



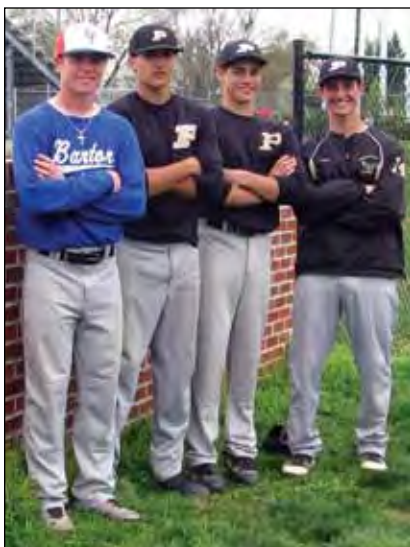
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Achievements were recognized...



Happy times prevailed...



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A Brief Look Back at 2013

By John Clayton

Our year began with tragedy and the untimely death of Michael S. Poe, a 2007 graduate of Poolsville High School. Bad tidings continued to dominate the news locally as two homes, one in Boyds and one in Dickerson, were severely damaged by fire. Both fires were reported at the time to be related to woodstoves. Jane Stearns, of WUMCO, whom we should all be thanking, thanked others in the community, companies, groups and individuals, for their support of her efforts to assist those who need a helping hand.

In February, St. Peter's rector, Tom Purdy, announced that he was leaving the church for the sunny Georgian coast. The Montgomery County Police Department announced that police coverage would be from different districts, with our area divided by Maryland Route 28, which moved Poolsville and its immediate surrounding area to the Rockville District.

Beware the Ides of March, they say, or someone said. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation held hearings on proposed bridge repairs that will shut down White's Ferry Road and divert traffic away from Poolsville this coming summer, to the great consternation of the Poolsville business community. Fortunately, the Poolsville swim and dive team, led by Coach Jon Leong, swept the 3A/2A/1A championships. Local residents and groups, including the Montgomery County Alliance and the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, continued to battle

plans for the Global Mission Church in Silver Spring to build a megachurch near Sugarloaf Mountain on the Montgomery/Frederick County line. Three Poolsville residents packed a March 18 public hearing to discuss a proposed increase in town water rates. Memorial United Methodist pastor Bill Maisch bucked a recent trend among town churches and became Memorial's permanent pastor.

In April, the Poolsville Commissioners, unfazed by the three citizens who showed up at the public hearing, raised water rates eight percent. Kenny Kramek, PHS boys' varsity basketball coach, was named Montgomery County Coach of the Year, by the Gazette newspapers. The Montgomery County Planning Board and the County Council continued to consider development issues in Clarksburg that will affect water quality in Ten Mile Creek, a vital source of clean water for many areas of the county. The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, a well-known local advocacy group, celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Beallsville's Darby Store, all spiffed up and moved off the road by the grace of about one million dollars in restoration funding, was in a competition for more maintenance funding, and won \$5,000.

In June, while we all began to settle into summer, the Poolsville Commissioners wrestled with a solar power initiative, which they eventually accepted, and settled an \$800,000 lawsuit against the town, avoiding costly litigation. Dollar

General Corporation announced plans to open a new store on Fisher Avenue.

Poolsville Day came and went once more, with decent weather, and, once again, the hardworking committee made it look all too easy—which it is not. Not long after, the entire area mourned the passing of Roy Selby after his battle with cancer. Poolsville-area people demonstrated their grief and respect for Selby with a heavily-attended vigil, visitation, and funeral service on successive days.



Poolsville's retail renaissance appeared to continue when Tractor Supply Company announced plans to open a store on the site of Selby's Market, Zaglio's Bakery opened for business, and J.P. Property Investments, LLC submitted a site plan for approval to build a small grocery or mini-market.

We hope you enjoy this photography special issue that visually recaps the events of 2013 as much as we enjoyed bringing the *Monocle* to you during the year.

Family Album



Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party.



Falcon fans fill the stands.



Wounded warriors at the UMCVFD hall.



Bob Cissel, a 2013 Poolesville Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.



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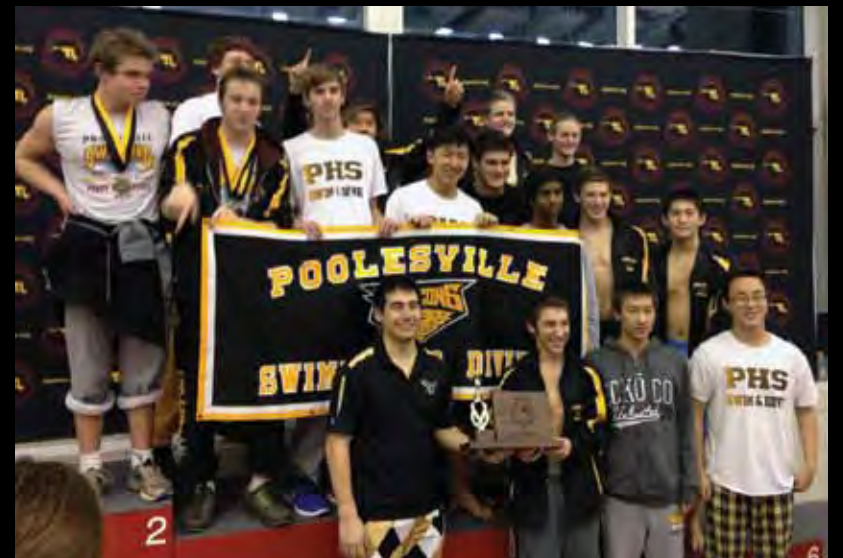
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Cold Weather Pet Safety Part II

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(Second in a Three Part Series On Cold Weather Information for you and your pet)

You're probably already aware of the risks posed by **warm weather** and leaving pets in **hot cars**, but did you know that **cold weather** also poses serious threats to your pets' health?

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe during cold weather:

Play dress-up: If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. Have several on hand, so you can use a dry sweater or coat each time your dog goes outside. Wet sweaters or coats can actually make your dog colder. Some pet owners also use booties to protect their dog's feet; if you choose to use them, make sure they fit properly.

Wipe down: During walks, your dog's feet, legs and belly may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic. When you get back inside, wipe down (or wash) your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove these chemicals and reduce the risk that your dog will be poisoned after (s)he licks them off of his/her feet or fur. Consider using pet-safe deicers on your property to protect your pets and the others in your neighborhood.

Avoid ice: When walking your dog, stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water. You don't know if the ice will support your dog's weight, and if your dog breaks through the ice it could be deadly. And if this happens and you instinctively try to save your dog, both of your lives could be in jeopardy.

Provide shelter: We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to keep your dog inside during cold weather, provide him/her with a warm, solid shelter against wind. Make sure that they have unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (by changing the water frequently or using a pet-safe, heated water bowl). The floor of the shelter should be off of the ground (to minimize heat loss into the ground) and the bedding should be thick, dry and changed regularly to provide a warm, dry environment. The door to the shelter should be positioned away from prevailing winds. Space heaters and heat lamps should be avoided because of the risk of burns or fire. Heated pet mats should also be used with caution because they are still capable of causing burns.

Recognize problems: If your pet is whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops moving, seems weak, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, get them back inside quickly because they are showing signs of hypothermia. Frostbite is harder to detect, and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. If you suspect your pet has hypothermia or frostbite, consult your veterinarian immediately.



Be prepared: Cold weather also brings the risks of severe winter weather, blizzards and power outages. Prepare a disaster/emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications as well as heartworm and flea/tick preventives) on hand to get through at least 5 days.



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