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This woman ran for twelve hours straight, and you can read about her in Local News on page 21.



Renee Brooks and Melissa Bingham received special awards at WUMCO's annual meeting. Read all about it on page 14.



Wounded hero Jason Iverson and son Ryan hoped for the big one. See more Wounded Warrior event pictures on page 9.



A bear in our woods? The details are in Tidbits on page 7.

Poolesville Settles \$800,000 Lawsuit

By Rande Davis

The Town of Poolesville Commissioners announced they have settled a lawsuit brought by Nelson Hernandez of Morrow Road in Poolesville. Mr. Hernandez brought suit against the town in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County alleging among other things that the town's construction of its new water treatment facility on Budd Road created a nuisance to his properties, that the town trespassed on this property with the construction of the facility; and that the construction of the facility breached a contract with the previous owner of the property.

The town's defense team, Karpinski, Colaresi, and Karp, was provided by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), the town's insurance carrier.

The key terms of the

settlement are that Hernandez will transfer the three lots (approximately three acres total) to the town upon payment of \$800,000 and drop the lawsuit. LGIT paid \$150,000 toward the cost of the overall settlement and the majority of the legal fees.

The commissioners considered defending their position by going to trial but after multiple executive sessions, advice from several attorneys (including a retired judge who served as mediator), and the concurrence of the insurance company, they decided to go into arbitration for settlement.

The settlement alleviates all future claims regarding the property and will allow full use of the water treatment facility, which represents an investment of one million dollars.

The town will investigate various facts uncovered dur-



The pump house on Budd Road was the subject of a legal settlement.

ing the discovery phase of the Hernandez lawsuit that may encompass errors and mistakes by other parties to the construction of the facility, and pursue relief from those believed to be responsible. Since this is subject to future litigation, the commissioners and the town attorney would not elaborate further.

The *Monocle* raised questions about transparency as the commissioners have held an unparalleled number of executive sessions within the last six

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Boston Ballet Comes to Town

It's not every day that a town as small as Poolesville gets to host a major ballet company, but on June 10, thirty-five performers and over a dozen staff of the Boston Ballet rolled into town for a little respite before a two-day schedule of performing at the Kennedy Center.

After a heavy day of rehearsals and preparation for a performance that was on June 11 and 12, the entou-

rage arrived by chartered bus to enjoy a little rest and recreation hosted by Ted and Dean Wroth. The Wroth's oldest daughter, Sarah, has been performing with the company since 2010, and she invited her "few" friends to her parents home for an evening of barbeque dinner, some

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Cast and staff of the Boston Ballet came to Poolesville to party.

Family Album



Robert and Pat Scace with Ellen Onderko and her mother Barbara Crown chat at Drs. Pike and Valega's customer appreciation event..



The John Poole family returned to the family home to celebrate their annual reunion.



Greg Dice and Lynn Yaworski, honorary chairs of the 2013 Annual Poolesville Relay for Life, cut the ribbon to start the walkathon.



Lewis Brooks shares a park bench during PRFL festivities with granddaughters Gabriella Brooks and Allie Salazar. One year old great granddaughter Zoey sits on her mom's lap.

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Center Stage

The Wooly Queen: Happily Ever After

By Dominique Agnew

Once upon a time, there was a young girl born and raised in England. Her parents named her Suzanne. While Suzanne was at school, she learned various crafts and weaving — “only because every girl has to learn those things,” she says. She moved to Canada in 1959, where she worked as an addiction counselor, and then later to the U.S. in 1967. As an adult, Suzanne continued the skills she had learned as a child, always knitting Irish ponchos or creating other art. While her children were young, she liked creating various arts and crafts, even making animal riding sticks, like a horse on a stick, but she would make elephants on a stick or lambs on



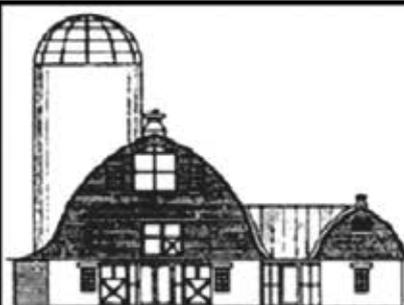
The Wooly Queen and her wares. (Photograph by Hilary Schwab Photography)

a stick.

In 1978, after a divorce (sometimes happily ever after comes later), Suzanne went back to school and worked for Seneca House, a twenty-eight-day drug and rehabilitation center. When Seneca House closed in the 1980s, Suzanne opened an addiction counseling practice, The Next Step, with another woman in Gaithersburg, continuing in her work to help people overcome their addictions. By this time she had remarried. In 1994, she had to face her own struggle, not with an addiction but one that threatened to take her life. She was diagnosed with breast cancer, and her life would never be the same (sometimes the road to happily ever after comes with hardships). She says that undergoing chemotherapy felt like her skin was falling off. At that point, she began to experiment with the possibilities of soaps, learning about all the butters and oil that can go into soap, and she learned that soap can be a different experience. The following year, she retired. “I felt like a lost soul,” she remembers. “It was like starting over in so many ways — the next step.”

That same year, Suzanne went on a Countryside Artisan Tour and visited Dancing Leaf Farm in Barnesville. As she approached Dalis Davidson, who was sitting outside spinning, she had an epiphany. “I thought I had died and gone to heaven,”

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WHY FIGHT FOR CLARKSBURG?

A member of Sugarloaf’s Board who lives in Dickerson recently attended a forum in Clarksburg concerned with the expansion of the Clarksburg development. Although Poolesville and our surrounding areas may be far away from Clarksburg we in Sugarloaf think it is important to remind readers of the Monocle that the AgReserve is under constant threat and what happens at the edge of the Reserve might have repercussions also for us. She wrote an inspired letter to the Gazette and here is our version.

Clarksburg — a rural community with its own storied history — was set aside long ago for “smart growth” development. It was an ideal target for such inspired planning because it is on the edge of Montgomery County farmland and attractive enough to grow into a real 21st-century self-contained village. It is also close enough to the greater metro area to be accessible to jobs down-county and even in the District of Columbia.

A moving moment at the forum was the presentation by a Clarksburg High School junior. This young man, who moved with his mom to Clarksburg when he was a little kid because of its promises as a self-contained “walkable community” with services and shopping nearby, candidly complained that there is no place in the Clarksburg community where he can hang out with his friends, and he is obliged to rely on his mom to drive him everywhere — to school activities, shopping and everything else.

Meanwhile, developers are racing to add thousands of more housing units and even outlet malls **without fulfilling their original commitment** to incorporate in Clarksburg the basic community components residents deserve, such as a library, local shopping areas, adequate schools and workable roadways.

This High School junior represented the first-generation casualty of the failed decades-old Clarksburg promise of a livable community. How many more families will have their investments devalued and their kids deprived of the promised living arrangements that were contemplated in the original Clarksburg plan?

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Here's to The Micks

By Rande Davis

Watching the U.S. Open got me thinking about sports heroes.

Growing up in Binghamton, New York at a time the city hosted the AAA Yankee farm team had its influence on me. It didn't hurt that I heard stories at the time about one of our neighbors by the name of Whitey Ford. Add to that a multi-generational Yankee-Davis bond that started with my Grandfather and was cemented by my Dad and the result was a love for the Bronx Bombers lasting more than six decades.

Nationals and Oriole fans in the area seldom miss a chance to rib me a bit when I wear my Yankee ball cap. They are incredulous when my standard reply is that when I tell them why I wear the hat their response will be "you better wear that cap."

Skepticism aside, my opening line tells them from the git go they are in trouble. The story starts with "when my father died" and right away they know they are in trouble. You see, at my father's funeral when his coffin was being lowered into the grave my mother stepped forward and sprinkled a handful of Yankee Stadium dirt into the grave. It's at that time I say "and that's why I wear this cap" and that's when they look me in the eye and say "you better wear that cap!"

So naturally, Mickey Mantle was my hero. I always covered my schoolbooks with sports clippings about The Mick. I don't think kids today are even required to cover their textbooks. That's too bad, because when a teacher got boring I always had something at the ready that I never got tired of reading.

All this is to bring up the role of heroes especially for young

folks.

I was lucky because the private bad choices made by Mantle were not publicized at the time as they are for celebrities of today. Mantle's athletic exploits aside, the biggest influence for me was his overcoming osteomyelitis as a youth and playing through the pain. I still remember vividly the time he hit a single only to watch his uniform turn red with blood at the leg from a ruptured abscess while standing on first base. It's hard to realize here was a man who suffered debilitating leg problems only to become renowned for his speed as a base runner.

Mickey was, as Bob Costas said at his funeral, not a good role model due to many of his personal decisions but he was a true hero for his success and perhaps more importantly for the humility he maintained in that exalted status.

This past weekend I watched another Mick, Phil Mickelson, fall short of a life-long goal at the U.S. Open. He, too, as is pointed out by television commercials, a champion athlete who has had to deal with health issues. One of the most popular professional golfers since Arnold Palmer, who couldn't help rooting for the guy who finished in second place five times at the U.S. Open?

Once again he failed to win the tournament and he did not become the hero of the day but he did achieve something even greater. He solidified his place as a true role model by his determination and graciousness in handling his heartbreak.

Like Mickey Mantle, Mickelson has a perpetual smile that makes him instantly likeable. On the eve of the U.S. Open, he took the red-eye to California so as to not miss his daughter's eighth-grade graduation only to rush back to Merion Golf Club. He will, forever, remember the pain of a few double bogeys. I will remember his eyes widening in glorious expectation as his seventy-six yard shot rolled toward the cup and fell in for an eagle. His

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arms raised high, he jumped up and down three times in almost child-like elation while those of us watching on TV jumped from our chairs with total exuberance.

He will recall over and over again more than a few putts that just missed going in, but I will remember his humble, slumbering way of walking from green to green never giving up on a dream destined not to come true. No, Phil Mickelson did not become the hero that day but he did secure his place as a true role model.

Mickey Mantle ended his life a reborn Christian, reconciled with a wife and family and hoping that his legacy would be simply remembered as being a "great teammate." Mantle, the hero or Mickelson the role model: it's hard sometimes to decide which is better. Given the chance to do it all over, the Mick, at the end of his life, let the world know he would have preferred being the role model.

It's just too bad that they don't make the kids cover their

textbooks any more. Mickelson with three Master's and one PGA championship would still make great reading whenever a teacher gets boring.

Town of Poolesville

Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

Landlords and Tenants: This One's for You

There will be a public hearing on July 15 on a new ordinance accepting Montgomery County Code regarding Landlord-Tenant relations that would authorize the county to arbitrate disputes. Currently, town residents do not have a mechanism for arbitration by the town government. Landlords will be required to pay a one-hundred dollar annual fee for this arbitration procedure. Representatives from the county will be on hand to present the code and answer questions regarding the proposed ordinance.

Town Has Land for Sale

An individual has offered to purchase a vacant town lot on West Willard Road for the purpose of building a single-family home. Estimated to be valued at \$135,000, the offer came in at \$120,000. After discussion about any future use by the town for the property, the cost of maintaining the lot, and the lack of property tax income while the property is owned by the town, the commissioners voted to counter-offer at \$125,000. A final decision is pending.

Jamison Requests Change in Impact Fee Structure for Attached Housing

Frank Jamison of Charles Jamison Real Estate made a

formal presentation to the commissioners regarding a change in the impact fee structure for attached housing. Jamison has been authorized to build seventeen new townhomes at the corner of Wootton Avenue and Fisher Avenue. The new townhomes will be the first built in Poolesville since the 1970s. In his statement Jamison stated that the same impact fees are assessed regardless of dwelling type and this results in the impact fee for townhomes being a much higher percentage of townhome pricing than detached single home pricing.

He asked the commissioners to follow Montgomery County Councilwoman Nancy Floreen's lead in her proposal to reduce impact fees for, more affordable starter housing in the county. He supported Floreen's contention that lower-priced homes are needed in the county and that without new young families coming and staying here, there will be a decrease in the county's employment stock and consumer spending. Over time this would reduce the economic vitality of the county. Jamison added that more affordable housing would also keep senior citizens from moving away when they can't afford to buy smaller homes. Impact fees are in place to cover the costs of new homes for water, sewer, public facilities and recreation. He states his proposal to reduce the fees to 77.8% of current rates will continue to cover the cost of water and sewer.

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Focus on Business

Creating a New Cugini's

By Rande Davis

Last October, Barbie Stull walked through the door of Cugini's as its new owner, feeling both excitement and apprehension. Excitement as this energetic and very positive-thinking individual clearly understood this was a major undertaking; one that opened up a whole new world and chapter in her life. Apprehension because she knew that restaurant customers can be both loyal and fickle and holding onto the one while satisfying the other can sometimes be tricky.

Making the move to own your own business is an act of bravery all on its own, but she also knew she was not alone. Reflecting on the first eight months, she is grateful for support and mentoring of her father, Buck

Fowler. It's not just his good advice but he also has pitched in by helping with some of the infrastructure changes she made.

She came in with three clearly defined priorities: hold onto that which worked well for the previous owners, Dennis and Lynne Stillson, brighten up the atmosphere of the dining areas, and be willing to try new things. All these things take time, but she is pleased at the pace she has made in reaching her goals.

Her first priority was to keep the family-friendly reputation of the restaurant and its history of being involved as a caring member of the community. From hosting fundraisers for charitable organizations to bringing in Santa to delight the kids, she has worked hard with creativity to achieve her first priority.

She opened up the atmosphere in the dining and bar areas with new colors and added to the PHS Sports room, paying tribute to both the old and the new. A

regular customer who happened to be having lunch in the restaurant commented how much she liked the new, crisp look of the restaurant.

Her biggest achievements come from her willingness to try new things. The menu still offers the items that customers told her were their favorites. She made minor but important changes in the pizza in ways she believes have improved upon the past. Things like adjustments to the sauce and upgrading the cheese, and even trying different flours for the house-made dough until she finally decided on one she likes best. "One of my biggest surprises was just how many different ingredients there are from which to choose. I didn't realize there are so many varieties of flour. You wouldn't believe the varieties of Roma tomatoes."

Changing the menu is a matter more of adding rather than deleting for Stull. Some have worked, while others didn't last. She was surprised that bold soups didn't seem to catch on. Coming into the business the



Cugini's owner Barbie Stull.

buzz in town was that we needed an additional breakfast place in town. She answered the call, started offering a Sunday breakfast menu including table service. She found out that buzz does not always equal results so she discontinued the experiment. On the other hand, the chef's steak and cheese egg roll and fried pickles have made the grade with the customers.

Barbie is especially grateful to her employees, especially

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The Gathering Place Senior Activity Center

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

July 8:

Music and a **guest Speaker on Aging Gracefully and in a Healthy Manner** at the Gathering Place from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch will be served; a \$6 donation is requested. Join Suburban Hospital HeartWell Nurse-Leni Barry RN, MA in discussing strategies to age gracefully through the lifestyle choices we make everyday. Included will be stroke awareness information, tips on eating a heart healthy diet, and the power of exercise. Don't miss out on the life improving tips that will increase your quality of life. We will have lunch, enjoy a local musician and each other's company! A raffle for any current seniors that bring a guest. \$50 gift certificate to the Local Business of your choice!

July 29:

Bus Trip to Arundel Mills Mall, Medieval Times, Movie theatre and MD Live Casino! The bus will leave the parking lot of M & T Bank in Poolesville at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 pm, \$15 per person for bus fare. You have the option of shopping the Arundel Mills Mall, Catching a Movie, having lunch; see a show at Medieval Times or trying your Luck at The Casino. Please RSVP to reserve your seat on the Bus. With 44 seats this one is sure to fill up quickly! What a great opportunity. You can bring your friends and or family members of any age on this trip. Must be 18 for Casino! Hope to see you there!

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Tidbits

Beware of the Bear

The Montgomery county Police Department recently issued a warning about bear sightings in the county. Ray Hoewing and his wife Reva don't have to take the MCPD's word for it. As Ray tells it "It was before dusk on May 15th. He was scavenging and we know what he was eating: remains of potato soup that we had dumped in the woods. We often provide this kind of "nourishment" for the wildlife. He never appeared nervous. While he did not stay in sight long we do not know how long he had been there before we spotted him and he meandered, not ran, away. Based on the profile he made, compared to the profile of our daughter's dog at the same distance, we estimate his weight at 250 to 300 pounds. We weren't afraid because he was seventy yards away or more from our back door but fearful if we opened door he would bolt."

This is the second time the Hoewings have seen a bear on their property. About five years ago when Reva returned to their house after dark she spotted a bear in her headlights as she came to the top of the hill. She didn't think he was a full-grown adult. As soon as the lights hit him, he bolted.

In the press release by MCPD they gave advice as to what to do if you see a bear. Give it space and ensure it has an escape route and do not approach or allow it to be surrounded or cornered, much like you would a stray dog. Do not feed it and be sure and remove any food sources. Trash, birdfeeders and grills often lure bears into residential areas. Scare bears away by making noise such as shouting, banging pots and pans, or using air horns or whistles. The report further advised "to give the bears space if the bears are not being aggressive". We suggest you may want to get the heck out of there, why stick around for the angry ones?

The Sarah E. Auer Memorial Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help

A fundraising mini-meet to benefit the Sarah E. Auer Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Western Montgomery County Pool is scheduled for July 14. Over seventy-five scholarships have already been awarded. The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors each year from the Poolesville Piranhas Swim Team, the Poolesville High School Swim Team, and the Rockville Montgomery Swim Club (RMSC), the club where Sarah swam and later coached. This meet is open to all Montgomery County Swim League swimmers age nine and under. There are a number of ways you can help keep this scholarship going:

1. Take out an ad in the meet program, usually a copy of your business card. The cost is \$25.00.
2. Have your company name put on the back of the mini-meet t-shirt. The cost of this is \$100. Ads for the t-shirt are due by July 1.

3. Combine both the program ad and t-shirt for \$120 (a savings of \$5).

4. A flat donation. If you would like further information, or if you want to send a check, please contact Julie Miller, at julie.miller70@verizon.net.

Agnew Makes Dean's List

Wagner College recently released its academic honors lists for the spring 2013 semester, announcing that Chantal Agnew, a graduate of Poolesville High School, made the Dean's List, which requires a 3.70 GPA for the semester.

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Local News

Poolesville Resident Dies in Car Accident

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal collision that occurred late on June 9 on Darnestown Road west of Bucklodge Road.

At approximately 9:41 p.m., 1st District officers responded to a report of a serious personal injury collision. Preliminary investigation revealed that a blue 2008 Hyundai Elantra was traveling west on Darnestown Road when it went through standing water on the roadway. The operator of the vehicle lost control, crossed the eastbound lane of Darnestown Road, and struck a tree.

The operator of the vehicle,

identified as Frances Cooke D'Anna, age 52, of Poolesville was transported to a local area hospital where she died from her injuries. Her daughter, Lindsey Claire D'Anna, age 18, also of Poolesville, was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

This collision remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620. Callers may remain anonymous.

Remembrances

Beatrice "Bee" Williams Passes Away



Beatrice "Bee" Williams

Former Poolesville resident Beatrice Elliott Williams died peacefully at home on May 28, 2013 surrounded by her family.

Bee was born in Los Angeles on October 31, 1918 to Captain Edwin Elliott and Beatrice Elliott. As the daughter of an army officer, she spent her childhood and adolescence in a variety of places, including Minnesota, the Philippines, Montana and California. In 1937 she became a student at Pomona College where she met her future husband, Woody Williams. In 1939, she transferred to San Diego State and majored in Spanish, graduating in 1941. She and Woody were married in March 1943. After World War II they lived in Inverness, California. In 1954 they moved to Maryland, settling in Dickerson, after an initial four years in Bethesda. In 2003 she and Woody moved to Greenville, North Carolina.

Bee's gentle and loving nature made her a light to all who knew her. A devoted and supportive wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she made her family the center of her life. Her care extended to accepting and loving the numerous pets brought home by her children. In addition to caring for her family, she was active in her church, St. Peter's in Poolesville Maryland, where she taught Sunday School and was an active member of the

Women of St. Peter's and Homemakers Club. Her nurturing spirit also shone through in her love of gardening, which she shared with others as a member of the local garden club. Every year she filled the yard with beautiful flower displays and planted a large vegetable garden that provided the family with fresh vegetables throughout the summer. Her creative nature was reflected in her numerous projects such as the afghans she made for each of her children and grandchildren and the bookshelves she made after teaching herself carpentry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milo Woodbridge Williams; son Milo Woodbridge Williams Jr.; nephew, David Walton; and brothers-in-law, John Daly and Donald Walton.

She is survived by her sisters, Edith Daly of Silver Spring, Maryland and Rosalie Elliot, of San Diego, California; sister-in-law, Constance Walton, of Old Greenwich, Connecticut; daughters, Edith Williams of Greenville, Susan Spaulding and husband Lincoln, of Rochester, New York, Betty Williams and husband John Holter of Greenville, Bea Williams Ross and husband Mac of Jarrettsville, Maryland; grandchildren, Sarah and husband, Jeff Lydon, Eric and wife Anna, and Mary Spaulding, Daniel, Ben and Beth Ross, Amy and David Holter; great-grandchildren, Eva and Morgan Lydon; and many dear nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held in Maryland at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Printable donation forms are available on their website, or to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 387, Poolesville, MD, 20837.

The family would like to express their thanks to Community Home Care and Hospice for their help and support during Bee's final days. Online condolences can be expressed at www.smithfcs.com.



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Marine Lance Corporal Beatrice Mahoney from Alabama enjoyed her day of fishing and respite from Walter Read Medical Center in Bethesda.



Richard MacKnight from the Poolesville Military Support Group the organizers of the Wounded Warrior event, Malcolm Brown of White's Ferry the host, and Bill Poole from the Post 247 American Legion were three of well over four hundred people welcoming the heroes.



Staff Sergeants Eugene Wilson and Eldeen Daly and Ray Sutherland (background) vice president of Rolling Thunder of Frederick enjoyed the barbeque picnic together.



Uncle Sam and Bubba Pollen , organizer of motorcycle escort for the recovering heroes as they await the honored visitors. Nearly 200 motorcyclists came out this year.



Staff Sergeant Shane Zavodny of Raytown, Missouri (left) catches the big one.

In the Garden

Trees Vulnerable to Storm Damage

By Maureen O'Connell

Hurricane season began on June 1, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted that our area is in for "an extremely active" one. Now is an important time for homeowners to check the trees on their property for any signs of weakness that might make them vulnerable to storm damage. Every year many people are killed or injured from falling trees limbs. Houses can be heavily damaged from toppled trees, and entire neighborhoods can lose electrical power from trees falling on power lines. I would hate to live in a world without trees, but it behooves us to maintain them year round to prevent tragedies.

There are no weather-proof trees, but there are steps that

every homeowner can take to reduce needless accidents. A tree's survival in a storm depends upon how well its root structure is developed, wetness of the ground, and the health of the trees.

Trees should be given plenty of space to grow, not just the trunk and branches, but the roots. Many mature trees naturally grow roots extending hundreds of feet from the trunk. The root zone area should be protected from compaction and heavy foot traffic. I so often see a large tree planted right next to a house; as it matures, there is no place for its trunk and branches to grow, let alone a healthy root system. Roots are a tree's anchor and without a proper one, they are vulnerable to heavy rains and high winds.

Plant trees when they are small, especially those you buy in containers at local garden centers. Smaller trees establish root systems much more efficiently than larger trees. They are also less expensive.

If you have planted a new,

young tree, remove the supporting stakes quickly. Allowing the growing tree to flex in the wind, results in a stronger tree.

If your lawn allows the space, plant trees in groves. Tests have shown that groups of five or more planted ten feet or less from each other are 33% less likely to be blown over in a storm. Check with the nurseryman when you buy a tree as to advised planting distances. With a grouping of trees, the roots grow and interlock and reinforce each other. If you don't have space for multiple trees, plant some large shrubs.

Why do some trees topple in storms? There are a variety of reasons. A healthy tree that has been inspected every year for signs of decay and disease and is annually pruned to remove problem limbs is your best defense against tree lost due to storm damage. I have a certified arborist from a professional tree service check all my trees every year. Trees are expensive to buy and they add to the value of your property, so they are worth the financial

expenditure.

Over time, wounds from past injuries to trees can critically weaken a tree's ability to withstand damage from heavy rains and high winds, which we typically find in hurricanes in our immediate area. What should you do with a heavily damaged tree? When in doubt as to whether to save or remove the tree, I think that it is generally best to remove it. If the tree is small enough, you might be able to do it yourself, but if it is large, leave it to a professional. Many people are injured every year doing a job than is beyond their level of skill.

A tree's structure and growth habit significantly determine its vulnerability to storm damage, and some species are more susceptible than others. Choose ones with dense, strong wood. They are generally slower growing trees, but you end up with a tree better able to handle future adverse conditions. The trees that

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Burglary 20600 block of Whites Ferry Rd, 17500 block of W. Willard Rd, 16000 block of Barnesville Rd, 19500 block of White Ground Rd. 13000 block of Rileys Lock Rd., 17600 block of Darnestown Rd.

Theft 19500 block of Halmos Rd.

Disorderly Conduct complaints 19900 block of Fisher Ave, 17300 block of Fletchall Rd, 19800 block of Beatriz Ave, 17900 block of Bliss Dr., 15600 block of Hughes Rd, 23000 block of Bucklodge Rd, 15600 block of Hughes Rd.

Past Crime

June 28, 1958 Harold Weisberg of Hyattstown announced that he was searching for his prized goose that may have been stolen from his farm. Weisberg said that the goose might be as old as 65 years of age and warned that if the goose had been picked up that it might take up to five days to cook it otherwise it would not taste very good. He

added that five ducks were also missing.

Two Silver Spring men were arrested after county police raided a home where an indecent film was being shown. In attendance were about ten other men who were released without charges. The two proprietors were charged with exhibiting an indecent film.

June 29, 1958 An eighteen month old county girl was saved by the swift transport of anti-snake bite serum by the Montgomery County police. Beverly Watkins, 18 months old, had been bitten by a copperhead snake while playing in her yard in upper Montgomery County. The county police rushed to Children's Hospital, retrieved the serum, and then sped to Montgomery General Hospital where young Beverly lay waiting.

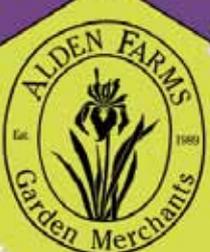
June 30, 1958 A thirty year old Rockville man was being held in jail after being charged with assault with intent to murder. Albert Cooper overheard a woman talking about a quarrel that Cooper

had with his wife the night before. Incensed, Cooper got his shotgun and shot the woman in the back of the head.

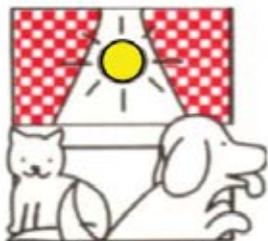
July 1, 1957 Colonel James McAullife, police chief of Montgomery County, announced that he intended to have four "slack-clad girls" on the street in the near future. McAullife said that the girls were the first to be hired by the department and that their initial duties would be to patrol parking meters. However, since they would carry guns, they would be available for investigations if needed. The youngest officer was twenty-one and the oldest, thirty-one.

July 8, 1958 Divers from the Anacostia Naval Station were called to the Dickerson Quarry to assist Montgomery County police in their search for a Chillum man who had drowned in the quarry. The man had leaped from a 150 foot cliff and when he surfaced he cried for help and then sunk in 70 feet of water. The divers eventually recovered his body.

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Local News

Heritage Days

By Kristen Milton

An emphasis on music and Civil War history will educate and entertain visitors this weekend at the 16th annual Heritage Days and its partner-event The Civil War Comes to Rockville.

"It's a very impressive list of events this year," Heritage Montgomery director Peggy Erickson said. "There's really no excuse to stay home."

Nearly a third of the thirty-five county historic sites participating in the weekend's offerings will feature musical performances while others offer hikes, children's activities, model plan demonstrations, food, crafts and a chance to hear from local experts.

"We have more authors this year than we have in the past," Erickson noted, citing lectures at two C&O Canal lock houses as well as the Boyds Negro School and Seneca Schoolhouse.

These historic schools and others in Brookeville, Cabin John,

and Silver Spring will be joined by Kingsley Schoolhouse in Little Bennett Regional Park, which is participating in the event for the first time. "[Schools] are not our best attended things but we think it is so important to tell the story of education, especially the African-American at places like Boyds Negro School," Erickson said.

Kingsley, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1893 and recently restored by the parks department, will host crafts and old-fashioned games at its Clarksburg Road location.

The 150th anniversary of General J.E.B. Stuart's 1863 visit prompted the creation of "The Civil War Comes to Rockville," which will include concerts, reenactments and a community dance. The event recognizes Stuart's march through town just before the crucial battle in Gettysburg, an excursion that delayed the Confederate general and may have changed the outcome of the battle.

"So we're going to take credit for saving the Union," Erickson said with a laugh.

Heritage Days 2013 will be held noon to 4:00 p.m. June 29 to 30 at sites across Montgomery County. All events are free and open to the public. Some locations are open Saturday-only while others are available both days. Details about the thirty-five participating sites and their activities can be found at www.HeritageMontgomery.org or by calling 301-515-0753.

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Local News

WUMCO Marks Forty-fifth Year Of Service at Annual Meeting

There was much to celebrate at WUMCO's Annual Meeting held at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum in Poolesville on June 5. In their remarks to the Board of Directors and guests, Nancy Allnut, President of the Board of Directors, and Executive Director Jane Stearns reported that the organization had a busy and successful year in 2012.

Documenting the multiple services to the needy in the Western Up-county, the 2012 Annual Report detailed impressive statistics on emergency help in such areas as housing, utility bills, medical expenses, food, Thanks-

giving and Christmas food baskets and the special Christmas toy program.

Treasurer Jim Ridgway reported that the organization's financial health was excellent going into the midyear. The recently published 2012 Annual Report, chock full of details and statistics about how the organization did its work in 2012, also noted that the organization was in its forty-fifth year of service.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was an announcement about six different individuals or organizations selected for special recognition for their contribution to WUMCO's success in 2012, who are among the scores of unsung heroes whose volunteer work undergirds virtually everything the organization does. Those individuals or organizations were:

Melissa Bingham, for organizing a door-to-door campaign in Poolesville called the "Day of Service" to collect food for WUMCO—an impressive 2,517



WUMCO's 2013 Board of Directors are: Front row - Renee Brooks, Jane Stearns, Catherine Beliveau, and Jim Ridgeway. Back row are Rande Davis, Nancy Allnut, Tracey Forfa, Ray Hoewing. Missing is Mike Plummer.

pounds.

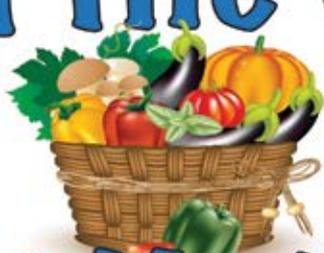
Valaree Dickerson, who stepped in at the last moment to organize and implement the 2012 Christmas toy program, a highly complex undertaking, especially

considering that 229 children were recipients of this effort.

Calleva, the local recreational organization, that provided in-

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Musings from Mama Boe

Define Yourself

By Pam Boe

A few weeks ago, I was invited to speak about writing for Literacy Night at John Poole Middle School (which tells you they were desperate). The entire time I was there, many of the questions I received from the students fell along the lines of: "How do you know if your writing is good enough?"

My response—every time—was: "Good enough for what? For whom?"

When they asked me, "Aren't you afraid of people making fun of you?" I realized that these kids did not need to hear about the world of writing. These were philosophical Life questions they were throwing at me. These were the Real cares and concerns driving these pre-pubescent, angst-filled minds—not the details of How To Become a Writer—so here is what I gave them:

I can't live my life fearing how other people will perceive me. I'd never try anything if I did.

People do make fun of me, but life is fleeting, and if you spend it trying to dodge the ridicule or scorn of other people, you're doomed to unhappiness.

I told them: Speak and write with your Own Voice. Walk your Own Path. Don't let other people define you—Don't Let Other People Define You—not your parents, not your teachers, not your friends, not the media, not society. You define yourself, and that definition must not be formed by the things that Happen to you, but by Your Choices.

Until you find your voice, until you define yourself, writing will be tortuous because it will be fraught with doubt and worry of how other people will react—and why would you spend your valuable time being plagued by that crap?

Yes, I said Crap. I keep it real.

One beautiful, yet hesitant, young lady screwed up the courage to ask me if it was all worth it when people sent in comments of praise, or when they stopped me on the street to say they love Mamaboe.com.

My answer raised a few eyebrows. Some of the parents were, um, not expecting my reply.

I told her that I can't listen to the good. I can't believe the flattery, or seek out the pats on the back because if I did do that, if I did give any substance to that definition of me, then I would kind of have to listen to, and believe, the bad feedback as well. It works both ways, you see, so when I say, "Walk your Own path," I mean it wholeheartedly; otherwise, you'll find yourself seeking praise so urgently it becomes the force that drives you—and your writing—or anything else you do in life.

That was my message to them, as it is to my own children.

Define Yourself.

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

June 2, 1944 Ten inoculation centers were opened in the rural sections of Montgomery County for the purpose of eradicating the epidemic of rabies in dogs. Among the locations were Walter Johnson's farm in Germantown, Carlin's Supply Company at Boyds, King's Garage in Cedar Grove, and Watkins Store at Browningsville.

June 5, 1944 Residents of Barnesville were saddened by the death of Mrs. Nellie Gott. She had been the warrant clerk at the Rockville courthouse for more than thirty years. Then word was received that the two sisters of Mrs. Gott were killed in a bus accident in Trumansburg, New York. Her sisters had been notified of the death and had boarded a bus for the train station with the intention of taking a train to Barnesville.

June 7, 1944 The results from the Fifth War Loan Drive were announced. The upper Montgomery County District which included Germantown, Poolesville, and Damascus contributed \$143,000. Residents had pledged \$100,000.

June 12, 1944 Members of the Depentalapha Lodge of the Masons attended the 11a.m. service at the Poolesville Methodist Church.

June 13, 1944 Members of the Poolesville Future Farmers of America collected 36,053 pounds of scrap metal for the war effort. They also painted the laboratories and cafeteria of the Poolesville High School. In other events the

FFA members captured first place at the Baltimore Egg Show.

Henrietta Glover and Kenneth Wise were recognized at graduation ceremonies held at the Poolesville High. Both students tied for first place having the highest grades. They were both awarded the Readers Digest Award. There were thirty graduates.

June 24, 1944 Officials at the Naval Medical Hospital in Bethesda put out a call for 17,000 surgical bandages per month. The American Red Cross organized four chapters one of them located at Poolesville. Members were to make bandages and then deliver them to the hospital. A call went out for more volunteers in order to meet the quota. The Poolesville group agreed to meet every Friday night in the auditorium of the Poolesville School.

June 27, 1944 Labor shortage, caused by the war, left county farmers short of manpower. German prisoners of war, held at Fort Meade, were distributed throughout the county and placed on the farms where they were needed. Harold Smith, of Poolesville, had twenty prisoners working on his farm and he described them as "very good workers". Thomas Darby of Dawsonville, Elmer Walter of Darnestown, and Lawson King of Gaithersburg were other farmers who had POW's working for them. For every ten POW's one military police officer was assigned to guard them. The men were paid eighty cents a day.

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developers plant in new subdivisions are generally not the best trees; they are fast growers, so they look good to potential buyers. You might want to replace them with more reliable choices.

Trees that develop narrow crotches or branch angles are less structurally sound; they have less wood connecting a branch to the trunk. If there are also many branches coming out from about the same location on the tree, this compounds the problem of the narrow crotches. Each of these limbs compete for the wood needed to support the tree. This is the main problem with many of the older varieties of the Bradford Pear tree. Silver maples and white pines are trees waiting for an accident. Their wood strength is so soft that they cannot support much weight on their limbs without snapping and splitting. I have about twenty white pine on my property, and without

fail, every year I lose one to three from storm damage. Granted some of these are thirty to forty years, but for a good hardwood tree such as an oak, white ash or hickory, that is not a long life span. Thirty-three years ago, my husband and I planted twenty-four small Norway Spruce trees up our steep driveway as a wind-block between two horse pastures. They are still growing, are beautiful, and have never suffered any storm damage. I highly recommend them. The pin oak is another favorite of mine.

Take some time in the next few weeks and inspect your trees, before you have any storm damage to you, your home, or your neighbor's property or home. Choose replacement trees carefully to avoid costly mistakes. Do some research to select trees that can withstand most storm damage.

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Mystery History

The Seneca Raid—Prelude To Gettysburg

By Jim Poole with Rande
Davis

Early on the June 11, 1863, Major John S. Mosby led his newly organized Battalion of Mosby's Rangers and a company of Prince William Cavalry on a raid into Maryland at Rowser's Ford just below the mouth of Seneca Creek. In his command was Private William H. Trundle, a man who not only was raised near Dickerson but also had a canal-hauling business at the mouth of the Monocacy (until Federal troops burned his warehouse), which gave him essential knowledge of the area.

Trundle, along with two other men, was instructed to cross the Potomac River to capture the

pickets at Violett's Lock and then signal that the way was clear. They did this with little resistance and managed to capture a canal boat and five mules as well.

Without warning, however, a four man mounted Federal patrol came upon them and immediately shots were exchanged. While Trundle's party managed to capture the Federal troops, this action also alerted other Federal pickets posted at a drawbridge nearby and they subsequently ran to their camp to report the action.

By this time Mosby's whole raiding party had reached the Maryland side of the river, riding fast up the canal. His objective was to capture Camp Heintzelman, the site of Company "I", 6th Michigan Cavalry (on or near present-day Bretton Woods Golf Course) who guarded the area. On being forewarned, Federal Captain Deane tried to get his ninety men into a defensive line of battle.

On seeing the advance of Mosby's men in the early light

the Federals fled their camp and moved towards Seneca Creek and hastily took up a position behind a bridge by Darby's Mill on River Road (the area of Poole's Store today). At the time there was a lot of underbrush and trees which prevented them from forming a line of battle, so they used them to hide in. Behind this the road went through a deep ravine that curved up the high hill, where some of the men took up positions.

Mosby charged through their camp but finding it deserted, turned his men towards the new position held by the 6th Michigan. Without hesitation Mosby's raiders charged across the bridge in a hail of gunfire and a fierce hand-to-hand battle broke out in the ravine. Captain Brawner of the Prince William Cavalry was killed in this action and one of his men, Private John Ballard, witnessed the killing and in turn cut the offending Federal trooper down with one saber blow to the head. Lieutenant Whitescaver of Mosby's command, who was at the head of the charge as it crossed the bridge, was also killed in this action immediately upon reaching the other side. Confederate privates Alfred Glasscock and William Hibbs were wounded. The Federals lost privates Warren E. Johnson, Wesley Power, Frederick Von Helmerich and David Whalen, and privates John G. Anderson, Joseph Akerman, Joseph Boleu, John Boyle, Jerry Dudley, Daniel L. Dutcher, James H. Gould, Joseph Harper, Thomas Neal, Daniel O'Connell. Daniel Rouse, Andrew Sammon, Charles Schreiber, and William Shaw were captured. Of these privates Rouse and Sammon were wounded.

The 6th Michigan broke and ran towards Poolesville forming up on three different occasions only to fall back when they found themselves almost surrounded. Finally about three miles outside of Poolesville, Mosby broke off contact and went back to Seneca, where he looted and burned the camp of the 6th Michigan. He then retraced his movements bringing with him seventeen prison-



*Dickerson's William Trundle led
a raid at Seneca Mills.*

ers, twenty-three horses and five mules. He made it back to Virginia around 2:00 p.m.

At the time of the raid, the Darby family was sleeping in the large house across from the mill and was awoken by the sound of battle and ran to the windows to see what all the shooting was about. When the fighting stopped Mr. Darby ventured out he found the bodies of the two Confederates (no mention of the Federals) and the wreckage of his broken fences. He had the Confederate bodies picked up and placed in his warehouse thinking the army would come and claim the bodies. When no one came he had the bodies buried behind his home. A few weeks later the sister of one of the Confederate soldiers came to claim her brother's body, which she was able to verify by a ring still on his finger. She had the body shipped back to Virginia.

Meanwhile, three or four men from the 6th Michigan, who had given the alarm of Mosby's raid, returned to what was left of Camp Heintzelman with fear in their eyes and with horses well spent. They had abandoned camp

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Renee Brooks who stepped down in April after thirteen years serving as Executive Secretary and as Jane Stearns’s “right arm.”

Re-elected to their positions for another one-year term were Executive Director Jane Stearns, President Nancy Allnutt, Vice President Tracey Forfa, and Treasurer Jim Ridgway.



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**"Boston Ballet" Continued
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swimming at neighbor Tom and Mary Conlon's and an opportunity to party to let loose and kick up their heels in the country.

Sarah, who began ballet at age seven, obtained a scholarship at Indiana University in Bloomington as a result of winning Miss Maryland competition offering her ballet talent in the contest. After graduation she headed to Boston to "try-out" for the Boston Ballet. It was an open audition, a real cattle call, with two-hundred other auditioners hoping to make the dance company. After all was said and done she was the only one who was selected.

The Boston's Ballet's heavy forty-week schedule ended in May and will start up again in August.

**"Mystery History" Continued
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in such a rush they left their hats and coats behind. Their horses as well as they were covered in dust and reeking of sweat.

Federal Colonel Jewett gave orders for the 23rd Maine and 10th Vermont Infantry to quickly draw up into a line of battle on the hill nearby to guard against another raid by Mosby. He placed two sections of the 10th Massachusetts Battery in the center with the 11th New York Cavalry protecting the flanks. They stayed this way for four hours with all their wagons packed in case of a hasty retreat. All the while they fortified the hill by digging entrenchment. Scouts were sent out and finding no sign of Mosby stood down around noon. This would later be jokingly called by the infantry the "Battle of Benson's Hill," named after the farmer who owned the hill.

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School News

PHS Student Andrew Bent Beats the Market and the Competition

By taking first place in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation's InvestWrite® essay competition with McGraw Hill Financial, PHS eleventh grader Andrew Bent has won national distinction. Bent is among twenty thousand students nationwide who take the InvestWrite challenge each year, developing the personal financial savvy needed to make real-world financial decisions.

He and his teacher, Eugene Stanton, were recognized at an event at the Baltimore Crowne

Plaza on May 22, 2013. Additionally, PHS students Stephen Marsh won sixth place, and Ayush Goyal took eighth place.

The SIFMA Foundation's InvestWrite competition, launched in 2004 and made possible in 2013 by McGraw Hill Financial, challenges fourth- to twelfth-grade students to analyze an investment scenario and recommend portfolio allocations targeting short- and long-term financial goals. The competition serves as a culminating activity for the six hundred thousand students nationwide who compete in The Stock Market Game™ program each year.

In his essay, Bent examined the impact of global events on Toyota. Bent discussed how tax policies and other government actions affect the Japanese automaker. Bent said, "Recently, the Japanese treasury enacted new monetary policy to reinvigorate their flagging economy. Among the new measures was a bond buy-back program intended to inject more money into the Japanese economy in order to

promote investment and consumerism. Almost immediately following the announcement of the new measures, the values of several Japanese companies shot up, including Toyota, which rose nearly five percent on the day of the announcement."

The winning InvestWrite essay composed by Bent was chosen through rigorous judging by thousands of teachers and industry professionals who evaluate students' understanding of asset allocation, the stock market, and factors that drive investments as well as their expression of investment ideas in essay form.

Bent and his teacher will both be invited to New York City for a Wall Street Experience that includes tours of financial landmarks and a chance to visit the floor of the New York

Stock Exchange.

"A greater emphasis on financial essentials is absolutely crucial to empowering people and communities and creating stronger economies and financial markets. Congratulations to all of the students, teachers, and judges who learned and taught these valuable lessons," said Harold McGraw III, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of McGraw Hill Financial.

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Remembrance

Phyllis Miriam Jones

Phyllis, the wife of the late Charles O. Jones, and resident of Poolesville, was born Jan. 8, 1930 and died June 17, 2013 at Frederick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. An avid equestrian and duplicate bridge player, Phyllis spent many years as a member of the Potomac Hunt as a field secretary and showed in many horse shows throughout the mid-Atlantic. In addition, she competed in many duplicate bridge tournaments in the Washington Metropolitan area. She is survived by her daughter Octavia Jamison and her husband Frank Jamison, and grandsons Franklin and Alexander Jamison.

Local News

RFL 2013 Raises More than \$90,000

The eighth annual Poolesville Relay for Life (PRFL) was held on June 8 and 9 at Whalen Commons and proved to be a very successful year for the group that provides funds for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Chontelle Hockenbery and sister Chrissie Harney originated PRFL in tribute to their mother, Glenna Dorrrough, who lost her life to liver and lung cancer in 2005. Including the over \$90,000 raised this year PRFL has been able to donate over \$670,000 to the ACS.

Since moving the event to Whalen Commons in 2012, PRFL has seen its proceeds improve. With twenty-four fundraising teams in place, the group entered

the official event with around \$80,000 and raised another \$10,000 plus during the weekend festivities, which opened with the first lap of the all day and night walkathon by cancer survivors and their supporters. Honorary chairs for PRFL 2013 were Lynn Yaworski and Greg Dice.

Robert D. Dorrrough, father of Chontelle and Chrissie, who had been a stalwart supporter each year of the event, passed away last October 8 of mesothelioma cancer.

Gaithersburg's Tammy Massie, an ultra-marathoner (fifty mile races) joined the group this

year. As a way of showing support for her father, who is a prostrate cancer survivor, and as part of her ultra-marathon training program, she ran over 200 laps (over fifty miles) around Whalen Commons throughout the day and night.

RFL Team Angels raised over \$12,000 this year becoming the top ranking fundraising team for 2013. Planning for 2014 begins almost immediately and fundraising will begin again in earnest right after the first of next year.



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June 28

Friday on the Commons

Whalen Commons. Featuring: Bark in the Park Cute Dog Contest. 6:30 p.m.

Music Concert

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8:00 p.m.

June 28 and 29

Civil War Living History Musical Performance

As part of Heritage Montgomery days, Sugarloaf Regional Trails proudly presents a performance by the truly remarkable musical talents of tenor Doug Jimerson singing the songs of the Civil War era. He is a nationally renowned living history performer. This is also the perfect time to visit the ferry Lockhouse
At Edwards Ferry Lockhouse
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 exhibits. Locally, there will be special displays at the John Poole General Store and you explore many artifacts and the history of Poolesville in the Civil War in the Old Town Hall Bank Museum. Additionally, the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road is open to the public.

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

July 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

July 4

Annual UMCVFD Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

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Fireworks: At dusk – approximately 9:15 p.m.

July 6

Asian House of Poolesville Entertainment Night

Featuring DJ
8:30 p.m.

July 8

Aging Gracefully and in a Healthy Manner

This is a Special Event of the Gathering Place Senior Activity Center in Beallsville. Lenni Berry, a certified health professional will discuss health and aging. Lunch is available for \$6.00. Seniors attending qualify for a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to local business.
Sanctuary Retreat Center
19520 Darnestown Road, Beallsville
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 10

Community Dinner

St. Peter's Episcopal Church holds its popular community dinner, which for July is the All-American Dinner, with hamburgers, hotdogs, and homemade sides. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids, with a \$20 family maximum. Kids three and under are free. For more details, call 301-349-2073.

July 11

Asian House of Poolesville Entertainment Night

July 12
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July 12

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"Wooly Queen"
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Suzanne explains. Like Sleeping Beauty, she awakened from a dream to discover something marvelous. She immediately bought a spinning wheel and had Dalis teach her how to spin. To her dismay she couldn't do it. "I was in tears," says Suzanne. Did Rumpelstiltskin come to her to spin her straw into gold in exchange for her firstborn child? That sounds like something crazy out of a fairy tale. Suzanne had the good fortune to visit the Mannings Handweaving School and Supply Center in East Berlin, Pennsylvania where she told them of her lament. Carol Wilcock, the owner, said to her, "I think you spin left-handed." Poor Princess Suzanne had been struggling with a right-handed wheel when she was a left-handed spinner. Metamorphosis complete, the princess became the Wooly Queen.

If you were to visit the Wooly Queen today, perhaps at a Poolesville Farmers' Market or at a Destination: Poolesville business fair, you might be surprised to see not so much weaving but a whole lotta soap. The conversion to soap began in the nineties after

the Wooly Queen went to the Sugarloaf Craft Festival and came across Pretty Baby Herbal Soaps and owner, Terrianne Taylor, a fourth generation soap maker who helped guide WQ through the beginnings of making hand-made cold-processed soaps. "I was worried about working with lye," WQ confesses, but Terrianne would tell her, "You can do this." Says the Wooly Queen, "Making soap is an adventure all the time, and it's never the same. Sometimes it's a total screwup." Dalis was the first to sell WQ's soaps, then Suzanne found a few other retailers to sell her soap. Much of her soap is sold at Catoctin Mountain Orchard in Thurmont, and now, with the internet, they're sold all over. "I get calls from people all over the U.S., even as far away as Texas," adds WQ. When Catoctin Mountain Orchard is closed from January through March, the Wooly Queen can get back to her weaving. "I do like it," she says of creating scarves, placemats, tea towels, and the like. "I like the texture and the feel." Soapmaking, on the other hand, is instantly gratifying. She would even go so far to say that it's addicting.

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**"Focus on Business"
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manager Danny Glazier. "Danny has been such a strong benefit to me because of his dedication and hard work ethic. He is the creative source for our beer tastings" Danny, a 1999 graduate of PHS, works one job during the day, evenings at Cugini's and still another on weekends while his wife finishes medical school. Glazier told us "I have worked in the food service industry for over fifteen years now in every capacity possible. I have done everything from washing dishes to working under Master Chefs and Top Chef contestants. It is such a breath of fresh air to be working for someone who is so open minded and willing to listen and take ideas from each and every member of the community. Barbie is very driven and has great plans for Cuginis."

What can you expect new from Cugini's going forward? Soon they will be offering an internet app to place your order in advance. They recently got approval from the town to put an outdoor dining area out front. They even had a comedy night to benefit Relay for Life.

They are building on their suc-

cessful beer tasting events. Cugini's wants to be a local place where customers can come and try a beer they may have never seen before. The food menu is also continually changing, adding more great options for people to choose from. We want to keep local customers in town by giving more options and reasons to continue to help support local businesses.

The long hours can be exhausting. To help ease some of the demands of the job and her personal life, she has even found ways for her eight-year old daughter Cienna to help.

The new owner seems to have settled on her theme: Enjoy that which you loved from the past and expect the unexpected to satisfy your desire for good food and fun.

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**"Town of Poolesville"
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Commissioner Halbrook questioned whether the actual amount of the reduction, estimated to be about \$2,500.00 per home, was enough to achieve the goal Jamison sought. Jamison held that the reduction makes a huge difference amortizing the loans necessary to build and that the reduction of the fee could result in better, more attractive homes. Commissioner Klobukowski voiced concern for the unwarranted precedents the proposal may set for future development. The proposal was for discussion only at this point and the commissioners agreed to take his request under advisement.

**"Town Settles Lawsuit"
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to eight months, which are not open to the general public or media. It was explained that there has been a larger than normal number of issues that require closed door discussions for legitimate reasons. Those issues include the Hernandez lawsuit, contractual negotiations surrounding a proposed solar energy array, and the possible sale and purchase of land.



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