



Nathan Fielder and Macy Burtea recently graduated from Sunny Day Child Care. The story is in Business Briefs on page 11.



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He is the Lost Poet of Poolesville. Read about him in Mystery History on page 20.



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Keeping An Eye On Local News

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Thefts and Vandalism Hit Poolesville

By Jack Toomey

Residents of several Poolesville neighborhoods are concerned about a wave of car break-ins that started during the first week of August and continue as of press time. In most of the cases, the thieves entered unlocked cars and stole electronic items, loose change, and other objects of value. During the same time period, the speed cameras in Dickerson and the concession stand at Halmos Park were vandalized.

At least thirty theft cases seemed to be related. In one case, a man who was house-sitting surprised a group of teenagers in the act of entering a car, causing them to scatter. Surprisingly, only one of the

homeowners called the police. The Poolesville Community Facebook Group had numerous postings where residents reported that their cars were entered, but none claimed to have called the police. Police spokesperson Corp. Rebecca Innocenti told the *Monocle* that police records showed only one case of theft from a car in the Poolesville area during that time period. She said that it is very important to report even the most trivial crimes because the police department cannot spot a trend developing unless crime is brought to their attention. Innocenti added that often police develop a suspect but cannot prove involvement in crimes because residents are reluctant to call the police. In some cases, there is physical



Vandalized speed camera in Dickerson.

evidence left behind which could be collected by the police. There have been cases in the past where the police department has deployed plain-clothed officers to areas, especially at night, and were successful in arresting thieves.

Travis Hopkins, who lives

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A Grand Lady Chosen As Grand Marshall

The Poolesville Day Committee has chosen Margaret "Maggie" Nightingale as its 2013 Grand Marshall of the parade and festival. Maggie and her husband Tom moved to Poolesville in 1977. Upon her arrival in Poolesville, Maggie immediately became intricately involved in the community and her church, and she has been a leading member of the Friends of the Library, which in 1977, was in the high school.

Through Maggie's personal leadership, Poolesville eventu-

ally got its own library, and for many years, Maggie has been the voice and advocate for the Poolesville Library and has been the president of the Poolesville Library Advisory Board.

Along with her tireless volunteer work at her church, Our Lady of the Presentation, and as a staff worker of the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce, her efforts have benefited the town in countless ways over the decades. Beyond her employment and volunteer work, she also stays busy with her family which includes eight grandchildren.

The Poolesville Day Committee has also announced that the headline band for the annual event scheduled for September 21 is the Mary Ann Redmond Band. A local

artist known for her soulful and wide-ranging vocal style in popular and jazz music, Mary Ann has won twenty-two Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies).



2013 Grand Marshall of Poolesville Day Maggie Nightingale.

Family Album

War of the Churches

Poolsville Baptist-Poolsville Memorial Methodist-Poolsville Presbyterian
The epic water balloon battle ended with a peaceful ice cream social.



Local News

Town Government Report

By Rande Davis

Close to the Finish Line?

In setting the stage for a September 3 vote on the installation of a solar energy array, Commission President Jim Brown emphasized that whatever is decided needs to be the end of the issue. "He added that we need the vote to be a final decision on solar energy—yay or nay." Any further investigation beyond the current contract offer by UGI will not happen, and one way or the other, the fate of solar energy in Poolesville will come to an end.

To bring the nearly two-year process of investigating the use of solar and then negotiating an energy contract to a final vote, the commissioners have scheduled a rare, formal work-session meeting for Tuesday, August 27. Brown tasked all commissioners to fully study the negotiated contract with UGI, a Pennsylvania utility company, and to be prepared to bring forward all their concerns or questions so that a final vote can be made in September.

The proposed site of the solar array borders the Seneca Chase property of James Glasier and George Motto, both of whom spoke at the August 19 meeting. Glasier, in thanking the commissioners for their willingness to work with and listen to him and other neighbors, emphasized that he is "not convinced we can replace what is lost" if a decision to implement the system goes forward. He presented pictures of a solar array by the Purdue Company in southeastern Maryland as objectionable in appearance and that, at specific times during the day, it sends intense solar reflections like a mirror that can further aggravate persons living nearby. He stated that a long-term view, as opposed to a near-term desire, requires the town to think again

before giving up the property to private enterprise. "There is no easy, cheap way out if the town ends up deciding later they need [sic] the property for some other use."

Motto offered that he shared a conclusion stated previously by town manager Wade Yost not to expect to save money on this deal. While there may be opinions in support of the array based on environmental issues, he argued against moving forward solely for economic reasons. A former airline pilot, Motto supports the town looking into the use of a micro-turbine technology which he maintains could save the town nearly as much as that being proposed, and it would only take up 1.5 percent of the land use that the solar array would do. "The use of a micro-turbine means the town becomes its own electrical company. Solar energy means UGI owns the company, and the town is a customer."

Motto also warned that a contract with UGI does not come with the benefit of full municipal experience by that company. "I maintain that (this arrangement with UGI) is an utterly unique experience for them (UGI)." He closed his comments by "regrettably stating" that should his home value be downgraded by the installation of the array, he might have to seek compensation.

Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green and a long-time supporter of solar array technology chose not to comment at the meeting other than to request that she be included in all email and other correspondence that the town may be sending to others concerned with the issue. The town agreed to send directly to her all information that they, otherwise, are putting out to the public.

Knapp Takes a Nap

Actually, it's more like a hiatus. A marketing consultant agreement between Michael Knapp and the Town of Poolesville lapsed at the end of June, and Commissioner Jim Brown asked that his contract be extended one more time so as to fully understand and develop various opportunities being explored from and through his

efforts.

Commissioner Valaree Dickerson voiced concern that she needs to have more information from him regarding his representative role on behalf of the town before she is comfortable approving an extension. She wants to be able to connect progress more specifically to his efforts rather than to opportunities that arise with or without him.

The town, through Knapp, has been pursuing economic opportunities closely related to the agriculture or sports industries. In particular, discussions with Keith Miller, executive director of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority, indicates potential benefits to the town for development of the land at the county golf course in Poolesville. Other discussions have occurred about Poolesville's role as a key player in Montgomery County as an agriculture industrial hub (local produce sales, educational, etc.), and as the county advances in this area, Knapp has been selected to participate on explor-

atory panels and discussions concerning ag-development, and as a representative of Poolesville, would be in a position to help advance the town's interest in any such county plans.

The concern and reason for his employment with the town is that any such opportunities that arise may be missed by the town should they not have anyone available to properly represent the town and follow up when opportunity does appear.

Commissioner Halbbrook, who voiced potential support for extending Knapp's contract, expressed a desire to have more commissioner oversight of his actions, and Commissioner Klobukowski suggested that more reports by Knapp of his plans and objectives be provided on a regular basis.

A vote on extension of the marketing consultant contract will be considered after an appearance by Knapp at the September 3 town meeting.

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Commentary

Keeping to the Left

By John Clayton

One must hew to one's fundamental principles, and one of my principal principles, as a loyal, red-blooded American, has been to drive on the right side of the road. This aversion to left-side orthodoxy was severely challenged during a recent family trip to Ireland.

In our trip planning, it was decided that we would drive ourselves around the island, which was a marvelous decision, based on the awesome beauty of that country and the opportunities it afforded us to enjoy areas that we might not have enjoyed otherwise. Yes, as many have guessed, this is a polite way of saying we got lost occasionally, but it was all to the good, believe me.

I won't belabor the driving-on-the-left thread too much; many of you have done it and survived. It only took me a day or two to get reasonably comfortable, but as I told my passengers at least one too many times, it was work, at least for me, because I never got comfortable enough to really relax, because that would be the moment when I'd make a casual right turn, remembering to look for oncoming traffic, but then blithely course into the right lane against oncoming traffic. One has to keep his guard up. More seriously, I didn't want to lapse into muscle memory and, while making a left turn, not look right. I solved this by talking to myself, out loud: "Look right," and "Keep left," profound things like that. I'm a riot to have around, but at least I'm still around.

Then again, it's not the driving on the left; it's the backwards car that disorients you. The mirror is in the wrong place, the gear shift (yes, it was manual) is on the wrong side, in fact the whole blasted car is on the wrong side. Give me my own car to drive and about ninety percent of the awkwardness goes away, including the terror for whomever was rid-

ing shotgun from my tendency to shy away from passing traffic and drive a tad close to the shrubbery that passed for shoulders. Sorry about that.

I should note that Irish drivers, in my limited but concentrated experience (we drove a lot of miles on every size of road imaginable), were unfailingly polite. I invariably received a friendly wave after poking my car into the brush on the side of a one-lane road to let someone get past. I also noted that speed limits were set high and then left there, leaving it to the driver to figure out that one should go more slowly on the generally-unannounced curves in the road. In short, we are sign-crazy here; the Irish are not. Most drivers, it seemed to me, drove more slowly than these limits most of the time, and if someone wanted to pass (overtake) me, they generally hung back and waited for the opportunity, and then did so. I was rarely tailgated or otherwise harassed by more aggressive drivers—which happens on about every trip I take to Poolesville.

We rented a GPS, and it did fine on the major roads, but got confused and lost in the countryside and small towns, or at least seemed to. We stopped listening to "her" after a while, and my wife and daughters alternated navigating via their smartphone apps depending on who had service, battery power, or just a good read on the situation. It was a very collaborative process, and I was rarely left hanging without a good direction. It truly is a new world. I bought a small atlas because I thought it might be useful and did actually look at it occasionally to get the big picture, or perhaps just for my own Twentieth Century-style amusement.

It wasn't all car rides, and we greatly enjoyed our walking tours and interactions with the Irish. As any casual student of history knows, they have a complicated relationship with England, and many historical events are quite fresh in their minds. I was in a

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Past Traditions and Bright Futures

By Rande Davis

In reflecting about a recent trip to Saratoga Springs, New York to partake in a 150-year-old tradition (going to the races in August to watch and bet on the thoroughbred ponies at the track), we unexpectedly came across many examples of time-honored traditions along the way—which got me thinking: How does a tradition get started? What role does tradition play in the life of a community and what things do we do now as a community that will pass the test of time to become a true tradition?

Interestingly, in the towns and places where we witnessed traditions being honored, the communities seemed to be vibrant and vital. On the other hand, we passed through nearly a half dozen towns that were all but ghost towns with dilapidated

homes and boarded-up businesses; clearly no traditions visible here.

As we went through Binghamton, I exited at Chenango Bridge to show my wife, Laura, something I wrote about in the last issue of the Monocle. In that column, I talked about a hill near the football field where, as a member of the high school football team, we did wind sprints as part of our practices. As we entered the bleachers, some students were on the field putting on their running shoes. Then, one after the other, they jogged across the gridiron field to the base of that same hill under the watchful eye of their coach, and began doing wind sprints up it just as I had done nearly fifty years ago. Football and hillside wind sprints had clearly become a tradition. The school building, which is much older than that, still looked

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Daytripper Walks Like a Duck

By Ingeborg Westfall

It's late in vacation season, and you're wondering just what the heck to do when cousin Ralph and wife arrive in town, youngsters in tow, all their faces turned toward you with that Entertain Us! look. You've been panicked for weeks because, let's see, the Washington Monument is shrouded in scaffolding and closed to tours, the Washington Folklife Festival is done for this year, you took them downtown on a museum tour last time they visited, so what the heck can you think of this time? Well, have you taken them to Union Station, where the very walls magnify the rumblings from the trains? Have you noticed at the same time those interesting crafts parked there that look like boats with tires? That's your answer because those vehicles are the DUKWs of DCDucks tours, and, boy, do they have a history.

Designed and developed by the U.S. Army during the Second World War as utility vehicles to deliver goods from ship to shore (21,000 were built by women who took over for male workers during wartime), DUKW amphibious craft proved of great use. At thirty-one feet long and 2.5 tons, each could hold a cargo of 5,350 pounds, or transport twelve fully-equipped soldiers. The first battle

they were used in was the assault on Sicily, delivering supplies and evacuating the wounded. They also played a prominent role in the invasion of the Philippines and the capture of Manila. Further, they were used on D-Day in Normandy. They were used militarily until the mid-1960s, and, personally, I'm glad they're still around, now plying a peaceful mission.

A DCDucks tour is different enough to get your attention even if you don't know all the history associated with the vehicles. The nice canopy overhead shields riders from our D.C. blistering sun. The driver uses a microphone so you can hear him, and, I'm telling you, these guys are hired for their knowledge as well as their fun-loving personalities. I never heard a more comprehensive discussion of every—and I do mean every—historic building we passed. Our driver had juicy tidbits about most every building and told us fascinating little-known or obscure facts, for instance the origin of the Tidal Basin.

Finally, there you are, cruising along at up to 50 mph (well, it could and would but couldn't, at least not downtown), when all of a sudden the driver turns into a marina and goes down the boat ramp. I did as I do on airplanes: grabbed the armrests and pulled up so we wouldn't go down, but go down we did, right smack into the water. We proceeded across the Potomac River toward Reagan National Airport and paused there just for a few minutes, just enough to feel the wind in our faces when a plane came in for a landing directly overhead—I

swear it was only ten feet above us. What a rush!

DCDucks was a terrific way to see downtown D.C! I loved every minute of it, and I almost left out the best part. About two-thirds of the way through the ninety-minute tour, the captain distributed duck calls. They make a very annoying quacking sound;

you may be tempted to use them as you pass the Congressional buildings, particularly if Congress is in session. Learn more about DCDucks tours at www.dcducks.com.



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Letter to the Editor

My phone announced the arrival of a text. Jeanne (Jackson) sent the photo of Keith and me from the front page of the *Monocle*. "That was nice of Rande (Davis)," I texted. She replied, "Yes, Rande and Laura are really good people; she is the sweetest person ever!"

It's still on my mind: I need to write the letter to the paper thanking the people of Poolesville. I keep putting it off because there are all those individual notes to people and businesses that contributed. I'll write the letter as soon as I finish these dishes—and take Diesel for a walk. With so many people to thank, I'm afraid I'll miss someone. The tears are flowing down my cheeks as Keith walks in the room and asks, "Are you missing the boy?" I say, "Yes." I'm missing our son.

I am also so profoundly grateful for the love and generosity of so many. I don't deserve it—and it's not for me. It's love

and generosity for all those parents who have lost children; it's gratitude for carrying the burden of grief that is so overwhelming it's indescribable. I did not choose this burden, it is my greatest fear realized. My son Matt passed away at twenty-two.

I remember hearing the scream through the phone when my sister-in-law shared the tragic news. Nicole (Onley) was Matt's closest friend. She was his confidante, sister, pal—the person he went to first with problems. They'd been friends since first or second grade. Nicole—beautiful, strong, smart, talented, Nicole, in honor of her friend, her brother—she organized MJW Fest, a car meet to raise funds in support of an Automotive Technology memorial scholarship at Montgomery College in Matt's name. She planned it over the past six months and, on August 3, unveiled her efforts. Despite the rain, Montgomery College received \$3,300.

Thank you, Poolesville! Thank you for hosting the August 3 event. Thank you for shaping and loving the fine man that is my son. Thank you for your generous spirit and your open arms. Thank you for hosting Matt's out-of-town families: Penn State, Montgomery College, and STR8STREET. Thank you for all the teachers, neighbors, friends, coaches, parents, and business owners that participated in Matt's life in some way. I am forever

grateful to you, Poolesville, for your role in his life and for your support in keeping his spirit alive.

With love, Debra Williquette

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Local News

Volunteers Work to Rescue Feral Cats in Poolesville

A small group of local volunteers recently trapped and spayed/neutered twelve cats which were living under buildings in the Poolesville Town Center. The felines, which included seven kittens, received medical treatment from the Poolesville Veterinary Clinic including spay/neuter surgery with the latest technological laser and rabies shots.

After leaving the vet clinic, the felines were taken by the volunteers to their homes in the area to be monitored and handled to ensure they would acclimate to homes as pets.

"One adult cat had a severe eye injury," explained Dr. Peter Eeg of Poolesville Vet Clinic. "The injury necessitated that we surgically remove the eye. The adult female cat is doing just fine and will make a loving pet for an individual or family."

The medical expenses for the cats were covered through the

generosity of a few local benefactors and the Poolesville Vet Clinic.

Eleven of the cats have already been adopted by people in the Poolesville area. One very special feline is still in need of adoption.

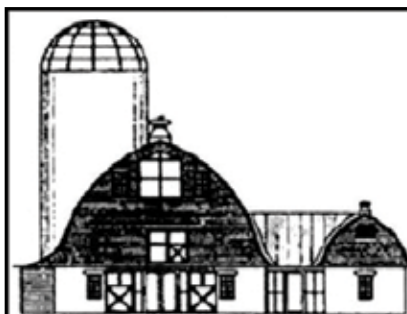
Kiki, the adult female cat who had an eye removed, is approximately three years old and has acclimated to being a house cat extremely well. She is litter box trained and loves attention and to be petted. Because she is a special needs cat, it is important for her to be an indoor house cat.

If you are interested in adopting Kiki, please email lveamazon@aol.com.

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Liveable Clarksburg

Sugarloaf's last newsletter gave a touching but truthful picture of the difficulties facing Clarksburg and why we in the greater Poolesville area should be concerned. The Liveable Clarksburg Coalition now reminds us that the Planning Board will hold its last public hearing about the Clarksburg Master Plan on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.** in order to review the Staff report they received in July. This public hearing is the last chance for the public to have an impact on the Planning Board since the Board will subsequently be forming their recommendations to the County Council. Sugarloaf feels that the four points made by the Coalition about the staff recommendations need to be known and this newsletter quotes them as written.

1. The staff recommendation to reduce density in the proposed Pulte development on Clarksburg Road/121 in Boyds from 900 homes to 200 homes, and to devote much of that area to parkland, **is a step in the right direction.** This will put less traffic congestion on 121, and provide a bit of protection to Ten Mile Creek.

2. Development of Town Center – a Stage 1 project – will not be slowed down by reducing density in Stage 4. The Town Center developer, Elm Street, already has plans in the works, and they have repeatedly said these plans are not dependent on Stage 4.

3. The proposed outlet mall on the Miles Coppola 355 will be a traffic nightmare for the whole community and detract from the importance of Town Center. The flood of glossy mailings and brochures that promise this development could possibly protect Ten Mile Creek **are not credible.** The idea that an outlet mall will support Town Center by connecting via a walkway over one mile long is also not realistic.

4. **Ten Mile Creek got some protection in the report but not enough.** The development in the headwaters of the Creek, where the Tanger Outlet mall is proposed on the Miles Coppola property east of 270, should be further reduced. Reducing massive excavation of sloping land to create acres and acres of flat parking lot will protect the Seneca reservoir that serves the whole Washington metro region. *Paid Advertisement*

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Focus on Business

Catriona's Castle: Enchanting Children For 25 Years

By Susan Petro

Local Poolesville resident and proprietor of Catriona's Castle, Karen Macgregor Ebert, didn't plan to become a fairy godmother when she studied theater and drama in college. Although she dreamed of one day performing on stage, she took a more traditional career path working as an insurance agent and then as a caterer. Then she found true love in helping children act out plays after she helped a teacher at her oldest son James's school put on a classroom production of Cinderella. She funneled that love and passion into forming a children's hands-on theater group company called Catriona's Castle.

Karen described how the teacher was very into children's theater as part of her class

instruction. The following year, Ebert's son was in that teacher's class and was chosen to play Hansel in a production of Hansel and Gretel. Ebert took an even larger role in helping with the production: assisting the children with their parts, making props, and even sewing some costumes. "What I enjoyed was actually helping the children act out the performances themselves," she said.

She decided as a leap of faith that she would like to try her hand at doing her own productions. Ebert did her first show, Jack and the Beanstalk, at the Barnesville School twenty-five years ago to great success, and Karen has been making children's dreams come true one event at a time ever since. Many of her original performance participants are now grown adults still residing in the Poolesville area.

Ebert loves sewing and created many of the costumes and props herself. Over the years, she has amassed fifteen different story trunks; each with enough costumes for up

to thirty participants for themes like Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, and Peter Pan. One production, Dinosaur Castle, is her own story that she created with input from her youngest son, Andrew Watson, when he was just seven years old. Her props include items like a real spinning wheel and bed for Sleeping Beauty, a carriage for Cinderella, and a yellow brick road for the Wizard of Oz. Her productions are geared for both boys and girls aged two through twelve, although Karen says that most of the children range from three to eight. The parties are fun for boys, too, Karen explained, "because they are not just playing dress up, they are actually acting out a play."

Decked out in her pink fairy godmother costume, Catriona "flies" up to a seventy-mile radius to bring drama and theater to life at birthday parties, schools, summer and day camps, and other venues in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Ebert was honored to be hired by PBS to perform



Karen Macgregor Ebert, owner of Catriona's Castle, has a wonderful child's party planned for you.

at the Library of Congress book festival held on the National Mall in D.C. a few years ago. She also performed at the National Theater Children's Series.

When Karen comes to the party or event dressed as a fairy godmother, she sets about creating a stage of props and backdrops and then turns

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the participants into a cast of characters to perform the chosen story. The birthday child is always the main character. Although the parents usually just watch the performance, some parents and adults want to take part in the fun as well. She has easily-adjustable costumes that can be fitted to all shapes and sizes.

Even a few high-profile clients have played roles in Catriona's performances. Karen remembers when she showed up at one party to discover that the birthday girl's grandfather was baseball legend and Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson and that the party was being held at his home. Robinson played a dragon at his granddaughter's Sleeping Beauty party. Karen couldn't wait to tell her husband Dan, an avid Brooks Robinson fan, that one of his favorite baseball stars was acting out a role in her party.

When Karen showed up for

another party dressed as Mother Goose, the former Wonder Woman star, Lynda Carter, opened the door to let her in. Karen said when she booked a party for Lynda Carter's son, she didn't know it was The Lynda Carter. Other clients included former Vice-President Dick Cheney's granddaughter, fitness guru Denise Turner's daughter, NBA basketball star Kevin Grevey's daughter, and even the Ambassador of Spain who played a deer in his daughter's Snow White and the Seven Dwarves party. At one party, Karen noticed prize fighter paintings and memorabilia all over the walls. She soon realized that she was performing at Mike Tyson's house for a party booked by his former wife, Monica Turner, for their daughter.

Originally, Karen did everything from creating the invitations, to baking theme-based custom cakes for her parties. Now she uses other companies for those activities so she can focus solely on the performances. Customers can explore party

theme ideas and view the wide assortment of optional cakes and accessories on her website: www.catrionacastle.com. When she is not hosting parties or events, Karen also teaches drama.

After twenty-five years, Karen continues to relish her role as Catriona, the fairy godmother, and loves to perform for her audiences; however, Ebert's greatest enjoyment comes from helping the children act out the story themselves. She looks forward to bringing fun, fantasy, and fairy

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Auto theft: 20600 White's Ferry Road, 21400 block of Peach Tree Road.

Theft from Auto: 17300 block of Whitaker Road. In addition, there were at least twenty-four other similar incidents that were not reported to police.

Theft: 20100 block of Fisher Avenue, 21300 block of Beallsville Road, 22400 block of Mt. Ephraim Road.

Past Crime

August 25, 1938 A series of barnyard thefts was solved with the arrest of three local boys aged fourteen to nineteen. Over a period of three weeks, farmers in the Gaithersburg, Germantown, and Poolesville areas had complained about the thefts of seven calves, four sheep, and a number of breeding hens.

August 28, 1938 James Turner, a thirty-eight-year-old Middlebrook man, was hanged at midnight for the rape and assault on a twelve-year-old girl. Turner had confessed that he had chased the girl across a wheat field while she was walking to her school bus. He then beat her over the head with a large rock and a tree trunk. He then raped her in the field. Turner had been moved to Baltimore from the Montgomery County jail because of fears of a lynching.

August 29, 1938 Hundreds of volunteers were scouring the countryside outside of Bethesda for Sister Mary Bernadette who was missing from a convent at Alta Vista. Police, firemen, boy scouts, and a hundred CCC

workers from the camp at Garrett Park were involved in the search. It was feared that Sister Mary was suffering from mental illness and had somehow climbed the wall of the compound. She had been a member of the convent for seven years (Sister Mary was later found hiding in the attic of the convent by Officer James McCaul-life).

August 30, 1938 Experts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime lab announced that a bullet fired from the rifle of Paul Stromberg had killed his neighbor Milton Miles. Montgomery police had been investigating the shooting death of Miles who had been found shot to death in a field on his county farm. Stromberg had told police that he had been firing his .22 caliber rifle while trying to train his dog of gunshot shyness. When he found out that his neighbor had been shot to death, he went to police headquarters with his rifle. Stromberg was charged with manslaughter.

September 5, 1956 Scores of Poolesville parents attempted to block the doors of Poolesville High School on the first day of classes. They tried to prevent fourteen black students from attending class. Montgomery County Police intervened, and the students were led to their classrooms. It was the first time that schools in upper Montgomery County were integrated.

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

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Business Briefs

Sunny Day Pre-K Program Graduates Two

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, Macy Burtea and Nathan Fielder graduated from the pre-kindergarten program for Sunny Day Child Care in Poolesville, Maryland. Teacher Christine R. Rai donned her master's robes and mortarboard for the ceremony. The graduates were presented with treasure chests and listened to the commencement address, in which Ms. Christine explained that learning is more precious than treasure. Macy and Nathan were presented with diplomas, and friends and family in attendance applauded and cheered with zest. Macy and Nathan will further their studies at Poolesville Elementary.

Sunny Day Child Care is a home-based preschool and childcare in Poolesville, owned and operated by Christine R. Rai, M.A., a certified teacher.

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Franklin Press to Poolesville. Its journey to Poolesville started around 1822 when the print shop produced the *Niles Weekly Register*, a journal of events, which was as well known then as the *New York Times* or *Washington Post* is today. They are newly-located in the Poolesville Towne Center where the Poolesville Library is located.

Lucille DeGraba-Brown, a professional graphic designer, bought the company, the second-oldest continuously-family-owned printer in Maryland, in 2000. Along with her husband Art Brown, the couple has maintained the tradition of Franklin Press, a firm named after but never owned by Benjamin Franklin.

Lucille is from Kensington while Art's hometown is Toledo, Ohio. The firm has been located in Darnestown for the past three years, but the couple often came to Poolesville since Dr. Peter Eeg is their veterinarian. Because of the high school and their attraction to the town, they hope to also become residents soon.

Franklin Press plans to be fully-operational by Poolesville Day and will be offering printing services such as brochures, newsletters, business cards, personal and corporate stationery, post cards, and more.



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Youth Sports

PHS Announces 2013 Inductees To the Athletic Hall of Fame

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville High School Athletic Department, in partnership with the Poolesville High School Athletic Boosters, has announced the addition of ten individual athletes, two coaches, two booster members, and one state championship team to the Poolesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame. This is the second class of inductees, honored for their outstanding interscholastic athletic accomplishments and significant contributions to the athletic program. The honorees to be inducted at the second annual Hall of Fame Ceremony during the Falcons football game against

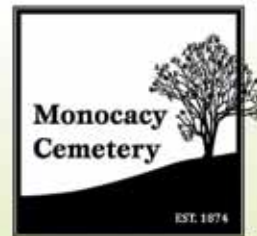
the South Hagerstown Rebels on Friday, September 20 are: Girls' volleyball coach, Fran DuVall, 2008 *Washington Post* girls' volleyball coach of the year; girls' indoor track coach, Scott Mathias, 2002 *Washington Post* coach of the year; Rachel Stream (class of 2008), 2007 *Washington Post* First Team All-Met Field Hockey, 2008 softball and basketball Honorable Mention, and *Gazette* All-Decade Selection Field Hockey; Jacqueline Orona (class of 2007), *Gazette* All-Decade Girls' Lacrosse Selection; Mike Curtis (class of 1985); Gary Ward (class of 2004), All-County Basketball *Washington Post*, ten games of thirty or more points, quarterbacked the Falcon football team to an 11-0 mark as a senior; Jim Cangiano (class of 1991), boys' golf state champion, 1990; Wayne Owens (class of 1967), boys' outdoor track and field state champion class C 100m dash, 400m relay; Lenard Ramey (class of 1963), 1962 state champion basketball team; Louis Naylor (class of 1963), 1962 state champion basketball team; Richard Lyles

(class of 1976); Kjetil Lowe (class of 1998), girls' cross country state champion 1A 1997; boosters Bill Moore and Bob Cissell; and the 1963 state champion boys' basketball team: Eugene Hamilton, Bob Lawson, Leonard Ramey, Eddie Sewell, Otho Thompson, Charles Elgin, Charlie Jamison, Bubby Burdette, Steve Johnson, Grant Bell, George Lyles, and Sylvester Prather, coached by Robert Mowan.

The celebration of these inductees will be continued during

a very special 2013 Poolesville Day on Saturday, September 21. Over 150 former Indian and Falcon student-athletes from every period in the school's history have been nominated over the past two years. Nominees not selected have been saved for future consideration for induction.

A committee selects inductees based on their athletic accomplishments while attending PHS, coaching at PHS, or working in support of the athletic program.

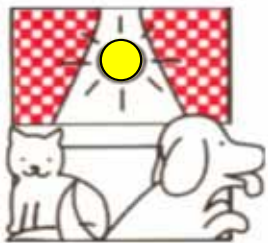


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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

August 1, 1939 A thirty-year-old Bethesda man, a resident of the hobo camp outside of Bethesda, appeared in Police Court on a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign. The man testified that he was the father of six children and had been unemployed for a year. The judge gave him the choice between a thirty-dollar fine or ten days in jail.

August 6, 1938 A \$200,000 Public Works Administration grant was awarded to Montgomery County, and plans were made for building and upgrading school buildings. Among the scheduled projects was the building of a one-story, fireproof elementary school building at Poolesville. Also planned was the repair of the old sewage system.

August 7, 1938 Among the main events at Poolesville that week was Miss Caroline Gray

entertaining Virginia Poole and Mary Henderson at her family home, Waverly Hall. Some Poolesville residents were on vacation. Mrs. Marian Shears was at Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, Rev. and Mrs. Guy Crook were at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and C. Morrisk Wilson was visiting Niagara Falls. Mrs. E. W. White was hostess at the Tuesday afternoon bridge club. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kohlhoss returned from a vacation at Chesapeake Beach.

August 7, 1939 County commissioners announced that they were going to appoint a food inspector for the first time. Among the duties of the inspector would be visiting places where food was sold, restaurants, and also inspecting privies in the upper sections of the county.

August 10, 1938 Sheriff G. Edgington Bell announced that he was not keen on the task given to

him by Judge Smith at the Circuit Court. Judge Smith had ordered Bell to give ten lashes with a whip to a man named Turner, a convicted wife beater. Sheriff Bell said that he would call for a doctor to give the prisoner a thorough medical examination to determine if he could withstand such a lashing. In the meantime, the convicted man would have time to hire a lawyer for an appeal.

A week later, Judge Smith held Bell in contempt for failing to carry out his order; however, States Attorney Pugh intervened and ruled that Bell had never been served with any papers ordering him to carry out the lashing. After all was said and done, Turner was sent to the House of Corrections to serve a one-year sentence for assaulting a police officer.

August 12, 1939 The Electric Light and Improvement Committee of Poolesville petitioned the telephone company for a rate reduction. It was desired that calls to Rockville be reduced from

fifteen cents to ten cents and that calls to Gaithersburg be reduced to five cents. Poolesville Mayor Robert Gray pointed out that it cost twenty-five cents to call Frederick while Dickerson residents paid only a nickel.

August 31, 1939 Warner Wellington Welsh, Montgomery County's oldest employee, celebrated his ninety-third birthday at his desk at the courthouse. Welsh, a clerk in the commissioner's office, had operated a store at Hyattstown when he was a young man and then obtained a job with the assessor's office. He was often relied on to provide details on obscure land transactions. He said that he remembered when Rebel soldiers marched down Main Street in Hyattstown, and he razed them from the front porch of his house.

Unfortunately, he could not attend a small birthday party planned for him after he complained of an attack of indisposition which caused him to retire to his home.

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Musings from Mama Boe

Free Pedicure

By Pam Boe

I've told you before how leathery my feet calluses from hell are. I could walk on hot coals—no wait, much worse—I could walk on LEGOs—seriously.

I just don't seem to naturally slough off the dead skin from my feet (who wants me now?). It's been a problem ever since I birthed my Varmint and Critter.

After my calluses get so thick it seems I am wearing high heels, I go ahead and fork over the money for a pedicure. I have never done it myself because I can't bend over that long—and breathe. I'd pass out from lack of oxygen in a skinny minute—or, er—in a chubby minute.

But we're trying to save money, so I didn't want to spend the \$40.00 on a pedicure this month, and I decided if I could just learn to hold my breath, I could do

it myself. I bought the necessary tools, the most important of which is an actual knife blade. It's a German blade made exclusively for scraping off calluses. You simply soak your feet, and then rub this thing across the calluses, and off the dead skin comes.

There is also a pedi-egg which looks remarkably like a cheese grater—but I passed that up in favor of the razor blade; and there is a pumice rock, which, with the exception of building my arm muscles, does nothing but irritate the snot out of me; and, of course, cuticle clippers, which are remarkably reminiscent of the claws of the evil crabs that violently pinch me every stinkin' time I go in the ocean.

I put a couple of watermelon-scented (Watermelon? Sure, why not? Beats the smell of toe cheese.) salt tablets in the foot-soaking tub, with a couple of gallons of warm water, and sat back with my tootsies swimming

in the bath, feeling good about all the money we were saving.

When that was done, I began the shaving process. It was amazing. I must have scraped a pound of dead, callused flesh off of the heel of my foot. I felt so light and free. I felt so young. I felt so... much pain!

In one swift, foul swoop, I had cut an eighth of an inch off of the top of my second toe. I was bleeding everywhere. Literally, small puddles of blood were gathering on the wood of Pop-Pop's back deck. My Captain swiftly grabbed a bunch of paper napkins, and applied pressure, but the blood kept flowing for a good fifteen minutes. When the flow abated, we took a tube of Super Glue and sealed the wound.

It hurt so much I invented new cuss words.

Painful, yes, but in the end, I've learned some important lessons here: one, watermelon salt tablets do indeed smell better than toe cheese; two, I have no business applying sharp knife blades anywhere on my body for any reason, I'm not even sure I

should be given anything but a spoon with which to eat meals; three, three-inch-deep calluses are prettier than scabby, half-amputated toes; four, sand and sea-saltwater are not a girl's best friend when that girl has an open, bloody wound; five, forty dollars for a pedicure three or four times a year is maybe not so expensive after all; and, six, you actually do need your second toe to properly swagger—go figure.

That, friends, is free advice—my gift to you.



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In the Garden

Wonderful Watermelons

By Maureen O'Connell

Now that we are in the dog days of summer, nothing is more refreshing than a big slice of chilled, juicy, red watermelon, the kind where the juice dribbles down your chin and you don't care—it is summer. Like potato chips, it is hard to have just once slice, and before you know it, you have eaten half or more of the smooth, green ball. Nothing against watermelon balls in fruit salads, but it's not the same sensation; they are too neat. Give me a large, juice-dripping slice.

Watermelons are believed to have originated in the Kalahari Desert in Africa. Cultivation dates back to around 2000 B.C. Watermelon seeds have been found in the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. It was also popular in Mediterranean and Asian cultures. According to historian John Egerton, watermelons were grown by Native Americans in the sixteenth century.

As a member of the cucumber (*Cucurbitaceae*) family, watermelon is related to cantaloupes, squash, pumpkins, and cucumbers. There are more than 1200 varieties, weighing from less than one pound to two hundred pounds; the flesh can be red, orange, yellow, or white. The introduction of seedless varieties has brought mixed reactions. Some say that the seedless varieties are not as flavorful as the ones with seeds, but I prefer not to have to spit seeds every time I take a bite. Seedless hybrids have sterile pollen, so pollinizer rows of varieties with viable pollen must be planted alongside the seedless ones. For commercial watermelon plantings, one beehive per acre is the minimum recommendation of the United States Department of Agriculture for pollination of conventional, seeded varieties. Since the supply of viable pollen is reduced and pollination is much more critical in producing

seedless varieties, three beehives per acre are necessary. Here is another example of the necessity of bees in plant pollination. Watermelons have a longer growing season than many other garden plants; they can take up to eighty-five days to mature.

Watermelons are not just a delicious, summery taste sensation; they have many nutrients that contribute to good health. They contain eighty-eight percent water and twelve percent fiber and are good sources of potassium, vitamins A and C, and beta carotene. Besides these, they contain a phyto nutrient called citrulline, which is converted to arginine, an important amino acid that has significant, good effects on the heart and blood circulation system. Watermelon also provides antioxidant benefits, one of them being lycopene which is reported to help in reducing the risk of various cancers. There are many claims of certain foods reducing cancer risks; I regard them with some reservations. As watermelon is mostly water, it is an important source of hydration for the body. It contains needed electrolytes which are vital to muscle and nerve function and blood pressure levels. In this hot weather, we can sweat a lot and thereby lose electrolytes. Eat some watermelon while working outdoors in the heat to replace these lost electrolytes. This is a good low-calorie snack. There are forty-five calories and nine grams of sugar in one cup.

In selecting a melon (local farm markets are your best source), pick one that feels heavy for its size, as this indicates juiciness. When you knock it with your knuckles, the sound should be a hollow thud. I suggest that you chill one before eating for the best flavor and refreshment.

Watermelons are at their peak of season now. Enjoy them in many ways. Here are some of my variations of favorite recipes.

Watermelon Gazpacho. Peel one small watermelon (about three pounds) and cut the flesh into large chunks. Peel and seed four ripe tomatoes. Add all to a food processor with one small, chopped red onion, two cloves of minced garlic, one small peeled and seeded cucumber, one small, diced jalapeno pepper, ¼ cup of good olive oil, ¼ cup of red wine vinegar, dash of Maldon sea salt (the only sea salt I use and the choice of top chefs), and black pepper. Pulse the mixture. Chill in the fridge. Garnish with fresh basil and a drizzle of olive oil. As a variation, substitute lime juice for the vinegar, and add minced fresh hot chili (Thai or serrano) and fish sauce (both to taste). Garnish with a small mound of lump crabmeat, cilantro, and Thai basil.

Greek-Style Salad. In a large bowl, combine four cups of cubed watermelon; two large, ripe chopped tomatoes; one medium cucumber, peeled,

seeded, and chopped; one small red onion, sliced; ⅓ cup pitted kalamata olives; ⅓ cup crumbled feta cheese; and some chopped parsley and mint. Drizzle with olive oil and red wine vinegar, sprinkle with sea salt and pepper. Toss and serve.

Grilled Watermelon. As watermelon has such a high water content, how can it hold up to the intense heat of the grill? It is supposed to be cold and crisp, not hot and soft. Try this recipe and you will be pleasantly surprised. Cut watermelon into 1¼-inch thick slices. Cut off rind. Sprinkle with salt and let rest for twenty minutes on a metal rack with paper towels underneath. Rinse off salt and pat dry. Brush with olive oil and place on medium hot grill; cook for three minutes on each side until grill marks appear. As a variation, top it with a dollop of Greek yogurt flavored with lemon juice and mint.

Tidbits

Jankowski Receives Recognition for New Book

Pond Road Press (Washington, D.C.; Truro, Massachusetts) announces the release of a new book by Bernard Jankowski, *Radio in the Basement*. A resident of Poolesville, this is Jankowski's fourth book of poetry. This collection focuses on the author's life from youth to middle age through stories of sports, work, and family life. Far from being simple yarns about glory days, Jankowski breaks through to genuine insight while maintaining a jazz-like flow, combining experience and the force of narrative to illuminate the essential integrity of an examined life. This collection, which reads like a memoir in free verse, is a gem for readers who see the subject of

poetry as any and every situation and activity encountered and pursued through all the years of one's life.

The *Washington Independent Review of Books* selected *Radio in the Basement* for its July Exemplars list. Grace Cavalieri writes, "If you want to know what it is to have a 'voice,'" read Jankowski. We know on every page who he is, where he came from, what he did, what he feels, and why—in his own conversational tone. We follow the thread of his life as it intersects with the larger questions we all face. The poet is a draftsman with compression as his first tool in his box, so only the elements of one's life that want to be there show up—no dross—and we're always grateful not to know where the

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Mystery History

The Lost Poet of Poolesville

Rande Davis

When Vernon Nicholson of Bucklodge Road died in 1995, he named Peggy Horine Kingsbury the executor of his estate because she had been a lifelong friend of the family. Peggy was born in the house on Bucklodge Road directly across the street from Vernon's home, so naturally the two families became close. In fact, the Horines and Nicholsons became so much like family that Peggy always referred to Vernon's parents as Mama Nick and Papa Nick. While others called Vernon by his given name, his real friends and family knew him best by his nickname: Nick.

Vernon "Nick" Nicholson was eighty-one when he passed away, and the sad duties of getting the house ready for sale fell to Peggy. While most of the items in the house were either given away or sold, Peggy decided to keep some old tintype pictures, letters, post cards, and other odds and ends that she found tucked away in the home. The pictures were very old and not of anyone she could readily identify, so she didn't pay much attention to them. She simply put them in a bag, took them to her house, and did not give them much thought for the next ten years.

Then, in 2005, Peggy decided to go through the bag again, and this time something caught her eye. An old, folded-up news clipping caught her attention. Peggy guessed the collector must have been Mama Nick, but she couldn't be positive, and she was intrigued as to why it had been carefully hidden away for well over eight decades. The news clipping was a letter to the editor of an unnamed, mysterious newspaper. John Will Hall of New York City wrote it.

While the date on the newspaper was inadvertently cut off, it was clear Mr. Hall had been born in Poolesville in 1848. Based

on the title of the poem, it also appears his correspondence was sometime in 1923. It was also abundantly clear that Mr. Hall yearned for his boyhood town of Poolesville. Mr. Hall had written to request that the newspaper print his love poem to Poolesville. We could try to paraphrase his prelude that he submitted to the paper, but his own words, uniquely expressed, do it best:

Beg to send you an original poem in honor of the little town of my birth and boyhood, asking its publication—including this prelude—in your famous newspaper. Writer left the village when only seventeen years old with sixty-five cents in pocket, raised by his poor but good mother and sister, with sole ambition to make his way in world, that he might help his parents more. Since that September day, in 1865, he has been a self-deported entity, and meanwhile father, mother, sisters, and brothers have lived and died, until only a sister there and writer here are left of thirteen.

Upon the occasional visits of latter years, have seen a new Poolesville rising from the dust and cobwebs of the old, and yet clinging memories and tracings of the past. In my heart still beats the love of the old town, hence, this eulogy.

*Respectfully, John Will Hall,
New York City.*

Mr. Hall writes with the eyes of a person whose boyhood and teenage years gave him a front row seat to the events in Poolesville during the Civil War and that its historic role was one of great pride.

Now, ninety years after its first publishing date and without further ado, here is Mr. Hall's ode:

The Metamorphosis of Poolesville 1861 – 1923

Say, people, have you heard of Poolesville?

That place of Civil War fame;

If not, sit still and listen,
While I weave its magic name.
First, Poolesville stands for Poole,
From the earliest stage of its birth;
And the name and fame of that
tribe,

Make its history of greater worth.
And Poolesville the mother of
Williams,
of Woottens and Whites and
more
Old county never nurtured a
coward
Along the stretches of thy Po-
tomac shore.

You remember the little brick
schoolhouse,
Where the famous Irishman
taught;
And, the sting of the reed and the
ruler,
That our poor little bare hands
caught.

The little old brick has passed
away,
And long banished is the rod and
the rule;
The great Academy now towers
aloft,
And love is the law of the school.
Do you recall the little old brick
church,
Still braving time's havoc and
loss;
Where we sat with our Mothers
side by side,
And listened to the story of the
cross.

The Amen! corner where the
Elders sat,
Solemn visaged as the Raven of
Poe;
They prayed and shouted the ter-
ror of Hell,
Til our young hearts quaked with
woe

The dear old church stands deso-
late and lone.
Her walls re-echo the names of
the dead;
The great, new church a monu-
ment of love,
Where the teachings of Christ are
spread.

Poolesville stood sentry in the
sixties,
'Twixt the Southern and Northern
hosts,
And many raids by the Rebel
boys,
Were made on the Yankee posts.
O! The Ides of October, that
bright Sabbath eve,
All ye old folks remember so
well,
Of Doctor Poole the Union Colo-
nel said,
Tomorrow we eat breakfast in
Leesburg, or hell.
Then bravely marching to capture

Leesburg,
Across both ferries to their doom,
From "Ball's Bluff" returning all
battered and torn,
When the Rebels shot holes in
their boom.

Men living now – were boys then,
Who will never forget the Rebel
yell,
And the Union soldiers who
fought and died,
Carried that Echo with him to
heaven or hell.

But days that tried the souls of
men,
Were banished by the Angel of
Peace;

And Poolesville rose from the
doubt and dismay,
While happiness wrote a new
lease.

Thy angle on map gives business
growth,
Commerce and fame reach farms
and hill;

The merchants push the electron
buttons of trade,
With leger-de-main and skill.
Other towns in old Montgomery
land,

Tried to copy the Poolesville
creed;

But Poolesville had her Willards
and Elgins, too,
Who showed them the meaning
of speed.

Then sing a song of the old town,
Let thy voices with accent rise;
For the glories of far famed
Poolesville,
And her habitants great, good
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1923

The Injunction

Thy fathers and mothers asleep in
the dust,
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sage to thee;
Love thy fellow man – keep faith
with God,
And live for all humanity.

*This story first ran in the Monocle
in 2005. We want to thank Glenn
Wallace of the Monocacy Cemetery
Project and the Montgomery County
Historical Society for providing the
picture of Mr. Hall we have waited
nearly eight years to see.*

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poems will finally end up. We’re also happy with paradox. We’re happy the poet takes time to negotiate in verse what it means to be on a ball field or nodding off while listening to a friend’s familiar woes. Complex problems are made simple by a no-nonsense command of words. Living life is one thing—the difficult part of the route is to record it accurately without pretension so we can hear the ‘voice.’”

Jankowski’s book can be purchased on Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. If you would like a personally-signed copy, please contact Kathy Jankowski at kjankowski@xecu.net or 301-916-3303.

Picnic at a Cemetery? You Bet!

The Board of Directors of Monocacy Cemetery is very excited to announce the return of an old Upcounty tradition: Beautification Day at Monocacy

Cemetery. Friends and families of the over-five-thousand people buried at the cemetery, as well as members of the general public, are invited to come out and help clean the markers, reset fallen gravestones, and spruce the grounds up on August 31 from noon to 4:00 p.m. This is a perfect time to meet relatives who share your ancestors. As in bygone days, bring a picnic lunch for yourself and some baked goods to share. All that is needed is a sturdy scrub brush (non-metal bristles), a bucket, and work gloves. Sunscreen would be a good idea, too.

Advice from MCP about Emergency Help

In an emergency, police, and fire and rescue workers depend on house numbers to find you as quickly as possible. Finding your home, especially at night, can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlit or have missing numbers and may delay emergency responders from getting to you as quickly as possible.

Are your house numbers

visible from the street? Are they set on a background of contrasting color? If your house is hidden from the street, are your numbers attached to a visible fence, mailbox, or gate? Is your mobile home identified with your house number? If you live on a corner, does your house number face the street named in your address?

If you’ve answered “no” to any of these questions, please note the following guidelines to make your house number easy to read:

Numbers must be visible from the street. Letter size of five inches is recommended.

Numbers should be placed on a contrasting background, with a reflective coating.

Repair or replace aging address number placards.

Prune any bushes, tree limbs.

Numbers should be on or beside the front door.

Trail on the Trail

Matt Trail has been posting updates on Facebook about his experiences from his current adventure on the Appalachian Trail. He invites others to befriend him as he gets to the halfway point on his northbound hike of 2,184 miles.

Matt, who has lived in Poolesville his entire life is nicknamed Flops because of his unusual use of flip flops while hiking. So far, Matt has soldiered through blistered feet, rashes, extreme weight loss, stomach and hunger issues, rattlesnakes, black bears, sleeping with horses in the fields, fighting mice half a night, and many interesting characters on the trails and towns along the way. He posts parts of music lyrics that inspire him, responds to all comments on Facebook, and has posted many more stories and experiences as he hikes the Appalachian Trail.



Matt Trail on his 2,100-mile trek along the Appalachian Trail.



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Things to Do

The Town of Poolesville's Community and Economic Development Committee is in need of a Resident Member. You must have resided within the town limits for at least six months and be willing to serve a two-year term. The committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Interested persons should contact Town Hall at 301-428-8927.

It's time to sign up for the PACC 5K Run/Walk on Poolesville Day on September 21. Visit poolesvillechamber.com for forms.

August 23
Summer Concert Series
 On Kilter Band
 Whalen Commons. 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville
 Featuring: Kenny Ray Horton. 8:30 p.m.

August 24
Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville

DJ. 8:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning Yoga
 Gisèle Agnew, a certified yoga teacher from NYC, will be joining with Glad-I-Yoga to offer a free yoga detoxing class. Whether you have never done yoga before or are experienced and would like to deepen your practice, this class has been designed to remove the toxins from your Friday night and remove the stress your body has been holding all week. Bring your mat or a beach towel/blanket and wear comfortable clothes. Whalen Commons. 9:30 a.m.

August 25
Special Event: King Barn Dairy Museum
 Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the King Dairy Farm by welcoming members of the King Family. Educational exhibits include a restored century-old milk wagon, a life-size milking Holstein cow, a scale model replica of the King farmstead, as well as exhibits and tours related to the production, processing, and marketing of milk and milk products. The Sunday afternoon

program will also include butter making, cow milking contests, and crafts for the entire family. A separate children's craft room provides educational materials. 8028 Central Park Circle, Boyds. Free. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 31
Monocacy Cemetery Beautification Day

This event revives a bygone community tradition of combining a social day with sprucing up the cemetery. Relatives and volunteers are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and baked goods to share with others who have come to help clean and reset headstones, and to clean up the grounds. Beallsville, at intersection of Routes 109 and 28. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville
 So Far Gone. 8:30 p.m.

September 6
PHS Home Varsity Sports: Girls' Tennis
 Gaithersburg. 3:30 p.m.
PHS Home Varsity Sports: Football

Northwood. 6:30 p.m.
Friday in the Commons
 An Uncommon Play in the Commons: Teams representing various groups and ages compete in presenting self-written skits. Whalen Commons. 4:00 p.m.

Farmers' Market
 Whalen Commons. 4:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park
 Featuring: Willie Barry and the Chaperones. Wine and cheese tent. Whalen Commons. 8:00 p.m.

UMCVFD Bingo
 Featuring Longaberger baskets filled with extras, Vera Bradley bags, and cash. 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshments are available for purchase. Please do not bring outside food or beverages. Enjoy an evening of fun and help your local fire department. Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Games start: 7:00 p.m. 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville. \$20.00

September 6, 7, and 8
Grand Opening of the Blue Hearth
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niture and furnishings and other home-decorating specialty ideas has ten vendors offering a variety of products and ideas. There will be food and refreshments every day, door prizes, and discount coupons. The Thomas Poole House, 19674 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

September 7
Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville
 Bari Leigh. 8:30 p.m.

September 7 and 8
2nd Annual HMD Agricultural Reserve Photo Contest
 Featuring photographs of animal life in the Ag Reserve. The Old Town Hall Bank Museum. Poolesville. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

September 9
Senior Day Trip to Dulles Air and Space Museum
 The Gathering Place Senior Activity Center sponsors this bus trip to the northern Virginia auxiliary museum. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Depart: 8:45 a.m. (meet in Poolesville at M&T Bank parking lot). Return: 3:00 p.m.

PHS Home Varsity Sports: Boys' Soccer
 Gaithersburg. 7:00 p.m.
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
 Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

September 10
PHS Home Varsity Sports: Girls' Soccer
 Gaithersburg. 7:00 p.m.

September 12
PHS Home Varsity Sports: Field Hockey
 Whitman. 3:00 p.m.
PHS Home Varsity Sports: Girls' Tennis
 Whitman. 3:30 p.m.

September 13
Concert in the Park
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advocacy on concrete actions to advance agriculture in the region. The Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. 10:00 a.m.

September 14
Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville
Jay Summerour. 8:30 p.m.

September 15
Entertainment Night at Asian House of Poolesville
Special Event: Free Fall Beer Tasting featuring Dominion Oktoberfest, Fordham Spiced Harvest Ale, Shock Top Pumpkin Wheat, and Dominion Double D. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

September 16
Farming at Metro's Edge
Public conference on sustaining agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties. A presentation of the results and recommendations in key areas by the Report Committee, in its 2013 report, with comments and commitments from elected officials and leaders of the farm community. This event is the first step in a process to build collaboration and

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taxicab in Dublin catching up with my wife at Christ Church, and got into history a little with the driver. We established that I was from Maryland, not far from Washington, D.C., and I mentioned that we were approaching the two hundredth anniversary of the British burning Washington. He chewed on this for a moment, and said, “Well, when Maggie Thatcher was here, she said that Dublin was a beautiful city, and how nice it was of them not to burn it down.” The old world is alive and well, too.

“Rande(m) Thoughts” Continued From Page 4.

pristine and in excellent shape. Is there any connection between a well-maintained building and a community of people who clearly respect tradition?

As we passed through New Berlin, we stumbled across an amazing traditional event, especially for a township that small. Located on both sides of the winding and narrow Route 8, was the Unadilla Sports Center which hosts, among other things, a Professional National Motocross Competition each August. Yet on most days of the year, there is nothing there except a large, open pasture; however, on this particular weekend, it had all the appearance of Woodstock, as the next day tens of thousands of motocross racing fans would fill the fields as the bikers would fill the air with the sound of the roaring and racing dirt motorcycles. The tradition of motocross racing in New Berlin has been around for nearly fifty years. The town, half

the size of Poolesville, which hosts this huge traditional event, is a community clearly thriving.

Then there was Richfield Springs. On the day we went through, they were having their annual community yard sale and festival which stretched through the whole town. People filled the streets and the local park, a park that still proudly boasts its nearly-century-old gazebo-style bandstand and a large historical clock. This town, which obviously holds to its traditions, is thriving, too.

Of course, nothing is more traditional than Saratoga Raceway with its beautifully-maintained wooden structure, crowds of picnickers on the lawns outside, and many of the ladies still wearing bold hats dining on the inside. It thrives by holding onto its traditions.

What might a person fifty years from now witness as he or she passes through Poolesville. Will the park still be there? Will the band shell still be in good shape or will it be covered by weeds? Will music fill the air on

summer weekend evenings or choruses singing carols in December? Will we hold on to our traditions, traditions like the upcoming Poolesville Day? To me the message echoing from the towns of upstate New York is clear: Respect of time-honored tradition is an integral part of communities that thrive.

Local News

Heroin Deaths Reported

By Jack Toomey

Since March, seven Montgomery County residents have died as the result of heroin overdoses. Six of these deaths have happened since June. The seven deaths equal the number that was reported in the last three years. The age of the victims ranged from nineteen to forty-five.

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Special Operations Division and assisted by Major Crimes are investigating this unusual spike in heroin-related incidents. In addition to the deaths, there have been numerous overdoses that did not result in death.

There has also been a surge in heroin-related deaths in Jeffer-

son and Berkley Counties, West Virginia in the panhandle section of the state. This section of West Virginia is less than an hour's drive from the northwest section of Montgomery County.

Several years ago, the Poolesville and Boyds commercial areas were affected by an armed robbery team of two local men who robbed several stores. It turned out that they needed money to support heroin addictions. Both of these men have since died of heroin overdoses.

"The dangers of using illegal drugs are always present, but this recent spike in deaths attributed to heroin is particularly alarming," said Captain Marcus Jones, Director of the Major Crimes Division. Detectives investigating these deaths are working closely with narcotics detectives on these cases.

Seizures of heroin have also increased in the county, according to Captain Nancy Demme, Director of the Special Investigations Division which includes the

department's narcotics detectives. Other area jurisdictions are also seeing an increase in heroin activity. "We are sharing information with other jurisdictions on these cases. This is not a problem that is confined to Montgomery County," said Captain Demme.

Anyone with information about these cases is asked to contact the Special Investigations Division at 240-773-5959.

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in Wesmond, had some electronic equipment stolen from his truck. He said, "I've been in Poolesville thirty-six years, and this stuff is not supposed to happen here."

The Dickerson speed cameras were vandalized on the night of August 10. Someone sprayed black paint over the lenses and photo cells. Xerox personnel, who are charged with maintaining the cameras, discovered the damage on Sunday morning and reported it to the police. Police are investigating this incident.

On Monday, August 12, town employees discovered that the concession stand and a truck had been sprayed with graffiti. Town Manager Wade Yost surmised that the vandalism had happened over the weekend.

Police constantly remind residents to park their cars in well-lit areas, to not leave valuables in the car at night, and, most importantly, to lock the doors.

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Remembrance

Rosalie "Rosie" A. Cabrera



Rosalie "Rosie" A. Cabrera, 48, of Poolesville passed away peacefully after her seventeen-month battle with lung cancer on August 11, 2013. Rosie was

born in Frederick on October 7, 1964 and was the oldest of three children. Rosie spent the majority of her childhood growing up in Poolesville where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Jose Cabrera.

Rosie always wanted a large family, and the Cabrereras have five children. Once her kids were in school, Rosie began her career in sales as an account executive in the mortgage banking industry. During her tenure at CitiMortgage, she was often recognized with numerous achievement awards for her outstanding performance as a top sales agent. She won trips to Hawaii, Scottsdale, Arizona, Florida, and California. Rosie spent the last two years working at Eagle Bank where she developed a very close relationship with her coworkers who were extremely supportive during her battle with cancer.

Family was the most important thing in her life. She was a devoted mother who supported her children in anything in which they participated. She was at every basketball, football, and

cheerleading event. One of the proudest moments in her life was the day she became a grandmother. She committed her time to spending any chance she could with creating memories with her two grandchildren. Rosie loved to spend her free time gardening, going to yard sales and flea markets, playing bingo at the local firehouse, and spending the summer weekends playing volleyball at her family's weekly barbeque. She was an upbeat, positive, loving woman who will be deeply missed every day.

She is survived by her husband Jose Cabrera and her five children Jose Cabrera, Jr. of Frederick, Jenny Cabrera also of Frederick, Tabitha Cabrera Toema of Arlington, J.J. Cabrera of Germantown, and Christopher Cabrera of Germantown. Rosie is also survived by her mother Connie Jane Roberts of Poolesville; sister Lisa Seward and George Seward; and grandchildren, Jose Cabrera, III and Kylie Cabrera Durieu. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rosie's name to Johns Hopkins

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