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The owners of this house earned their wealth by inventing the sowing bobbin. Learn more in Foundations on page 15.



Falcon girls' volleyball is off to another strong season. Read more in Youth Sports on page 3.



This little tiger isn't the only one who enjoyed Poolesville Day. See more photos on page 12.



Officer Gabe Stone (left) joined Commander Luther Reynolds of MCP District 5 reported on police matters. Read more on page 5.

Man Arrested— Again

By Jack Toomey

Michael Ryan Denoon is no stranger to residents of Poolesville. On at least two occasions, the nineteen-year-old has been arrested after breaking into homes and stealing valuables. After pleading guilty, Denoon has received very lenient sentences and has spent scant time in jail. In March, some victims of his burglaries expressed outrage when they learned that Denoon had only received probation after pleading guilty. One Fletchall Avenue victim reported that the sentencing judge had ordered Denoon to pay for the damage to her back door that he had kicked down while breaking into her house. She never received any restitution for the damage.

On September 10, Captain Luther Reynolds spoke at the monthly Poolesville Commissioners' meeting and men-

tioned that Denoon was wanted on a warrant that had been recently issued. He asked residents to be on the lookout for him and to call the police with information about Denoon's whereabouts. In the past, Denoon has lived in the 19600 block of Wootton Avenue.

On September 13, Denoon was arrested for shoplifting at the Walmart in Germantown. He was also charged with possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (drugs) and resisting arrest. He was placed in the Montgomery Detention Center in lieu of bond. At the time of his arrest, Denoon was also wanted for failing to appear in court in Frederick County on another burglary charge.

Captain Luther Reynolds, the commander of the department's Fifth District, said he brought up Denoon's name, "because he is a known burglar, he had committed burglaries in the area, and that there were open warrants." Reyn-



Michael Ryan Denoon

olds added that when Denoon was detected stealing at the Walmart, he ran from the store and was pursued by store security who found him hiding in some woods. He had heroin in his possession at the time of his arrest.

Reynolds stressed that Poolesville was a great community, but that his officers needed the cooperation of residents to rid the town of crime.

Our Boys of Summer Had a Summer for All Time

By Rande Davis

The UMAC-U12 baseball team represented the United States in the Cal Ripken World Series as the first Maryland team to ever vie for the world title.

The Upper Montgomery County squad was made up of small town players from Poolesville, Olney, and Boyds. The team played eighty-one games in preparation for getting to the Cal Ripken World

Series in Aberdeen, Maryland. In the intense final game versus Japan on August 19, the world titleholders, Japan, finished the game 17-7.

There were ten domestic U.S. teams hailing from Hawaii, New England, Florida, and Arkansas, and six international teams from Australia, Japan,



2012 National Champs

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Family Album



These ladies just completed a 141-mile ride from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Maryland on an old rail trail. Carol Golden, Melanie Psaltakis (Poolesville), Maria Pelican, Hilary Schwab (Poolesville).

Some of the initial inductees of the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame were on hand to be recognized at the September 14 varsity football game.



Preston King (with sledge hammer) leads his team of hard-working town crewmembers in the preparatory work for Poolesville Day.



Congratulations to Trevor Magaha for winning the Swine Grand Championship at the 2012 Montgomery County fair.



Maddison Magaha, Makayla LeMarr, and Cookie Magaha represent the many local 4-H club winners at the Montgomery County fair.



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Youth Sports

PHS Girls Volleyball: The Thrill Is Back

By Jeff Stuart

It has been a while since the Poolesville girls' volleyball team opened their home season with back-to-back matches that generated this much excitement. After sweeping Quince Orchard on the road (25-21, 25-18, 25-17), the Falcons opened their home season with a confidence-building defeat of a solid Paint Branch team, 3-1. Then on Tuesday, September 7, the number-three-ranked Damascus (3A) swaggered into Poolesville. Both teams were 2-0 on the year. As befits a strong rivalry, the Hornets brought a contingent of boisterous supporters with them. Led by senior All-Gazette middle blocker Autumn Jenkins (13 kills), Damascus dominated at times, building a big early lead in the first game and held on to win, 25-19, but games two and three went to the Falcons. In game two, the Falcons trailed 22-19 after

getting a side out. Sophomore Allyson Convers, who has taken over the setter's role this year, served out the game for a, 25-22, PHS win. She saved her own service with a diving get at the net. Game three went to the Falcons, 25-21. A decisive 25-14 win by the Hornets in game four set the stage for a 15-point tiebreaker. That game was tied at 10-all, 11-all, and 12-all before the Hornets pulled it out, 15-12. Great court coverage by PHS consistently offset the Damascus power game. The Falcons kept the ball in play and off the floor. The home crowd was appreciative.

In their first home match on September 5 against Paint Branch, a team that swept them a year ago, a spike by outside hitter Rosie Barry gave PHS a 14-10 lead in the first game. Paint Branch's outside hitter Teynia Shepherd tried several dinks early. Junior libero Sarah Kenneweg covered them well, but the Panthers rallied to tie the game at 19 and eventually won, 25-22. The Falcons trailed, 7-1, in game two but rallied to win, 25-23,

evening the match. The Falcons won game three as well, 25-20. Haley Davison's well-placed dink put the Falcons up, 19-10, but Paint Branch rallied to close the gap to 19-15 before Poolesville put the game away. Game four was the most exciting game of the match. It was tied at 6-6 and 12-12. Poolesville trailed 19-16. From that point on the match took on a greater intensity. Every point was settled only after a long rally. Great digs and gets and sets and hits on both sides. It was tied at 23-all and 26-all. Twice, Poolesville served for the win, finally getting



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Commentary

A Change of Heart

By John Clayton

For some time now, I have made it clear to many people that I enjoy Poolesville Day. This has been more than enough information for most people, but I realize now that there are other people for whom more data are required. The timing is right for more specifics from my time at Poolesville Day.

My first and only world-class observation, which I intended to predict last issue so I would appear prescient, was that there were a lot more Washington Nationals caps than ever before. It's amazing what winning will do. This is a trend that has been growing over several years (hats, not winning, which is more recent), and I really enjoyed seeing it. I was very pleased to see less Phillies gear than usual. It's amazing what losing will do.

I was a little disappointed to not see either Congressman Roscoe Bartlett or his challenger, John Delaney, in the parade, and if they dropped by later for a walking taco or a funnel cake, I missed them. I suppose, not to put too fine a point on it, that they had something better to do. This is duly noted—something better to do than to visit the Upcounty voters. We get it, guys. Perhaps next year, in a non-election year, the winner will drop by and take his bow in the parade. We can only hope. In fact, gentleman, if you appear next year, I will buy you a brisket sandwich, but you'll have to stand in the line.

The distance travelled award has to go to the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, Daniel Bongino, who appears to be from Anne Arundel County. Come to think of it, I don't think we usually get a lot of U.S. Senate candidates out this way, so kudos are due to Mr. Bongino and his pack of enthusiastic followers. The incumbent, Democrat Ben Cardin, doesn't seem to have been similarly motivated, or perhaps it's a little too red out here for him to bother.

Maryland State Senator and Majority Leader Rob Garagiola was

in the parade, but I didn't see any of our state delegates. I can't afford to promise brisket if all three show up next year, but maybe I can buy them something from a bake sale table. (Note: If you were there and I missed you, I'll reconsider the brisket.)

Our county council was well represented. Poolesville's former councilman, Craig Rice, still represents much of our local area, so it was nice to see he still came. His successor in Poolesville, Council President Roger Berliner, was also there. Councilmen-at-large Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal, and Marc Elrich also braved the county's speed camera gauntlet to appear in the parade. Good show.

It is possible my findings are tainted by the position of the *Monocacy Monocle* booth, which is right across from their booth, but I think the Rural Women's Republican Club won the street sign competition again. I saw a few Obama-Biden signs go by, but the Romney-Ryan signs were flying out of there faster than our free candy, and apparently they had a waiting list as well. I think the Republicans are going to win the signs-around-the-Upcounty race again, even if they don't win anything else.

I don't actually remember hearing the musket volleys. I may not have been in our booth at the time, but after we printed those warnings, I thought it would be a little dramatic. In all fairness, I was nowhere close to the John Poole House at the time, and perhaps that was far enough away. Then again, I have never had trouble hearing gunfire during the black powder deer season out where I live, where it sometimes sounds like an Antietam reenactment, so I'm not quite sure what happened.

While walking around, I did, however, see a man smoking a cigar. My first thought was, "Gosh, I didn't know you could do that here." It is entirely possible that I have lived in Montgomery County for too long.

But seriously, folks, thanks to all that dropped by the booth and

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's Forty

By Rande Davis

It's been a couple of decades since I thought about turning forty and considered that milestone to be a sign of getting older. Today, I am more likely to say, "Lordy, Lordy, I wish I was forty." I would settle for just feeling like forty again. Heck, I wouldn't turn down feeling like fifty.

As you can see, forty has been on my mind lately but not because of the age thing. No, for me forty is an especially exciting number since the Redskins actually scored more than forty points in one game and still won.

I guess some people think that the Redskins mania is a bit too much, and I have to admit in recent years, when the team fell apart early, my first thought was, "Well, at least I have my Sunday afternoons free again."

Considering all the heavy

concerns of the day, many think it is not really important whether they win or lose, but they would be wrong, and here's why:

When the Redskins are doing well and the whole area is abuzz and the conversation quickly engulfs people into joyous dialogue, a wonderful sense of camaraderie develops. Republicans and Democrats alike can share the thrill. Passing the time in friendship and commonality is never frivolous or unimportant, and it may be more important today than ever.

If the Redskins continue winning, we can share and open up to one another without being worried if the person we are talking to has a different political perspective or not.

Let's hope it continues, especially during the next couple of months when the election is sure to heat up even beyond the level we have seen so far.

Let's hail good times, good friends, and: Hail to the Redskins.

Town of Poolesville

Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

Policing Update for Poolesville Area

At the September 10, 2012 town meeting, Montgomery County Police District 5 Commander Luther Reynolds and Officer Gabe Stone provided an insightful presentation on policing matters for the area.

Officer Stone, who patrols our area mostly in the afternoon-evening shift, was personally commended on investigative work he had done that not only ended in an arrest but also in the return to owners of many stolen items.

Commander Reynolds stated that the issues in Poolesville still remain primarily quality of life concerns but did point out that the distribution of drugs, as with all communities in the county, has been of high concern and receives their priority attention. An incident of distribution occurring near McDonald's and the skate

park resulted in an arrest.

Referring to crime fighting as a partnership between the police and residents, Reynolds emphasized, as he has in the past, that residents should not hesitate to report suspicious activity. "The residents know best if something looks out of place, and when they have concerns, they should call. You know what belongs in your neighborhood, so trust your (the residents') instincts." He reported that some people do not want to get involved to the point that they choose not to press charges even when they are the victims. He reassured the gathering that confidentiality is an important promise to those hesitant to assist.

Commissioner Klobukowski queried about reports that District 1 - Rockville will be moving its headquarters to the former National Geographic building on Route 28 and that Poolesville may be moved into that district.

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Global Mission Church Is Back!

The Global Mission Church, which proposes to build a megachurch near Sugarloaf Mountain, is back before the decision-makers in Frederick County with a somewhat revised application. Though the proposed structure has been down-sized, **its footprint is still 118,530 square feet, the size of a large superstore.** Its sanctuary would have seating for 800 congregants and its dining hall for 320.

Sugarloaf Citizens Association (SCA) strongly opposed the construction of the megachurch as originally proposed in 2009 based on its size and environmental impact, increased traffic congestion, and removal of additional land from agriculture. SCA is reviewing the details of the revised application, but our concerns about size, septic, traffic, water quality, the views from the Sugarloaf Mountain, and loss of agricultural land remain. Access to the church would be from Maryland 109 near the junction of Interstate 270. That rural highway was not designed to handle the intensive traffic volume that this megachurch would bring. SCA would welcome your input, your insights, and your involvement. Those seeking further information or wishing to become involved, including becoming a member of SCA's megachurch task force, can visit SCA's website at www.sugarloafcitizens.org and can contact me at president@sugarloafcitizens.org

Lymphoma Research Bike Ride - In addition to protecting the AgReserve, SCA seeks to share its beauty with our neighbors in the city and suburbs. Recently, SCA reached out to members of the DC bicycling community who frequently ride in the AgReserve area to provide volunteer support for the upcoming Lymphoma Research Ride sponsored by the Lymphoma Research Foundation. The ride starts and ends at the Barnesville School on Sunday morning, September 30. We wanted to let riders know that there is a behind-the-scenes group, SCA, fighting to preserve the open space and rustic roads so enjoyed by area cyclists. We will provide assistance along the ride route, and will distribute a cotton bandana to each rider with SCA's logo on it, along with a simple piece of literature about the AgReserve and SCA.

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Music Concert in the Park
Whalen Commons
The Walking Sticks, 7:00 p.m.
PHS Girls' Varsity Volleyball
Walt Whitman, 6:30 p.m.
PHS Varsity Field Hockey
Rockville, 7:00 p.m.

September 22
Dirty Dining
Calleva Farms offers this special fundraising dinner to celebrate rural Montgomery County. The menu consists of ingredients from Calleva Farm, additional produce from Lewis Orchards, dairy products from South Mountain Creamery, goat cheese from Cherry Glen Farm, freshly-baked bread from Spring Mill Bread Co., and wine from Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards. For more information, visit www.calleva.org.

September 22
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September 24
PHS Girls' Varsity Tennis
Walter Johnson, 3:30 p.m.

PHS Boys' Soccer
Seneca Valley, 7:00 p.m.

September 28
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October 1
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October 3
PHS Girls' Varsity Soccer

Gaithersburg, 7:00 p.m.

October 5
PHS Field Hockey
Seneca Valley, 7:00 p.m.
Cugini's Entertainment Night
Featuring: Jay Summerour and James Mabry
8:30 p.m.

October 6
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September 8: Corporal Charles B. Licato, a 14 year veteran of the Harford County Sheriff's Office who died in the line of duty. The flag shall continue to be flown at half-staff until sunset on the day of interment. (Maryland State flag)
September 12: John Christopher Stevens, United States Ambassador to Libya, and American personnel killed in the senseless attack on our diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya. The flags should remain at half-staff until sunset on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

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Local News

Boyd's Standoff Ends Peacefully

By Jack Toomey

On Monday, August 27 at about 1:30 p.m., Montgomery County police officers responded to a telephone report of a man with a gun in a residence in the 18700 block of Bucklodge Road. Police spokesperson Angela Cruz said that a family member had come home to find the inside of the house riddled with bullet holes. That person then called the police, fearing that more shots were going to be fired by another member of the family.

Patrol officers responded to the emergency call and secured the area by stopping vehicular traffic on Bucklodge Road and calling for the Emergency Response Team to re-

spond. SWAT team personnel, hostage negotiators, and other officials responded to the area. Some residents expressed surprise when they saw a tank-like vehicle traveling on Route 28. A police source said that it is routine for the department's armored personnel carrier to respond to calls that involve firearms.

Once the ERT officers arrived on the scene, an adult male, who lived in the house, walked outside and surrendered to the police. He was then taken to a mental health facility for evaluation. His name

was not released. No criminal charges were filed that day. Spokesperson Cruz said that an inspection of the house indicated that someone had fired gunshots into the inner walls of the house. Detectives were observed interviewing family members and doing a crime scene-type search of the yard of the house.



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Daytripper

A Zoo Where?

By Ingeborg Westfall

Readers of this column know that I have a crush on—a veritable love affair with—all things Baltimore. I can't help it; it's a result of wonderful childhood memories. I like its rough edges, its spectacular highs and lows, its hidden richness—so I was heartily embarrassed when I realized I'd never visited the Maryland Zoo in Druid Hill Park. Having been established in 1876, it's recognized as the third-oldest zoo in the country. Druid Hill Park, with 745 acres, known for its rolling hills and water features, is home to other attractions as well, notably the Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore. The zoo occupies 160 of the park's acres. The establishment of Druid Hill Park was part of the nationwide movement to provide large, spacious areas for urban dwellers. New York City's Central Park was part

of that same movement, its development beginning in 1858.

First, let me be clear. Don't compare the Maryland Zoo with the National Zoo; don't expect the same kind of visit or the extensive variety of animals. For instance, even with more than 1,550 animals representing nearly 200 species, the Maryland Zoo has no pandas, no, not even one of those chubby, bamboo-chomping bears most people find so irresistibly cute. I'm not one of those adoring masses. I'm happy with rhinos, a leopard, cheetahs, lions, giraffes, African elephants, polar bears, zebras, ostriches, and chimpanzees. The Maryland Zoo showed me those, and that's not even mentioning the warthogs, antelopes, and tortoises. Go with the expectation of a less crowded experience (in fiscal year 2012, there were 409,843 visitors), perhaps combined with a picnic and a visit to the arboretum.

The Maryland Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. From what I could gather from informational plaques, it's committed to provid-

ing community education and outreach, along with participating in programs that foster awareness and conservation of endangered species. Its ZOOMobile outreach efforts deliver educational programs featuring live Animal Ambassadors throughout fifteen Maryland counties, Baltimore City, and elsewhere. In fiscal year 2012, 86,563 students and teachers attended field trips to the zoo, 74,036 without charge, as part of a state-sponsored program.

The day I visited was one of Maryland's dreaded hot and humid August days, with a shower or two as well, but the lovely shade of many trees helped moderate the stickiness. I decided to walk as much as possible, even though at the end of the day I hadn't seen all the exhibits. The zoo provides a free tram that could have enabled me to see it all. They even have a little train that provides a tour for \$5.00 (it seemed a great hit with families with children), and although I didn't see it in action, I fell in love with their very colorful carousel.

I thought the zoo a worth-

while and charming attraction for all ages, and from the number of school groups and families I saw, it was clear that it's a particularly-favored local attraction for children. Recognizing the importance of interactive activities for children, it provides a goat petting area and a display of farmyard animals. In addition, there are daily opportunities to feed giraffes and take camel rides. Getting exercise and an environmental education at the same time is easy no matter what age the visitor.

The website for the Maryland Zoo is www.marylandzoo.org. Its phone number is 410-396-7102. It's open March through December daily, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in January and February. Adult admission is \$16.50. Parking is free.

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In the Garden

Fall Is for Planting

By Maureen O'Connell

The spring and summer of 2012 have been a difficult and challenging time for gardens in the Monocacy area and throughout the United States. We have had near record-breaking periods of flooding, extreme heat, and drought conditions. I was out of town for over five weeks in July and August—not a good time, even in favorable weather, to leave your garden Home Alone. This year, I stopped an overall, weekly spraying for diseases and insects, except for an occasional organic spot spraying. In the last several years, I have moved towards planting flowers and shrubs that are native to our area and highly-resistant to diseases and pests. Despite of or because of all the above-mentioned practices, I was relatively surprised at how relatively well my gardens fared this year. I say relatively because if you take a

laissez faire attitude, you have to reduce your expectations of what is acceptable. Every year, come September, I put my gardens on a palliative care level. The season and my ardor are waning—it is time to slowly let go of the plants that have bloomed so loyally for us from April to October.

For now, let's forget about this year's gardens' successes or failures and look to our plans for next season. Fall is the ideal time to plant many shrubs, trees, and flowering plants, and to repair drought-damaged lawns, to overseed, or start a new lawn. When I recommend plants for your gardens, I like to know first-hand that they are reliable growers for our area. I often look to my gardens to see what is flourishing or struggling. Here are some flowering plants, shrubs, and trees that I highly recommend.

Buddleia. Here are two varieties of the beautiful butterfly bush that can easily fit into small garden settings. Unlike their taller, rangy cousins, *Buddleia davidii* Lo and Behold 'Blue Chip' and *Buddleia davidii* 'Nano Blue'

are dwarfs. 'Blue Chip,' standing twenty inches high with a width of twenty inches, is the smallest. It is the first in the new Lo and Behold series of miniature *Buddleias* introduced by the Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, North Carolina. I planted four of them last year in a sunny spot, and they have been blooming non-stop from early summer right into the fall. They are attractive, fast growing, mounding, well-branched plants that are completely maintenance free and a haven for butterflies. You could use them for containers, ground-cover, or border use. 'Nano Blue' is a little bigger, standing at four feet tall and two to three feet in width. It sports masses of four-to-six-inch panicles of mauve blue against silvery green foliage. It tolerates heat, humidity, and poor soil; it loves our Monocacy weather. I have four of them, and they are growing beyond my expectations.

Hydrangeas. I love these gorgeous plants, and this year, despite our challenging summer weather, was a banner year for them. I have never seen such intensity of color and repeat blooming. I have about twenty of them in several varieties. My most favorite one is 'Endless Summer.' That is a very apt name for it reblooms reliably from early summer to the first days of frost. This season its basic blue color ranged from a deep sapphire blue, violet blue, to a light icy blue. It dries very well; I have bundles of it in vases throughout my house. Another beauty is the snowy white 'Annabelle.' It is very heat- and humidity-tolerant.

At the onset of the blooms, these white snowballs are about eight to nine inches across, but as the season progresses, they reach a full foot wide. If you love 'Annabelle,' you will love even more its cousin 'Incrediball'; it dazzles with creamy white flowers, boasting up to four times the flowers of 'Annabelle.' *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Snow Queen' has been rated by many horticulturists as the number one shrub for American gardens—can't get a better recommendation than that. This is an oakleaf hydrangea, and it will thrive in any location from deep shade to full sun. Giant twelve-to-fifteen-inch white panicles of blooms punctuate large, leathery, oak-like leaves which emerge a deep shade of green, maturing to antique pink. As an added attraction, it is highly pest- and disease-resistant.

Spiraea. This plant has been grown in American gardens for years and for good reason. It is a compact, low maintenance shrub, growing to about three feet, with masses of small pink flowers that bloom all summer. 'Anthony Waterer' is a reliable variety.

Conifer. If you are looking for a fast-growing privacy screen, windbreak, or a specimen for your yard, Thuja 'Green Giant' is the ideal tree. It is low maintenance, evergreen, fragrant, and it can handle heavy loads of snow, bough-breaking ice, and, once established, drought.

Now is a good time to plant any of these shrubs and trees. The weather will hopefully be cooler with more reliable rainfalls.

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Local News

County Council Staff Visits Area Farmers

By Rande Davis

A group of twenty-four council staff aides and assistants from the Montgomery County Council came to the Poolesville area on Friday, September 7 to tour and gain better insight and understanding of agriculture in the county and in the Montgomery County Ag Reserve.

On the day before, the group toured some farms in the eastern portion of the county and, while in our area, visited Lewis Orchards and the Jamison Farm on West Willard Road.

The idea for the tours came at a staff meeting in July to have staff members tour various economic enterprises important to the county such as farming, parks, and arts.

Marlene Michaelson, Senior Legislative Analyst for the council, explained that the tours were

scheduled to broaden the staff knowledge about the day-to-day demands and overall concerns of today's farmer.

In telling the *Monocle* how much the council supports the Montgomery County Ag Reserve and the farming industry in the county, she expressed their appreciation for having the chance to speak directly to the farmers and especially enjoyed meeting their families.

Jeremy Criss of the Department of Economic Development shared his impressions stating, "It was impressive to come to better understand how today's farmer needs to do it all. It's amazing how they have to do it all—to be knowledgeable in mechanics, electricity, plumbing, agronomics, biology and microbiology, marketing, and even proficient in modern technology. The group clearly was impressed how the use of GPS plays such an important role in farming today." Farmers use on-board GPS systems to help guide the planting and tilling of their fields.

At the Jamison Farm, Jamie

Jamison provided an enlightening and entertaining brief seminar on the crops planted on his farm and the various issues that can impact the success or failure of a crop. The enthusiasm of the adults to have the chance to ride on a large crop combine proved so popular it led Mr. Jamison to note, tongue in cheek, that perhaps he might be able to charge for rides on weekends in the event of a poor farming season.



Jamie Jamison gave a brief seminar on the importance and challenge of farming in the Upcountry.

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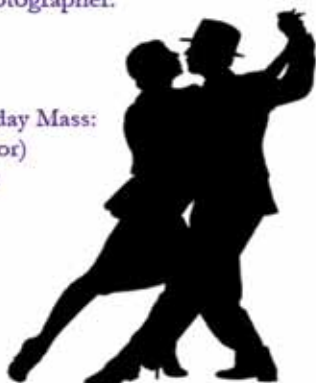
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Monocacy Foundations

Winderbourne

By Elisa Graf

It's been said over and over that money can't buy happiness. Enoch and Mary Howe Totten learned the lesson the hard way; they built their dream house but experienced tragedy there.

Enoch Totten was a wealthy attorney for the Metropolitan brand of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Washington, D.C. His wife Mary Howe Totten was the heir to her uncle's fortune. Elias Howe was the inventor of the winder, or bobbin, used in sewing machines. After Elias's death, his fortune of nearly \$13 million was inherited by his brother Timothy Howe, Mary's father, and later divided between her and a sibling.

One evening in the early 1880s, as Enoch and Mary traveled back to D.C. on the B&O rail line, they spotted spectacular

views near Boyds as the single wooden track wrapped around Little Seneca Creek (where Little Seneca Lake and Lake Churchill were later built as part of Black Hill Regional Park). They quickly realized that was the place for their summer dream home. In 1884, Winderbourne, the home born of the winder fortune, would be completed.

The home was a prime example of Victorian high society architecture. A Queen Anne Painted Lady, the mansion was painted a pale pink with deep rose shutters. A second story room hovers above the front porch. Inside, a grand staircase graces the main hall with an intricately-carved steep wooden banister. A fireplace in the corner of the front hall shares a chimney with fireplaces in the dining and living rooms.

Gardening staff was hired year round to maintain the multitude of exotic plants around

the property, including yucca plants that lined the pathway to the house. Household staff was hired to maintain the home, and staff was increased in the summer months. A gazebo was built on the property as well as a small pond. Each winter, blocks of ice were cut from the pond and stored in straw to be used in the summer months.

As the weather grew warmer each spring, the Tottens would pack their bags, leave D.C., and head for Winderbourne. They were greeted by an impeccably-maintained mansion. During long summer days, breezes blew in from the creek, and large locust and pine trees shaded the home. The Tottens even made Wind-

erbourne its own whistle stop on the B&O railroad, so dinner guests could travel straight to their home. The Tottens' dinner parties have been described as nothing less than high society social events. Dinner was served by household staff from polished silver trays, and conversation flowed effortlessly.

As sure as Enoch and Mary thought they had it all, tragedy befell them. All three of their young children contracted typhoid fever, believed to have come from the straw keeping the ice cool throughout the summer. One of their sons lost his battle

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Local News

Police Cruisers Removed from Circulation

By Jack Toomey

Residents may have been surprised to see two Montgomery County officers riding in the same police cruiser for a time last week. A potentially-dangerous safety issue was discovered in the county's 324 Ford Crown Victoria police cars, resulting in Chief Thomas Manger ordering all of the cruisers off the road until they were inspected.

The issue arose when an officer had a malfunction in the steering of his cruiser in early September. This incident, along with a similar incident in July, caused Manger to issue the order. The 324 Crown Victorias make up about one third of the department's

fleet of cars. The police department also owns Dodge Chargers, Chevrolet Impalas, and Chevrolet Caprices. These other cruisers were not affected.

It was learned that the process for inspecting the cruisers was orderly and efficient. While officers, who were normally assigned to a Crown Victoria, were waiting for inspection, they rode with other officers, making for a two-officer car. Before the mid-1970s, almost all county police cars operated with two officers. After that time, it was discovered to be much more efficient for one officer to be in a car.

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with the illness, and the other two children were left hearing impaired. Summers at Winderbourne were forever scarred.

Despite her impairment, daughter Edith earned her medical degree and taught medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Edith didn't seem to be one to allow small setbacks to stop her. She never married but adopted children. Sadly, tragedy would once again strike her life and Winderbourne. She wished for her children to experience summers the way she had, playing along the creek and beneath the shade of the trees at her parents' home. While visiting one summer, her daughter was sliding down the banister of the steep staircase leading from the grand dining room to the cellar. She slipped and took a fatal fall. The family then lost its patriarch, Enoch, in 1898, and in 1913, Mary passed away as well.

A new double track on the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O destroyed the bridge that allowed for access to Winderbourne and after a long battle with the railroad, the family eventually sold the property to the railroad. It sat vacant for years. Despite the vacancy, tragedy did not escape the property. In 1917, while playing a seemingly innocent game amongst local boys around the home, Daniel Shorb was asked for the password before being allowed to enter the boys' hideout. When Daniel was unable to come up with appropriate answer, one of the other boys pulled the trig-

ger of what was believed to be an unloaded gun. It was, in fact, loaded, Daniel was shot, and later died. The boys were never sure who pulled the trigger, but none of them ever forgot the incident.

By 1929, Edward Pickrell, a railroad detective, and his wife Beulah, a schoolteacher, were in search of a home to raise their young family. They discovered Winderbourne and made it their home year round. Edward, Jr., Joan, and Paxton grew up fishing in the creek and playing in the woods, bringing a bright spot and fond memories back to the grand Victorian mansion.

Paxton Pickrell is the last surviving member of the Pickrell family, and while the home is once again vacant, he has nothing but fond memories of growing up at Winderbourne. The house is currently being sold—but not just to any buyer. Paxton is hoping to find a buyer that can bring the house back to its original glory, perhaps a family that can continue to add to the home's rich history.

Winderbourne may have not been the dream home the Tottens had intended it to be, but tragedy tends to make headlines more often than the good times. Dinner parties with D.C. socialites and good old-fashioned summer family fun played more of a role in creating this home's past. With some careful searching and a little elbow grease, a new owner may be able to return the mansion to its former glory and make new memories.

Musings from Mama Boe

Underwires and Cheese Doodles

By Mama Boe

Hopeless, I've always been absolutely hopeless when it comes to style, or trends, or even matching socks for that matter. My whole life, I've been clueless on this subject. I never understood the excitement of Brooke Shields and her naked torso-selling ads. She would say, "Nothing comes between me and my Calvin Kleins," and I would think, Ew!

Of course, the advertisers *knew* the younger set would find it sexy as all get out and would immediately rush out to copy the uni-browed wonder, but even in my tweens, I would see something else: Not Style, not Fit, not Sexy. Nope, I just saw chaffing... and wedgies...and maybe even a sweat-rash.

Sweat-rashes have never been sexy to me—but I'm just weird.

It's not that I thought of myself as better than the trend followers. I wasn't anti-establishment. I certainly didn't intend to throw stones. When it came to covering my body, I was just—and still am—completely self-serving and lazy. I'm all about comfort, man—and no, I don't mean to the level of slovenly. I don't spend every day lounging on the couch in my sweatpants eating Cheese Doodles (I do have some self-respect), but when I am living life, I don't want to be distracted by the freakish indents my waistband is leaving. I don't want to be spending my day wrestling with the underwire of my bra in an effort to dislodge it from my fourth and fifth rib. I can't be worrying about whether or not the band of my thong is higher than my hip-hugging jeans (I'm sorry—that visual was uncalled for—take a Tums, and call

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

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Burglary: 16400 block of Budd Road.

Theft from vehicle: 17600 block of Cobb Avenue, 17500 block W. Willard Road.

Theft: 19800 block of Bucklodge Road.

Drug offense: 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

Disorderly conduct complaint: 19900 block of Fisher Avenue.

Past Crime

September 21, 1923 Richard Spates, an aged farmer living six miles from Poolesville, shot and killed a man who had come to his house demanding whiskey. Spates said that he was sitting on his front porch when William Henry came onto the

porch and demanded a quart of whiskey. When Spates ordered him to leave, Henry picked up an iron bar and threatened him with it. Spates then picked up a shotgun and shot Henry in the head. Spates then called his son in Rockville and told him to bring an officer. Justice of the Peace Randolph Hall convened a coroner's jury that evening and the member of the jury ruled that the homicide was justifiable.

September 25, 1917 Montgomery County authorities and the Secret Service were investigating a supposed plot to blow up the Washington Aqueduct. An employee of the gold mining operation at Great Falls found some dynamite in an outhouse near the mine and notified Deputy Boswell. As a result, Boswell secreted himself in a house near the scene and saw several suspicious characters approach the outhouse during the night.

September 25, 1911 William

Nagle was arrested by Sheriff Viett for stealing a large length of telephone wire from the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

September 30, 1912 Sheriff Howard arrested two groups of men working on the track of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Howard first encountered two dozen men working on the track near Rockville and took all of them to jail. He then went to a location near Halpine where he arrested eight more men. They were all charged with a violation of the Maryland Blue Laws which prohibited work on Sunday. Attorney Albert Bouic, an attorney for the railroad, announced that the charges

would be fought because the work was absolutely necessary. **October 2, 1902** John Henry Lawson, a Washington man, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Selby on a charge that he had stolen a horse from a farmer on the Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard). When asked by Selby where he had obtained the horse, Lawson replied, "From Charlie Williams." When Selby asked where he could locate Williams, Lawson replied, "Well, I guess that he is dead." It was reported that Lawson was a known horse thief.

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

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

September 1, 1923 An end-of-summer picnic was held at the Mouth of the Monocacy under the auspices of the Poolesville, Dickerson, and Barnesville Community Leagues. Three hundred people attended and listened to an address given by John Garrett of Rockville. Music was provided by the Poolesville Band.

September 1, 1924 The Montgomery County Baseball League featured a full schedule of games. Dickerson defeated Washington Grove, 11-5, and Rockville beat Boyds, 13-5. Glen Echo had to forfeit their game to Bethesda when their players did not arrive on time for the game.

September 3, 1922 Sisters Carrie and Minnie Bodmer were wed in a dual ceremony at the Poolesville Methodist Church. Carrie became the wife of George Chiswell and Minnie the wife of Stockton Myerly. All four were residents of the Poolesville area.

September 3, 1923 Linwood Sears, the second baseman of the Dickerson team, was struck in the head behind the left ear by a pitched ball during a game against Boyds. He was taken to his home where he was described as suffering from a concussion of the brain. He remained unconscious until the next day.

September 7, 1924 Howard Spurrier of Poolesville was named to a committee that was to meet with a similar group from Virginia to study the feasibility of building a bridge across the Potomac River at White's Ferry.

September 17, 1924 A contingent of three thousand Marines encamped in Montgomery County on a march back from the Antietam Battlefield. While in Rockville, they formed a baseball team and took on the Gaithersburg and Rockville teams. They lost both games by close scores.

September 22, 1923 D. Clompton Chambers of Poolesville died near Charles Town, West Virginia when his automobile was struck by a Norfolk and Western passenger train. Chambers, a traveling salesman, was said to have stopped his auto to inquire about the condition of the road to Hagerstown when he was struck by the train. His body was taken back to Barnesville for burial. Services were held at the home of his father, Judge William Chambers, followed by burial at Monocacy Cemetery.

September 24, 1924 The Montgomery County Board of Education awarded a scholarship to St. John's College, Annapolis, to Arthur Elgin of Poolesville.

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a 28-26 set win on defense and a 3-1-match victory. Strong serves by Alice Xie, Convers, and Kenneweg contributed to the victory. "We would not have done this last year," said Head Coach Fran Duvall. "Our team is different this year. That was a big win for us in many ways."

Newcomers to the team this year include freshmen Emily Benedict and Shirley Wolz, sophomore Convers, juniors Fanfei Yin

and Jessie Maloney, and senior Essence Scott. Returners include All-Gazette honorable mention Kenneweg, Barry, junior Emily Agate, seniors Davison, Morgan Howard, and Xie.

This year's volleyball Dig Pink event, supporting breast cancer research, is October 10 versus Bethesda Chevy-Chase. Raffle tickets, cakes, cookies, and other items are on sale now at the concession stand during all home games.



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said hello, or maybe just grabbed some free candy. It was a fine day, I enjoyed all the whoopie pies and walking tacos I consumed, and I'm hoping my blood sugar and cholesterol levels will return to normal by the time my sunburn fades. Let's do it again next year.

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The Pulse

The Gathering Place Needs to Gather Pledges

Did you know that there are more than two thousand seniors above the age of sixty-five living within a five-mile radius of Poolesville? While several churches offer programming for seniors, there is no public senior center that addresses the needs of this growing population. Our county's Health and Human Services Department recognizes this need but is not able to fund nor staff such an effort.

A diverse group of church leaders has joined with the Am Kolel Jewish Community in a drive to gather financial pledges of support to advance their week-day retreat center for our senior citizens, a place where seniors could gather to socialize and engage in many activities such as: gentle yoga, arts and crafts, singing, topical discussions, gardening, bingo, and more. The Gathering Place will be at the Sanctuary Retreat Center located on Darnestown Road in Beallsville. The center is a terrific venue. Operated by the Am Kolel Jewish Community, it is located on twenty-eight beautiful acres, the main house is handicapped accessible and features several rooms for participants to use. Sanctuary is an ecumenical retreat center.

There are numerous grants available, but a demonstrative community commitment has to be made to qualify, and the pledges will help make it apparent that there is such support. In

the coming days, area residents will receive a letter asking for support. While no donations need to be made immediately, a pledge card of support will fill the bill for now. The diverse supporters of the Gathering Place will be asking you to join them.

Special Drive to Replenish WUMCO's Pantry

When Poolesville resident Melissa Bingham heard about a regional effort launched by Governors O'Malley (Maryland), McDonnell (Virginia), Tomblin (West Virginia), and D.C. Mayor Gray for Saturday, September 29 called Day to Serve, she immediately felt a desire to participate. After all, the purpose of Day to Serve is to help in the fight against hunger, and Melissa knew that WUMCO-Help—the local emergency food bank for those in need—has experienced a drop-off in food donations with the closing of Selby's, the collection point in the past years for hundreds of pounds of donated food annually.

Was there, she wondered, a way to link Day to Serve to replenishing the fast-emptying shelves of the WUMCO pantry? Her response was to set about organizing a community drive that would culminate on September 29 with a door-to-door collection of donated non-perishable food. To spread the word and recruit volunteers, she distributed flyers through the schools, asked businesses and churches to communicate with their members, and capitalized on the fortuitous timing of Poolesville Day to advertise the program by participating

in the parade and setting up an information booth. The groundwork has been done. "The success of the effort, however, will depend on our finding more volunteers," Melissa told the *Monocle*. One key goal, for example, is to distribute information pieces to every house in Poolesville a few days before collection on the twenty-ninth, reminding residents to set their food donations on their doorsteps or at their mailboxes. Of course, helpers will be needed to collect the food and transport it to WUMCO. Another option for those who want to support the special effort: Take your food to special collection boxes that will be located at Poolesville Hardware and Healthworks, September 23 to 29 only, or three other established locations that have been collecting for months—Town Hall, Crafts-A-Plenty, and Finders Keepers. Those who have questions or



The Day to Serve group organized to help WUMCO's food pantry participated with this float in the Poolesville Day parade.

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your therapist immediately).

So I've gone be-bopping throughout my life, blissfully ignorant and often apathetic about the style of my clothes—happy as a lark. I've been out running errands in my ill-fitting cotton sweat shorts. I've been seen volunteering at the schools in my woefully loose, saggy-bottomed jeans. I've been out to dinner with my loving husband in stretched-out t-shirts with Mr. Bubble splayed across my breasts—and all was right with the world—until...I had a daughter.

I wish you could see us clothes shopping together. They could make a sitcom out of it. I hold up something; she snickers. I point to something; she rolls her eyes. I buy something; she asks me to return it. It's completely predictable, and nearly to the point where I can pick out

something I dislike and know without a doubt she'll like it—or vice versa. We live in the clothing world of Opposite, but we find our way. We find a compromise in blending Nice Enough in her eyes, and Comfortable Enough to please Mama—and she limits her eye-rolling to behind my back now, which is nice.

My son, on the other hand, he wears tie-dyed t-shirts with multicolored plaid shorts—but by golly, he's comfortable, and I'm down with that—and if you say anything to him about his cacophony of colors and patterns, he'll look at you like you're batty. After all, who *wouldn't* want to wear every single color in one day?

It certainly camouflages the Cheese Doodle crumbs.

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He requested comments as to the impact on policing should that occur.

Reynolds pointed out that that decision would follow an analysis but that he was confident that the leadership of MCP would demand no less quality on police coverage. As currently constructed, District 5 has to cover an immense area of the county and, in referencing the new location, implied that there could be some advantages.

Reynolds reported that cooperation and communication with Poolesville High School administration is excellent, and that changes made by the Asian House of Poolesville, such as improved lighting, have resulted in improvement in the police's concern.

Could You Repeat That?

The commissioners received a presentation by Daniel L. Sharp, Account Representative, American Amplifier and Patrick Herlihy of Media Vision for an improved amplification system for the town hall. They set up a temporary system as a demonstration for the meeting of their system, which offers enhanced technology such as recording the meeting, and could even include electronic vote counting. The level of improvement in hearing and understanding commissioner dialogue during the meeting was clearly significant.

One Step Closer

Lee Bristol, co-founder of Standard Solar, and Matt Hankey, senior vice president at Urban Grid, made a presentation of their services for the installation and operation of the new solar array being considered for the town. The new system will provide 1.1 mega watts of power, enough to sustain the town hall, the wastewater plant, and up to six meters at pump stations.

Bristol, who resides on Route 109 near Barnesville Road and whose company is based in Rockville, outlined the benefits to the town that not only includes savings in electricity costs and an environmentally clean energy

source, but also provides educational benefits for the students in the Global Ecology Studies Program at Poolesville High School (PHS).

Mr. Hankey of Urban Grid, whose company is responsible for the financial investment of the solar array, estimated up to \$1.9 million in savings to the town over twenty years and that there are no upfront costs to the town.

Most of the concern raised by the commission had to do with the effectiveness of the proposal if standard electricity pricing were reduced significantly and questions on any potential maintenance issues.

Mr. Hankey acknowledged that any investment comes with a level of risk and that the risk management issue is every bit as important to his company as to the commissioners. He emphasized that Urban Grid's decision to be involved took into consideration current energy pricing, possible changes in technology, and maintenance, and they are most satisfied that their investment will be successful. Once in place, the array is largely maintenance free and receives ongoing monitoring and bi-annual analysis of any maintenance issues.

Attendees Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green and PHS Physics teacher Dan Savino voiced strong support for the proposal. In listing a number of reasons he supports the proposal, Mr. Savino was especially appreciative of the solar array project as an educational tool for his students.

Loose Ends

The meeting concluded with discussion about possible proposals to ameliorate the traffic site issues at the corner of Jerusalem and Elgin Roads, advancement of the sidewalk extension at St. Peter's, and that the Planning Commission will review a variance for an expanded parking lot configuration for the Asian House of Poolesville before making any recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the commissioners on the restaurant's request to expand to outdoor dining and entertainment.

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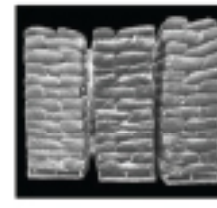
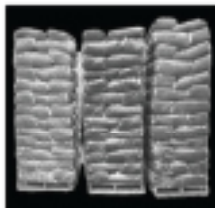
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The team fought hard to make it to the final game. They'd been dedicated to practicing since January and set the goal to be Maryland State Champions. The team even spent a week in Cooperstown, baseball's hall of fame.

Truly a team effort, there were some notable individual performances that were recognized by being named to the Cal Ripken All-Star selection. Jake, Heskett, J.P. Walsh, and Marcus Brown were named offensive all-stars, while Cole Carmack and Brooks Bengtson made the defensive selection.

During the long journey, family and friends were out in full force, as many had been for the fourteen weekend tournaments

leading up to the championship. The time commitment, practice, and devotion of the families were incredible.

"Everything happened perfectly to get there," says Kevin Carmack. "Next thing we know, we beat this team from the Bronx, New York, and then the boys were trying on new jerseys emblazoned with USA."

The team was led by head coach Jody Pearre, assistant coaches Doug Metz and Ricky Haddaway, and team manager Jay Myers.

Head Coach Pearre offered the following at the end of the season:

"This team reached some very important goals this season, not only did we make the World Series, but we won the U.S. Championship. With that win, we will just keep going and going and going... Years will pass and what we all will remember is these boys did something none before them or maybe after will do for UMAC or Maryland. They will all hold a very special bond,

even when they are playing against each other in high school or passing each other on the streets years later.

"The parents have done whatever I have asked all season, spending tons of money on hotels, driving to Poolesville, driving to Gaithersburg, Sunday morning workouts, etc. For that, I say thank you. This last trip was a great experience; I think they all know what college baseball feels like. Rolling in as a team, having team vans, eating as a team, rooming as a team."

Congratulations on a season to remember to all the players and coaches: Brooks Bengtson, Marcus Brown, Cole Carmack, Brendan Collins, Matthew Conners, Pat Diaz, Ethan Frank, Ryan Haddaway, Jake Heskett, Colin Metz, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, Joshua Netterville, Brady Pearre, and JP Walsh.

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