



Little Paxton Bullard cruised the Big Flea with 'rents Sean and Allison. More Big Flea pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.



Businesses get dumped on all the time. See how in Business Briefs on page 2.



Tom Bodmer and Dots Elgin are on an important local board of directors. Read what brought them together in Tidbits on page 15.

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Increase in Poolesville Property Tax Rate Proposed

By Rande Davis

The April 15 Poolesville town meeting began with a public hearing regarding the draft of the Commissioners' FY14 Operating Budget and Tax Rate proposal. The proposed town budget has three key priorities: improved sewer infrastructure in the Westerly subdivision, water rate increases of eight percent sufficient to cover actual water/sewer operational expenses without the need to transfer revenue from the General Fund, and the implementation of an economic development program.

To pay for the sewer relining upgrade and clean-out installation in the Westerly subdivision, the commissioners are proposing to make a \$4.6 million twenty-year loan at a payback rate of \$300,000 per

year. To cover this new expenditure, the commissioners have reduced or delayed some planned expenditures and have also increased the property tax rate.

For example, in the area of the expenditure cuts or delays in expenditures, the new budget reduces by \$125,000 funds from streetscape expenditures, the removal of further development of Dr. Dillingham Park by \$200,000 over four years, and the removal of \$150,000 set-aside funding over three years for a town community center. Additionally, the increased tax rate would generate \$76,812 more revenue.

If the draft proposal were adopted, the town would raise the property tax rate from \$0.159 to \$0.1788 per \$100 of assessed value of property or 12.4% higher than FY13. The property tax rate in FY2014



The budget hearing was just one reason for a larger-than-normal turnout at the April 15 Poolesville town meeting.

would have to increase 6.9 percent (to \$0.1672 per \$100 of assessed value) simply to maintain the same amount of revenue (constant yield) from the previous year.

Over fifty percent of the new tax rate increase covers just the losses in revenue due to lower assessments of property due to economic and market conditions. Overall, the assessable base in the township has decreased by 4.9 percent in

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Green Green, It's Green, They Say on the Far Side of the Church

By Rande Davis

A while back, members of the Poolesville Presbyterian Church were trying to come up with useful ideas for the empty lot to the south of their building. Thanks to Eagle Scout Kevin Koeser, they

have a beautiful gazebo on the property but still had not decided on just how to use the property. According to the Rev. David Williams, the notion of a community garden emerged. As the ideas flowed, it expanded to include a calming park-like environment that could serve as a place not only to healthfully nourish stomachs, but also souls; hence, the Poolesville Community Garden came into being.

Julie Halstead, a congregant of the church and also president of Poolesville Green, a local environmental organization that has as its mission a



Poolesville Community Garden committee members Rev. David Williams, William Mattes, Anne Niblock, and Julie Halstead.

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The day started out quite cool but warmed up for Larry Neal, Cathy Bupp, Larry Winn, and Mary Lambert.



Grant and Riley Baker thought the wooden horse was the best deal of the day at the Big Flea.



Monocacy Lions King Lion Roger Brenholtz and his wife Heidi at the Lions District 22C Dinner, with 2013 Lions Humanitarian Award Recipient JC Hayward (right) of WUSA Channel 9 News, who received \$1,000 for her favorite charity.



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St. Peter's Senior Warden John Clayton and president of the Women of St. Peter's Barbara Andreassen flank Rev. Tom Purdy and family, Donna, Eva, and Calleigh at their farewell fête on Sunday, April 21.

Business Briefs

Bob's Bikes Gets Dumped On

It takes a lot to upset Bob Mallasch of Bob's Bikes in Poolesville. He is well regarded as one of the very most positive and friendly business owners in Poolesville. He is one who is always ready with a broad smile, helping hand, and even a cup of coffee if you have the time. When he went out to put some items in his recycling dumpster, he got a surprise: Someone had dumped three TVs, a cabinet, and a cooler. Bob, unlike the perpetrator of the illegal dumping, takes his responsibilities seriously, and he was the one who had to literally climb into the dumpster and remove the heavy and awkward items—not an easy thing to do, especially on a hotter-than-normal day. This kind of thing happens to our businesses more often than you would think and is very upsetting to the owners. Bob asks anyone who might know who did this to please notify him

Kristopher's Restaurant Now Open on Sundays

The owner of Kristopher's Restaurant, Krum Ivanoff, has decided to open his restaurant on Sundays. The popular eatery, while highlighting pizza, also offers a huge selection of subs and hoagies, sides, salads, and other delectable delights. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and will stay open until 8:00 p.m.

Finders Keepers to Move to Virginia

Jan Schultz and Eleanor Bateman have decided to move their specialty gift shop to Virginia. While the store had a large and very supportive group of custom-

er fans, they did not get enough local shopping support to keep the doors open in Poolesville. Their new location between Leesburg and Lucketts will be inside On A Whim, an antique and home décor boutique.

Round Table Discussion on Economic Development

Few business owners attended the first Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce round table discussion on improving the economic development within the town of Poolesville. PACC president Hilary Schwab and BOD member Rande Davis represented the chamber, and attending on behalf of their businesses were Jan Schultz and Eleanor Bateman (Finders Keepers), George Virkus (Bassett's), Claire Howard (Claire Howard Studios), and Frank Jamison (Jamison Real Estate).

The group supported the town's efforts to bring in more companies to expand employment in the town as perhaps the number one way the town might help retail businesses in town with more residents working during the weekdays. Other ideas included more First Friday (or Saturday) events, accelerated streetscape improvements to make the town more attractive, and changes in town impact fees to make the town more attractive than other areas in the county. The group also endorsed the PACC town visitor maps and encouraged locating the overall map guide plus maps at more town parks and other areas.

Town of Poolesville

AHOP Granted Outdoor Entertainment

By Rande Davis

At the April 15 town meeting, the commissioners took up the matter of outdoor entertainment at the Asian House of Poolesville located at 19611 Fisher Avenue. Under recommendation by the town's Planning Commission, the Poolesville Commissioners voted three to one to approve a variance to allow the Asian House of Poolesville to offer outdoor musical entertainment. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski voted against the variance, and Commissioner Val Dickerson was out of town.

Under the variance, the restaurant was advised that the Board of Zoning Appeals would revoke the privilege if parking at the facility becomes a problem. The musical entertainment will be allowed on the patio but must cease at 9:00 p.m. on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The sound level must adhere to the sound levels in accordance with the Montgomery County Ordinance.

The commissioners also approved a no parking zone on Wootton Avenue from Norris Avenue to Dr. Dillingham Park Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The town received three requests for grant

money from the Poolesville Community Garden (\$2,500.00), PACC Tourist Map (\$2,500.00), and from the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (\$11,500.00) for funds for the annual fire works display. All three requests were tabled for consideration under the upcoming FY2014 budget. The town offered that an in-kind services grant to the Poolesville Community Garden by the town's Parks Department could possibly be an alternative to a cash grant.

The commissioners welcomed representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for an update report on Beallsville's Woodstock Equestrian Park's 873-acre equestrian trail facility. Jim Brown suggested that the town and Woodstock Equestrian Trails could partner in marketing and promoting the facility as mutually beneficial.



Linda Komes and David Tobin updated the commissioners on Beallsville's Woodstock Equestrian Park. The grand opening is April 27.

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Youth Sports

Fun and a Real Game

By Jeff Stuart

For those who follow Poolesville High School sports, the girls on the coed volleyball team are familiar from the fall volleyball schedule. Rosie Barry was also key to the basketball team's success. The boys on the team are better known for their contributions to a number of other fall and winter and even spring sports.

"It is a lot of fun," says junior Trevor Stottlemeyer, a 6'3" forward on the basketball team. "It's not as serious and demanding as some other sports I have played. It's competitive, but having fun is the big thing. I played a little bit in gym class, but this is my first time actually playing on a team. Sarah Kenneweg sort of pressured me to come out. She has been trying to get me to do it for the past couple of years." Trevor plays club basketball on the weekends.

"I talked to everybody, and they said it was a great time," says junior Mitchell Poe, a six-foot guard on the basketball team. "I played JV baseball before in the spring and got tired of that. This is my first year playing volleyball. I had a lot to learn. I think it is competitive, like in those last matches against Wootton and Northwest,

we had long volleys every single game."

"I played on the team last year," says senior Brian Dillon, a captain on the soccer team. "Noah Schwartz, who played soccer with me last year, asked me to try out. It's a lot different. There is a lot less running. I like the team aspect. The girls are so positive and optimistic. You really have to rely on other people. In soccer you make a mistake and somebody else can fix it for you, but if you make one here, no one can fix it for you, so there is a lot of pressure. Yeah, it is competitive enough for me. We played Wootton last night, and they are pretty tough. A lot of schools consider the boys' team a lot more important, but this is competitive and a lot of fun."

"Some of my friends were on this team, so I wanted to join them," says junior Justin Lee who was a captain on the boys' volleyball team last year. "I started playing volleyball with just my parents, and then I played with a club team. I like the people on this team. It's good volleyball. Everybody knows what they are doing. I played soccer with Brian, and he talked me into coming out." Lee plays hard all the time. He doesn't take it easy on anyone.

"It's definitely competitive enough," says Sarah Kenneweg. "We always try to win. I like seeing the improvement in the guys during the season. I'm really excited about this season. I love everyone on the team. Everyone is just so funny and fun to be around."

In addition to Kenneweg and Dillon, seniors Alice Xie and Tony Clements return this year. Clements is sidelined temporarily with a hamstring injury. In addition to Lee, senior Danny Martinez and



PHS coed volleyball team players experience a special blend of competition with just plain fun.

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Brian Sistani came over from last year's boys' team.

Juniors Fangfei Yin, Rosie Barry, and Emily Agate played girls' volleyball in the fall, as did senior Elim Cho. Senior Sean Dalen, freshman Alex Dahlen, and sophomore Brandon Bush are the boys that are new to the team this year.

The team is off to a 4-0 start, having beaten Watkins Mill, Wootton, and Northwest at home, and Northwood away.

An especially exciting match against Wootton at home on April 4 saw both teams returning from spring break ready to play. Poolesville won game one, 25-15. A well-placed hit by Xie gave the Falcons an early 9-2 lead. Martinez had a seven-point service run early. A set by Kenneweg and a smash by Lee made it 14-4. Another Lee spike made it 17-7. Xie had a seven-point service run. In game two, the Patriots woke up, taking a 5-1 lead. A Lee spike gave PHS the lead at 9-8. Wootton took a 13-10 lead before a great get by Elim Cho led to a side out. The game

was tied at 19-, 21-, and 24-all. The intensity picked up. There were long rallies. Wootton won, 27-25. Game three was tied at 4-, 5-, 9-, 11-, 12-, and 1- all. Kenneweg had a good dig leading to a 19-15 lead, and the Falcons won, 25-19. Game four and the match went to the Falcons 25-16.

The home match against unbeaten Northwest on April 10 was a sister-sister conflict with Head Coach Tara Smith of Poolesville leading the Falcons against her sister, Stephanie Withers, head coach of Northwest. Poolesville took the first game, 25-21. There were some great blocks by Lee and Stottlemeyer in game two, but the Patriots pulled ahead from a 5-5 tie and won easily, 25-15. Game three was tightly contested, tied at eight-all, but Sarah had a good service run, giving the Falcons a 13-9 lead. Spikes by Lee at 22-19 and again at game point gave PHS the game, 25-20. Poolesville won game four and the match.

Local News

Poole Store – Closed but Not Forgotten

By Kristen Milton

More than two years after the county's oldest continuously-operating general store lost its title by closing its doors, members of the Upcounty and historical communities are still waiting for the former Poole General Store to welcome visitors again.

"I find it both disturbing and disappointing that the building, with all its charm and all the interest shown by bikers each weekend, can't be opened up," said Dick Stoner, who helped get state funding for the project as part of Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation and who specializes professionally in the reuse of historic buildings. "I

view it as there being options, but it hasn't been prioritized."

The store building, constructed in 1901 and rented by the Poole family for almost forty years, has been vacant since December 2010. That's when the family withdrew from both the store and the house on a three-acre park property at 16315 Old River Road.

Agricultural and equestrian supplies are sold from an outbuilding by Southern States, and the house is occupied by a new tenant, but Joey Lampl, Cultural Resources Manager for Montgomery County Department of Parks, says the store building itself has not been forgotten. According to the parks website, the store is to be open to the public by the end of 2014 and, while other dates on the posted timeline have already slipped away, Lampl said this ultimate goal is still possible. "It's not actually that big a project," Lampl said in an April 18 phone interview.

"It's basically a big room, and we're preserving it."

Stoner agreed, saying restoration efforts have been delayed by administrative red tape. "Two years later, you have a project that a private individual would have done in sixty days... They make it so complicated."

The county was awarded state bond money and a grant in 2011, but bond requirements and short staff have delayed the expenditure of funds, Lampl said. The county needed matching funds as well as an agreement on an easement with Maryland Historic Trust, something that recently occurred. "Everything is good now," Lampl said. "It just makes sure we are good stewards; [and] we keep the windows and some specific features—not too many."

Now, Lampl said, the county is developing architectural and engineering requirements for the building to meet current codes. She hopes documents will be ready by late spring. Once the work is complete, a new lessee will be sought.

In addition, three educational signs, covering the history of the store, nearby Seneca Mill, and the Civil War, have been completed and will be installed within six months, Lampl said.

Stoner, who became a customer of Poole Store as a high school auto mechanics student in 1974, said he appreciates the county's efforts in providing ongoing commercial services and finding a residential tenant but wishes the reopening of the store was more of a priority.

"It's just so sad that the parks board has just left it in its boarded-up, vacant status," Stoner said. "It's very unfortunate to the historical community, to the neighbors who have utilized that store for seventy-five years, and to everyone else who would like to see those doors opened."

Stoner said he still hears talk of ways to repurpose the landmark site. They range from a couple who'd like to run a café to local camps interested in expanding their facilities. Although an earlier attempt to mobilize a Friends-of-

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Letter to the Editor

Finders Keepers is moving! We have already opened inside On A Whim, an antique and home décor boutique between Leesburg and Lucketts, Virginia, just eleven miles away. Stop by to see our ever-changing array of fabulous treasures to update your home. On a Whim is open seven days a week and you can read more at onawhimantiques.com. We have plans to open an additional location in Frederick County later this year.

We have some very loyal customers in Poolesville, and we would like to thank them for their business and friendship. This was not an easy decision. We put our hearts and souls into our store, making it a convenient and fun place for people to get a gift or something for their homes, without having to leave Poolesville, but after four years, we still do not have enough customers to make it profitable to stay in town—and it's not the economy, friends. Other businesses similar to ours in Buckeystown, Lucketts, small out-of-

the-way communities like ours, are doing very well. Rent, taxes, utilities, credit card fees, etc., all take a toll on a business's bottom line, and every time a Poolesville resident chooses to spend his or her money out of town—whether it's for a gift, an antique, or lamp for their home or a gallon of milk or gas—Poolesville businesses suffer and come one step closer to closing their doors. We've seen this before (over and over), and we will see it again. If this doesn't change, Poolesville will become a ghost town, despite people moving into town. It is the streetscape—the storefronts and common spaces—that make a town look vital and alive, and make people passing through want to stop, check it out, move here, and raise their families. We encourage Poolesville residents to stop, think, and really take Shop Local to heart before we lose another business.

Jan Schultz and Eleanor Bateman

Musings from Mama Boe

Fear in .02 Seconds

By Pam Boe

This evening, my Critter did not want to join the rest of us in attending Varmint's softball practice, so I left my smart, resourceful ten-year-old at home running around the yard as Batman with hardly a second thought. He'd stay out of trouble for an hour, after all. I was confident he'd be just fine.

Picture me, forty-five minutes later at Halmos ball field chatting with the other softball mommies, when one of them asked me where my Critter was. I said, "He's at home...didn't want to come."

The look of sheer horror on her face made me blink. "You left

him at home...Alone?" she asked incredulously.

"Um, yeah," I replied, feeling a little awkward. "He's been able to handle that kind of responsibility for a couple of years now." (The last time I checked, the legal age to be left alone in our state is eight, provided there are resources nearby for the child.)

Again, she looked at me with horror. I could feel my cheeks get hot. I hate hot cheeks. I always get them when I feel the need to defend myself.

"I could never do that!" she gasped.

"Why not? When I left him, he was playing Batman, happy as a pig in poop. He was launching himself off the deck to see if his cape would have any aerodynamic ability whatsoever, and having a ball in the process, so why would I drag him away?"

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My cheeks were red hot now. "He knows to call me or 911. He's a pretty smart cookie."

Right around that time I remembered that I *didn't* have my phone. I had accidentally left it at home. Sure, My Captain had his phone with him (he was there helping to coach the pitchers) so Critter could get a hold of one of us if need be, but I didn't have my phone, and I knew I would be the first one he called.

The seed of doubt had been successfully planted. She got me! That other mommy...Mommied Me! My overactive imagination began running amuck. What if at that very moment he was lying in the yard with one...nay...two broken fibulae and couldn't call me? What if he was passed out from the pain, and some rare and poisonous snakes were advancing on his little body. What if he had hit his head and was slowly dying

of intracranial hemorrhage in his Batman cape whispering, "I love you, Mom! I'm sorry! But at least I didn't get your carpet bloody!" to the empty air—all Alone.

My hands were already in my pocket reaching for my keys as I dashed to my car, bellowing to My Captain on the ball field that I was leaving and would see him at home.

I went from being confident in my kid to having absolute irrational fear for my kid in 0.02 seconds—like any other good mother would do.

Of course, when I got home, he was fine—and still jumping off the deck at Mach 3. Why? Because he's Batman.

Local News

Calling All Photographers: Get Your Cameras Ready

Historic Medley District, Inc. announces its 2nd Annual Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve Photo Contest. The theme for 2013 is: "Animals in Their Environment in the Ag Reserve." Pictures should show an animal's sense of place and atmosphere and how it is integrally linked to its environment. Animals may be wild or domestic. The contest submissions will be judged on creativity, originality, and in accordance with the contest's theme. Use a separate entry form for each photo. Opening date: May 1. Closing date: June 15. Entry forms will be available in a box labeled "Photo Contest" on the back porch of the John

Poole House, or you can call HMD at 301-972-8588 or email a request to info@historicmedley.org, MAFOConnell@msn.com, or bauer16510@aol.com.



This entry by Janis Glenn in last year's contest appeared in the Historic Medley District 2013 calendar.

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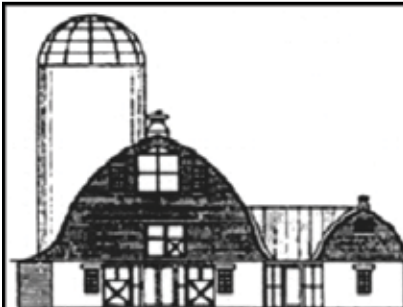
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Royce Hanson, architect of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, will keynote the April 27th event. Hanson spearheaded the efforts to establish Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve in 1980; and to this day, the Ag Reserve is recognized as the nation's largest and most successful model for green space preservation on the urban fringe. **Hanson will discuss the economic and environmental challenges facing farming in our area and the lessons learned at January's Farming at Metro's Edge conference.**

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Jim Choukas-Bradley, President

Local News

The Grand Marshal – Not Just a Pretty Face or a Popular Name

Every year, a grand marshal is selected to be a part of the Poolesville Day Parade. This position is far more than simply a pretty face or a popular name to headline the parade.

Indeed, the concept of a grand marshal to lead a parade has long roots. In medieval times, grand marshals were high-level dignitaries who were chosen to lead a parade or celebration, often before major jousting events. In the military, marshals are often the highest-ranking officers in many countries, often outranking generals.


The essence of the idea of

a grand marshal can be seen in both the positions of those who are selected to assume the title and the reverence attached to the role. They are people of great status in their societies, whether military or civilian. They are often revered for the lives they have led or their accomplishments. They are honored for accomplishing more than most of their peers. More than that, they are often viewed as putting the society or military establishment they represent in the best possible light. In short, they are seen as being a reflection of the institution they are representing and demonstrate to others just what that institution strives to be or how it wants to be seen.

This can all seem a little corny, but, in truth, the grand marshal in the Poolesville Day Parade is far more than simply a title bestowed on a worthy individual. It is an attempt to honor some of the most worthy individuals in our town who reflect in significant ways what we see as important aspects of who we are as a community. So the grand

marshal is not just a title. It is a meaningful and important part of the Poolesville Day celebration.

The Poolesville Day Committee welcomes nominations for this important position. Entry forms are available on the committee web site at poolesvilleday.com.



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School News

PHS among Top in America's Most Challenging High Schools

Poolesville High School ranks number one in Maryland, number three regionally, and number forty-seven nationally in a survey by America's Most Challenging High Schools, an organization that ranks schools, public and private, through an index formula that's a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. The national ranking included 1900 high schools and the rankings regionally include 170 schools.

PHS Midnight Players Present *Guys and Dolls*

Since December, Poolesville High School's Midnight Players have been working on their spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

This famous musical, set in New York City, brings together the thrill of gambling, the sparks of romance, and the hard work of missionaries into one exciting show. The desperate and cash hungry Nathan Detroit needs to find a new spot for his floating crap game but is running short on money. In walks the infamous Sky Masterson, the highest bidder known in town. Nathan makes a bet with Sky that Nathan is certain he cannot lose. Finally, add in a show girl named Adelaide who is dying to marry Nathan Detroit and settle down. Will Nathan find a spot for his crap game? Who will win the challenging bet? Will Adelaide get her man?

Guys and Dolls will be showing at Poolesville High School on April 25 at 7:00 p.m., April 26 at 7:30 p.m., and April 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold for \$7.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults at the box office at Poolesville High School in Falcon Foyer from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45

p.m. every school day. Tickets can also be purchased online on Poolesville High School's home page: Click on the box on the left side that says "Guys and Dolls." Look for a line saying tickets may be purchased online at the PHS online store. Click on that link. Once on the website, choose the desired date and time for a show and buy the tickets. Disregard the request for a student I. D. Please email the show director at Gail_H_Howard@mcpsmd.org to request wheelchair accommodations.

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April 26 and 27

PHS Midnight Players present *Guys and Dolls*

One of America's favorite Broadway plays. Tickets: \$7.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults; sold at the box office at Poolesville High School. Thursday: 7:00 p.m.; Friday: 7:30 p.m.; Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 27

Poolesville Small Engine Spring

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Manufacturer demonstrations, free hot dogs and drink, drawing for Redmax trimmer. 15100 Barnesville Road, Boyds. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PES Community Service Project

Preparation Day: PTA and volunteers will be at Poolesville Elementary doing prep work for the big May 4 and 5 community service project. All are welcome to stop by and help. Bring a sack lunch, and clothes to get dirty. Please visit pespta.com/communityservice to help with a donation, or sign up to volunteer. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Celebrates 40 Years of Rural Advocacy

SCA annual meeting with Royce Hanson as keynote speaker for this special event. The Linden Gothic Barn, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. 9:00 a.m.

Woodstock Equestrian Park Grand Opening

The event will feature a color

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10:15 a.m. - Opening with Color Guard and Dignitary Remarks.

11:10 a.m. - Riding and Jumping Demonstrations

11:30 a.m. - Two on two Polo 20207 Darnestown Road, Beallsville, MD 20839. Rain date: May 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Spring Fling Wing Ding Thing

This is the third annual Poolesville High School reunion party for all graduates of the fifties and sixties. Please bring friends. With some luck they will have the state championship basketball players and cheerleaders. There will be some surprises in store for this one. Come on out and see old friends and meet new ones. Questions? Email Joe Dronenburg at joedoc93@hotmail.com. Cugini's. 1:00 p.m.

April 28

Relay for Life Pink and Purple Garden Party

Hearthside Home and Garden

and the Mixed Greens Market will be hosting a Pink and Purple Garden Party to benefit the Poolesville Relay for Life. They will be donating 10% of sales for the day to Relay for Life. There will be container planting and cooking demonstrations, and door prize for guests. Please wear your pink or purple or both. 3rd Alarm BBQ will also be there that day. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Science and Spirituality: Awaken- ing the Mind-Body Connection

This is a benefit for the Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center featuring neuroscientist Candace Pert, PhD, who will teach about Science of Consciousness and Molecules of Emotion, and Hugh Byrne, PhD, who will teach Meditation: Training Your Mind to Improve Your Brain. Cost: \$59.00. River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

May 1

Community Dinner

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“Commissioners Raise Taxes” Continued From Page 1.

2014 from 2013 (Poolesville’s assessable base has dropped from \$696,268,349 to \$662,170,967).

During the public hearing, all the speakers offered ideas to cut the budget rather than to increase the tax rate. No one spoke against the need to reline the Westerly subdivision as the town has already done for the Wesmond subdivision. Former commissioner Eddie Kuhlman offered a plan that would reline the section in two phases and possibly save enough money not to raise the tax rate in FY2014. As currently proposed, the Westerly Inflow and Infiltration project would reline both the main lines and the lateral lines (those lines that connect a residence or business to the main line) at the same time. Kuhlman suggested that doing the project in two phases, first by relining only the main lines, could save about half of the expenditure for now, and

once the main lines were complete, a further cost benefit study on the lateral lines might determine that not all of them need to be relined, thereby saving costs. Other speakers cited a variety of items for removal from the budget, such as expenditures for new trucks, economic development and market consultant fees, good will grants, etc., to meet the budgetary goals without increasing the tax rate above the constant yield. A final decision on the draft budget will be made at the next town meeting on April

29, 2013 at the town hall.

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Daytripper

Brunswick's History; Frederick's Whimsy

By Ingeborg Westfall

On a day before winter's end, I combined two railroad-related visits, the first to the Brunswick Railroad Museum, the second to the Roads and Rails Museum in Frederick's Shab Row. Not being a railroading aficionado, I wasn't prepared to like either place, but though I complain about new things, I slap myself around a bit and realize it's good to stretch my boundaries so my brain doesn't atrophy—plus any excuse for winter exercise is a good thing, and as I don't own a horse and my cat refuses to walk on a leash, my options are limited.

I like connecting to Maryland's past, and the Brunswick

Railroad Museum—actually two museums in one—provided a glimpse of the town in earlier days, about 1900. A Railroad Life Museum can be found on the second floor, and its exhibits include three Victorian full-scale rooms: kitchen, bedroom, and parlor. On the bed's quilt is what I guess is called a fur stole, made up of possible mink, complete with little scrunched-up faces; such pieces were once thought very stylish. Nearby is a pair of baby shoes with the fronts cut out. Lest you think that macabre, dear me, no, it was simply a way to save money before buying new shoes. Then there's a small classroom with a blackboard sign reading: "Good Morning 1. Bible reading 2. Morning Prayers 3. Pledge of Allegiance 4. Spelling Test." An oldster commented how none of that's done anymore. In the kitchen is a plaque explaining the importance of pork (remember old-time country butcherings?) and even how popular homemade root beer was at Christmas (I recall a venerable

country house with a big dent in the kitchen ceiling from really, really fizzy root beer), and, finally, there's a note about women timing their laundries to dry between train arrivals, otherwise the soot would cover the clothes.

On the third floor is a 1700-square-foot HO scale model railroad layout showing the B&O Railroad's Metropolitan Subdivision from Union Station in D.C. to the Brunswick rail yard complex. The exhibit was created using photographs and blueprints from between 1955 and 1965. It's amazing to see that much countryside with familiar names like Germantown and Rockville.

In Frederick, the newish Roads and Rails Museum is, as they say, a horse of a far different color. This is one thing that might happen when a creative person sells his business and retires. Bored to bits, he considers buying property to store his classic autos and his collection of model trains. Enter his sons, and voilà, you have the idea for a newfound family endeavor. After several years of preparing, they opened the museum in July 2011. In its 2500-square-foot space, a fanciful and delightfully eccentric exhibit that's 127 feet long and as wide as

22 feet meanders through a world in miniature: a zoo, dinosaurs, Graceland, a castle, a barn with a Mail Pouch sign, an amusement park, a volcano, towns, and trains, trains, trains. Many scenes have interactive parts, meaning that at the push of a button, a visitor can activate a variety of props (the volcano, for one, complete with sound). I seem to recall reading about a man taking his grandson to this place thirty times! I hope the grandson was tall enough to see the exhibit (it's on a platform, and grandpas who heft grandsons around the whole thing will go home with unhappy backs).

What I've written, trust me, only scratches the surface of these two wonderful places, and they're both worth a visit. For more information, visit www.brrm.net (301-834-7100) and www.roadsnrails.com (301-624-5524).



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Tidbits

Hitting the Big Time

Being interviewed in the *New York Times* might be someone's idea of hitting it big, but for local author Mary Ann Powell, her interview in Poolesville Elementary School's newspaper, *Tiger Tales*, was clearly a highlight for her. The paper introduces local personalities in its "In the Know" column, and their readers learned a lot about Mrs. Powell. She is not only a retired PHS teacher of twenty-eight years, but her love of horses resulted in her publishing three books themed about horses including: *Emerson and Prince Alley* *Em of Loafing Hills Farm*.

Be Careful What You Pay For

Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski reported to the *Monocle* that an elderly retired gentleman in town was recently scammed. He paid a man to take down trees in his yard, and the man did exactly that: He cut the trees down and departed—no stump grinding or cutting up the remains and hauling them away, he just left. The retiree was beside himself and told a

neighbor of his plight. Well, because he lives in a small town with a big heart, his neighbors, without being asked, took their Sunday morning to cut up the stumps and felled trees, clean up the area, and haul away the debris. "That's why I live in Poolesville, we come together to help each other and expect nothing in return except a "thank you" stated Klobukowski.

Everyone wants a bargain, but when you are planning to lay out your money to a contractor, Klobukowski suggests that you ask to see a license, request references, and call the Montgomery County Consumer Affairs Office 240-777-3636 to verify the license is still valid and to determine if any complaints have been filed/resolved. If someone comes to your door with a fast line, unbelievable story, and a more unbelievable price, just say, "No, thank you," and remember: If it's too good to be true, it's too good to be true. Then call the Montgomery County Police non-emergency number, 301-279-8000, and report them.

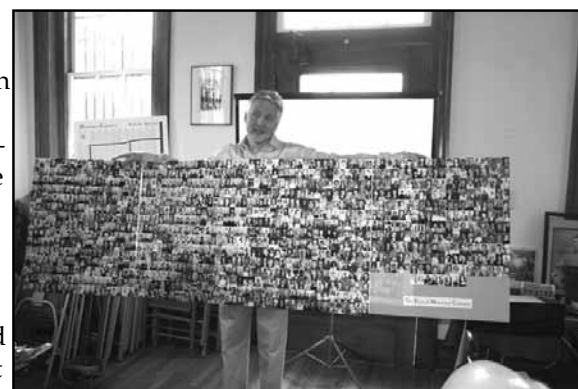
How Many People Are Buried at Monocacy Cemetery?

The quick answer is all of them.

The total figure as of April 14 is 5,485, but that's regrettably subject to change at any moment. Glenn Wallace has created an enormous database of cemetery "residents" that has names, lot numbers, and many bios, along with over 1,200 pictures. His hard work can be seen at monocacycemetery.com, and for the large number of local people whose family and friends are buried there, a great deal of gratitude for Mr. Wallace's work was expressed from attendees at his presentation held at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum on April 14.

In working up the database for the cemetery and trying to obtain photographs of the deceased, Mr. Wallace discovered that Poolesville High School threw out their collection of old yearbooks back in the 1990s. His new project is to reestablish a record for the school of all past graduates. He has established a Facebook page, Poolesville High School History, where many

historical pictures of the school and past graduates are available. If you have an elderly acquaintance that is a graduate of PHS, share this site with him or her. Mr. Wallace is still missing some yearbooks and asks that persons with older PHS yearbooks contact him at monocacycemetery.com to learn which ones he is missing. Eventually, he hopes to have all graduating classes scanned into his Facebook site.



Glenn Wallace shows the 1,200 photographs of persons buried at Monocacy Cemetery he has been able to obtain. He needs help in finding the remaining 4,200.

Monocacy Foundations

Montanverde

By Elisa Graf

I love a good story, as I'm sure many of you do, and this one has it all: traitors, celebrities, love won and love lost, and even a ghost. Many of us drive so near to the historic house and property known as Montanverde every day as we commute down Route 28 to work and don't even know that it exists. The new Black Rock development along Route 28 at Berryville Road sits on what was once one man's property. Major George Peter and his family owned the land from 1781 until the early twentieth century.

George Peter was part of a wealthy and political family in Maryland's early history who were big supporters of the Revolutionary War. His father, Robert Peter, was the first mayor of Georgetown.

In 1781, a man named Daniel

Dulany, a loyalist, lawyer, and former mayor of Annapolis, had hundreds of acres that he owned confiscated due to his support of the British government. The Revolutionaries in the American Colonies saw Dulany as a traitor to the burgeoning government and saw his land ownership as power in the wrong hands. Robert Peter then bought one hundred acres of Dulany's property at auction. Peter leased the land to local farmers.

Upon Robert Peter's death, his property was distributed amongst his children. George Peter was given approximately one fifth of his father's total acres of land, including the land formerly owned by Dulany near Darnestown, and he then purchased an additional five hundred acres from General Montanverde upon the suggestion of family friend George Washington.

George Peter grew up in a time of war and upheaval. By the age of

fifteen, he had joined the Maryland troops fighting in the Whiskey Rebellion of 1779 but was ordered home by Gen. George Washington at the request of his parents. George Peter did not let this slow his military career, however. He quickly rose through the ranks. He was appointed 2nd Lieutenant serving in the Missouri Territory at the time of Lewis and Clark's expedition westward. He was assigned to watch the infamous suspected traitor Aaron Burr and was a witness at his trial. By 1808, he had been appointed major and was the last military officer commissioned by George Washington, commanding the Georgetown Artillery. Although he retired from the military in 1808, he volunteered his services in the War of 1812, leading a battalion of artillery troops at the Battle of Bladensburg, just north of Washington D.C. in 1813. He was well known amongst the troops and something of a war hero.

As he was just about to retire, he built a summer home on the land he had acquired from his father and began construction in 1806. A fairly typical nineteenth-century farmhouse, the home that would be named for its original landowner, Montanverde, is a two-and-a-half-story brick-framed home sheathed in wood clapboards. At each end of the house stand one-and-a-half-story wood-framed wings. Brick fireplaces stand between the main and the smaller wings on each end. The house is situated in such a way that

summer breezes flowing across the field would cool the house in the warmer months.

Major Peter had built the home to escape the hustle and bustle of work and politics in Washington D.C. He was the first democrat elected to Maryland's House of Delegates for the 6th District in non-consecutive terms from 1815 to 1830. He served on the Georgetown Town Council and later was Commissioner of Public Works for the State of Maryland in 1855.

By 1827, Major Peter's work on the C&O Canal and family life encouraged him to leave his main residence in Georgetown and make Montanverde his permanent home.

Major Peter married his first wife in 1809, but the marriage did not last. He would marry two more times and, over the course of the three marriages, had sixteen children. As the children grew older, Major Peter built small two-room houses on the property for the children and their families.

Peter's prominent place in Maryland politics and successful military career made him a prominent member in social circles as well. Many parties and rallies were held at Montanverde. The home hosted many presidential guests such as the Washington family and Zachary Taylor. In 1848, a young congressman from Illinois named Abraham Lincoln



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

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Theft of vehicle: 17400 block of Hoskinson Road.

Theft: 17300 block of Hughes Road, 18200 block of Barnesville Road.

Disorderly conduct complaint: 17400 block of Hughes Road

Past Crime

April 26, 1944 Two residents of the Bethesda Trailer Camp were arrested and charged with the robbery of Whittlesey's Drug Store in Bethesda. The culprits had been referred to as the Lipstick Bandits because a note, written in lipstick, had been found on the floor of the pharmacy. This clue led police to the pair who were staying in the trailer camp.

April 27, 1944 Two women,

the first Montgomery County female police employees, took over dispatching duties because of a manpower shortage caused by police officers being drafted into the armed services. The two were responsible for dispatching radio calls to the thirty-two police cruisers that were equipped with two-way radios. Claire Kenner of Bethesda had been a druggist's assistant, and Josephine Wootton of Rockville had been a switchboard operator.

April 29, 1941 A Germantown painter was arrested and charged with the murder of a Bethesda woman. Dewey Thompson, 43, was said to have fired two shotgun blasts at Clara Robertson at Thompson's home in Germantown. A dispute had broken out over Thompson's arrest a week before for being drunk and disorderly.

May 2, 1944 Two Silver Spring boys decided to take the day off from school and ended up nearly

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being swept over Little Falls Dam on the Potomac River. The boys, nine and ten, somehow made their way to the river where they obtained a boat. The current swept them down the river, and eventually their screams were heard by those on the shore. Firemen in a small boat rescued the boys.

May 10, 1940 Montgomery police were investigating the possibility that children's balloons had caused a number of brush fires near Halpine. Children were seen

playing in the area, and when a balloon landed, and a brush fire started near the landing zone, a passerby stomped out the fire with his feet and notified the police.

May 11, 1944 Two Prince George's County men were found guilty in Rockville court of assaulting Army Private Clarence Ackerman, a veteran of the North African campaign.

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Local News

Police Urge Citizens to Stay Vigilant

By Jack Toomey

In the wake of the act of terrorism in Boston, the Montgomery County Police Department is reminding citizens of their duty to report suspicious situations to the police: See something, say something.

The Department of Homeland Security has developed seven signs of suspicious behavior associated with terrorism (listed below). It is important to call 911 if any of the following behavior is observed:

Surveillance: Recording or monitoring activities. May include drawing diagrams, note taking, use of cameras, binoculars or other vision-enhancing de-

Dry Runs/Trial Runs: Behavior that appears to be preparation for a terrorist act without actually committing the act. Activity could include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

Deploying Assets: Placing people, equipment, and supplies into position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.


When in doubt, call 911. Let the police make the decision whether a situation is suspicious.



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is believed to have attended a political rally at Montanverde and even stayed the night. The room where he is believed to have slept is fondly called the Lincoln Room.

Major Peter and his family would call Montanverde home for the remainder of his life. It is said that in his later years, Major Peter became a bitter angry man. Each night a servant would bring the major a hot toddy to his bedroom and each night, as the servant descended the stairs, the major would violently toss the glass, hot toddy and all, into the fireplace. Major Peter died in the home in 1861. He was then buried in a Georgetown cemetery.

The home stayed in the Peter family until 1913 when William Barnum, a believed relative of famous circus owner P. T. Barnum, purchased the home. Soon after, in 1916, Frank Harman, Sr. purchased the home.

By 1937, he sold the home to his son, Frank Harman Jr., Executive Vice President at the National Bank of Washington. Harman would modernize the home, adding electricity and plumbing. In the 1990s, the home, Road, was still owned by the Harman family but was divided into a multi-family home and became a rental property.

The home was condemned by Montgomery County in 2011. There were even troubles with renters and, some say, a ghost. Some have said that every evening you can still hear Major Peter's hot toddy shattering in the fireplace upstairs. Perhaps he's angry about how things turned out with a home he spent so much of his life in, or he's just a grumpy old ghost.

Maybe the ghost of Major Peter will soon be much happier. Since the county had condemned Montanverde, there have been efforts to save the historic property.

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May 4 and 5

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May 5

Grand Opening: The Darby Store in Beallsville

Montgomery Parks hosts this event that includes an archaeology exhibit, music, and other activities. Tours will be offered at 1:30, 2:30, 3:00, and 3:30 p.m. providing a short history of the site and its rehabilitation. Built in 1910 at what is now the corner of Routes 28 and 109, the Darby Store served Upcounty residents

until its closure in 1958. The Montgomery County Department of Parks purchased the twenty-six acres encompassing the general store in 2004. In 2011, the building was moved twenty-seven feet to a new foundation and equipped with running water for the first time.

Parking for the open house will be at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer **Fire Department**, 19801 **Beallsville** Road, and in the field directly across from the fire department. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with remarks at 2:00 p.m.

May 7

Butler Montessori Special Event Butler School will be hosting an evening discussion entitled: Montessori: Education for the 21st Century. There is no charge for the event, and it is open to the general public. The discussion will highlight the Montessori philosophy and its role in the education of creative, independent, and dynamic individuals. St. Nicholas Episcopal Church at 15575 Germantown Road, Darnestown, corner of Routes 118 and 28. 7:00 p.m.

May 8

Relay for Life Bachelor Auction Special fundraising event at Cugini's Restaurant on behalf of Poolesville Relay for Life. 8:00 p.m.

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Poole-Store group never materialized, Stoner would still like to coordinate some such effort.

"If there was an indication that the RFP [request for proposals] was around the corner, people would be talking," he said.

Carole Rae Hansen, director of Equine Therapy Associates, said she would like to see the current Southern States proprietors granted a multi-year lease on the store building, something she said has been requested repeatedly in the past.

The lack of certainty "adversely affects their planning, let alone the planning of the agricultural community, as we are never sure how long we will have secure access to a proximate and reasonably-priced source of agricultural inputs, feeds, bedding, straw, hay, materials, and implements," Hansen wrote in an emailed interview. Hansen further said that the outbuilding where hay and straw are currently sold is also in need of repairs.

At an open house held a month after the store closed, John Nissel, chief of facilities management, listed various building improvements needed in order for the store to qualify for an occupancy permit. These included structural work, electrical improvements, insulation, possible lead paint abatement, replacement of the boiler and air conditioning system, and replacement of the failing septic system.

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focus on promoting alternative energy sources, encouraging the conservation of energy and water, and a raising of awareness about existing hazardous and non-hazardous waste recycling programs, recognized the synergy in their mission and the goals of the church.

Ultimately, the site will have twenty-four raised garden beds, mostly four by eight feet in dimension with a couple a bit smaller to make room for a sculpture to add to the ambience of the garden.

In typical Poolesville-area fashion, individuals and businesses have begun to come together with donations of cash, expertise, and services. Julie Halstead led a contingent of supporters in requesting a grant from the town of Poolesville at the April 15 town meeting. While grant funds for the year are exhausted, the commissioners offered consideration of in-kind services for now and another review of their request for the upcoming fiscal year.

The goal is for the first planting season to be next spring. Persons wanting to join in the developmental process may reserve a garden space or may make a donation by emailing poolesvillepresbyterian@verizon.net.

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In the Garden

The A+ List

By Maureen O'Connell

Whenever I am in a food buffet line, my eyes are often bigger than my stomach, and I end up with a plate of food all running together and eventually uneaten. The same thing happens every year with my wish list of perennials for my gardens and containers. In mid-winter, I study the garden catalogs and order this and that, and more of this and that. I try to cut the list back, but, in the end, I usually put all the rejects back on the list. In April and May, I prowl the local garden centers and fill up their large, green push baskets until they are overflowing. The moment of truth comes when I start to unload all the plants at home and UPS begins its deliveries. I then must admit, "Where am I going to plant them all?" Well, it is that time of year again, and I am determined to be more disciplined in what and how many plants I buy. After thirty years of gardening, I know fairly well what plants are reliable in our area, are good solid A+ performers, and are low maintenance. Now

this does not entirely exclude an occasional Experimental Extra. Below is my list of the Tried and the True.

Phlox paniculata: This important genus of garden plants includes many varieties that bloom both early and late, in sun and shade, and in a mélange of delicious, ice cream colors. Some phlox are susceptible to powdery mildew, so you must choose with care and provide them with good air circulation. Years ago, I tired of the powdery mildew; now I grow only 'David' and 'Bright Eyes.' They have excellent mildew resistance. Recently, 'David's Lavender,' a sport of 'David,' was introduced, and it, too, is an amazing ninety-nine percent mildew-free.

Coreopsis: These daisy-like plants are native to the southeastern United States and Mexico. They are not picky about soil, diseases, and pests, but they do like full sun. Cut the stems back after the first flowering and they will continue blooming until the first frost. My favorite is the pale, yellow-flowered 'Moonbeam.' I planted one plant in Molly's Garden many years ago; every year it faithfully comes back and even multiplies but not in an invasive manner. Only good-mannered plants are allowed in dear Molly's

Garden. I am trying two new varieties this year: 'Sienna Sunset' and 'Zagreb.' I will let you know how they perform.

Hemerocallis: Daylilies, as they are commonly called, are the dream plants of every good gardener. Their list of attributes is endless: disease and pest resistant; glorious flowers in every shade (except blue); long season of bloom; very easy to transplant; quick to multiply; tolerates poor ground and soil conditions. What more can I say? 'Stella de Oro,' with its golden yellow flowers, set the standard many years ago for this species. 'Lady Elizabeth,' a pure white, and 'Lemonn Vista,' a slightly lime-tinged yellow, are relatively new. I planted Elizabeth last year and Lemonn this year; they are both thriving.

Hosta (every one of them!): This wonderful genus of shade lovers has seventy species, all from China and Japan. When I was growing up, there were very few different varieties, and they were all about leaves. Today, hybridizers have produced a large variety of all different sizes, colors, and leaf-types with an equal variety

of beautiful and different flowers. 'Patriot,' with its dark green foliage with a pure white margin, is a classic. I also love 'Aphrodite' and the blues: 'Blue Angel,' 'Blue Mammoth,' and 'Prairie Sky,' but I must admit that my overall favorite is the diminutive 'Little Blue Mouse Ears.'

Heuchera: Coral bells used to come in fairly drab, boring colors, but over the last several years, they have come alive in shades of bright pinkish-orange, brilliant chartreuse, rose-purple peach, glossy jet black, soft red, and new this year, 'Dark Chocolate.' They do well in poor soil, are pest (and deer) and disease resistant, and tolerate our humid, hot, and dry summer weather. They have become quite the glamorous plants.

Rosa rugosa: Now, before

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you say that you will not put up with the high maintenance of roses, let me introduce you to a very low-maintenance rose, the rugosa. I have lost my love for the supposed low-maintenance Knock-out Roses, but my love for the rugosas has been steady for thirty years. I call them my phoenix roses. Like the legendary bird, they come back faithfully every year; if some branches die back, new ones appear. Their strong and intoxicating perfume travels the length and width of my gardens. You want to bury your nose in their flowers. My two favorites are Roseraie de L'Haÿ and Blanc Double de Coubert. They were both bred for their fragrance, the former in 1892 and the latter in 1901. I vividly remember seeing, at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France, high above the D-Day landing beaches, rows of planted Roseraie De L'Haÿ near a

memorial to the fallen.
Rudbeckia: The commonly-called Black-eyed Susan is one tough and very prolific garden plant. Give it full sun, and it will bloom from May till the first frost.
Dicentra: The old-fashioned, pink Bleeding Heart plant, *Dicentra spectabilis*, has been around for quite a long time. I remember it from my childhood. It lasts just a few weeks in May, but while in bloom, it is wonderful. I actually prefer the dainty, white 'Alba.' It looks spectacular planted amongst ferns and hostas.

I hope that these few selections will help you manage your "overeating of plants" this spring. I have little hope for myself.





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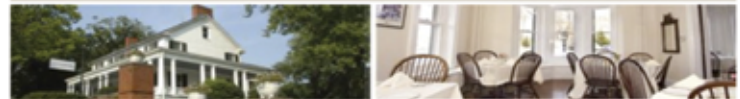
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