



Tom Kettler holds an Emmy® won by Heritage Montgomery for Life in a War Zone. All the details are in Tidbits on page 16.



There was a special event at the Old Town Hall. Read more in Tidbits on page 16.



Raising money for a good cause can be fun, too. See more in the Poolesville Relay for Life photo collage on page 14.



June is for Hydrangeas. See In the Garden on Page 19.

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Church Construction Approved

By Kristen Milton

A congregation that began meeting under a tree on its Potomac property years ago received approval for a permanent structure this month. Members of St. Andrew the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church will construct a nine-thousand-square-foot building at 9111 River Road as the final step in a process that began under a tree, then progressed to a tent and a wooden structure currently in use.

"Frankly this will be a big improvement from the neighborhood perspective," Planning Chair Françoise Carrier said at the June 7 hearing, noting that the plans will bring a permanent building, parking lot, and more organization to the site.

The comments were in response to a letter of objection from an unnamed adjacent property holder received by

email the morning of the hearing. Carrier said the "strongly-worded" email, which was the only citizen correspondence received, cited complaints about bathrooms and lighting as well as the numbers in attendance and "unsightly temporary structures haphazardly scattered on the site."

In response, representatives of the congregation said only forty to fifty people generally attended meetings although more than one hundred were estimated at a festival last month. They readily accepted the planning board's stipulation that the sanctuary of the church contain only one hundred seats.

"The septic field will only support one hundred," said surveyor Andrew Husbands, who said he had worked with the church for about five years to come up with the submitted plan. The private septic system was a key sticking point, he said.

Planning board member Casey Anderson said the issuance of an occupancy permit for the temporary structure by the permitting services was of concern. "I don't blame you for it," Anderson told church representatives, "but it just seems weird...It really undercuts our credibility with citizens."

Planning staff said they had been unaware of the ongoing meetings.

According to the plans, the permanent church building will contain only a "simple warming kitchen" and host no weekday childcare or educational uses. There will be forty-five parking spaces, three bike racks, an internal sidewalk, and white pine trees.

Husbands said the church had already planted fir trees along the property's border to help with screening in response to a neighbor meeting held in November 2010. Thirteen people attended that meeting.

NBC Channel 4 Films Feature on Poolesville History

By Rande Davis

When NBC Channel 4 reporter Melissa Mollett learned the intriguing story about the heritage and graves at the site of the Friendly Thrift Shop in Poolesville from her mother, she, too, became enthralled. Both learned of the story through an article written by Peggy Erickson, Director of Heritage Montgomery. On June 19, Ms. Mollett traveled to Poolesville to talk with Ms. Er-

ickson, and the interview aired that evening on Channel 4 during the 6:00 p.m. news hour.

The article first appeared in the spring/summer newsletter of Heritage Montgomery and was entitled "At Rest in Poolesville." Ms. Erickson had received inquiries from relatives of persons buried at the historic Methodist Cemetery at 17605 West Willard Road.



NBC Channel 4 reporter Melissa Mollett interviewed Heritage Montgomery director Peggy Erickson at the old cemetery by the Friendly Thrift Shop in Poolesville. The interview aired June 19.

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Family Album



Ray and Reva Hoewing were acknowledged at a special reception honoring their sixtieth wedding anniversary.



Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre hosted a network night for the PACC.



The Historic Medley District Board of Directors and winners of the First Annual HMD Photo Contest. Sharon Bauer (secretary), Ingeborg Westfall (first place), Maureen O'Connell (president), Suzanne Tallia (third place), and Jean Findlay (treasurer).

State Delegate Aruna Miller (left) presented PHS principal Deena Levine with a special state certificate of achievement honoring the school.



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Commentary

Are We All Republicans?

By John Clayton

As the Pledge of Allegiance reminds us, we are a Republic. We are a Democracy because we are able to vote freely, but strictly speaking, we elect representatives to make our decisions which makes us a Republic. We should embrace this and stop watering it down.

A case in point was the recent gubernatorial recall election in Wisconsin. Briefly, Governor Scott Walker, a Republican, duly elected, faced a recall initiated by opponents of his actions against public sector unions. Facing economic calamity, as many states are, he rolled back many of the benefits that had accrued to unionized public employees, and limited public employees' right to organize. The recall required him to run against the Democrat he had defeated the first time, and he won again.

I am totally against recall elections. This entire exercise against an official who was elected to do a job for four years was a waste of time and money, and it has prevented him from doing the job he was elected to do. I find it difficult to improve on the words of President George W. Bush, who famously said, "Elections have consequences." If you lose, some things are going to be done that you may not like and you have to win a future election to turn things back around your way. I believe the system works best that way. It doesn't mean that the leader with the mandate gets everything he or she wants, or that the loyal opposition doesn't oppose things, but it should mean that everyone gets back to working on the problems, not trying for a do-over. In a future column, I will discuss the Easter Bunny, another of my core beliefs.

I also feel this way about referendums (yes, I know the Latin is "referenda," and if Pliny the

Elder complains, I will respond accordingly). Twenty-four states, including Maryland, allow voters to force a settled issue onto the ballot for a decision, that is, a referendum. There are various flavors of referendums, but, for the most part, I oppose them all.

We elect people to make decisions for us, and they should be expected to do the research, debate the issues, and vote their decisions. As it stands, any serious or controversial issue gets kicked out to the electorate for a final say. I think our legislators should be accountable for their decisions at the next election.

They shouldn't be laying off the tough calls on the electorate. We elected these people to do a job and they should do it. They are the deciders, if I can quote Forty-Three one more time.

A fundamental problem with the referendum process is that public debate gets boiled down to hard-and-fast, yes-or-no answers, with little consideration for the practical ramifications of the matter. More intelligent, well-thought-out measures, which might address broader consequences, are only possible when ongoing debate and modification of the question are possible. This does not happen on a referendum. I think the reliance on the referendum process exacerbates the growing divide in our country, and makes us less likely to meet on reasonable compromise and problem solving. Maryland has two controversial referendums on the way in November: same-sex marriage and the Maryland Dream Act. In both issues, as in the Wisconsin recall election, voters who didn't get the result they wanted in the legislature are able to put the issue to a popular vote. We shall see how the discourse shapes up as we get closer to November, as the opposing sides work to appeal to our better natures.

Most of us are distraught about the performance of our elected officials, and the usual solution I hear offered is just to

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Garbage on My Mind

Rande Davis

The town is trying to decide if residents want garbage pickup one or two times per week. They are also considering single stream recycling whereby all recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, etc.) are not separated but placed in a town-provided sixty-four-gallon trash cart

I remember growing up having only one pickup per week, and paper and food scraps were burned. Of course, having every household burn part of its trash is not allowed anymore, although I bet more than one house in town with a fireplace burns some things on occasion. Just for the record, the back-to-back fireplaces in my home are no longer usable.

Trust me, I would never advocate going back to the old ways, yet I can still recall with a

strange sense of satisfaction the handling of my chores of burning trash and, in the fall, raking and burning the leaves. It's just one more of those things in life you hated to do at the time but somehow recall with fondness in later years. Trash burning occurred in a metal garbage can with holes throughout its sides. I had to watch the burning until all coals stopped glowing. You would shiver in the winter and stand a bit too close to the can as the snow around it would begin to melt. It's not exactly like watching a fire in a fireplace, but there was coziness to the process. I still miss the sweet aroma of burning leaves in autumn. Bygone days for sure are not anything we should go back to today; nevertheless, there was an upside to the process.

In our present-day empty nest home, one pickup per week seems fine with me, and, since

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Town of Poolesville

Town Government Meeting

By Rande Davis

Trash Talk

The Poolesville commissioners talked about possible changes to town trash collection services. They recently received five responses for a Request for Proposal (RFP) from five waste management companies for trash service to the town. The RFP sought bids for pickup service one time per week and two times per week including single stream recycling pickup. Single stream refers to all recyclables being set aside in

one container without the need for separation. The one-time-per-week pickup option is estimated to lower the cost for the service by as much as \$100,000.

Commissioner Jim Brown asked for more time to gather input from the community residents as to their preferences of service, and a decision was postponed. The various options are posted on the town website (ci.poolesville.md.us) and residents are asked to review the information and advise the commissioners as to their opinions and preferences. All commissioners are available should anyone wish to discuss the options in more detail.

Sign of the Times

The town received a report from Text Design of Frederick,

whose Carrier countered.

In the end, the parties agreed that Newland would submit a written statement each quarter detailing any changes at the site, and the planning board would then decide whether a representative needed to be sent to the quarterly hearing.

The landmark Clarksburg development has been plagued by problems since the citizen discovery of multiple building violations more than eight years ago. The issuance of the nine hundredth building permit on the Town Center property is a milestone that triggers retail, road, and other requirements. Area coordinator Ron Cashion said in April that the project was at 825 homes and is intended to grow to 1,200.

Elm Street Development's David Flanagan said May 31 that permit 901 was not imminent. «We think we have a long time to go,» he said.

Elm Street is attempting to restart the design process with new citizen meetings that Flanagan estimated would take at least a year to produce results.

«Only someone of true gumption would have taken this on,» Carrier said.

Maryland presenting various proposals for designs of new gateway (entrance) and wayfinder signs (directional instructions to various town facilities) for the town. The objective is to develop uniformed, attractive, and effective signage to better inform visitors.

Development funds specifically set aside for improving streetscape will be used to pay for the project.

The proposed design is hunter green with white lettering and is expected to include the iconic Old Town Hall logo. The preferred design is similar to the town sign now in place on Fisher Avenue in front of the town hall.

Before making any final decisions, the commissioners seek the full scope and cost of the entire project determined. The signage would include welcome signs at town entrances on Fisher Avenue and Elgin Road, one in front of the town hall, another at Whalen Commons, and a determination as to which facilities and services should be identified for wayfind-

er signage.

Just Who Owns the Road Anyway?

The commissioners authorized President Kuhlman and the town manager to approach state and county officials as to the possibility of transferring the ownership of state and county roads to the town.

The commissioners' interest comes from a consideration for gaining control over management of those roads for speed limitations, traffic control, stop signage, snow removal, etc. Before proceeding further in the discussion of the matter, the commissioners want to establish the level of interest by the state and county of the transfer to have a better idea as to terms to be negotiated for such a transfer. The discussion will continue upon obtaining the answers from the state and county and after an engineering estimate is made as to the full short- and long-term costs of such a project.

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Local News

Newland Homes Moves On

By Kristen Milton

The planning board formalized the exit of longtime opponent Newland Homes in a continuation of Clarksburg Town Center's quarterly update.

Board members were perturbed by Newland's absence at the April 26 meeting after years of working with the developer to address problems at the 270-acre development located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway. In response, attorney Kurt Fischer attended a follow-up hearing May 31.

Fischer said Newland retained only fifty-six residential lots when it passed the remainder of the troubled project to Elm Street Development in December in a one-dollar sale.

«In short, [Newland] is not the regulated entity,» he said, arguing that the company no longer had responsibilities different from other small stakeholders.

«The company you represent stands in special relationship to this board,» Planning chair Fran-

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Things to Do

June 22

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Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jay Summerour and Eric Selby
8:00 p.m.

June 23

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Dave & Dave
8:00 p.m.

Civil War Living History Musical Performance

As part of Heritage Montgom-

ery days, Sugarloaf Regional Trails proudly presents a performance by the truly remarkable musical talents of tenor Doug Jimerson and banjoist Clarke Buehling. Both are nationally-renowned living history performers. Edwards Ferry Lockhouse 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 23

Career Firefighters 3rd Alarm BBQ

Variety of pork barbeque and music
Hearthside Gardens
19900 Fisher Avenue
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

June 23 and 24

15th Annual Montgomery County Heritage Days

You do not have to go away to get away. This two-day celebration presents the history of the county through its thirty-seven historical sites each offering tours and ex-

hibits. Locally, there will be special displays at the John Poole General Store and an exhibit of the entries into the HMD Photos of the Ag Reserve Contest in the Old Town Hall. Additionally, the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road is open to the public.

Free

Hours: noon to 4:00 p.m. each day

June 29

Summer Farmers' Market and Music Concert in the Park

Annual Bark in the Park Dog Show contest plus many vendors.

Whalen Commons - Poolesville

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Music Concert Featuring: Walking Sticks

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

June 30

Annual Odd Fellows Picnic

Memorial Methodist Church

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All senior citizens are welcome
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1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Annual Community Yard Sale

Dickerson Methodist Church
Many vendors and great food and refreshments

(This event was originally set for June 2 but was rained out)
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July 2

Senior Center Meeting

Anyone interested in getting information or providing assistance in the develop-

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ment of the Gathering Place, a center to serve seniors in the Poolesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, and Barnesville areas, is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Poolesville Town Hall
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**July 4
Annual UMCVFD Family Fireworks**

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department will offer the Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks at the soccer fields at Hughes Road and Sugarland Road in Poolesville. The Jim Bowie Band will once again offer music entertainment prior to the fireworks. The gates open at 6:00 p.m. Along with hot dogs and sausages, soft drinks and water, there will be Cugini’s pizza, ice cream, kettle korn, kona ice, 3D fireworks glasses, PHS spirit bands, and glow rings.

Jamison Real Estate, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Poolesville sponsor the event. The UMCVFD is especially appreciative of volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Monocacy Lions Club, and the Odd Fellows for helping out and of Mike Rubin for donating the facilities.

Cost: \$5.00 (Note: to facilitate entry, have your \$5.00 bill ready as you enter)
Alcohol, pets, and coolers are prohibited.

**July 7 and 8
148th Anniversary of the Battle of the Monocacy**
Special events presented Monocacy National Battlefield – Frederick

July 9

Poolesville Commissioners’ Meeting
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

**July 9 through 13
Memorial United Methodist VBS: Operation Overboard**
Through the action-packed theme of ocean adventure, participants will “go deep” into God’s Word, exploring Bible stories of people who revealed deep faith.
Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**July 11
St. Peter’s Community Dinner**
Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad, and more
Plus: pie contest. Enter your best pie in a friendly competition.
Adults: \$5.00, Kids: \$3.00
20100 Fisher Avenue
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**July 14
UMCVFD Pig Roast**
Dinner of pulled pork, beef, beans, coleslaw
Fire hall at 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville
Sandwich: \$5.00
Platter: \$7.00
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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replace them more often by enforcing term limits. One concern I have about that as a solution is that we will constantly have an inexperienced legislature. We should be expecting more of our legislators, not less. Make them decide the tough issues and vote them out if we don’t like the result.

Of course, people don’t vote in most elections anyway. Turnout in the Wisconsin recall was quite high, as it is for high-profile elections, but that’s the exception. Maybe we don’t think electing candidates really matters because if they pass something we dislike, we’ll vote it down in a referendum. Perhaps, if our elected officials’ decisions really mattered, we’d take their election more seriously.

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Youth Sports

PHS Track and Field Competing against Yourself—As a Team

By Jeff Stuart

Track athletes strive to reach their personal bests in their respective events, competing against themselves as well as each other. There is no seeding or rankings at the post-season events, but they have to qualify for the region and state competitions. The post season started well at the county meet at Walter Johnson High School on May 9.

"Chelsie Pennello won the 1600-meter run in 5:21.56. She is the first athlete from the program to win a county championship in four years," said Head Coach Mike Trumbull. Chase Weaverling was third in the 3200-meter run in 9:37.53, setting a new school record by nearly twelve seconds. Claire Beutz was third in the 3200-meter run as well in 11:35.61. Andre Butler finished fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5' 8". Brittani Mason finished eighth in the 300 hurdles in 50.08, the best time in Poolesville history. The girls' 4x400 meter relay of Chelsie Pennello, Nusrat Molla, Rebecca Basehore, and Emily Murphy finished seventh overall with a season best time of 4:18.97.

Pennello would better her county time in the 1600 in a second place finish at the West Regional at Westminster on May 19 running the distance in 5:18.03. She finished second in the 3200 with a personal best of 11:41.18. Beutz exceeded her county time in the 3200 as well, running a 11:42.37 for third place. Weaverling also bested his 3200 county time at the region with a 09:34.962.

At a practice prior to the county meet, several runners talked about their season to that point. "It's going pretty [well] for my first year," said junior Andre Butler who runs the 100-meter. "I feel like I am adapting to running track now. I usually only

play football. I never ran track before this year." His best performance this year? "I would say running the 100 in the Don Boyer in 11.52." The Don Boyer Invitational was hosted by Middletown High on April 14. Andre's personal record was 11.4 set in the opening home meet against Northwest on March 22.

"We have a lot of distance runners on the team," said senior Psaltakis. "It's definitely been a strong suit for the team the last couple of years, and it's getting stronger. My best moment this season was running a personal best of 4:12 in the 1500 at the Zimmerman Invitational (April 21 at Walkersville High School)."

"There is definitely a competition between all of us distance runners," said sophomore Chase Weaverling. "We are always working with each other and trying to beat each other. Jordan actually beat me in the Poolesville 5K. I have tried pretty much every sport, but I think I am better at this. My best moment this season was also the 1500 at the Zimmerman. I ran a 4:18 which corresponds to a 4:35 mile."

"This season is the first time I have run the mile," said Pennello. "I didn't run it last year, and I got a personal best of 5:16 at the Don Boyer Invitational. I ran the 1500 for the first time at the Zimmerman in 4:53. I was really proud of that."

Murphy, a junior who runs the 400 meter dash, said, "At the Zimmerman Invite...I got a personal best by one second, 62.3 seconds."

"We push each other a lot,"

said freshman Beutz. "At the Zimmerman, I got eleven minutes in the 3000." How was the season going at that point? "It's hard work, but I'll hopefully get some personal bests by the end of it."

The Poolesville athletes fared well in both the girls' and boys' 3200 on day one of the 2A State Championship at Morgan State on May 24. Beutz clocked a third place time of 11:21.28, a personal best, and Weaverling clocked a third place time of 9:32.94 besting his county meet time. The Poolesville girls' 4x800 team (Murphy, freshman Denise Larson, Beutz, and Pennello) set a season best time of 9:51.51, finishing fourth. On day two, Pennello finished fourth in the girls' 800, with a personal best of 2:23.62 and second in the 1600 with another personal best of 5:12.21, despite the heat and humidity. On the boys' side, Weaverling was tenth in the 1600.



PHS track athletes Andre Butler, Emily Murphy, Claire Beutz, and Chelsie Pennello.

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Cats Gone Wild

Town manager Wade Yost informed the commissioners of a growing concern with feral cats in the town. Residents have come forward with numerous complaints of nuisance and property damage. Yost estimated that the town had to remove nearly forty feral cats last year and that the population is clearly growing. The issue pits residents who are feeding the cats versus those who find them to be bothersome.

Poolesville Notification System (PNS)

The Town of Poolesville is in the process of compiling a list of residents who would like to be included in an email alert system, PNS. The purpose of the PNS is to alert residents to water main breaks, storm damage cleanups, public hearings, and other important information. The town hopes to use PNS to establish a more efficient way for the town government to disseminate information as quickly and efficiently as

Poolesville Residents Bring Specialty Medical Practice to Town

Petr and Lenka Bocek moved from Rockville to Poolesville eight years ago for very familiar reasons. While traveling out this way, they simply fell in love with the countryside atmosphere and the quaintness of the town. It was a perfect fit for them and their four children.

possible.

To receive the PNS notifications, residents need to send an email to townhall@lan2wan.com and request to be included. The town is committed to maintaining the privacy of the listing and to providing a simple unsubscribe process should one prefer to be removed from the list.

After living here and finding the community so friendly and welcoming, they recently decided that it would also be a great place to work, so this past spring, they expanded Dr. Bocek’s medical practice, Allergy and Asthma Clinical Centers (AACC), by adding an office in Poolesville. Their goal is to serve the local community by providing services residents would otherwise have to seek outside of town. Since April, this premier diagnostic and treatment allergy/immunology center that has other locations in Germantown, Maryland and Manassas, Virginia, is open every Wednesday at the Poolesville Family Practice office on Fisher Avenue.

Both Petr and Lenka came to the U.S. from their native Czech Republic. Growing up in a family of doctors and scientists, Petr’s choice to pursue a medical career was not surprising. Suffering in



Lanka and Dr. Petr Bocek

his youth from allergies, asthma, and atopic dermatitis, he naturally gravitated toward studying this intriguing specialty.

Dr. Bocek obtained his M.D. from Masaryk University Medical School, Czech Republic, summa cum laude. While working in the University Children’s Hospital in Brno, he won a scholarship at the

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School News

Retiring Teachers Recognized at PHS Luncheon

At the annual administration and faculty year-end luncheon at PHS, three retiring teachers were recognized for their dedication, hard work, and educational service to the school. The teachers were Patricia Tabachnick, English Department resource teacher, Barbara Kornrich, foreign language teacher, and Mary Ann Lepeonka, media assistant. Town commissioner Jerry Klobukowski presented each with a town proclamation of appreciation for their service.

Also honored was vice principal Richard La Rocca, who is now heading to Rosa Parks Middle School where he will be in a program to help train future principals.

Special appreciation was given to three teachers with twenty-five years of service, Joyce Bailey and Gordon Haines, and to Billie Bradshaw and Mary Ann Todd for their fifteen years of service.

PHS Athletes of the Year Named

Congratulations to Lindsay Poss and Robert

Winning for being named PHS 2012 Athletes of the Year.

Poss led the Falcon girls' basketball team, setting a single game scoring record of forty-eight points against Seneca Valley, scoring 496 for the year, and ending her high school career with 1,295 points.

Robert Winning was the Maryland Class 2A/1A South Region Wrestling Champ (2012), the Maryland Class 2A/1A West Region Wrestling Champ (2011), and the Montgomery County Wrestling Champ (2011 and 2012). He was named All-Gazette Wrestling: First Team (2012), Honorable Mention (2011). Robert will attend Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He also was a co-winner of the Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship Award.



Jerry Klobukowski presented Patricia Tabachnick a special proclamation of appreciation from the Poolesville Town Commissioners upon her retirement.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

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Theft from vehicle: 19600 block of Wootton Avenue.

Disorderly conduct

complaints: 17600 block of Soper Avenue, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Avenue, 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue, 17600 block of Norris Road, 17000 block of Tom Fox Avenue, 22800 block of Peach Tree Road.

Historical Crime

June 22, 1932 Two boy scouts, who were among a group camping at Burnt Mills, Montgomery County, reported

that someone had stolen their clothing. The two scouts told police that they had been swimming without clothing in the Northwest Branch, and when they came out of the water, their clothing was gone. A fellow bather provided the boys with a sheet to cover themselves.

June 24, 1932 A gas line explosion at Potomac killed two men and injured another. Police said that a natural gas

transmission line exploded when gas fumes leaked from the pipe.

June 25, 1935 Montgomery police were investigating a fatal crash that took the life of a ten-month-old child. Police said that a vehicle overturned at Dawsonville, trapping the family inside. A ten-year-old boy managed to remove himself from the wreckage and then ran to the house of Dr. Upton Nourse at Dawsonville. When Dr. Nourse arrived at the scene, the baby had died.

July 2, 1936 The body of a ten-year-old boy was found in the Potomac River by Sgt. James McCauliffe. The boy had disappeared while swimming and was found at the mouth of the Goose Creek.

July 9, 1935 Montgomery County officials announced a crackdown on gambling. Owners of businesses were warned to remove punch boards, slot machines, and claw machines. States Attorney James Pugh said that bingo and other forms of gambling were also to be stopped.

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

Poolesville Farmers' Market

4pm – 8pm: Local vendors selling fresh produce, flowers, herbs, breads, pastries, jams, salsa, dog treats, soaps, jewelry, artisan crafts and more.

5pm – 6:30 pm: "A Bark in the Park" Cute Dog Contest: Do you have the cutest or most talented dog in Town? Enter your dog in our contest to find out. Lots of prizes. Registration begins at 4 pm.

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Tidbits

Historic Medley District Photo Contest Winners Chosen

Historic Medley District announced the winners of its new annual Montgomery County Ag Reserve Photo Contest. Twelve photographers submitted eighty beautiful photographs that were judged by professional photographer Hilary Schwab, artist Sue Percy, and Caroline Taylor who was representing the Montgomery Countryside Alliance.

First Place: Ingeborg Westfall
Second Place: Megan Shapiro
Third Place: Suzanne Tallia
Honorable Mention: Tammy Hoewing

All photographs will be on display at the Old Town Hall in the center of Poolesville during Montgomery Heritage Days on June 23 and 24 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The winning photograph will be framed and given to the 2012 Royce Hanson Award recipient this coming October.

Poolesville Relay for Life 2012: Renewed Vigor

With the change of venue from outside of Poolesville to Whalen Commons in the center of the town, Poolesville Relay for Life (PRFL), now in its seventh year, realized a reinvigoration in support of this highly-popular and successful fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS).

With nearly \$75,000 raised in 2012, the leadership reports that PRFL has now raised over

\$500,000 for ACS. As PRFL members set up on June 9 for the annual overnight relay, they had reached the \$57,000 mark; however, continued fundraising throughout the day and evening added \$15,000 to their total. Last year, the PRFL event raised \$7,500 on its last day but doubled that sum this year. Much of the credit for this achievement is due to its new location.

Poolesville Day Committee Opens Grand Marshal Nominations and Announces Headliner Band

Do you have someone in mind that you believe is deserving of the honor of being named Grand Marshal of the Poolesville Day parade? Once again, the Poolesville Day Committee has opened nominations up to the general public. The forms for the nomination process are available at poolesvilleday.com and the deadline for the nomination is July 27.

Tom Pincipato, a twenty-two-time Wammie (Washington Area Music Awards) winner will headline the Poolesville Day entertainment. He is one of the most unique guitarists around, combining his rich blues background with energetic rock in a highly-charged, emotionally-expressive delivery.

Heritage Montgomery Wins Emmy® Award

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Musings from Mama Boe

Fat Mama

By Pamela Boe

I was listening to some 'tweens talking in line at the store today and was saddened to hear them make disparaging remarks about an overweight woman in front of them. Being in that particular subset of humans, I decided to put a positive spin on corpulence. We are inundated by society about why we shouldn't be the way we are, why we shouldn't eat the way we do, why it's not okay to be this way. Well, friends, in the face of all this *shoulding*, and because I happen to love defending the underdogs, I submit the following:

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She won't have other men chasing after her (unless they are hungry).

She is probably well experienced in being criticized and is less likely to criticize you (I said *less* likely).

She is probably very comfortable to hug. No sharp edges or

boney parts to jab you in the ribs.

You won't ever have to hear her say things like, "Does this make my butt look too big?" because she already knows it does.

She's probably used to being overlooked, so she'll be that much more grateful for the attention you give her.

She's probably jolly—and everyone wants to be around a jolly chick.

How do I know these things? I'm a jolly chick—and I'm okay with it. So the next time you hear someone tease someone else about his or her weight, remember these points: laugh at it and go back to enjoying your life. Leave the negativity to the 'tweens in the world.

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Remembrances

Steve Coppage Bodnar

Steven (Sonny) Coppage Bodnar, age 72, of Tuscarora, Maryland, died Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in a car accident near Dickerson in Frederick County.

Born on May 16, 1940, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Stephen John Bodnar and Catherine (Jones) Bodnar. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, grandfather (Stephen Bodnar), and grandmother (Anna Kacin Bodnar), all of St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Steve was an automobile mechanic for many years. After retiring, he provided ground maintenance for the Poolesville Golf Course in Montgomery County for sev-

eral years. He will be fondly remembered by many friends there.

He is survived by two sons, Melvin Wayne Bodnar of Lusby and Jason William Bodnar of Nederland, Colorado; one daughter, Marcia Jean (Bodnar) Conrad-Melton of Florence, South Carolina and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by one brother, John Howard Bodnar of Park Hall and one sister, Bonnie Jean (Bodnar) Dodge, of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

At the family's request, Steven was cremated. At a later date, there may be a celebration of Steve's life in Frederick County and/or Saint Mary's County.

Eugenie Bacon

Eugenia Faye Bacon, 77, passed away Sunday, June 3 at the family home on Taylors Island, New York.

She leaves behind her husband of fifty-four years, W. Edward Bacon, sons, Christopher and Daniel Bacon, daughter, Francesca Griffith, and grandchildren, Blaine Griffith, Alex and Kyle Bacon, and her dog Shadow.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Faye lived in Poolesville, Maryland most of her adult life. She later moved to Taylors Island in 2000 when she and Ed retired.

Faye received her Bachelor's Degree from Hunter College in New York City in 1956 and her Master's Degree in Psychology from Lehigh University in 1958 where she and Ed met. She worked as a clinical psychologist for several years before deciding to focus on caring for her family full time.

In addition to dedicating her life raising her children, she

started a new career as a real estate agent although it was more about helping people than making money. She would quite often waive her commission. Ed would joke that the IRS was going to claim it wasn't a business but a hobby.

If she were to be remembered for only one thing, it would be as a caring, compassionate person who was always willing to give and ask for nothing in return.

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In the Garden

June is for Hydrangeas

By Maureen O'Connell

In our Monocacy area, June is usually the best month for our flower gardens. The temperatures rarely reach the sizzling nineties, rainfall is adequate, and the pesky bugs of summer have not yet moved in. One should enjoy these glorious days for the dog days of July and August are just around the corner. One of my favorite flowering shrubs is the hydrangea, and this year's spring and early summer weather was very kind to them. I have never seen them more prolific, blooming in the most intense shades of blue, pink, and white.

There are approximately twenty-three species of *Hydrangea* (*H.*), while only five are commonly cultivated in the United States: *macrophylla*, *paniculata*, *quercifolia*, *arborescens*, and *serrata* (a *macrophylla* subspecies.) There are two flower patterns in hydrangeas: Mophead flowers are large, round heads resembling pom-poms or, as the name implies, the head of a mop; the other, called Lace Cap flowers, bears round, flat heads with a center core of subdued, fertile flowers surrounded by outer rings of showy, sterile flowers.

Most people are more familiar with *H. macrophylla*. This species produces the big-leaf, French garden or florists' hydrangea in shades of white, pink, and blue (blue on acid soils and pink on alkaline). Hydrangeas have been grown in gardens for many years, offering one month of blooms. A new *macrophylla* cultivar, the 'Endless Summer' series, was introduced into the market place several years ago, and it boasted of a much longer bloom season. It flowers on old and new wood, so you have eight- to ten-inch mophead flowers from early summer until fall. In this group, there is also 'Blushing Bride' (its flowers age to blush or pale sky blue depending on soil pH.) 'All

Summer Beauty,' and the first lacecap cultivar in this series, 'Twist-n-Shout.'

In the *paniculata* group, look for these stand-outs: 'Pinky Winky,' 'Little Lime,' and 'Lime-light.'

In the *quercifolia* species, you find the wonderful oak-leaf hydrangea, 'Snow Queen.' Many horticulturists rate this the number one shrub for American gardens. With that accolade, this is a must have for our gardens, but I think it is underutilized in landscape designs. I have three large ones; I cannot say enough good things about them. With their giant twelve- to fifteen-inch white panicles of blooms, they look like beacons in the garden. They have an upright habit with large, leathery oak-like leaves that in the fall turn dark burgundy.

In the *arborescens* group, you find several beauties: 'Incrediball,' 'Annabelle,' 'Bella Anna,' and 'Invincibelle.' 'Incrediball' is one terrific shrub. It is extremely floriferous and its eight- to twelve-inch "snowballs" get bigger and better as the season progresses. It blooms reliably over the summer season, and it is heat and humidity tolerant.

The species *serrata* has a winner in the cultivar 'Blue Billow.' I have four very large ones in the corner of my upper garden. This year, the colors of the flowers were the best I have ever seen. They first bloomed a rich sky blue and then turned violet with a hint of lavender. This was first introduced at Winterthur in Delaware. If you are looking for something a little different in hydrangeas, plant this one.

Hydrangeas are low-maintenance shrubs. They are highly resistant to diseases and pests. If they get a little droopy in hot weather, a big drink of water will bring them back. They can exist in sun, partial shade, or total shade. I have several in all these light conditions, and they all flourish. Our winter weather of snow, ice, and frigid winds don't bother them. It is easy to see why they are considered the number one shrub in the U.S.

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

June 2, 1923 Confederate Memorial Day was observed at the Monocacy Cemetery at Beallsville. Over five hundred people attended and heard Col. Mangus Thompson of Leesburg speak.

A large choir offered southern songs that entertained the crowd. Wreaths were placed at the graves of the Confederate dead.

June 2, 1925 Thirty residents of the Barnesville district were summoned to appear before Judge Riggs to explain why they had not obtained dog licenses for the dogs.

June 2, 1927 An \$800,000 bond issue approved by the Maryland General Assembly was destined for several road projects in Montgomery County. One was for the paving of a two-mile section of road between Martinsburg and Poolesville. Another project involved the paving of the road between Bucklodge and Boyds Station.

June 4, 1920 The graduation exercises of the Poolesville School were held at the town hall. Five seniors received their diplomas: Mildred Luhn, Annie Fawley, Jeannette Cromwell, Cleo Stowers, and Melville Myerly. Principal Robert Stout was in charge of the ceremony.

June 5, 1924 The State of Maryland issued regulations for the ratings of schools. In order to be classified as a Standard School, the school had to have the walls plastered, the grounds kept neat and clean with shrubbery and trees, a library of at least fifty books, a globe, maps, scales, and the teacher must have had a first-class certificate. Among the schools rated as standard were those at Barnesville, Quince Orchard, and Bucklodge.

June 13, 1921 The graduation ceremony was held at Darnestown High School. The only graduate was Dorothy Bogley.

June 19, 1922 The Boyds baseball team defeated Damascus twice in a doubleheader played at the Boyds field.

June 25, 1920 It was announced that the Rev. George Harrington, who had been pastor at St. Mary's Church in Barnesville since 1903, was to be transferred to Hagerstown. Rev. C. Carroll Kerr took over as pastor at St. Mary's.

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As she began her research, her inquiry took on a passionate and personal tone for her. She became driven to research the names of the people and soldiers buried there and found a wealth of information from the archives of the Massachusetts Infantry regiment historical group. The partial headstones displayed at the site and the names listed on a plaque started to come alive for her as she learned more and more about the soldiers behind the names.

Most interesting is her belief from her research that William Lowell Putnam, an officer in the 20th Massachusetts, known as the Harvard Brigade, died of wounds from the Battle of Balls Bluff and that he died in Poolesville. In her investigation, there is no record of his body being transferred to Massachusetts, fostering her conviction that he is buried in an unmarked grave at the cemetery. Erickson describes Putnam, a leading abolitionist, as something of a rock star of his time who had intensely-dedicated supporters. “Even twenty years after his death, poems were still

being written about him. Putnam was the cousin of another person wounded at Balls Bluff. That person was Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. who became a Supreme Court Justice. Holmes recovered from his wounds here in Poolesville.” Erickson plans to expand her research on more of the soldiers and persons buried in Poolesville and will publish her findings in the future.

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

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The producer was Barbara Grunbaum who wrote, produced, and directed the documentary.

Heritage Montgomery also acknowledged the excellent work done by other key members of the production team, including: Joseph Thompson (director of photography), Francine Wyron (editor and graphic designer), Charlie Pilzer (sound editor), and Greg Lewis (host).

Executive Director Peggy

Erickson remarked, "Heritage Montgomery produced this film on a shoestring budget with an incredible amount of community support. It truly took a village to turn out this fine product, and we want to thank everyone connected with the project."

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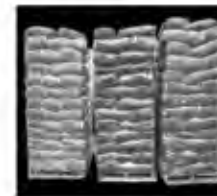
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prestigious Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel where he completed his formal studies towards his Ph.D. in Allergy/Immunology in 1996. Dr. Bocek then trained in the Department of Medicine, SUNY Stony Brook, New York and continued his allergy/immunology fellowship training in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Children’s National Hospital in Washington, D.C. After his fellowship, Dr. Bocek oversaw numerous clinical studies on atopic dermatitis, sublingual immunotherapy, food and environmental allergies as a medical officer in the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation of NIAID.

Dr. Bocek is board certified in both internal medicine and allergy/immunology and is an elected Fellow of American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunol-

ogy. Prior to starting his own practice, Dr. Bocek served as a medical director of a large allergy practice with multiple offices in Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Although Lenka attended the School of Medicine at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic with the goal of becoming an anesthesiologist, she ultimately gave priority to starting a family and coming to the United States in 1994. Most recently, she worked as a teacher for the U.S. Department of State, teaching languages to diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia. Now, as AACC’s clinic manager, she is fully and wholeheartedly committed to assuring that all patients who come to AACC are provided the best possible care, treatment, and education about their symptoms and conditions.

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