



*Emerson Pollicino dances with her little brother Sutton on a hot summer evening. More pictures of summer are in the Family Album on page 2.*



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## *Dickerson Girl Chosen for Prestigious Equestrian Committee*

The Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), one of the world's most prestigious equestrian events, announced the twenty members of its Junior Committee for the 2013 show, which will run October 22 to 27, 2013 at Verizon Center.

Dickerson's Madeline Poss was selected to the committee. She attends Poolesville High School and started riding at age five. This is Poss's second year on the WIHS Junior Committee.

WIHS received many applications from very qualified students. The Junior Committee consists of students from public, charter, and private

schools in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., and as students graduate and go to college, a new class of members comes on board. Of the twenty members, eleven are returning members who will mentor the new class.

The Junior Committee program was created in 2009 to engage young equestrian enthusiasts from the local community who have an interest in learning about WIHS and working side by side with the WIHS staff to produce the event. WIHS also relies on the youth perspective in developing many special programs and community-related events.

"It's great to see how interest in the Junior Committee program has grown over the past five years," said Bridget Love Meehan, WIHS executive director. "It's terrific to see the kids working together throughout the summer and fall, and the incredible energy, great ideas, and enthusiasm they bring to the projects they take on."



*Dickerson's Madeline Poss has been selected to the Washington International Horse Show Junior Committee.*

## *Daytripper: Musings and Destinations*

By Ingeborg Westfall

Anyone who has read my columns knows I'm a museum junkie. For a certain kind of recluse, museums become sanctuaries, places of shared secrets, with perceived personal messages. Repeat visits become pilgrimages to visit old friends, so on a recent visit downtown, I headed to a showcase of American arts and crafts, the Renwick Gallery, a glorious, friendly, and eccentric part of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, located in a historic

mid-1800s building on the same block as the White House. The Grand Salon on the second floor, with its seventy paintings by fifty-one American artists, is worth a visit all by itself—but I was there to see furniture, thirty-seven pieces in all—beds, tables, church pews, newel posts, etc.—by North Carolina's Thomas Day (1801-1861). The more I saw and read, the more I was drawn to the graceful pieces, not just for their beauty, but also because Thomas Day was a free man of color who owned a successful business, had slaves and apprentices, and whose creations well-to-do white people bought ready-made or commissioned for their artistry, beauty, and utility.

The words "antebellum" or "antebellum South" conjure up

pictures of grandeur, plantations, great wealth, grinding poverty, and, of course, slavery. At the time, North Carolina was one of the more oppressive states for African Americans and became more so during the time Thomas Day worked and lived there (he opened his shop in Milton in 1827). They couldn't vote, they couldn't



*London Town and Gardens in Edgewater, Maryland.*

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# Family Album



Friends came together for music and soccer games in the park.



This Sunday morning exercise club invites others to join them at Whalen Commons.



It takes a tough man to get those burgers just right on a hot day. Ted Wroth of St. Peter's Church did the honors for their recent Community Dinner.



Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band played to a crowd that was not easily deterred by the extremely hot weather.

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## In the Garden

# A Peaceable Kingdom

By Maureen O'Connell

My garden and I have arrived at a truce; I will accept it on its terms, acquiescing to its ability or lack thereof to withstand the climatic conditions of our Monocacy area and the bugs that attack it. As I do not spray anymore with systemic pesticides and fungicides, I have resigned myself to deal with the Japanese beetles and the other creepy crawlies that reside in my garden in the summer and to ignore the blackspot and powdery mildew. It is summer, and it is what it is. I am no longer a slave for it. Now, this does not mean that I have stopped working in my garden; I spend five to ten hours a week there, and it does not mean that my garden plots are weedy and barren of flowers. Quite to the contrary, they are beautiful, if I say so myself. With a bit of research and planning, you can arrive at a garden design that is relatively low maintenance and abounding in flowers.

What's the plan? They key is in choosing the right plants for our area. From years of gardening, I know what does well and what does not, but my one exception to this maxim is my roses. For years, I sprayed them every week with insecticides and fungicides. Most of them still got blackspot and were eaten by Japanese beetles and a myriad of other eat-in-the-night crawlies. Now, in keeping with the terms of my truce, I enjoy the beauty of my roses when they are at their best, which is usually in our area from May to June. By about the first of July, all of roses' enemies are out and about. My hybrid teas are hit the hardest. The David Austin English roses fare a bit better, depending upon their variety. An interesting observation that I have noticed is that the Japanese beetles are more attracted to the roses growing in full sun, as opposed to those in part sun/part shade. The roses in my upper garden are mere skeletons, their leaves reduced to an unrecognizable brownish, lacy form

clinging to bare, spindly branches. Rather than seeing them in this ugly state, I cut them down to the ground. When the beetles leave town in about mid-August and the weather may start to cool down in September, my roses might resurrect like the phoenix and give me some beautiful blooms in October, but, phoenix-like again, they will come back again in the spring.

Who are the Summer Soldiers that can beat the heat, humidity, drought, pests, and diseases? There are many, but here are my top favorites.

*Buddleia davidii* Lo and Behold 'Blue Chip.' This is a shrub, but I am including it among the soldiers since it is a must have for the summer garden, if just for the butterflies it attracts. This is perfect for smaller gardens, as it grows supposedly to only twenty inches by twenty inches. I have eight of them in my middle garden and they are beautiful, but they are about five feet tall, a still manageable size. Cut them back to about twelve inches in the spring.

*Coreopsis*. These daisy-like plants are not in the least fussy about anything. Give them full sun and they will bloom non-stop from June to October. The classic is 'Moonbeam,' with its pale yellow flowers and needle-like foliage. This year, I planted two new varieties: 'Sienna Sunset,' orange blossoms overlaid with burnt sienna; and 'Zagreb,' bright golden-yellow flowers. Both are doing very, very well.

*Heuchera*. Coral bells, an American genus with lobed leaves and tiny, bell-shaped flowers on wand-like stems, are one of the most glamorous foliage plants that do well in our area. They used to come only in drab colors, but now you can find them in shades ranging from bronze, burgundy, peach, chocolate, chartreuse, lime, lemon, and violet. Plant them in a semi-shaded area and they do very well.

*Hemerocallis*. Daylilies have been around for a long time, but they still are the classics of the garden. 'Stella de Oro' is the grand dame, but daylily breeders have been busy in recent decades, and there has been an explosion of new colors, forms, and bloom times. They come in every color but blue and can provide blooms from May to October. My favorites are

'Going Bananas,' 'Lady Elizabeth,' 'Lemorn Vista,' 'Hyperion,' 'Rosy Returns,' and 'Stephanie Returns.' Hosta. Any and all.

Lantana. This is an annual, but it is the best for our climate and a nonstop bloomer.

Nepeta. Your cat will love you for planting catmint. *Nepeta X faassenii* S 34560 is a great choice for walkways or underplanting roses.

*Echinacea*. These perennials should be one of the backbones of your summer gardens. Coneflowers cheerfully tolerate all that our summer weather can throw at them. 'Magnus,' an older variety with carmine-rose petals and an open-faced form, is a classic. Look also for 'Solar Flare,' 'Pow Wow Wild Berry,' 'Harvest Moon,' 'Hot Papaya,' and 'White Swan.'

Phlox. The only one to plant is 'David.'

Rudbeckia. One of the best and most low maintenance plants is the Black-eyed Susan 'Goldsturm.'

*Perovskia*. Now I don't usually look to roadside plants for garden recommendations, but they are there for a reason; they are tough

critters that can take all the highway can give them. Next time you travel the Inter County Connector Highway, notice the many plantings of *perovskia*, Russian sage. They are vigorous and hardy, ignoring heat, drought, and pests. They look very good with pink or red coneflowers.

Lavender is a fragrant, tough, deer-proof beauty that belongs in all gardens. All of my roses are underplanted with various varieties. Cut them back to about twelve inches in the spring, and they rebound every year with lush green foliage and slender, arching flowers stems with small flowers heads with the scents of the gardens in the south of France. They are a magnet for bees. My favorite varieties are 'Provence,' 'angustifolia,' 'Hidcote,' and 'Munstead.'

Life is full of compromises, even in the garden. Make peace with your garden and enjoy it as much as you can.

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**Commentary**

**Critical Mass**

By John Clayton

About this time every year, my summer reading kicks into a higher gear. This always seems to coincide with the Major League Baseball All-Star Break, which for those of you not so afflicted, is a one-week hiatus in the normal baseball season. This ends soon, but as I found out once again how much I like reading, the change in my habits will remain in effect for the rest of the season. Clearly, this is as it is meant to be.

The other thing that is finally as it is meant to be is our stinking weather. As predicted by many, our complaining about the cloudy and rainy summer has been rewarded with the hazy, hot, and humid blanket of discomfort that we all love so much (it's why we live here, right?); however, this has been the perfect time of year to sit outside and read the new

book by local author Steve Vogel, *Through the Perilous Fight*. This is a great book and if you don't believe me, check out the reviews online, or even more importantly, check out Dominique Agnew's profile of Vogel in our May 24 issue, available online.

The book covers the events in and around Washington and Maryland during the War of 1812, and more specifically, in the summer of 1814, with the Battle of Bladensburg, the burning of our nation's capital, and the attack on Baltimore, among other related events. The weather is a constant factor. As I trudge around the steamy outdoors performing those few outdoor tasks I can't otherwise shirk, I have to think of what I just read, about soldiers on both sides marching in July and August misery in wool uniforms, carrying packs and heavy muskets, and hauling all sorts of equipment and supplies.

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## Local News

### Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

#### Open Discussions Consume Town Meeting

The July 15 town meeting became primarily an opportunity for public discussion on various topics that have previously been covered and await final resolution. The meeting room was filled with spectators who were mostly there to show support for the construction of a solar power array that, if built, would provide electrical power for the town hall, the wastewater treatment plant, and four water pump stations. Others queried about the Dollar General variety store scheduled to be built next spring. Ironically, a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on Landlord/Tenant Relations did not have any speakers come forward.

#### Solar Array, Again

Attorney Jay Gullo, after providing a brief history of the eighteen-month process of consideration and negotiation for the solar array, noted that the town has provided its contractual terms to the solar energy financing company, UGI, through their agent Standard Solar, and until they hear back from them, no further action can be taken on solar energy for the town.

The commissioners have received a recommendation of changes in the layout plan from

the Planning Commission, which has taken into consideration comments by residents living near the proposed site of the array. The recommendations include moving array panels and obscuring their presences through fencing and planting of trees. One resident came forward with an alternative energy plan using methane gas released from the treatment of sewage to power an energy turbine for electricity. Town manager Wade Yost told the *Monocle* that the fundamental problem with this concept is that the needs of Poolesville are too minimal for such a system to be efficient.

#### Comments on Proposed Tenant/Landlord Ordinance – Not

The July 15 public hearing on Ordinance No. 196: To Adopt Montgomery County Code Provisions Applicable to Landlord-Tenant Relations did not have anyone offering comment on the proposal. The town is considering incorporating the county code regulating relations between landlords and tenants, and authorizing the county jurisdiction over such disputes. The town has its own charter and does not currently offer remediation services to resolve disputes between landlords and their tenants. If the proposed ordinance is approved at the next town meeting, the town will accept county authority in this area. All landlords within the town will be required to participate, and the expected annual fee will be \$100.00. There is no fee for tenants.

#### Dollar General Comments

Despite a flurry of opinions flying on Facebook, only two residents made it to the most recent town meeting to speak on the building of the new Dollar General Store. Individuals expressed concern about the viability of the market plan of the store and questioned if the town should allow the construction of the enterprise. As to the commissioners' ability or power to restrict such business development based on personal preferences, Commissioner Chuck Stump offered the following public statement on Facebook. "We cannot turn away one retail store based upon brand or prices and at the same time allow another retail store as it meets a subjective perception. If we attempted this approach, we would land in court, spend a lot of taxpayer money on legal bills, and inevitably lose. There are many legal precedents which ensure this outcome, and pursuing this action will assuredly end in a lose-lose scenario."

Commission President Jim Brown also offered the following

statement to the *Monocle* about Dollar General: "The folks at Dollar General don't choose locations on a whim. They do plenty of research—more than we could ever do—in order to come to a decision on where to build, plus not everyone can afford to pay full retail price on the products they buy. I'm very happy Dollar General has decided to invest in Poolesville. I also think it's great that we'll have another place of employment in town."



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## Local News

# War Declared in Poolesville?

A declaration of war, ahem, waterballooning has shattered the normally sleepy town of Poolesville, and the surprising combatants are two of Poolesville's own churches: Poolesville Baptist Church (PBC) and Poolesville Presbyterian (PPC). These normally peaceful summer venues for Vacation Bible School and non-vacationing worshippers have erupted into battle cries of "Onward to glory!" and "Balloons are on sale at CVS for \$1.99!"

While the town reels from the pressure erupting from either side of Fisher Avenue, residents are struggling to understand how this could have happened. Both churches insist the other was the instigator, but neither can identify a specific event as the trigger.

Said one congregant, "I have no idea what this is all about, but I'm ready to burst some balloons in the name of Christ!"

So is waterballooning the answer to the question, "What would Jesus do?"?

"Most definitely!" enthused another churchgoer. "What better way to prove divine support of your theological details than by the precision of a balloon throw? I tell you, when one church group leaves that battlefield dry, and the other is completely drenched, it will resolve once and for all the question of how to correctly baptize people."

Although the battle on Whalen Commons isn't until August 18, the two churches have already launched covert strikes against each other. Last Sunday, congregants at PBC arrived to find their sanctuary peppered with pro-Presbyterian signs, taunting pew cards, and coupons for Listerine. The pew cards encouraged Baptists to defect to PPC, with the promise of "sermons only twenty minutes long!" Meanwhile,

Presbyterians discovered their own church and road sign had been "Baptist-ized" overnight, but neither set of invaders forgot their commission to be bringers of goodwill: Gifts of homemade cookies were also delivered during the raids.

While the Presbyterians and Baptists become further embroiled in their (hardly even) hostilities, a sense of unease has spread throughout the surrounding community. Worshippers arriving at Memorial United Methodist Church (MUMC) on Sunday couldn't help but notice PPC's sabotaged sign across the street. "That sign breaks my heart," sighed Methodist Pastor Bill Maisch. "It's just wood and paint. I wish the other churches could see the light—like the kind shining from our sign," he said, referring to MUMC's new digital version. "A house of God needs flashing amber pixels."

Other signs in Poolesville indicate the town may ultimately call for a peaceful resolution. As fictional resident Nadine Magee

put it, "Everyone is so fired up over differences – our nation, the world—and now here it is in Poolesville. Everyone should just cool down. It's like they all need to be doused in water that's—I don't know—held in lightweight, airborne containers, and delivered over and over again," she shrugged hopelessly, "but I suppose it would take a miracle for that to ever happen

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Vogel makes several references to the troops’ relief at being able to occasionally march under the shade of forested areas, after long stretches in the open. Sitting in my own shaded spot on a hot July day, sipping an icy glass of well water with just the right amount of lemon, and resisting the impulse to go back inside my office and actually do some work, I am astounded at their fortitude under such conditions. It is very well-described in the book, I recommend it highly, and I will say no more about it lest I ruin the ending.

The return of baseball, the lure of a good book, and plenty of work I should otherwise be doing has also kept me from dwelling too much on the affairs of state in our present-day, fully air-conditioned seat of national government, or the rest of our fractured world. This is honestly a true statement, not a sneaky segue into a rant of some kind.

There are serious issues in the world, such as, and by no means limited to, events in Egypt, Syria, and Afghanistan, that I would not presume to trivialize, but I have come close to the point of no return reading debates and commentary over the IRS, the NSA, Snowden the traitor, 46 billion dollars for 700 miles of fencing and 20,000 border agents, standing your ground, implementing the Affordable Care Act, defeating ObamaCare, the Virginia governor’s race, the Virginia governor’s wife, John Kerry’s yacht, the Queen of England, the Tea Party, the 2016 presidential race, pictures of terrorist bombers, farm subsidies, food stamps, and filibusters. Important issues all, but I’ve reached midsummer overload. Go Nats.

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## Things to Do

July 26 through August 9

### Library Art Show

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July 26

### Music Concerts in the Park

Chris Adams Band  
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7:30 p.m.

### AHOP Entertainment Night

Featuring: Kelsey Siegel  
8:30 p.m.

July 27

### Dogs Day of July

Bring your favorite pup to the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards for a fun day of activities. Dog-topis, a dog day care in North Bethesda will be at SMV with trivia and prizes. The Go Fish! food truck will be on site from

noon to 5:00 p.m. with fresh seafood meals available for purchase, and Angie Miller will be playing live music on the patio from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### AHOP Entertainment Night

Featuring: DJ Slim Pickins  
8:30 p.m.

July 28

### John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum

Open to public  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

July 29

### Book Discussion Group for Adults

Featuring: *Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch* by Sally Bedell Smith. Poolesville Library.  
7:00 p.m.

### Diane Macklin: Storyteller – Digging in the Dirt

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4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**July 30  
Poolesville Library – Teen Movie Night**

Featuring: *Hunger Games*

It’s a fight for survival in an arena filled with dangerous wilderness and killer competition! Teens, ages 12-18, are invited. Free popcorn provided by the Poolesville Library Advisory Committee.

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**August 2  
AHOP Entertainment Night**

Featuring: Ron Kemp Project  
8:30 p.m.

**August 3  
Car Show Benefit**

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For information, contact Nicole Onley at 301-520-9772, or Steve Reed at 301-758-7541. More information is also in Tidbits elsewhere in this issue. Car registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Admission to the event is free.

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**August 4  
Tibetan Buddhist Master to Offer Empowerments**

Tibetan Buddhist Master, His Holiness Karma Kuchen Rinpoche, will bestow a special empowerment ceremony in an extremely rare visit to Maryland. This traditional empowerment ceremony is open to all.

At 10:00 a.m., the Amitabha and the Amitayus, Long Life Empowerments, will be conferred. At 2:00 p.m., a luncheon in Rinpoche’s honor will be held. Preregistration for the one-day event is recommended. The suggested donation is \$40 for general attendance and \$25 for seniors and full-time students.

All events will take place outdoors in a tent on the lawn at KPC, since the indoor Temple is temporarily closed to public assembly. Location is 18400 River Road, Poolesville. For further information and to register online go to [www.tara.org](http://www.tara.org) or call 301-710-6259 or email [kpc@tara.org](mailto:kpc@tara.org). More information is also in Tidbits elsewhere in this issue.

**John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum**

Open to the public  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**August 5  
Poolesville Commissioners’ Meeting**

Town Hall  
7:30 p.m.

**August 6  
Library Special Event: Jack and the Beanstalk by Rainbow Company Interactive Theatre**

Come plant magic beans and see what grows by the light of a full moon in this interactive production for children of all ages. A summertime program for children and families. Poolesville Library.

3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**August 9  
AHOP Entertainment Night**  
Featuring: Second Time Around  
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**August 10  
Summer Writer's Workshop at Fox Haven**

This seminar experience presented by Susan Cohen, author of *The Geography of Childhood*, explores the concept that “everyone has a story to tell.” Attendees will explore the connection of childhood places that impact life through shared readings of their original works. This workshop is for both novice and advanced writers.

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## High Temperatures Are Here to Stay for the Summer

Dogs and cats are our friends. We want them to share our lives and they make us happy, so it is natural to want to share the experiences of exploring the world with them along for the ride, but in these high summer heat days, it is critical to remember that leaving your pet inside a locked car, even with the windows down, can be deadly to them.

Even on milder days in our August heat, the inside of a closed car, or even one with the windows cracked, can reach over 110 degrees within 20 minutes. **THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR LEAVING YOUR PET INSIDE YOUR CAR.**

Puppies, geriatrics, and specific breeds (dark-coated, Pugs, Pekingese, Boston Terriers, Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Great Danes, St. Bernards) are at greater risk of heat stroke. They cannot cool themselves rapidly due to reduced airway flow or extreme size.

Remember that dogs do not sweat. They only cool themselves by panting.

Signs of heat stroke can include: weakness, vomiting, disorientation and difficulty standing, diarrhea, with blood, tremors or loss of consciousness, excessive drooling, heavy Panting, and loss of responsiveness to your voice

### First Aid:

- Hose or dunk them in tepid (not cold) water.
- Flush their mouths with cool water repeatedly.
- Place alcohol-soaked towels between their legs and under their arms.
- Go immediately (don't wait to talk to your vet) to your veterinarian or the closest veterinary office by you (smart phone use).

### Guarded prognosis:

Depending on the length of exposure, the delay in getting treatment, and other age and health factors, the prognosis can be good or bad. Kidney, liver, and brain damage are the most common effects of prolonged heat exposure. Dogs and cats can look fine immediately after recovering from heatstroke only to become very ill within one to two days.

### Final thoughts:

- See your veterinarian for blood work if you think your pet has been overheated
  - Watch your pets for any changes in their behaviors or attitudes on hot days
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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

The Montgomery County Police Department was not able to provide data for this edition.

### Past Crime

**July 28, 1953** Two Montgomery County men drowned in a farm pond. Police said that one of the men was sunning himself on a raft in a pond on the Sanders Farm when the second man swam out to meet him. The raft was upset and the first man, who could not swim, went under dragging the second man with him. Their bodies were recovered hours later.

**July 29, 1953** A day camp bus struck a tree on Rockville Pike and fourteen youngsters were injured, four seriously. Police said that the bus, owned by Camp Waradaca, was being operated by a seventeen-year-old bus driver. All he could tell police was that the "bus struck the tree." The camp director said that the driver

was a swimming instructor at the camp but had been asked to drive the bus because of a shortage of drivers.

**August 2, 1952** A twenty-seven-year-old painter, employed by the Montgomery County School System, led police on an hour-long chase after he escaped from the Bethesda police station. Police said that a nine-year-old girl reported that a man had taken her into a bathroom at her school and raped her. When police went to the school, she pointed out the painter as her assailant. The man was placed under arrest and then taken to the Bethesda police station. While he was unattended on the third floor, he slipped down the back steps and walked out onto Wisconsin Avenue where he hailed a cab. The police broadcast a lookout for him which was heard by the taxi driver. In the meantime, a large contingent of police was focusing on northbound Wisconsin Avenue. The man jumped out of the taxi

and fled onto the White Flint golf course. During the course of the manhunt, police fired shots at him, and eventually he was captured.

**August 3, 1953** The body of a soldier was found near his car which was parked at Edwards Ferry. It was determined that the man had committed suicide a week before and that his body had lain undiscovered for that length of time.

**August 6, 1952** A small child was accidentally killed by a rural mail carrier on Travilah Road in the Big Pines section of the county. Police said that when her mother and ten-year-old brother went out to the mailbox at the sound of the horn by the mailman, the little girl apparently followed. Somehow, the girl darted into the road and was run over by the mailman's wheels. Police investigated and said that no charges would be placed.

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

### "Daytripper" Continued From Page 1.

seek education, they couldn't cross county lines. Yet he owned a thriving and successful business. How did he do it? What was his life like? Researchers are still piecing together his life story, and with every new bit of information, each piece newly attributed to his workshop, he becomes even more revered as a great American craftsman and artist.

Another trip took me to London, no, not the one across the Pond, but London Town and Gardens in Edgewater, Maryland. It's a living-history site, giving us glimpses of one of Maryland's important centers for transportation and trade beginning in the late 1600s, thriving until 1747, when legislators failed to choose it as one of the state's official tobacco inspection stations. By the end of the American Revolution, it was almost abandoned. The twenty-three-acre park in Anne Arundel County is an enriching place, whether you just

want to walk through and admire the eight-acre woodland garden, or observe historic garden techniques and heirloom plants featured in the Kitchen Garden and the African American garden. Who knew that scratchy teasel, now regarded as a weed, was used in carding wool? Children can learn to use tools of the time and understand the importance tobacco once held in Maryland's history. Of course, there's always the romantic image of the mermaid, London Town's logo, based on three delft plates found by archaeologists excavating under one of several taverns in the town.

To me, both London Town and the Thomas Day exhibits illustrate the selectivity of history. Diverse factors determine what remains, what disappears, and then add prejudices or mere preferences of a particular society's time, and what survives, what remains for us to study and learn from and be curious about years later often seems pure whimsy.

The good part is such things make us think; the not-so-good part is that our own prejudices may add to the obscurity of the overall picture.

The Renwick's website is [americanart.si.edu](http://americanart.si.edu). Even after the Day exhibit closes, the Renwick will remain a wonderful place to visit. Information about London Town can be found at [www.historiclondontown.org](http://www.historiclondontown.org).

## Business Briefs

### Local Attorney Forms New Partnership

Karen Alegi has partnered with Frederick attorney Jodi Anderson (Foss) to form Alegi Anderson, LLC. Alegi Anderson's main office is located at 3280 Urban Pike, Suite 103, Urbana, MD 21754, and they will maintain offices in Poolesville and Rockville for client meetings. The firm provides representation in general litigation, family law, wills, trusts, and real estate matters. Karen also conducts real estate settlements through Authority Real Estate Settlements, Inc. For more information, visit [www.AlegiAnderson.com](http://www.AlegiAnderson.com).

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## Focus on Business

### CNS: High Tech In a Small Town

By Susan Petro

Tucked away in Poolesville's original brick office park is a decidedly high-tech firm that offers information technology (IT) support for a wide range of businesses, nonprofit agencies, and government organizations such as the National Institute of Health, the Humane Society of the United States, and the Department of Defense. CEO Karen Kalantzis and Vice-President of Business Development Marshall Michaels cofounded Computer Network Services, a small low-voltage cabling installation company with just three employees in the basement of their townhouse in 1993. Twenty years later, CNS has grown to five offices and forty-four employees. Their main office is now located in Poolesville.

Karen and Marshalls each have extensive experience and knowledge in the computer science industry. Karen holds an MBA from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Indiana University. Marshall has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science from Ohio University. Although each had expertise in many aspects of computer and network support, they decided to focus their attention on creating a low-voltage cable installation business. At the time, the job of cable installation fell to many of the baby bell companies that were created when AT&T was split up by a court ruling. Marshall said many of these companies did sloppy work, so they decided that they could do a better job than what the other companies were offering. With a \$10,000 loan from Marshall's father, they formed CNS.

Early on, Karen and Marshall decided to set themselves apart by paying attention to the even smallest details of operations. For instance, when installing a simple cable jack, many company technicians did not bother to clean up the mess they created when cutting out the drywall, and they neglected to label the cables. By taking simple measures like wip-

ing off the dust, and adding labels to the cabling, CNS built up a steady stream of satisfied customers. The business grew through mostly word-of-mouth advertising.

Within five months, their original loan was paid back. As business grew, CNS began providing additional services and soon evolved from cable wiring to a full-service IT support company. Eventually, the company moved away from cable wiring altogether.

Although Marshall said he originally did not set out to become an entrepreneur, when he looks back at growing up, he realized he had many entrepreneurial traits from an early age. He described his first experience making money when, as a third-grader, he would buy packs of gum and then resell individual pieces for a tidy profit; often making five dollars on fifty cents' worth of gum. Two years later, he formed a crew of friends and neighbors to expand his father's driveway. When he informed his father that his crew needed to be paid for their efforts, his dad came back with a piece of paper totaling Marshall's living expenses up until that time; a bill for \$35,000. Marshall said his early experiences with his dad and the driveway project taught him his first labor negotiating skills.

When asked about the benefits of location, Marshall describes Poolesville as "one of the best-kept business secrets in the D.C. area." Marshall said the relatively-easy commute to D.C., Frederick, and Northern Virginia is a plus for his employees who need to reach clients in those areas. Additionally, the area has an excellent pool of local talent. Because much of the service that CNS provides is done remotely, most employees can work from where they live. Only five of CNS's employees actually live and work in Poolesville. The others are spread out throughout the country in locations such as Baltimore, Florida, Wisconsin, and Cincinnati. Luckily, with a phone and a computer, CNS employees can take their livelihood with them if they move out of the area.

Although much of CNS's client base is located outside the town, the company maintains a significant presence in Poolesville and beyond through their Community Counts

initiative. The employees support the community through individual and team involvement with multiple charitable causes. Karen said, "We are lucky that we have a lot of charity-minded employees who are very good at what they do at their jobs and have good hearts. They are willing to pitch in and do a lot of good things." Each year, the employees participate in food drives and other fund-raising campaigns for WUMCO and other local charities. They "adopt" a needy local family to provide gifts for the holidays and sponsor a local sports team. Karen adds that they are also involved in Poolesville's annual 5K race and produce many summaries, brochures, and pamphlets for class graduation ceremonies, sports teams, and other organizations. Marshall coaches youth basketball.

Computer Network Services is not only committed to helping out the community, they are also dedicated to their own employees' well-being through their Wellness Counts program. They provide regular stay-



CEO Karen Kalantzis and Vice-President of Business Development Marshall Michaels, cofounders of Computer Network Services.

healthy incentives such as annual flu-shot clinics, brown-bag lunches, guest speakers, and sponsorships of athletic events to help their employees maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Although Marshall describes his early philosophy as "making the most amount of money with the least amount of work," clearly, he and Karen devoted a maximum amount of time and effort to create a thriving company that is an asset to their clients, the employees, and local residents.



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## Tidbits

### Wolosiansky/Orona Engaged



*Poolesville's Jacqueline Danielle Orona is engaged to Dean Wolosiansky.*

Ms. Sharon Sexton and Mr. Michael Orona of Montgomery County, Maryland are very excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Danielle Orona, to Dean Wolosiansky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolosiansky of Green, Ohio.

Jacqueline is a graduate of Poolesville High School (2007) and The Ohio State University (2011) where she was a member of the lacrosse team. She recently graduated from the speech-language pathology master's program at the University of Maryland. She is currently employed at Walnut Hills Nursing Home in Walnut Creek, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Col. Don Sexton (retired) of Chesterfield, Virginia.

Dean is a graduate of Green High School in Green, Ohio and The Ohio State University (2011) where he played baseball. He works as a civil engineer and is currently employed at Lindsay Precast in North Canton, Ohio. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swigart and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wolosiansky.

The couple met at the end of their junior year of college at The Ohio State University. A May 31, 2014 wedding is planned in Germantown, Maryland.

### Vote for Poolesville: Best Small Town

The Maryland Geocache Society is always on the hunt for ways to promote the benefits

of geocaching and the towns that take part in it. They've now partnered with Rand McNally on their Best Small Town in America contest. Towns can be nominated in several categories, including Best for Geocaching.

To vote for Poolesville, go to [www.bestoftheroad.com](http://www.bestoftheroad.com) and then type Poolesville, Maryland into the big box near the top of the page that says Find Your Town, then click Vote. Highlight category or "Best town for Geocaching" and simply click Vote.

Voting runs through September 3.

### Know a Senior Needing Home Meal Service?

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Senior Nutrition Program, has received a grant to locate and provide in-home meal service to seniors in need in the Upper Western Montgomery County area. The persons must be over sixty and unable to prepare their own meals or shop on their own. Do you know someone who could benefit from this service? Contact the WUMCO office at 301-972-8481 for more details.

### Car Show Benefit

Friends of the late Matt Williquette have organized a car meet at Whalen Commons in Poolesville on August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to sponsor a scholarship in Williquette's name at Montgomery College's Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education Automotive Training. Williquette, a former Poolesville resident, Poolesville Elementary School, and John Poole Middle graduate, passed away in a car accident in 2011.

The event will feature music by Sam Cooper & the Sleepwalkers and Smoke n' Mangos, a silent auction, vendors, games, and food by Smokin' Ray and Café Jefe's Java Cruiser. Special T-shirts will be available for purchase. A car that Williquette was rebuilding, which his parents Keith and Deb and some of Matt's friends have completed, will also be on display at the meet. A plaque for "Best in Show" will be awarded based on a peer vote.

All proceeds for the event, from the sale of shirts, the silent

auction, car registration, and twenty percent of food sales will be donated to the scholarship.

Car registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Admission to the event is free.

For information, contact Nicole Onley at 301-520-9772, or Steve Reed at 301-758-7541.

### New Rector at St. Peter's

A new rector has arrived at St. Peter's to temporarily replace the departed Rev. Tom Purdy, who moved to a new position at a church in St. Simons Island, Georgia. The Rev. Kimberly L. Still was formerly the rector at St. Margaret's Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Rev. Still is originally from Maryland.

In the Episcopal Church, an interim rector takes over after a rector leaves to lead the church while they search for a replacement. The interim rector is not, according to the rules of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, allowed to apply for or accept the permanent position. Rev. Still expects to be at St. Peter's for approximately one year.

### Tibetan Buddhist Master to Offer Empowerments

Tibetan Buddhist Master, His Holiness Karma Kuchen Rinpoche, will bestow a special empowerment ceremony on Sunday, August 4, in an extremely rare visit to Maryland. As the twelfth throneholder of the Palyul lineage of the Nyingma tradition, H.H. Karma Kuchen Rinpoche presides over thousands of monks and nuns,

within a vast network of Buddhist temples, monasteries, and retreat centers in Tibet, India, and worldwide. Born in 1970 in Southern India, he was recognized for his unique qualities and began his monastic training at the age of four. In 2000, H.H. Karma Kuchen Rinpoche was formally enthroned at the main Palyul Monastery in Tibet, an important event in the Buddhist world. This traditional empowerment ceremony is open to all.

At 10:00 a.m., the Amitabha and the Amitayus, Long Life Empowerments, will be conferred. Amitabha, the Buddha of Infinite Light, is particularly connected with Buddhist aspirations for an auspicious transition at the time of death. Amitayus, the Buddha of Limitless Life, is considered to enhance one's long life and opportunity to accomplish realization. The ceremony concludes with each participant receiving a blessing along with ritual substances.

At 2:00 p.m., a luncheon in Rinpoche's honor will be held.

Preregistration for the one-day event is recommended. The suggested donation is \$40 for general attendance and \$25 for seniors and full-time students.

All events will take place outdoors in a tent on the lawn at Kunzang Palyul Chöling, since the indoor temple is temporarily closed to public assembly. Location is 18400 River Road, Poolesville. For further information and to register online go to [www.tara.org](http://www.tara.org) or call 301-710-6259 or email [kpc@tara.org](mailto:kpc@tara.org).



*St. Peter's interim rector, Mother Kimberly Still.*

# The Gathering Place

## Senior Activity Center

### JULY/AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

**July 29:**

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**August 5:**

**Around the World We Go!** A day of sharing of places around the world you've traveled. Come prepared to share an adventure and if you like, bring a show and tell of something you brought back with you! We will meet at the Gathering Place from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served, a \$6 donation is requested.

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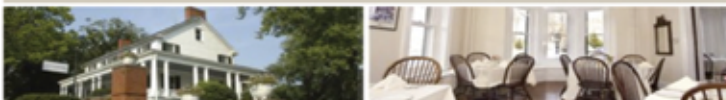
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# Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**July 1, 1933** A group calling themselves the Rockville Pike Business Association was urging the state to widen the pike to four lanes. The committee had met at the home of Mr. Wagner of Halpine.

**July 5, 1934** Visitors from all over descended on Poolesville for the Fourth of July festivities. Dr. and Mrs. White had visitors from Lucketts, Virginia. Among other visitors were people from Washington, Chevy Chase, Frederick, and Atlantic City. At the same time, Rev. Crook and his wife left to attend the World's Fair at Chicago.

**July 7, 1933** The School Board authorized \$8000 for a new addition to the Poolesville School.

**July 7, 1934** The As You Like It Club met at the home of Mrs. Julian Waters near Germantown.

**July 8, 1934** Dr. V. L. Elliott, Montgomery County health officer, urged parents to inspect their children daily for ticks after a second case of spotted fever was detected. The victim, Douglas King, came down with the illness a week after his brother died from spotted fever at the Montgomery

General Hospital.

It was also reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, who had recently returned from a trip to Berlin, Germany, was quite sick with appendicitis.

**July 15, 1934** Thomas S. Perry entertained several of his neighbors from Chevy Chase at his Poolesville farm. He provided watermelon and fireworks.

**July 23, 1933** A group of public-spirited women formed a group to can vegetables that would later be distributed to needy families in the area. A committee headed by the Rev. Guy Crook had previously obtained a piece of land where men, who could not find work, planted vegetables and tended them until it was time to pass the products on to the women who took them home to be canned.

**July 27, 1934** Plans for the annual Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Carnival were announced. In addition to entertainment, there was to be a parade, a baseball game, a "Sing," a tug-of-war contest, and a pie-eating competition.

**July 28, 1933** Miss Sarah Wilson saw the first movie of her life at Rockville. While she enjoyed herself, she declared that

she would not make a habit of going to the movie show.

**July 29, 1934** Miss Hildebrand took her Poolesville Sunday School class to Monocacy Park for a picnic. Meanwhile, Miss Myerly and Mr. Dollarhide took their classes to Great Falls.

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