash on hand of \$1,561,603. Past unrestricted funds have been over \$900,000.

The proposed budget is available online or at the town hall. A public hearing is scheduled for May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

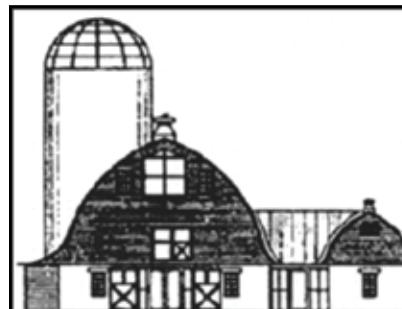
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PLEASE JOIN US Saturday morning, April 28, 9:30 am for Sugarloaf's Annual Meeting:

- Continental breakfast – share a cup of coffee with your neighbors.
- Elect officers and Board members.
- Hear from our outgoing and incoming Presidents.
- Welcome District 2 County Council member Craig Rice - ask him what's on YOUR mind.
- Welcome two teams of young people who are this year's recipients of the Piedmont Environmental Trust Award.
- Question and answer period - Share your concerns.
- Pick up Leafgro at the close of the meeting.

SPREAD THE WORD that our 4th annual plant swap will be held on Saturday, May 12 at Linden Farm, 1-3 pm. All are welcome to join the fun - Leafgro will again be available.

PROPOSED HORTICULTURAL ZTA – Steve Silverman of the Office of Economic Development spoke to a spirited group of neighbors at the Linden Barn on March 12 concerning the proposed Horticultural ZTA. Read detailed coverage of this meeting at www.monocacymonocle.com (click on the March 16 issue tab), at <http://poolesvilleblog.wordpress.com/> (scroll down to the March 18 entry), and on SCA's website, www.sugarloafcitzens.org.

WINERIES ZTA No. 12-03. SCA supports activities in the Ag Reserve that add value to agriculture, including wine grape growing and wineries,. SCA also strives to protect the interests of all residents and stakeholders in the Ag Reserve. Proposed ZTA 12-03 revises the number of public events that a winery can hold "by right" without requesting a special exception. SCA testified before Park & Planning and the County Council urging an open meeting of all stakeholders prior to legislative action. The County Council delayed legislative action on this ZTA and charged its legal staff to form a stakeholders meeting. We'll let you know when that date is set. Among other issues, the definition of an "event" needs to be clarified, including hours and frequency of operation and parameters on amplified noise and lighting. For complete coverage of this ZTA and our testimony, please visit www.sugarloafcitzens.org.

We hope to see you Saturday morning, April 28, 9:30 am
at the Barn!

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Commentary

Making an Informed Choice

By John Clayton

The column I would like to write, I cannot write, and it is for a lack of foresight and preparation. I just didn't see the topic coming, so I didn't collect the information as I went along, which was the only way to get it done right. I will at least try to describe it. It concerns the recent Democratic Primary campaign between John Delaney of Potomac and State Senator Rob Garagiola of Germantown in the sixth congressional district.

I knew Senator Garagiola from his years in office, and like many of us out here in the Upcounty, I had a positive opinion of him for his active support of various issues and initiatives. I had never heard of John Delaney until I heard a radio ad or two or three or four while riding in my car (see, if you put down your Smart Phone there's just no telling what you'll learn). Then I got home (please see my chronological accuracy disclaimer above), and I believe Mr. Delaney was on my voice message recorder, and I believe he was criticizing Mr. Garagiola for something.

Then the mailers started, and my memory is that I got a lot of Delaney stuff before I got any Garagiola stuff, and it came out that Mr. Garagiola had been, and please shield the children's ears, a lobbyist. In addition, it was revealed that he had omitted this period of employment from some form he had filled out, or from his campaign biography, or something. The onslaught continued. Then I started getting more Garagiola mailers, which all looked like Delaney mailers because his name and picture were all over them, until you looked closer and saw that they were telling how Delaney made his millions fleecing widows and orphans and selling nursery home residents into bondage as galley slaves on Potomac River excursion boats, or

something like that. This went on and on, and eventually the *Washington Post* broke the story that they were shocked—shocked!—to discover that Mr. Garagiola was an effective Annapolis legislator, assuming there is such a thing. This is simply not acceptable twenty-first century behavior, and eventually Mr. Delaney won, going away with a large majority of the seventy-five people that actually voted.

Yes, I really wish I had a telephone message log and a chronological folder of all the campaign pieces I received in the mail. It would have made a great column.

So what did these guys stand for, anyway? Would knowing this have had any effect on the voting? More than one person told me that, although they liked Mr. Garagiola personally and thought he had done a good job, they were turned off by negative campaigning. I thought, *Hey, wait, I think the other guy started it*, but I don't think I ever said it, as I really wasn't sure who started it, or why that even matters. A few also said that they thought he might be a tad liberal for their tastes on some issues, and while I was tempted to suggest that surely they meant Progressive, I let that one go as well. I wasn't a lot of help, but I did ask at least one time, so where does this Delaney guy stand? Is he a liberal, a conservative, a progressive, a reactionary, a Whig, a Tory, a Dead Rabbit? What is he? No one really knew, except that he was a businessman of some sort which means he will create jobs. This confuses me. Businesses and businesspeople create jobs, not politicians and government. Republicans, to their credit, are more likely to remind us of this. I think Democrats are more likely to claim that they can create jobs, until they can't, at which time they remind us that businesspeople create jobs, not politicians. So it goes. I personally think that businesspeople should keep on

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Rande(m) Thoughts

The Tree Fell and No One Heard a Thing

By Rande Davis

You've heard it said before:
Be careful for what you wish for.

The state Democrat wish list included changing electoral boundaries so as to gain a congressional seat and to pretty much make sure no Republican from Montgomery County can win state office. They got their wish, but I think many Democrats from our area may have already come to regret it. To their surprise, they have learned that down county Democrats can ignore their western compatriots as easily as they ignore Republicans at what appears to be no risk.

When the redistricting plan was announced, Upcounty Republicans simply sighed upon hearing the news. After all, being ignored and made to feel irrelevant is something Maryland

Republicans have come to live with. The big surprise is that now Upcounty Democrats are in a similar position.

At first, I am sure many Democrats were hopeful that such a plan might swing Republican Congressman Roscoe Bartlett's seat to them this fall. Now, with Garagiola losing they must be confused, not knowing what to expect. Upcounty Republicans and Democrats have loud voices, but like the proverbial tree in the forest that fell with no witness, voters up here have to wonder, even if we shout, will any of us be heard any time soon.

Local News

Barnesville Road Reopens on Schedule

By John Clayton

Most of the local residents and commuters who regularly cross over Bucklodge Creek probably never gave the creek much thought—or even knew that it existed. This changed in early March when heavy rains washed out the rusting pipe that funneled the creek under Barnesville Road. From that time on, travelers were forced to spend extra time on rustic rural roads, circumnavigating the closure of Barnesville Road for repairs.

Electronic signs strategically placed on each side of the closure promised, "Road Reopens Mid April." Who among us in this cynical age of wanton, unfilled promises expected the bridge repair to be completed and the road reopened on time? Nevertheless, at approximately 1:30 p.m. EST

on April 13, Barnesville Road reopened.

The new road, as described by Project Manager Lacy Hannah in a March 16 *Monocle* article, crosses over multiple six-ton sections of reinforced concrete pipe, which will enjoy a much longer lifespan than the metal pipe they replaced. More recently, Mr. Hannah told the *Monocle* that Montgomery County's Bridge Crew, which performed the work, didn't encounter any unforeseen problems, and that the biggest challenge was the size of the pipe segments, which had required them to bring in a large crane. The work is done, the road is reopened, and, as Mr. Hannah told us, "Everything is beautiful."



Montgomery County's Bridge Crew wraps it up over Bucklodge Creek.

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In the Garden

Ten Ways to Transform Your Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

We are now about to start our 2012 garden season. Too often we get in a rut with our garden plans: We plant marigolds, zinnias, impatiens, daylilies, coneflowers, or any other favorite plant in the same spot every year; our garden furniture sits in the same spot with the same faded cushions of last year; our terra cotta pots are home to bright red geraniums, and several green, plastic hanging baskets house magenta-colored fuchsias. What's wrong with that picture? Nothing, but it can be a little boring. You make changes to your home's interior, so why not apply your design skills to your outdoor rooms? You don't need an expensive makeover by a com-

mercial garden team. Here are ten easy and inexpensive ways to help you achieve the full potential of your garden in the season ahead.

Create a cutting garden — Some plants cry out to be in a vase in your home; they have scent, texture, longevity, form, and great beauty, be it humble or grand. You might ask: Why do you need a separate garden for cut flowers? I love having fresh flowers in my house, but I always feel a little guilty cutting them from the main garden, for it leaves a hole in the picture. The solution is a cutting garden whose sole role is to provide flowers for the house — forget about the hole. This garden is usually located out of the general garden view. Annuals are good candidates, as they usually bloom over a long space of time.

Focus on fragrant flowers — Heliotrope, stock, phlox (especially the white 'David'), oriental lilies ('Stargazer' gets the first prize in this department), dianthus, nicotiana, wisteria, and roses are a few good choices.

Add late-season flowers — To have a garden look good in May or June is pretty easy: no heat, no pests, no drought (usually), no high humidity, and all plants are in their youthful glory. Things start to deteriorate by mid-July and early August — and things get a little trickier. It is tempting to throw in the trowel and forget the garden. At this time, you need a new planting of fresh annuals that will plug a lackluster gap. You can now, in anticipation of the August dog days, plant lots and lots of dahlias. They are the stars of late summer.

No space for a vegetable garden — Intersperse some attractive vegetable plants and herbs in your flower beds. Parsley and marigolds, red leaf lettuce and white daisies, pink daylilies and rosemary, lavender and green peppers, and skinny French green beans and pink geraniums are some good combinations. Use your imagination.

Light up your life — Extend the use of your garden through lighting. The main reason might be to light your way down the

path to your garden, or to highlight a specimen tree or shrub. After dark, subtle lights placed among tree branches, patio walls, and behind plants can add a soothing, romantic ambiance to any garden. There are many different lighting choices on the market: solar, battery-lit candles, and tea lights.

Use pots — Containers can be a bit of a chore; they need lots of watering, and they need a babysitter while you are on vacation. But they are very useful for filling in bare spots on the patio or deck and holes in the garden plots. Try to avoid plastic pots; our world is too filled with plastic everything. Terra cotta is always welcome; zinc or aluminum is cool; and a Mediterranean ceramic motif adds a bit of pizzazz.

Don't forget your boundaries

— There is a saying that fences make good neighbors. If your gardens' boundaries are fences, walls, or hedges, make sure it's a thing of beauty in its own right.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Theft: 21100 block of Westerly Road.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 16600 block of Barnesville Road, 19400 block of Peach Tree Road, 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 19100, 19500, 19600, and 19700 blocks of Fisher Avenue.

Historical Crimes

April 20, 1948 Two Montgomery County detectives revealed that they had visited five beer

joints and played pinball games over the previous weekend in a crackdown on gambling. Corporal Barber played countless games to win fifty-two times, and upon winning, he was paid \$2.95. Five men were arrested after enough evidence was gathered. Police Chief Orme said that the machines were of the "one ball" type and were particularly suspect because they were known to be objects of both pleasure and gambling.

April 20, 1954 A nineteen-year-old Damascus man was charged with an array of traffic charges after a high speed chase in the upper county. Police said they pursued the car from Damascus to Hawkins Creamery Road where it wrecked, injuring the driver and his two passengers.

Speed was said to be above ninety miles per hour.

April 23, 1954 A thirty-two-year-old Gaithersburg television repairman was arrested and charged with burglary after a series of misadventures that led to his capture. Police said that the man was in the act of burglarizing a Bethesda restaurant when he fell through the ceiling. He then stole money, lobster tails, butter, and cigars but did not

realize that he had dropped three photos of himself in the process. He was next found sleeping in his car after driving onto the lawn of a residence. Police arrested him and took him to jail.

April 27, 1948 A Montgomery County man was sentenced to six months in jail for accepting money to place bets on horse races. A county police officer testified that he had given the man money to place the bets.

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Tidbits

Winners of the 2012 K of C Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

The local council of the Knights of Columbus has announced the winners of its ninth annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. In this contest, students were encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

Monocacy Elementary School:

Drug Abuse Awareness Council Winner: Giavani Santorocco

Runner-up: Matthew Gimbrelle

Runner-up: Bryce Davis

Alcohol Abuse Awareness

First Place: Colin Hemmingway

Runner-up: Makayla LeMarr

Runner-up: Justin Turbyfill

Poolesville Elementary School

Drug Abuse Awareness

First Place Winner: Tiara Ventura

Runner-up: Nikolas Sofelkanik

Runner-up: Julie Corfman

Alcohol Abuse Awareness

Council Winner: Begonia Luana Zapata

Runner-up: Jocelyn Alvarez

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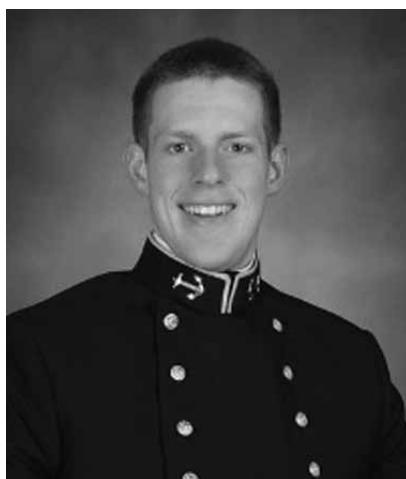
The two council winners received a special certificate of recognition and a \$100 Savings Bond while first place winners from each school received a special certificate of recognition and a \$50 Savings Bond. All runners-up received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Café 107 in Poolesville. A total of seventy-seven posters were entered from both elementary schools.

Contest judges were Doreen Fowler of Healthworks Fitness Center and Café 107, Poolesville; Nick Tucci, Montgomery County Official, retired; Jerry Klobukowski, Poolesville Town Commissioner; and Destiny Bailey, homemaker.

Congratulations to PHS Winter Athletes

Junior Diana Hanson (swimming) picked up her second *Washington Post* All-Met honorable mention selection, and seniors Lindsay Poss (basketball) and Robert Winning (wrestling) received All-Gazette honorable mentions for the second straight year.

Poolesville Midshipman Recognized for Innovative Mentoring



Midshipman 1st Class Charles Wolz was honored for his volunteer work.

Naval Academy Midshipman 1st Class Charles Wolz of Poolesville received the Innovative Mentoring Award March 15 at the 7th Annual Mentoring Awards sponsored by the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County. Wolz received the award for his extensive work with teenagers in the county's Juvenile Drug Treatment Program.

The mentorship program is a collaboration between the Volunteer Center, the Naval Academy's Midshipmen Action Group, and the Juvenile Drug Court Partnership. Wolz has been the lead midshipman to coordinate this project for two years. He spends many of his Saturdays and personal liberty time working with up to five mentees at a time. "I've worked with this program for the past two years because I

believed in its purpose of helping others and giving back to a community that has given so much to the Brigade of Midshipmen," said Wolz. "With this program, I found a meaningful way for me to make a difference here at the Naval Academy."

When working with his mentees, Wolz said he never focused on the reasons they were in the program to begin with. "Everyone has some inherent talent, ability, and good inside. As future naval officers, it's our job to bring out the best in everyone around us," he said. "Every day we are able to make a positive impact on the command, community, and the people around us, we have succeeded in accomplishing part of the mission as a Global Force for Good."

Paula Fish, supervisor of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Program for Anne Arundel County, said that Wolz's contributions to mentoring at-risk teenagers helped them complete the program and get their lives back on track. "The mentoring program is tremendously successful in shaping the lives of the youth in the Juvenile Treatment Court Program," said Fish. "Midshipman Wolz has been an immeasurable asset to our organization."

Historic Medley District Photo Contest Coming in May

The Historic Medley District (HMD) invites all photographers both professional and amateur to enter a photograph in HMD's "Focus on the Agricultural Reserve" contest to be held the weekend of June 16 and 17, 2012 in the Old Town Hall Museum. Photos must feature the landscape, buildings, people, and/or animals of the Ag Reserve. Entries must be submitted as 5 X 7 or 8 X 10 in color or black and white. There is no limit as to the

number of entries a photographer may enter.

Photos will be judged on creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in showing the beauty and unique character of the Ag Reserve. All photos will be on display for the public at HMD's Old Town Hall on June 16 and 17. On Sunday, June 17, there will be a reception at the Old Town Hall at which the winning photos will be announced. They will also be displayed at the Old Town Hall during Heritage Days June 23 and 24. The will be cash awards as follows: first place - \$50.00; second place - \$30.00; and third place - \$20.00.

The first place photo will be framed and given to the recipient of the 2012 Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) Royce Hanson Award in October.

Photographers may obtain contest rules and an entry form by emailing info@historicmedly.org or calling 301-972-8588.

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

April 2, 1954 An outbreak of jaundice at the Poolesville School kept Dr. Audrey McDonald busy. Dr. McDonald, the assistant county health doctor, inoculated over six hundred students with the gamma globulin serum to help stem the outbreak.

April 3, 1927 The Maryland State Senate approved a \$450,000 bond issue for the construction or enlargement of schools in Montgomery County. Among the schools scheduled for construction were colored schools at Poolesville, Rockville, Scotland, Burnt Mills, Travilah, and Cabin John.

April 5, 1926 State Game Warden Clyde Harris received a hundred partridges for propa-

gating purposes. The birds were scheduled to be released in the county. Harris also said that he had expected a shipment of rabbits.

April 6, 1926 The recently-enlarged and -improved high school building was dedicated at Poolesville. Charles W. Woodward, the president of the Poolesville Community League, accepted the building for the community.

April 7, 1927 The Barnesville Community League met at the Barnesville Community Hall. John Oxley and Harold Smith, members of the Rockville bar, spoke about recent legislation passed by the legislature. Mrs. John Pyles played piano selections, Miss Helen McLaughlin presented a violin solo, and pupils of the Barnesville School gave recitations.

April 10, 1927 *Polished Pebbles*, an operetta of two acts, was performed before a large gathering at the Poolesville School. Miss Ruth Sherman Jones, director of music for the county schools, was the director.

Mrs. Jones Hoyle of Dicker- son was visited by her sister from West Virginia.

April 17, 1927 The seniors of Poolesville High School were scheduled to present *June Time* at the school. Members of the cast were Mary Allnutt, Mildred Grubb, Dorothy Morningstar, Millard Cubitt, Leonard Norris, and Lester Beall.

April 18, 1927 The comedy, *The Arrival of Kitty*, was presented at the Barnesville Community Hall before a lively crowd.

April 30, 1954 Robert Johnson, the thirty-three-year-old son of Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson, was

killed in an accident on Route 29 in the eastern part of the county. Police said that Johnson and three companions were returning from the Bowie Race Track when their car side-swiped another car. Their car careened into a fence and board from the fence crashed through the windshield killing Johnson.

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Mystery History

The Legend of How To Keep Poolesville Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Have you ever wondered about the mystery of who first coined the term, Keep Poolesville Poolesville. After all, we who call Poolesville and the immediate surrounding area our home take great pride in the community. Life here is pleasant, comfortable, serene, and a world away from the urban noise and hectic lifestyle many of us escaped. Really, who would want to change it? Who was the first to look around and say: "This is the way life is meant to be. It's perfect, let's keep it that way"?

Maybe it was an Iroquois walking along the main Indian trail, now Route 107, who stopped and looked around and thought, This is wonderful. What a great place to hunt black bear, gray wolf, wild cat, raccoon, opossum, mink, deer, and elk and so close to the river to fish with plenty of timber to build long-houses. This is perfect, let's keep it that way.

Maybe it was Richard Brightwell, who, in 1695, established a 1,065-acre hunting quarter near White's Ferry who first said it. Then again, it could easily have been any one of the other English colonists of wealth or one of our hard-working German or Scotch-Irish settler predecessors. Life was good for them with the rich soil and natural pastures of the Potomac and fertile valley of the Monocacy. They had to change their plans a bit, though, from tobacco (which depleted the soil) to grain, flax, and fruit trees, but, overall, could life really have been any better for them?

Certainly John Poole must have uttered those words of appreciation. Having a store near so many farmers and tradesmen hauling their grain and products to the C&O Canal with access to many ferries such as Conrad's

Ferry (now White's), Edwards Ferry, and Sycamore Landing may have, as a businessman, caused him to utter another famous proclamation: "Location, location, location."

Near the mid-1800s, Poolesville was loaded with any number of individuals who wanted to keep things just the way they were. Back then, the town had three blacksmiths, three merchants, three shoemakers, two physicians, a saddler, a tinsmith, barber, tailor, stonemason, cabinetmaker, wheel-right, plasterer, painter, milliner, and a taverner. Heck, there was even a hotel operator. Why would they want to end such prosperity?

Then came the Civil War, and change was on everyone's mind. At that time the slogan would have been "Keep America America" or "Keep the South the South." While much of western Montgomery was made up of Union supporters, the Poolesville area was not.

Our small town of only a few hundred hit the big time. In becoming the temporary home of up to 12,000 Union troops, who quartered here in the winter of 1861 to 1862, this once sleepy town of Poolesville leapt onto the front pages of most of the eastern big city newspapers. What was the cause of its newfound fame? Poolesville, halfway between Washington and Harper's Ferry, had a telegraph line that ran directly from Washington, resulting in many dispatches about Union forces to be headed to Poolesville. The town was finally, as they say, on the map.

The Union troops were not always the best of new neighbors. Despite official orders against, the troops took from the community whatever they wanted. To the soldiers, it was called foraging; to the locals, it was called stealing. The December 29, 1862 *Montgomery County Sentinel* noted "things have been very disorderly in Poolesville of late. Troops in the area have recently broken into the store of T.R. Hall and completely stripped the store of its stock in-trade."

The Confederates were not much better, though, as a

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newspaper dispatch in October 1864 noted a member of White's Guerrillas raided Poolesville and ransacked the stores. Ironically, Captain E. V. White, a native of the Poolesville area, organized a cavalry made up of a group of men primarily from Montgomery County.

Still, for the troops garrisoned here, the last thing they wanted to do was leave. Their slogan might have been more like, "Garrison in Poolesville, Stay in Poolesville." One member of the 15th Massachusetts wrote home to his family in September of 1861, "The first essential for a pleasant camp life is an agreeable location and ours is eminently so, being on a high, nearly level, plain where fresh air, sunlight, and beautiful views are unlimited."

Surely, that soldier thought to himself, Keep Poolesville Poolesville, especially in light of the horrendous defeat of the 15th Massachusetts in the Battle of Balls Bluff in October 1862.

After the 1st Minnesota left town, they went on to make a

hectic charge at Gettysburg on July 2, 1963, losing eighty-two percent of its members. For these one-time Poolesville residents, having to leave town had mortal consequences.

Coming and staying in Poolesville was altogether more positive for many of our African-American predecessors. It is believed that General Charles P. Stone, commanding forces in this area, established a camp near Poolesville in what is now known as the Jerusalem community for runaway Negro slaves from Virginia. Once here and free, you can bet they wanted to keep Poolesville Poolesville.

The years that followed could only be described as a roller coaster of existence—the excitement of opening a national bank only to be followed by the heartache of failure and bank closure during the Depression. Many in town lost their life savings. Like a

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Musings from Mama Boe

Gluttony, and Its Bonus Side: Humility

Some days are crazy-no-rest-for-the-weary-hectic from the moment my feet hit the floor (or the cat, if he is stupid enough to sleep in the wrong place on the floor) to the moment I collapse into bed. I realize I am not alone in this—I have no illusions that I am busier than anyone else out there. But that craziness often ends up dictating my eating habits more than I'd like. I'll confess, I don't mind going to McDonald's for Breakfast on busy, busy days. I've even been known to beg pathetically at 11:00 a.m. if they could just sell me their leftover breakfast items, even though it's lunchtime. It usually works. The eggs are oddly textured by then, but I like an adventure every now and again.

One day not too long ago, in my manic-ADD-type-A-personality-over-achiever mode, I

found myself at McDonald's after running some errands. Yes, I was groveling. Yes, they bent under the pressure of my unbelievably pathetic and nasal whine. I was the proud owner of two rather old, and somewhat hardened Sausage Burritos. That moment—when I have paid, picked up, and am driving off—gives me a short burst of elation because I know that I will soon have that salty, fatty deliciousness in my mouth. It is a moment I savor in an unnatural way.

It's okay, I've come to terms with it.

Well, that particular day, I was REALLY hungry. SERIOUSLY hungry. Like, I-would-eat-a-small-child-if-they-were-in-front-of-me-and-had-cheese-sauce-poured-over-them kind of hungry.

Look, I'm not proud, it's just how I'm made.

I pulled onto the driveway

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scene out of *It's a Wonderful Life*, the citizens congregated at a bank meeting in droves, filling the space in the middle of town with their 1930s automobiles.

The town began to flourish again only to be leveled by fires in the twenties, thirties, and fifties, devastating the town infrastructure. The residents worked their way through the sometimes-vile debate on segregation and

school integration. Educational leaders Virginia Hersperger, Mary Chiswell, and Helen Pumphrey helped the town through that ordeal and, in the process, set the stage for reconciliation between the races.

Growth took off again in the 1960s, when Poolesville's very own water and wastewater system was built. The town hotly debated what it meant to keep Poolesville Poolesville. Proposed planned communities with their own country club (now a public course) and a plan by Saudi

Arabia to build a school out here ignited further contention within the town.

Today, rebuilding an economic foundation for the town is on everyone's mind. Past is prelude, and there is no consensus on how that is to be done, but the saga of how to keep Poolesville Poolesville continues. In the end, I suspect that the undeniable goodwill of the people will once again serve that purpose.

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County Historical Society, and especially a paper published through them by Roger S. Cohen in November of 1961 for much of the information in this article.



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The Seniors' Center will be located at Sanctuary Retreat Center, a non-denominational retreat center in Beallsville, under the auspices of Am Kolel. The Seniors' Center will provide services and activities for ages fifty-five and up, three days per week. Odile Burnetto, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, serves on

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Focus on Business

The Café at Staub's: Making New Memories

By Rande Davis

Do you remember Staub's Restaurant? Maybe you remember drooling over their fried chicken or the Goliath, a half-pound burger loaded with double cheese, bacon, and topped with a fried onion. Talk about a heart attack waiting to happen! On any given Friday night, there usually was a long line to get in, and if not, there was sure to be a line of customers outside wanting to buy an ice cream cone or sundae.

When Gary and Paul Harney relocated their businesses (Pro-Tech Safe and Lock, and Window Film Solutions incorporated as Harbro Protection Solutions) into the building at the corner of Routes 28 and 109 a few years ago, they almost immediately were inundated with old stories about Staub's Restaurant. They

soon realized they had inadvertently become guardians of a piece of local lore. Everyone, it seemed, had a Staub's story.

The building, which until recently had also held the Beallsville Post Office, has become a touchstone in the life of many in the area. With so many "ice cream stories" coming their way, they eventually decided to open the Twisted Cone, offering up to twenty flavors of hand-dipped Hershey's ice cream.

Little by little, they began to make some changes and now, they hope new memories will be made. First, they added a seating area outside to enjoy a cone or sundae. Recently, they added some animals (roosters, chickens, goats, a duck, even a llama) for children to enjoy watching as they walk around the property. You can almost hear the future now: "Do you remember when we were kids, how we used to go for ice cream in the summer and sat out to watch the animals at the Twisted Cone?"

To add to the family-friendly experience, the brothers recently recast the establishment as the Café at Staub's, a simple, relaxing place offering comfort food at comforting prices. They want coming there to be like stepping back in time and a place to make new memories. For those who recall Staub's Restaurant, having lunch at the table in the rear by the fireplace will bring back memories.

To add to the park-like atmosphere outside, they plan to add a volleyball or badminton net in the field near the animals.

The Harney family hopes to develop the Café at Staub's into a gathering place for families and other small informal groups—a perfect place for a relaxed birthday party or other celebration. Come for lunch or just to sit to sip coffee, to converse with friends, or to use their free wi-fi services. The menu is very friendly to the wallet with the highest-priced item, the Bar-BEE-Q sandwich, at \$4.75. They will have different sides like waffle fries (baked), and specialty Doggies (hot dogs) with a local flare like the Beallsville Spice dog or the Poolesville Puppy (kid's size). They even offer grilled cheese sandwiches along with chili and soups in the winter time.

To make sure it's more than just an eatery, they have other surprises coming, ranging from helium balloons for birthdays

and other special occasions to eventually offering to a selection of bottled Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards wines.

Their goal is for the restaurant to become more than a "place to go to eat" and instead to become a "venue for special events." They already have a flea market in the parking lot the third Saturday of every month and plan other events like a car show or to host a location to help Poolesville Relay for Life or other good causes.

Adding to the experience of going to the Café at Staub's is the Country Junction Gift Shop, an intriguing retailer of specialty gifts, unique birdhouses, dollhouses, and doll accessories.

The Harneys hope people feel free to simply stop by, sign their guest book, and write down a memory of the old days of Staub's, and maybe make some new memories for themselves.



In opening the Café at Staub's, the Harney family hopes to recreate some of the nostalgia for the original Staub's Restaurant.

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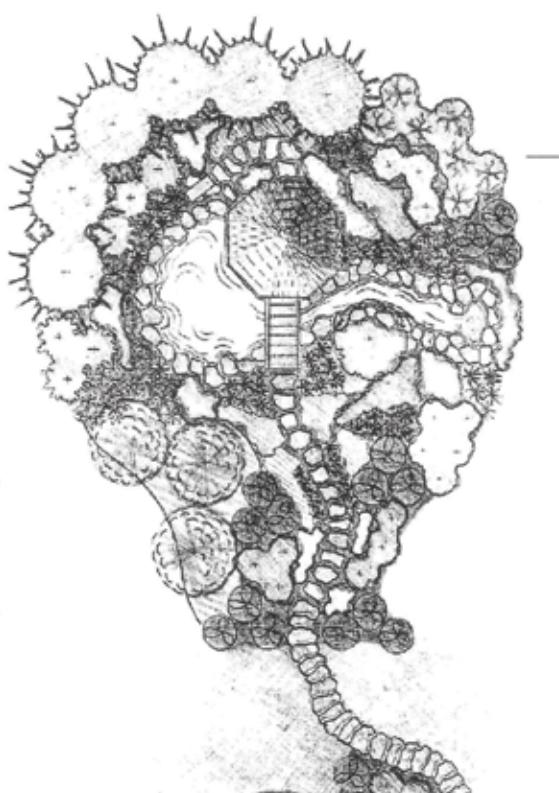
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apron of McDonald's at Fisher Avenue in Poolesville with one hand on the wheel and the other elbow deep into that bag of cholesterol-brined deliciousness. I was waiting for my turn to pull onto the street, and was multi-tasking as I did it. I had unwrapped a sausage burrito and was shoving as much of it as I could, without gagging, into my mouth. Oh I was in heaven: The sausage! The cheese! The peppers! The Glorious Salt! Warmth, joy, angels singing! I could feel the endorphins coursing through my plaque-encrusted veins.

And then I had this awful feeling that I wasn't alone in my ecstasy. There, in a car right in front of me, was a man waiting to turn into McDonald's. Not just any stranger, but the father of one of my kids' classmates. Oh he knew who I was. And he was staring at me. The look on his face was complete disgust. What could I do? He saw me. He knew that I saw him see me. I saw that he knew that I saw him see me (it was

getting confusing). It's not like I could hide, so I smiled sheepishly, with half-chewed sausage and egg guts spilling out onto my lips, and waved with the hand holding the remainder of the ravished burrito. He quickly looked away and said something to the kids in the back of his car as he made his turn. I just know it was something along the lines of "DON'T play with her kids on the school playground!"

I swallowed. My glorious sausage burrito didn't taste as good as it used to. I felt so ashamed. Undisciplined. Weak. Unbelievably embarrassed. And right then and there I made my promise to myself. You know those life-changing promises? The ones that you really keep because you see how vital it is to your spiritual health and well being. I promised myself that I would never, never, never again eat my burrito like some dog at a bowl of freshly-opened Alpo on the apron of McDonald's. Henceforth, I will eat my burritos like some dog at a bowl of freshly-opened Alpo parked nose in, in the back of the parking lot, where no one will see me.



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Paint a bench blue — Several years ago, while visiting Chartwell (Kent, United Kingdom), the family home of Winston Churchill from 1922 to his death in 1965, I was particularly charmed by his gardens. On the lawn around his croquet field, there were four wooden benches painted a beautiful sky blue. Churchill was an amateur painter; many of his subjects were landscape oil paintings of his fields and gardens, and a blue sky was often prominent in the picture. The blue color of the garden benches gave the whole garden a restful and calming touch. I called the color "Churchill Blue."

I mixed several different colors of

blue to arrive at nearly the same shade of the benches. I painted three benches and a chair this color and placed them around my garden. They look quite special.

Water — Every garden should have some water, be it a humble birdbath or an elaborate fountain.

Hang out in a hammock — Some gardeners seldom relax in their gardens, for they are always working. There is always one more weed to pull and one more bed to water. This year buy yourself a big, comfortable hammock with a pillow for your head. Take the time to lie back and admire what you and nature have achieved (glass of wine optional). Rudyard Kipling once said: "Gardens are not made by sitting in the shade," and an anonymous author said, "Shall I weed the lawn or say it's a garden?"

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the 2010 Comus and 2009 Evoie won silver medals in the Red Bordeaux-type blends category. Over eight hundred wines were entered in the competition, which is the oldest, largest professional wine competition in the United States. All of the judges were professionals in the wine industry.

"Girls' LAX" Continued From Page 1.

sport athlete (field hockey, basketball, lacrosse) had three goals.

"We did lose a few seniors last year," said Bodmer, "and we lost Gina Lee (senior) for the year (tore her ACL in a scrimmage with Richard Montgomery). We are working well and coping without her. We will be able to fill in, but it is still a loss. It is a little different this year, but I played for Coach Augone on the JV, so I know how she coaches. In the beginning of the Northwest game, we were a little sloppy in our basics. We weren't catching the ball like we should, but they were a real good team. They had three really good players, but we were able to hold them." Ally and Jocelyn know those three players well. Allyson played with Tara Nicholas, who recently scored the 200th goal of her career with the Jaguars, and Taylor Cheripko on Jackals 2012, and Jocelyn played with Morgan Cheripko on Jackals 2013. Senior Bonnie Giovannetti, who played basketball during the 2010-2011 season, had eight saves against Northwest. "We came out strong to begin with against Northwest. We took a 3-0 lead," said the new head coach, "but Northwest's competitive game play allowed them to fight back and create a back and forth game. With very little time left, Northwest scored to put them up, 14-13, but we never let up and won the next draw leading to Lauren Montgomery's unassisted goal to bring the game into overtime. At the end of regulation, the girls came into the huddle ready to regain the lead from the 14-14 tie. The girls' heart and hustle enabled them to win the first possession in overtime, causing them to gain the momentum and score three goals, sealing the win for PHS."

Senior Megan Flick (midfield) and juniors Maddie Anderson (attack) and Allie Green also played field hockey last fall. Junior Kelsey Carnahan, who plays softball in spring after field hockey and basketball, was in the stands rooting on her former teammates.

Shapiro leads the Falcons with ten goals, followed by Dahlen with

seven, Greene with six, Bodmer with three, and Flick with three. Flick leads in assists with six, followed by Dahlen with four and sophomore McKenzie Fields with three. Captains are Dahlen, Shapiro, and Giovannetti.

At Quince Orchard on Friday, March 23, the Falcons started quickly again. Dahlen sent a crisp pass to the right of the goal which found streaking #3 Nicole Jordan in stride and Jordan's shot found the back of the net.

Greene had three goals. Dahlen and Flick had two each as the Falcons won 11-6. Quince Orchard shook off early game jitters and made a game of it, but it was Poole's night.

On March 28, Sherwood (3-1), also under the direction of a new coach, Kelly Hughes, spoiled Poole's home opener with a 15-9 win. The Warriors raced out to a 5-0 lead. Sherwood, a 4A/3A West region finalist last season, has only lost to Anne Arundel County power Southern. Shapiro led the Falcons with five goals.

The girls came back from spring break and had to face long-time division rival, Damascus. The Falcons can always count on Damascus to be a tough game, and this year proved no different as the Falcons lost, 15-6. On the bright side, the Falcons will have an opportunity to redeem themselves later in the season. "We get to play them twice," says Coach Augone. "It's nice to see a team once, see what we have to adapt to, and play them again." In this decade's long back and forth between the teams, PHS may have its chance to pull it out and reclaim its winning status. Of the last four meetings between the teams, dating back to 2007, PHS claimed two wins and Damascus two (DHS was not on the PHS schedule in 2008 and 2009). "Definitely, there are things we need to improve, they're all doable," adds Augone. "As long as the girls work hard, work on the things they need to improve on, it will definitely be a much closer and much better game." They will meet again on May 2 at Damascus.

On Friday, April 13, the Falcons defeated Wheaton soundly, 19-4.



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Board meeting on April 23 at the Germantown Regional Services Center at 12900 Middlebrook Road from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. that covers the issue.

In her presentation to the town, she opined that user-based fee programs to bring in additional income like the bag tax (she voted against it) and the reintroduction of the ambulance service fee proposal (which she supports) are methods to more fairly "spread the pain" in finding ways to bring more revenue.

The councilwoman took questions and heard comments from the commissioners and residents. Commissioner Kuhlman complained that the county charged impact fees for the over four hundred new homes in Poolesville, then those fees do not come back to the town but are used down county.

Commissioner Jerry Klobowski and school cluster coordinator Donna Lowell pressed her on the need to advance the construction of a new high school before the current date of 2021. She encouraged both to meet more regularly with Board of Education staff personnel and offered to arrange such meetings.

Resident Darryl Kuka spoke of the enormous increase in taxing in the county since his arrival

in 1981, pointing out that his property tax has increased fifty-one percent since 2007. He points to what he calls the extreme urbanization of the county, admonishing the council member that the county cannot "keep pushing the people beyond their means." He pointed to the nearly one million dollars spent on the renovation of the Darby Store in Beallsburg as one example of wasting money. Calling the county and state unfriendly to retirees, he stated that he and his wife will be leaving the state due to the cost in taxes.

George Coakley voiced displeasure in tax revenue programs introduced for one purpose then used for another, calling the process a bait and switch, designed to gain public support for a stated purpose only to be used elsewhere. He also stated that county policies of the past twenty years have encouraged low-income noncitizens to move, and now the county complains that tax revenue is down while the demand for services has increased. Citizens don't mind fair and equitable taxes when they are used properly.

Frank Jamison thanked the councilwoman for her years of service, stating "better you than me," but voiced concern about the confusing changes in review fees that the county charges for applications for permits.



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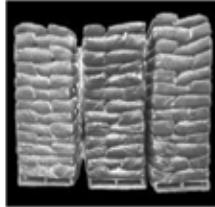
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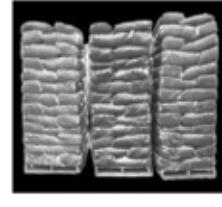
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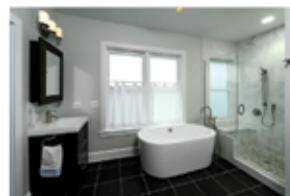


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P205/65R15	B03	\$85.50
P225/60R16	B03	\$91.50

50,000 Tread Life Limited Warranty
SALE price. Other fees, sizes and prices available.

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Computerized Alignment

Includes:

- Front caster, camber & toe set to manufacturer's specifications, where applicable
- Reference & compensation, or adjustment of thrust line, depending on alignment type
(Many front-wheel-drive vehicles today require rear-wheel adjustment at an additional cost.)

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\$49⁹⁵

4 Wheel Balance & Tire Rotation

FREE tire rotation with 4 wheel balances.
Mounting/dismounting due to special wheels excluded.
Limited Warranty: 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first. Limited warranty for life of tire and wheel assembly for an additional charge. Vehicles requiring special wheel weights extra.

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