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Bill Conway, with Bill Jamison (right), won the straightest drive contest at Lions Outing. There are more Lions pictures in Family Album on page 2.

## Willshire Development Proposal on Willard Property Spurs Lively Discussion

By Link Hoewing

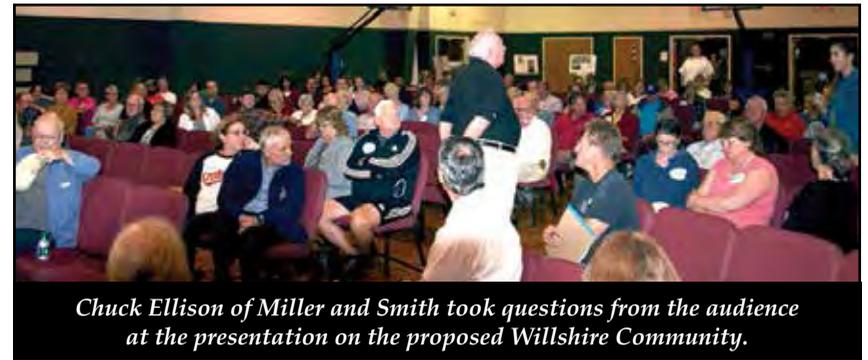


André Agnew won the 20–29 male category at the PACC 5K. See all results on page 5.

The Willshire Development project on the property just east of the Poolesville Town Hall was the subject of a spirited discussion on the evening of October 4 at the Poolesville Baptist Church hall.

A large crowd estimated at 125 people heard a brief introduction by Billy Willard, the son of Dee Willard, whose family owns the property. Willard recounted that his family had come to the Poolesville area in the late 1800s and had been active both as business owners and town officials over the decades since. He said his family believed that, in using the overlay process in Poolesville's Master Plan, they could offer the town new homes in an attractive design that would also help encourage businesses and other amenities.

Jim Clifford, a land use attorney who works for the Willards, said that they had taken more than a year to develop the Willshire proposal. They had established a set of strong guidelines to help ensure the proposal would lead to the construction of high-quality and attractive homes that fit into the town,



Chuck Ellison of Miller and Smith took questions from the audience at the presentation on the proposed Willshire Community.

including requirements for front porches, bans on the use of vinyl siding, and the installation of "rain gardens" to channel runoff. The family decided that the Miller and Smith development company would be best able to come up with the kind of proposal that would best suit Poolesville.

Chuck Ellison, Vice President-Land from Miller and Smith, laid out the major elements of the company's thinking. He said the company had relied primarily on the town's Master Plan and on a 2012 Commercial Development Study as the foundation

for their design work. The town's overlay zoning rules are designed to encourage input and discussion and can redound to the town's benefit. Regarding the evening's gathering, Ellison told the *Monocle*, "I was pleased with the turnout for and tone of the meeting. Small towns need to grow if they are to remain viable. How they grow is always a topic of robust discussion. It was great to see so much interest from many viewpoints from involved members of the community."

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Bishop Mariann Budde and Steve Vogel of Barnesville and St. Peter's Episcopal Church before a bicycle ride to White's Ferry for a morning service. See Tidbits on page 7.

## Man Arrested after Driving into the River

By Jack Toomey

Joshua Webster finished his evening shift as the pilot of White's Ferry by securing the General Jubal Early (the ferry) to its moorings. He then went to his house on the White's Ferry property a little after 11:00 p.m. on September 29. After watching television, he prepared for bed. At about 1:00 a.m., he heard screaming and went outside onto the roadway leading to the ferry from which he could see a man thrashing in the water near a floating car.

Webster, 35, an army veteran, waded at least a hundred feet into the Potomac River to where the man and car were located. In water that was three to four feet deep, Webster took the man by the arm and led him to shore. Josh helped the man into his house, gave him a blanket, and attempted to reassure

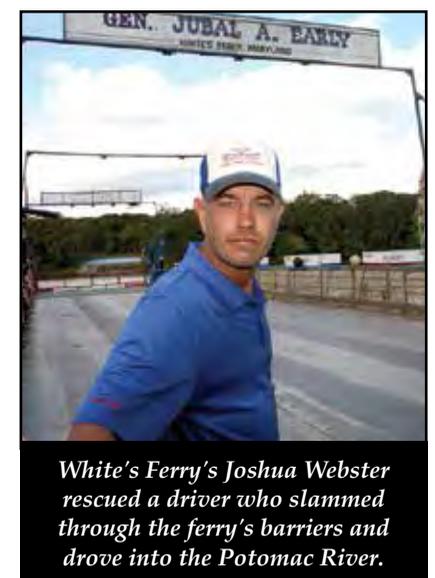
him that he was safe. Webster then called his supervisor and the police.

The man, a twenty-six-year-old Gaithersburg resident, whom police refused to identify citing a new policy that applies to DUI cases, was arrested and taken to the Rockville station. The police investigation revealed that the man had entered the White's Ferry property at high speed, went down the incline towards the ferry, smashed through the entrance gate, traveled the length of the ferry, and then smashed through the back gate and into the water. The car then floated away from the ferry to the point where Webster found it.

The man was charged with Driving under the Influence and a host of other traffic charges.



PHS has a wild new look. Learn why in School News on page 12.



White's Ferry's Joshua Webster rescued a driver who slammed through the ferry's barriers and drove into the Potomac River.

# Family Album

It was a great time for families to visit the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department at its annual Open House.



The UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary helped host the fire department's annual Open House on October 1.



The UMCVFD annual open house also featured a fun fall hayride.



Barbara Davidson (right) and Jill Chadwick admire just one of the many beautiful entries at the Monocacy Garden Club's annual flower show.



Eleanor Bateman (right) served George Kephart, Jr. and Alice Scott as they enjoyed the luncheon at PMUMC's annual fall festival.



Vendors and families alike enjoyed PMUMC's annual fall festival.



Bill and Sally Lermond (left) hosted the members of the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club for its annual picnic.



Brownie Troops #4855 and #2506.



Miguel Lopez and Patrick Hooper of Team Hooper at the recent Tenth Annual Lymphoma Foundation's Ride for Research, which commenced at the Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences.



Three of the beautifully-restored cars brought to the Dickerson picnic for the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club.



Cadettes from Troop #4762 with senior girl scouts.



Visitors even got to meet a real life K9 police search and rescue dog.



The contestants in the Lions Outing putting contest take their best shot. Nobody sunk his or her put.



Lions Outing winner team: Dana Ackley, Bob Nelson, Greg Salers, and Steve Chung. The 58? That was their score!

Lions photographs by Rob Jones

## Town Government Commissioners Get Serious about Skating Rink

More than a year ago, area resident Marc Kohn constructed an outdoor “ice skating” rink—made of an artificial surface—in honor of his daughter, and invited children from Poolesville and the surrounding areas to come and try it out.

Kohn, who lives outside the town, was at first told by Montgomery County that he had to dismantle the skating rink. Over time, however, the county came around and began to think the idea of an artificial skating rink in the Poolesville area had merit. In meetings with town Parks Board officials and the commissioners and staff, the county agreed to commit significant amounts of funding to build the rink, and the town expressed its support for locating the facility in Dr. Dillingham Park.

Until recently, progress in moving ahead with the skating rink has been slow. At its October 3 meeting, however, the commissioners heard an update on the ice rink idea and indicated they were ready to move ahead with the project, assuming a number of decisions can be made about key items.

Town Manager Wade Yost explained that in a recent meeting with county staff and representatives from the Washington Capitals (who have expressed interest in the idea of building an artificial rink), commitments were made to provide a significant amount of initial funding for the project. The county reiterated a promise it had made earlier to invest \$140,000 in the initiative, and the Capitals agreed to provide \$60,000 in funds.

Yost remarked that while this was a good start, the total costs of building a smaller rink (80' x 50') could come in at around \$500,000 while a larger rink (one that could be used for practices by all age groups of hockey players and for games for players up to twelve years in age) might cost in the range of \$740,000. As of now, including a possible bond bill the state might be able to provide and monies from the Capitals, the county and the town (using funds currently in parks programs in its budget), the total amount of funds available is \$340,000.

Commissioner Chuck Stump, who has been deeply involved in the discussions, said that while the lack of currently-identifiable funding sources may seem significant, this project is different from the park facilities the

town has built in the past. If the town decides to build the larger ice rink, for example, it very likely will attract skaters from a significant portion of Montgomery County.

Stump said that it is his understanding that traditional indoor skating rinks can charge around \$300 per hour of use and that the town should look at how it can recoup its costs by levying usage fees for the facility. Further, while there are maintenance costs associated with the artificial ice (called “EZ Glide”), they essentially involve painting the surface with a special liquid coating every month. While the costs of the coating are around \$72 for a five gallon can, traditional ice rinks need to have buildings, expensive refrigeration equipment, Zambonis, and so on.

Stump and Yost said that further meetings with the county are likely sometime in October, and they urged the other commissioners to ask the Parks Board to examine the plans that are currently being considered and offer the commissioners their recommendations. In order to move the process forward and signal the town’s interest, there is a need to provide other partners in the discussions with the town’s views and a vision on what approach to take.

In the discussion, Commission President Jim Brown said that the skating rink could be a major enhancement to Dr. Dillingham Park. He pointed to the fact that this is a case where other entities are interested and willing to help pay a significant share of the costs.

Jerry Klobukowski wondered whether there are significant numbers of people who are active in hockey or teams interested in using the proposed facilities. He said that it is important to get a better understanding of this issue because if the town is going to generate fees from the proposed facility, it will need to build the larger, more expensive rink. He also pointed out that while maintenance costs are much lower than for traditional ice rinks, there are still costs that will need to be paid to maintain the rink in future years.

Both Commissioners Brown and Valaree Dickerson added that the town had not initiated the proposed rink and that it had essentially been “thrown into the town’s lap.” Even so, both said it represents a potentially major opportunity given that other groups are willing to donate substantial financial support. They also noted that future enhancements—such as lighting—could make the rink even more viable and useful.

The commissioners decided to ask the Parks Board to examine the rink project with an eye towards how to

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Saturday at 5pm / Sunday at 8, 9:30, & 11am

Daily Mass & Rosary at 9 am

Join us for a Living Rosary, Sunday, Oct. 16 at 7pm

in the Pavilion  
Ice Cream Social to follow

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*All are Welcome!*

## Commentary

### Things Change

By John Clayton

The bulldozer man has driven away, once again. He got there about the same time as the veterinarian, and by the time the vet had finished his work, the bulldozer was in place to do his job. By my count this is the eighth time we have commissioned him to come to our property, dig a big hole, and bury a farm animal. This time it was our last two sheep—Betsy and Haley. They were good sheep, and they will be missed, but they were old, infirm, clearly uncomfortable, and that day had come. Betsy, I should note, outfoxed the vet and passed away quietly the night before. She was always the maverick.

We live on a farm, and much of our land is farmed, but we are not farmers. I hold to the conviction that owning a farm does not make you a farmer any more than owning an airplane would make you a pilot. I say this out of respect for farmers. These sheep were technically farm animals, but pets, not raised and maintained for any commercial value. When we moved here we got a large sheep that I believe was a Hampshire. He had been raised for the county fair, and as we understood it, he did not make his weight and could not be judged and then auctioned at the fair. This represented a financial loss for the young lady who raised him as her 4-H project, but turned out to be a pretty good deal for Mario, as he came to be known. Mario may have starved himself out of a trip to the fair, but he did nothing but eat and gain weight from that time forth. He got pretty big. He destroyed the latches on two of our stalls just by leaning on them until the metal loops straightened out. This was first revealed to me when our shearer, Anne Shroeder

of Stargazing Farm, came to trim our four sheep, which was our full flock at the time. The sheep were younger then, and it was extremely difficult to round them up into a stall, where they knew no good could result. I proudly told our shearer that all four had been collected and were awaiting her arrival, and she replied, "Oh really? Then whose sheep are those out there?"

Mario was eventually joined by Daisy, and then Betsy and Haley. It was a happy group and we enjoyed having sheep, and we found them quite gentle and personable. Now that the last two are gone, the place feels a little different. I will miss sitting in a nice restaurant somewhere and remarking to my wife (who I think said this the first time), "You know, we're probably the only people here that own sheep." Then again, one never knows.

While considering the sentiments of things changing, I saw with more than a little sadness and regret that Poolesville Small Engine in Boyds is going to close. I spoke to the owner, Carl Hobbs, and he said that they had lost their lease. I consider this a true loss for our area. I have purchased equipment at Carl's shop, and had repairs done both major and minor on an array of different equipment. This is in addition to a significant amount of helpful and free advice that he has shared to assist my occasionally hapless attempts at equipment repair, but he has been generous in that way and I have appreciated it. There should always be a local mechanic and dealer who can provide such services in such a friendly and small-town fashion, but in this modern world it seems to get rarer, and it just got a lot rarer in our area. I will particularly miss dropping off a stack of newspapers every time a new issue came out and exchanging a friendly word or two with Carl or his staff, and yes, perhaps angling for a little free advice. They will be missed and I hope they emerge somewhere else local soon.

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### Willshire Development Proposal

It is the commissioner-approved overlay zoning rules that allow the company to propose a development plan that would build over ninety homes on just under fourteen acres. Without the overlay, the company would still have the right to build fifty to sixty homes on the property. The overlay designation is discretionary and does not have to be granted by the town. In effect, the overlay offers the developer a potential benefit but only if it is willing to negotiate to provide amenities and benefits that the town and citizens believe are critical. In a very real sense, the overlay puts Poolesville in a stronger position to work out a proposal that will bring the greatest benefit to the town.

In response to the input Miller and Smith have already received from residents and others it has consulted, Mr. Ellison said the company was looking at some changes to its original plan. For example, it is now planning to expand the sidewalks and "walking corridors" it has in the plan and is working on ideas to enhance the pedestrian connections between the new development and the historic John Poole House.

In the question-and-answer segment of the program, plenty of citizens had concerns and raised points to consider.

One key issue raised repeatedly is the density or the number of houses proposed for the property. Some who raised the point believed such high-density development is out of character for a small town like Poolesville. Ellison had already noted earlier that the town's Master Plan says that a small town like Poolesville can be "described as a clustered community with homes in close proximity to a town center," and he said he did not believe the proposal violated the Master Plan.

A second theme that worried some attendees regarding the density issue is the increase in traffic they fear may result from such a large number of new houses concentrated in the center of town. Some thought that traffic in town has already increased a great deal. Building on this concern, a question was asked about whether a traffic study had been done on the impact of the proposed development. Ellison said such a study had been done, but he could not remember the specific findings. The company had posted the study on its website, and he invited audience members to visit it and review the study.

Another concern raised by several questioners was about the importance of trying to meet the needs of a variety of groups—including young people just starting out and senior citizens—in

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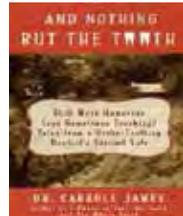
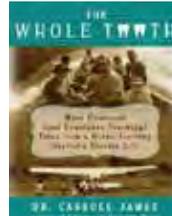
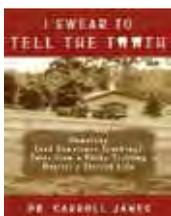
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Local News

**Official Results of the  
PACC Poolesville Day 5K—2016**

Place	Race #	Contestant	Age	Hometown	Time
<b>MALE OPEN (Gun Time)</b>					
1	16	Hunter Bergstrom	14	Clarksburg	19:11
2	14	Darian Berger	15	Poolesville	19:21
3	201	Tobias Whelan	16	Gaithersburg	19:41
<b>FEMALE OPEN (Gun Time)</b>					
1	177	Brin Strouse	15	Frederick	19:08
2	71	Liz Gregorio	43	New Market	20:55
3	237	Linda Jurata	44	Poolesville	21:28
<b>MALE AGE GROUP: 1-13 (Net Time)</b>					
1	20	Bradford Blair	13	Poolesville	21:54
2	291	Jacob Jenkins	12	Poolesville	22:58
3	235	Graham Richter	13	Poolesville	23:02
<b>FEMALE AGE GROUP: 1-13 (Net Time)</b>					
1	22	Anna Bodmer	11	Dickerson	25:02
2	55	Sarah Frazin	12	Poolesville	25:19
3	154	Jessica Rothenberg	12	Boys	25:45
<b>MALE AGE GROUP: 14-19 (Net Time)</b>					
1	98	Caius Kim	15	Germantown	19:55
2	199	Patrick Wang	18	Germantown	19:57
3	153	Samuel Rosenberg	16	Gaithersburg	20:05
<b>FEMALE AGE GROUP: 14-19 (Net Time)</b>					
1	267	Yamuna Satsangi	17	Darnestown	22:44
2	106	Maria Lanasa	14	Gaithersburg	23:13
3	188	Rebeckah Trainor	17	Poolesville	23:52
<b>MALE AGE GROUP: 20-29 (Net Time)</b>					
1	245	André Agnew	20	Poolesville	19:45
2	288	Cody Dorsey	21	Westminster	20:54
3	270	Daniel Kator	25	Cameron, NC	23:37
<b>FEMALE AGE GROUP: 20-29 (Net Time)</b>					
1	83	Jessica Hoverter	28	Mount Airy	23:45
2	9	Amy Bengochea	26	Decatur, GA	27:35
3	38	Darina Callear	21	Barnesville	27:38
<b>MALE AGE GROUP: 30-39 (Net Time)</b>					
1	125	Blake Monson	33	Poolesville	21:10
2	216	Rob Wittwer	36	Poolesville	22:27
3	259	Jason Kirkpatrick	37	Poolesville	23:41
<b>FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30-39 (Net Time)</b>					
1	11	Hillary Benson	33	Poolesville	24:44
2	46	Elizabeth Dansby	35	Poolesville	25:48
3	123	Skylar Miller	30	Dickerson	26:29
<b>MALE AGE GROUP: 40-49 (Net Time)</b>					
1	80	Jerome Hobart	40	Poolesville	20:38
2	271	Don Patti	45	Gaithersburg	20:49
3	236	Rich Shewin	45	Mt. Airy	21:52

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**FEMALE AGE GROUP: 40-49 (Net Time)**

1	127	Ashley Muldoon	44	Poolesville	24:17
2	202	Amy White	42	Germantown	25:06
3	26	Jessica Bodmer	41	Dickerson	25:21

**MALE AGE GROUP: 50- 59 (Net Time)**

1	142	Nicholas Psaltakis	54	Poolesville	22:06
2	21	Wade Blair	51	Poolesville	22:34
3	180	Glenn Tallia	54	Poolesville	22:56

**FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50-59 (Net Time)**

1	274	Maureen Casey	52	Poolesville	25:53
2	221	Liz Zander	52	Dickerson	29:09
3	15	Joyce Berger	52	Poolesville	29:24

**MALE AGE GROUP: 60-69 (Net Time)**

1	5	Jose Barbosa	60	Dickerson	25:54
2	12	Matthew Bent	62	Poolesville	26:08
3	68	Keith Gordon	63	Germantown	26:18

**FEMALE AGE GROUP: 60-69 (Net Time)**

1	234	Janet Fayard	60	Poolesville	38:49
2	13	Pamela Bent	63	Poolesville	40:30

**MALE AGE GROUP: 70-79 (Net Time)**

1	176	Richard Strock	73	Poolesville	36:25
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**FEMALE AGE GROUP: 70-79 (Net Time)**

1	157	Carol Saladino	70	Honey Brook, PA	43:48
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**MALE AGE GROUP: 80-99 (Net Time)**

1	81	Raymond Hoewing	84	Dickerson	40:10
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## Things To Do

*Plan on Markoff's world-class Haunted Forest every weekend in October.*

**October 7**

### PHS Varsity Home Games

Field hockey versus Seneca Valley, 7:00 p.m.

**October 7, 8, and 9**

### Countryside Artisans Fall Gallery and Studio Tour

The Countryside Artisans invite you to their Fall Gallery and Studio Tour. Meet the artists and enjoy their work in the beautiful settings that inspire them every day. Choose from fifteen galleries and studios representing forty-plus fine visual, sculptural, and textile artists as you wind your way through scenic Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard Counties on this free, self-guided, driving tour. This fall we welcome a new studio at Gallery East, a barn gallery in Adamstown, featuring a contemporary fine artist and a photographer. Brochure, map, and info about the artists can be found at [www.countrysideartisans.com](http://www.countrysideartisans.com).

**October Market**

### Weekend at the Blue Hearth

You will find the inventory constantly changing throughout the weekend. New vintage pieces are always being sourced to reinvent and transform each and every market weekend. Shop at the Blue Hearth and get a 10% off coupon for Bassett's for lunch. Open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

**October 8**

### UMCVFD Beef and Pig Roast

Featuring barbecued beef and pig sandwiches. Platters with slaw and baked beans available, as well as drinks. *Beallsville Fire Department*. 11:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon.

### Rural Women's Republican Club's Annual Saturday Night in the Country

This is a fundraiser to support their charitable donation program that includes college scholarships, etc. \$40.00 per person. Send your check and reservation to Carole Johnson, P.O. Box 402, Barnesville, MD 20838 ([carolejohnson5797@gmail.com](mailto:carolejohnson5797@gmail.com)). *B-CC Izaak Walton League Chapter House in Pooleville*. Music and open bar at 5:30 p.m. Barbecued chicken dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by a live auction.

**October 10**

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer versus Gaithersburg, 7:15 p.m.

### Countywide Community Meeting on the Ag Reserve

Learn more about the Agricultural Reserve—a unique treasure in Montgomery County, bringing local food production from Montgomery County farms directly to your table—with Councilmember Craig Rice. For more information, call 240-777-7955. *Universities at Shady Grove. Building II: Bethesda/Gaithersburg Meeting Room*. 6:30 p.m.

**October 10 and 11**

### Punkin' Chunkin' Charity Fundraiser at Lewis Orchards

Fire a pumpkin from a cannon toward a target in a pond hundreds of yards away to raise funds for charitable organizations. Noon to 5:00 p.m.

**October 11**

### Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) Event

*Open gym time, 17750 West Willard Road, 10:00 a.m.*

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey versus Magruder, 5:00 p.m.

**October 12**

### PASC Event

*T'ai chi, 10:30 a.m. and Zumba Gold at 1:00 p.m. 17750 West Willard Road.*

**October 13**

### PASC Special Event

*Matinée Movie Day, 17750 West Willard Road, 1:00 p.m.*

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer versus Paint Branch, 7:15 p.m.

**October 13, 14, and 15**

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church's Annual Blockbuster Fall Rummage Sale!

A wide variety of great values including clothing, toys, books, computer and hi-tech items, tools, furniture, sporting goods, household goods, appliances, kitchen and bath items, and so much more. Thursday: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**October 14**

### Barnesville School Golf Outing and Live Concert

**Golf Tournament:** \$200 per player (includes ticket to concert). Free clinic from Steve Bosdosh, top 100 teaching pro. Box lunch and beverage cart included; prizes, putting contest, and more. *PB Dye Golf Course*. Driving range and putting green open at 10:30 a.m. Scramble play, shotgun start at noon.

**Dinner and Live Concert:** Non-golfers and spouses welcome. Open bar, appetizer stations, and live music featuring Nashville Rising Star, Barnesville

alumna, and award-winning singer-songwriter: Lexi Peto. \$100. *PB Dye Veranda*. 5:00 p.m.

### UMCVFD Auxiliary Bingo Night

Bring a friend. Featuring gift cards and cash with twenty games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshment available for purchase, no outside food or beverages allowed. *Beallsville Fire House, 19801 Beallsville Road*. Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Games begin: 7:00 p.m.

**October 15 (rain date October 22)**

### 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to benefit the Boyds Historical Society

Come and enjoy crafts from local artists featuring stained glass, crochet, pottery, ceramics, artwork, jewelry, and photography. Face painting for the kids. *Boys Presbyterian Church, Vail Building, 19821 White Ground Road, Boyds*. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**October 16**

### Poolesville Commissioners Candidate Public Forum

Town commissioners and candidates on the November town ballot will take questions from attending audience. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**October 17**

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey versus Walter Johnson, 6:00 p.m.

### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

*Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.*

**October 18**

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball versus Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 6:30 p.m.

**October 19**

### PASC Event

*T'ai chi, 10:30 a.m. and Zumba Gold at 1:00 p.m. 17750 West Willard Road.*

### Protect Our Poolesville (POP)

Community group organized to address building issues in Poolesville will hold a community meeting. *St. Peter's Church*. 7:30 p.m.

**October 21**

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Football versus Richard Montgomery, 6:30 p.m.

**October 22**

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer versus Wheaton, 4:00 p.m.

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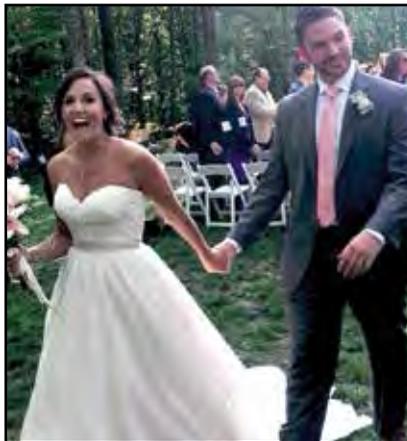
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## Tidbits

### Belated Congratulations

Go out to Cody and Ricky Normoyle on their May 7 wedding. The couple have been friends since middle school. Cody is the daughter of Dana and George Worthington of Dickerson, and Ricky is the son of Linda and Rick Normoyle of Poolesville.



Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Cody Worthington Normoyle.

### Congratulations to the Winner of the Monocle Vacation Photo Contest

This was the first year the Monocle requested readers to take a selfies

while on vacation and clearly holding up a copy of the newspaper. While submissions were below what we



Penelope and Micah Singh had the best of two worlds: a West Coast beach and a great East Coast newspaper to read.

had hoped for, we do have a winner! That winner is the Singh family, Pravin and Jennifer with children Micah and Penelope, who traveled all the way to Seal Beach in La Jolla, California to snap their picture holding the Monocle.

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**Willshire Development Proposal**

the design of the new development. The proposal contained only multi-level townhomes and multi-story single family homes, and these designs might not be either affordable or accessible for the very young or for retirees. Ellison answered that their marketing research had not demonstrated a demand for such homes, but he acknowledged later that Miller and Smith had been hearing more about the need to address the need for homes for retirees and the elderly. While he did not commit to making changes, he did acknowledge that this issue has gotten the attention of his company.

Another concern was with regard to the affordability of the new homes in the development. Ellison could not give firm figures, but he suggested that the townhomes might be priced in the range of \$400,000 and single family homes in the \$600,000 range.

At least one commenter remarked that the development of "infill" properties in the center of Poolesville helps reduce pressures on the Ag Reserve thereby helping to preserve the rural character of the town. He also said that many businesses in Poolesville are facing serious economic challenges and that development can help improve their economic viability. Finally, he said that if the developers simply used a standard

half-acre plot to build houses like many other developments in Poolesville, it is likely that the houses would be far more expensive than the \$600,000 single family house price cited by Ellison.

At one point, the discussions became a little more heated, and it was alleged that at least one of the commissioners had met with the developers and urged them to submit a proposal that included more than a hundred homes. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski said that the developers had never met with the "body of commissioners" and that he had never met with them. Commissioner Valeree Dickerson said that she too had not met with the developers and that when the proposal was put into the public domain, it was a surprise to her.

Ellison was asked if his company would go forward with the proposal if the overlay is not granted and if they could only build the fifty to sixty homes that are allowed under the standard zoning regulations. He said their contract is based on the overlay, and the company would have to revisit the proposal if it is not approved.

Speaking on behalf of the Willard family, Billy Willard told the *Monocle*, "We were pleased to see so many of our neighbors and friends attend the meeting about the concept plan for our property. We heard some valid concerns and some valuable ideas, and we look forward to discussing them as we continue our process internally to

message this plan that will help to shape the future of Poolesville's downtown. We are committed to working with the community and moving forward in an inclusive process."

Caroline Taylor, of Montgomery Countryside Alliance, offered, "We believe Poolesville's primary goal is to provide for sensible growth without violating the Master Plan and the majority of residents' desires to remain a unique and small rural town. Growth should not come at a cost that significantly burdens its citizens with more traffic and forever alters the historic scale of the Town Center.

"This single highly-dense Willshire development undeniably puts Pool-

esville at a crossroad. Does the town want to embrace and capitalize on its rich history and bucolic charm or to simply add densely-packed residential rooftops and become another Clarksburg?

"Citizens spoke clearly, respectfully, and passionately at the developer's presentation—voicing myriad concerns such as traffic, absence of green space, water, etc. Hopefully, the town's elected and appointed representatives will be listening and act accordingly."

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## Family Daytripper Walkersville's Fountain Rock Nature Center

By Juliana Downey

The last Family Daytripper was about the Catoctin Creek Nature Center in Middletown. If you've had a chance to go, that's great because they close for the season at the end of October and don't open again until April—but experiencing the majestic beauty of our local foliage and wildlife doesn't have to end.

A little further north, in Walkersville, the Fountain Rock Nature Center offers even more abundant, live, and interactive opportunities for families to get out and explore. This is the first Nature Center built in Frederick County, and there's no mystery why they've been around for awhile. This fun, free, fantastic nature center allows visitors to experience a plethora of different activities in one day-trip.

Built on the grounds of an old limestone quarry and kiln, this center has historical plaques throughout the grounds explaining the process of the kilns and the history of their use in our area. If history isn't your thing, just follow one of several walking trails,

which, in total, are less than one mile long. Along the trails, Plant Life of Fountain Rock Letterboxing, a scavenger hunt of sorts, explains the vegetation of the area. Stamps can be collected at each stop. The vegetation changes with the seasons, of course, so there are four different sets of stamps from all four seasons. There's also a Pokémon gym and three Pokémon stops along the trail, so keep your eyes peeled—if you've "Gotta catch 'em all."

The Nature Center building, open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., is an important stop. Upon entering, visitors are greeted with displays of local—and some exotic—critters. If you're lucky, you may stop by at snake-feeding time. One of the coolest displays is a live beehive with all the activity and excitement that goes on inside the colony. The helpful and friendly staff is always there to answer any questions. They teach a multitude of different classes year-round for ages ranging from two years old to eight and older. See the Frederick County Recreator for offerings and details.

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## Reaching for The Stars Nashville Teen Star Supports Local School

By Dominique Agnew

Award-winning singer-songwriter-musician Lexi Peto will be performing an exclusive concert to benefit the Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences, her alma mater, on October 14 at PB Dye Golf Course as part of a fundraiser for the school. Ed Rothenberg, parent of a student presently attending the Barnesville School, invited Peto to take part in the fundraiser. "I thought it was pretty cool," Peto said, "that even though I graduated, they still keep me involved... One of the things I love about Barnesville is that even after you graduate, the connection is pretty strong."

Peto showed her musical bent at an early age, and since third grade, has known that she wanted to be a country music artist. "When she was in the fourth grade," said Nancy Taylor, the Lower School music teacher at the Barnesville School, "she sang Beethoven's simple but strong tune 'Ode to Joy' as a solo during the annual Holiday Show—such a big song for a little girl, but she sang it perfectly, and she shone like a star. Clearly she understood exactly what Schiller's lyrics were saying to the world: 'Joy... rolls the stars along their courses, moves the hearts of all mankind.'" For Peto, music moves her heart and pushes her to follow her dream. She learned to play the guitar, ukulele, banjo, mandolin, and piano, and at only seventeen years of age, she has already composed many songs and released a CD of original music.

Sadly, at the young age of fourteen, her mother passed away, but the Barnesville School helped her through the ordeal. "The community is just really strong," she explained. "I lost my mom, and the school was so supportive. The staff were really there for me. I'd like to do anything I can to help them." Since then, Peto's father and stepfather joined forces to co-parent, and moved with her to Nashville to help her achieve her dream.

She first began performing professionally in the D.C. area at well-known locations such as the Birchmere and Strathmore AMP in Bethesda. She has opened for John Cowan of the Doobie Brothers, Jamie Lynn Spears, and the Bob Schneider Band. She also performs in various locations in Nashville.

As a songwriter, Peto has seen success with her first album, *Where I Belong*, and has won numerous awards for her songs "Rest of Them"



Lexi Peto

and "Where I Belong." Her CD will be available for sale at the fundraiser performance.

On October 14, expect to hear some new work, as she has a second album coming out in 2017. "I'll be performing some new songs...because I've been writing a lot recently," she said.

Peto is looking forward to returning to her old stomping grounds to help her school. "I'm really appreciative of my teachers. That's where I grew up. It made me who I am. My parents put me in that school for a reason. I'm glad that I went there," she said.

Barnesville's Head of School, Susanne Johnson, is also excited to have Peto back. "As a school of arts and sciences, the Barnesville School prides itself on offering a rich arts program. From an early age, Lexi excelled in the performing arts, participating in plays, musicals, and vocal performances. It is no surprise to the Barnesville School community that she has become a rising star. We are very proud of our alumna and her accomplishments."

Peto looks forward to sharing her gift. "I play music so that I can reach out to people. I hope that they will be happier than before they came to see me."

*Recently, Peto was selected to take part in a songwriting competition with the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI), the winner of which will have his/her song placed on the next quarterly Publisher Luncheon CD. The winning writer will receive one year of general membership. At this point in the competition, the winning song will be chosen by visitors to the website and their votes. To vote for Peto's song on the NSAI website, visit [www.nashvillesongwriters.com/nsai-top-40-0](http://www.nashvillesongwriters.com/nsai-top-40-0). For more information about Lexi, visit [www.lexipeto.com](http://www.lexipeto.com).*

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## School News

### Annual Blue Ribbon Week: Be the Difference! Lend a Hand! Make a Difference!

The area schools have begun a program to support all students in making a difference in school and at home. Blue Ribbon Week is a cluster-wide focus on promoting civility and making a difference with words and actions. Each school celebrates this week in different ways. JPMS will have a spirit week and special lessons. Each day during Blue Ribbon week had a new theme to promote making a difference. September 26 was Pajama Pant Day—Dream of making a difference. September 27, Maryland Day, called for teaming together to

Be Different, Make a Difference. Then, on September 29 was Hero Day—Heroes make a difference. Finally, Friday, September 30 was Dads, Take Your Child to School Day.

Approximately thirty-five dads were spotted arriving at Poolesville High School on September 30. They were treated to sweet rolls and orange juice, courtesy of the PHS PTSA, and appeared excited to be travelling the halls with their students.

### PHS Homecoming 2016

The visiting dads were greeted by hallways decorated to honor PHS Homecoming 2016. The football game was played on September 30, followed by the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 31. The decorating theme was "Cartoons," and PHS students showed competitive school spirit by applying their talent and creativity to every corner of their assigned hallways. Cartoons represented included:

Scooby Doo (seniors); SpongeBob SquarePants (juniors); Looney Tunes (sophomores); and Classic Disney (freshmen). One feature common to all the displays was a presentation of all student names in each class as part

of the design. Congratulations to the junior class for taking first place! Congratulations also to the Homecoming King and Queen: Baharu Harris and Theresa Nardone.

### Poolesville Cluster Schools PTAs/PTSA Get Busy

With school activities underway, the Poolesville Cluster PTAs/PTSA are busy welcoming new members and planning activities to support students, staff, and administration during the year ahead. PTSA/PTA officers, by school, are listed below. For space considerations, not all committee coordinators are listed here. If you haven't yet joined your PTA/PTSA, join soon. Membership dues are used to enhance the learning environments at our cluster schools. Answer your PTA/PTSA's call for volunteers. Even an hour of your time makes a difference. If you have questions, contact your PTA/PTSA.

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### Tidbits

#### Churchgoers Pedal to White's Ferry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church celebrated the impending end of summer on a recent Sunday with a visit from Bishop Mariann Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. About a dozen parishioners, including children, joined the bishop in bicycling from the church on Fisher Avenue to White's Ferry to join less hardy parishioners who drove to the ferry. Rev. Ann Ritonja led a service of Holy Eucharist, followed by a picnic of fried chicken and side dishes. Most of the bicyclists, including the bishop, pedaled back to Poolesville under their own power.



Bishop Mariann Budde (second from right) and members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church before a bicycle ride from St. Peter's to White's Ferry.

#### Celebrating his 25th!

On Sunday, September 11, Deacon David Cahoon celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a deacon at St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville. The celebration coincided with the parish's annual outdoor mass and picnic. Deacon Dave, as he is fondly called, was ordained as a Permanent Deacon by Archbishop Cardinal James Hickey on September 14, 1991, the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Dave has spent the entirety of his ministry at St. Mary's. He has a deep love of the Eucharist, which is evident every time he assists at Mass and especially when he gives the Homily. He loves to visit the homebound and to lead young couples in marriage preparation. Dave also is an outstanding minister of evangelization, as he listens deeply to people's needs and seeks to guide them closer to our Lord.



Deacon David Cahoon

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## Youth Sports

### Poolesville Football Team Defeats Winters Mill for First Win Of the Year

By Jeff Stuart

With less than two minutes to go in the fourth quarter, Poolesville led Winters Mill, 19-13, but Winters Mill had possession and was moving the ball when PHS's Michael McDonald picked off a pass from WM sophomore quarterback Alex Barnes's pass on his own 22 on fourth down and returned it to PHS's 30 with 1:09 remaining.

The only score of the second half came late in the fourth quarter. With Poolesville driving and near the goal line, WM's Kyle Shanholtz and Dawson Wisner caught PHS quarterback Ethan Gaddis for an eighteen-yard loss with 5:03 to go, but Gaddis connected on a twenty-yard TD pass to Colin Fisher on the next play. Poolesville took the lead with 4:57 left. The points after touchdown (PAT) attempt was no good.

Poolesville's win ended Winters Mill's two-game winning streak and PHS's two-game losing streak. It was the first win of the year for Poolesville. The game was played at Winters Mill on September 16.

Winters Mill's first score of the night came after Poolesville faced first-and-10 near midfield with less than ten minutes to go in the first quarter. WM senior Tre Woodyard picked off Poolesville quarterback Ethan Gaddis's pass. A few plays later, WM's Dimeon Wright scored on a fifty-two-yard run. WM led 7-0, but PHS responded with a good drive and Connell Oberman scored on a two-yard run with 2:42 left. The PAT was good. A few plays later, PHS's Keegan Hemingway recovered a WM fumble and then scored on a five-yard TD run. The PAT was no good, but the Falcons had their first lead of the night.

WM's Barnes found senior wide receiver Wright for a fifty-yard score with 5:48 to go in the second to bring the teams even again, and it stayed 13-13 going into halftime.

Hemingway rushed for 174 yards. Connell Oberman ran for 73, Gaddis rushed for 38, and Michael completed five of eight passes, one for a TD.

For Winters Mill, Wright caught four passes for two touchdowns.



*Keegan Hemingway, Dakota Grimsby, Sam Pavlick, Michael McDonald, and Colin Fisher.*

Barnes completed thirteen of twenty-one passes for 133 yards.

"It was a battle," said PHS Coach Dave Murray. "They were 2-0, and we were 0-2. We started off a little slow and gave up a long touchdown run to start, but we rallied and came back to win. There were some great individual efforts

by Sam Pavlick, Keegan Hemingway, Gage Wolitzky, Parker Nocket, Ethan Gaddis, and Colin Fisher. We had some JV players make some key contributions since they were brought up while the JV team was on a bye week. Xavier Kresslein and Ben Miller played significant amounts of time."

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## Youth Sports

### Volleyball Gears Up for Dig Pink and Playoffs, Wins Two

By Jeff Stuart

With the annual Dig Pink breast cancer awareness match set for October 13 versus Blake at 6:00 p.m., the Poolesville girls' volleyball team won their first two matches of the year, defeating Watkins Mill away on September 20 and Wheaton at home on September 23, winning both in straight sets. A tough match against Richard Montgomery resulted in an unfortunate loss. "We came out this year with low expectations," said senior outside hitter Christina Zhang, "but after winning our first set at RM and playing really well, I think we really discovered that we have a lot of potential—and I hope we live up to it. I really believed we were going to win the third set of that match but we lost 34-32, but it was a great game and I am really proud of how we played. I think we were a little bit nervous before the Wootton match... They are a good team. We won the third game, 25-20... We hope to have senior outside hitter

Caroline Leng back for the playoffs. Edlia Fogam is really stepping up to be a strong hitter in place of Caroline. Kirsten Yee, our sophomore setter, is trying to make the most of her talent, and Alexis Pak is really stepping up as our libero."

"I definitely think we have improved as a team," said Fogam. "Our communication has gotten a lot better. We are working on being aggressive. Definitely we were a little down after losing Caroline, but we are adjusting and working hard on picking up the team and staying positive, and Caroline is still here to help. A definite highlight would have been our first game at RM and the whole first match. Even though we didn't win we played really hard. The first game we played really well, and the third game, the 34-32 game was amazing even though we fell short. I am confident that we are going to get better and better and get aggressive enough that we can keep our focus and win those kinds of games."

"Our first match turned out pretty well," said Pak, a senior. "Even though we lost, we played a lot better than we thought we would. Our team chemistry is definitely improving. We just have to work on getting our hits in, and we are going to be set."

"I think we have been doing well this season," said Yee. "We have had an issue with communication, but I think overall our chemistry is getting better as the season goes along. We just won our first two games which is good. As long as we keep talking and working and stay aggressive, and go for every single ball, I am pretty sure we can have a great season."

Against Wheaton, a six-point service run by Fogam put the Falcons up, 13-5, in the first game, and Poolesville never looked back. Senior Kelia Afaro and junior Amirah Paksima were among the starters. "We have had a tough season so far and have played some good teams," said Coach Daniel Duvall. "We have some returners (Christina, Edlia, Alexis, Kristen, and Kate Heimbach), but we also have some inexperienced players as well in key positions, so we are going through growing pains and trying to find a good rotation that works for us. I've been pleasantly surprised by our ball control and defense, but need some of my upperclassmen hitters to step up a bit. We have a good core, but need some work in every position. We have shown glimpses of our potential, so I am happy about that. The season is about progress, and I think we are making that."

"Our Dig Pink match is October 13 versus Blake High School, and we



Kirsten Yee, Edlia Fogam, Christina Zhang, and Alexis Pak.

have been raising money all year. We have silent auction raffle baskets and have been selling baked goods at home games and hosted a booth at Poolesville Day. The girls have been doing such a great job and we have already raised over \$500."

Kate Heimbach is also a senior. Roshawna Marshall, Angela Wang, Mollie Wheeler, and Grace Zheng are all sophomores. Joyce Ma and Iris Yu are juniors.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault:** 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue.

**Theft from Auto:** Numerous accounts of thefts from unlocked cars in the Kohlhoss Road area and 17200 block of Tom Fox Avenue. Some reported to the police, some not reported.

### Past Crime

**October 7, 1902** George Marshall, an eighteen-year-old Brookeville man, was arrested by the postal inspector and charged with the robbery of the Potomac Post Office. Taken was nine dollars worth of stamps and a quantity of securities. Marshall later traded the stamps for a pocket watch and that was recovered at the time of his arrest.

**October 8, 1900** Sheriff Williams had quite a mess to sort out after a riot broke out at a picnic in Boyds. The trouble started when someone kicked a drum out of the hands of Columbus Bowen, a musician who had come with the Boyds faction. Someone then threw a rock which split open the head of Bowen. During this abreaction, Perry Dines and John Duffin were seen chasing Howard Hall. One of the two fired a pistol shot which took effect and caused Hall to collapse under the wheels of a passing carriage. He expired on the spot. Shortly afterwards, another shot was fired, striking Nathan Doy, critically injuring him. In the end, Dines and Duffin were charged with murder and several other picnic-goers were arrested for other offenses.

**October 9, 1902** Carlton Baker, of Washington, came out to Rockville to

attend the fall fair. He tried his luck at many of the games of chance but lost most of his money. He became upset, drew a pistol, and fired a shot at John Gagle who was running one of the games. The shot missed Gagle which was seen as a miracle seeing that Gagle weighed over 250 pounds. The ball then passed through the sleeve of a passerby and knocked a card out of the hands of another man. Baker left the premises but was later arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bradley who placed him in the county jail.

**October 13, 1904** A band of gypsies, who had been camping in the woods just outside of Rockville, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Mullican on a charge of failing to obtain a license (presumably, a gypsy license). James Nash, Addie Nash, and Wiley Parrish were all taken before Justice of the Peace Redding who ordered them held until the grand jury met in November.

**October 16, 1904** States Attorney Peter announced that he was taking charge of the case of Ernest Peabody who died at the Emergency Hospital in Washington. Peabody had been shot to death on Selden Island near Seneca. Apparently, Peabody and a man named Poole were working on the island when they quarreled. Peabody then threw Poole to the ground. After Peabody refused to retract an objectionable remark, Poole obtained a pistol and fired five shots at Peabody, striking him once in the abdomen. Peabody was taken to the hospital in Washington where he lingered for a week before dying.

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## Youth Sports

### PHS Cross Country Runners Setting Personal Bests At DCXC

By Jeff Stuart

"Running: running: hear the beat! Bursting lungs and pounding feet. Straining: gaining: 'til you're done: Or you have the race well-won," wrote Percy Cerutti, an eccentric Australian distance running coach.

PHS's cross country runners run many miles a week after school in training, challenging themselves to overcome obstacles and discomfort and to see their times drop. There are sixty-one boys and forty-one girls on the squad. Though only the top five figure in the scoring, all run in most meets. Some run both cross country and track. Some prefer cross country. Some prefer track. But why do they run?

"I have been running since about fourth grade," said Logan Rohde, a freshman. "I did track first actually because everyone thought I was fast and I should try it. Then I started liking it, and then I just tried cross country and found out I was pretty good at long distances. I like it because there is no pressure. You are running against yourself. You don't have to think. You just get out there and run... I don't really like running on a track. You just go in circles; it is kind of boring. Cross country is more exciting. You go up and down. There are hills. It's winding. It is just better." At the Pacers DCXC Meet at Kenilworth Park on September 24, she set a personal record (PR) by running 19:34.0, nearly fifty seconds better than her previous best. She placed fifth.

"Like Logan, I started running around fourth grade," said Nandini Satsangi, sixth-ranked woman in the county by mocorunning.com. "I prefer cross country to track. I find it really fun. I love hills. I don't know. It is just exciting to me. I love running because it is a sport where you can determine how well you do based on the amount of effort you put in. You are racing against your past self. I really like steep courses with hills. I really like the dips. Most people find that really hard, but I take it as a challenge. My favorite meet was the DCXC. Before that I really didn't have that much competition, so my times were in the twenties. This was a larger meet with some of the best runners. This time I ran 18.25, a PR. I finished second."

Nandini did win a personal rivalry of sorts finishing first in a division meet at Gaithersburg on September 20 where seventh-ranked junior Heather Delaplaine of Damacus finished second.

"I ran cross country for Roberto Clemente Middle School and for a club team," said Garrett Gularson, a freshman. "It's a sport that I am really good at. I really enjoy the feeling I get exercising. My highlight was finishing the DCXC with personal best by more than a minute at 17:43. I prefer track to cross country. Track has more distance events from the 800 to the two-mile. I prefer the two-mile. I like cross country because it is like a family. We pull for each other. We pick each other up."

"My mother and father used to run for exercise," said junior Ryan Lockett, who finished third in the Poolesville Day 5K a year before he started high school. "I used to run with them. I liked it. They encouraged me. I was good at it. The Oatlands and the DCXC were good meets for me. I had a couple of bad races before the Oatlands on September 17, and I kind of broke through that race. I was thirteenth there. I surprised myself. I had a good finish and a good time, and I carried that momentum over into the DCXC, and I broke sixteen minutes which is a huge milestone and I got third there. I was very happy about that. I prefer track because I really like the mile. I like the speed. I can race more and strategize more, but I really like the team aspect of cross country. My favorite course is the County Course at Bohrer Park because I have good memories there. I set a season record there in 2014, breaking seventeen minutes for the first time, and I am looking forward to running there again."

Poolesville senior Andrew Lent is the second-ranked runner in the county according to mocorunning.com, behind only Richard Montgomery senior Rohann Asfaw. Lent set a PR in the three-mile at the Brunswick Invitational on September 3 and in the 5000 meters at Oatlands on September 17.

"They have done really well," said Coach Prasad Gerard. "I am very pleased. We have some freshmen boys and girls that are running [well]. Maria Lanasa has improved. She's made it into the top seven. Logan is a really good runner—who knows how fast she is going to be. Darian Berger, a sophomore, had a great race over the weekend at the DCXC setting a personal best at 18.18. Garrett had a great race, too. Ryan ran really fast at the DCXC. He has been right on the edge of running a sub-sixteen-minute race being right on the edge at Brunswick and at the Oatlands and



Ali Nichols, Nandini Satsangi, Theresa Nardone, Ryan Lockett, Andrew Lent, and Anthony Meza.

then finally breaking through at the DCXC with a time of 15.44. I am lucky this year. I have an assistant coach to work with, Ann Satsangi, Nandini's mom. She has really been a big help. The DCXC was our best meet of the year. Many of our runners set personal bests."

Both the Falcon boys and girls sit at 5-0 atop the division standings. The

girls are getting strong performances from seniors Theresa Nardone who also set a season best at the DCXC, and Allison Nichols, Emma Benz, and Emily Yin who all set personal bests at that meet. For the boys, sophomores Joshua Tiren and Anthony Meza set personal bests at the DCXC as did junior Jason Hsu.

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## Garden

### Proven Winners

By Maureen O'Connell

Gardens exist in cycles: a time to plant; a time to grow and flower; a time to die. Gardeners understand cycles; in the growing season, we evaluate our plants' successes and failures, and anticipate what kind of garden we'll return to in the next spring.

If we carefully selected plants for all seasons, we are now enjoying the flowers that bloom well into the fall. This is the time of the year that I give my garden a report card. Who are the Winners, the Okay Sorts, and the Losers? As soon as the weather turns a bit cooler and the big, black, biting flies disappear, Tom, my black Lab, will join Spencer, my yellow Lab, for our morning and evening garden walks. Tom spends most of the summer, at least until 10:00 or 11:00 at night, inside the house. He hates the hot weather and is extremely afraid of black flies.

At this time of the year, many people ask me for my recommendations for plants for sunny, shady, or all-in-between locations. I will tell you only about My Proven Winners. I know they will do well in our Monocacy gardens as I have grown them successfully for many, many years.

**Allium.** The genus *Allium* is the Latin word for garlic. Its globular flower head lights up the early summer garden. They are big sun lovers; require very low, if any, maintenance; and all predators, such as deer, mice, moles, and chipmunks, avoid them. I like to scatter them in clumps of three among spring- and summer-blooming perennials. Their spent foliage is hidden with the other flowers' new growth. I have about twenty *Allium*. 'Purple Sensation,' a vibrant violet-purple and one of the earliest large-flowered alliums, is one of my favorites. The flowers last about three weeks. This year, I ordered for fall planting twelve pure white alliums, 'Mount Everest.' They will look wonderful in my White Garden alongside my favorite iris, the Siberian Iris 'Gull's Wings.'

**Agastache 'Blue Fountain.'** If you are searching for a plant that is carefree, irresistible to pollinators, producing non-stop masses of powder-blue flower spikes from July to frost, this plant is for you. He grows to about three to four feet and loves the sun and drought and will grow in any type of soil.

**Baptisia australis,** commonly known as blue wild indigo or blue false

indigo, was used by early Americans as a substitute, albeit an inferior one, for true indigo (genus *Indigofera* of the West Indies) for making blue dyes. It is, at first, an upright perennial growing three to four feet tall, but as it matures, it has a tendency to flop over any nearby neighbors, so be careful where you plant it. Easily grown in average, dry-to-medium soil in sun to part shade, the plants develop slowly-expanding clumps with deep and extensive root systems. They bloom in mid-spring, while the flowers give way to inflated seed pods which turn charcoal black when ripe and have considerable ornamental interest. I love 'Sparkling Sapphires' for its vibrant violet-blue blossoms and 'Pink Truffles' for its compact habit and clear pink pea-like flowers.

**Heliopsis helianthoides var. scabra 'Asahi.'** White Flower Farm introduced in its 2016 spring catalogue this new plant. They described it as "sunshine in two stalks." I bought three plants and anxiously waited to see how they would fare in my very sunny Upper Garden. It took awhile for them to get established as they had to stretch for the sun as they got a bit smothered by their big neighbors, the lily 'Casa Blanca' and Russian Sage. I kept searching for them, and then one day in mid-July, I saw their sunny, little, daisy-like faces poking through. By mid-August, they were quite a presence. It is now late September and they are still blooming strongly. 'Asahi' is no-maintenance and a Winner. Order some now.

**Heuchera.** Commonly called Coral Bells, this North American genus has come a long way from its early days with boring, dull leaves and tiny flowers on wand-like stems into quite a colorful princess. In the past four years, horticulturists have vastly expanded their color range. Wayside Gardens, in their 2016 fall catalogue, broke with their traditional page layout and featured a centerfold of seventeen deliciously-colored varieties of coral bells against a black background, smart marketing. The colors are downright gorgeous; you (or at least I) want to order one of each. They range from bright red, shiny black, red-pink, lime, rose-purple, plum, copper, cerise, cool purple, to cinnamon red, bearing small flowers which float high above the leaves. This year, fall in love with coral bells.

**Hydrangea.** This has been a disappointing year for these plants. It started out well; they braved the February blizzard and marched into early spring

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**Proven Winners**

with buds ready to explode into bloom in May. Then we got a spring frost. There are four varieties of hydrangeas: *H. macrophylla*, *H. paniculata*, *H. quercifolia*, and *H. arborescens*. Their growth habits affect their tolerance to winter weather conditions. The first one flowers in spring on old wood and then in summer on new wood (example 'Endless Summer'); the second one is not subject to frost damage

since it blooms on new wood ('Limelight'); the third sets the following year's flower buds in late summer and early fall ('Snow Queen'); and *aborescens* flowers on new wood and is not bothered by late spring frosts ('Incrediball'). I have about eight very large 'Endless Summer' shrubs that are usually covered in hundreds of beautiful blue flowers heads; this year there were about six blooms; 'Incrediball' had one bloom; 'Snow Queen' had a few more. 'Limelight' was my only hydrangea to survive the spring frost and now in late September it is beautiful with hundreds of flower heads.



White Hydrangea

*Rudbeckia*. One of the best and most beloved garden plants is the Black-eyed Susan. I have ten of the variety 'Goldsturm.' From July to October they put out big, bright golden yellow flowers on upright stalks. They are maintenance free. I don't dead-head; the birds feast on their black, dried flower heads well into the winter.

I strongly recommend all of these plants. They are all Winners. Now is a good time to plant them. By spring they will be established and ready to start their cycle of growth.



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## Musings by Mama Boe So This Happened This Weekend

By Pam Boe

Right outside of The Little Cottage. It's the fifth accident on our corner in the woods since we moved here, many years ago, and certainly the most impressive. Last fall, a car hit this turn on an equally rainy day, going equally too fast, and ended up plowing through my newly planted tulips, ripping out one of my weeping cherry trees, and creating an unholy mess in my fern beds. Mama was most emphatically NOT happy.

This year's accident did none of that, but the mere fact that the car ended up on its side gave it a ten out of ten from the judges. And the CRAZY part about this particular accident? The young twenty-something who was driving the car did *not* have his seatbelt on, yet walked away relatively unscathed. How he didn't go through one of the windows baffles me.

How'd it happen, you ask? The short answer? Speed, wet pavement, too much testosterone, and a lack of understanding of physics, led to wrinkled metal and plastic.

The long answer? Ironically, My Captain and Critter were playing Mario Kart, racing each other on the Wii, when they heard a bang, a crunch, and

the nearest shoesmy fushia gardening bootiesand was off like a shot. Emergencies are no time to worry about wardrobe issues, apparently.

Later, and after the police had come, I meandered out to the road to see what the scoop was. I found My Captain keeping the scene safe, my Critter getting repeatedly yelled at by the police for being too close to the accident, (and then getting barked at by me for being in the poison ivy, ) and the poor driver of the vehicle standing on the side of the road moaning on, and on, about how his life *was over*.

"No it's not," quipped Critter, "at least you're not dead. If you had run over my mom's flowers, THEN you'd be dead."

I told my brat to pipe down, and then picked up Critter's thread. "He's right, you know." I soothed. "It could have been a lot worse. Should have been, really, since you didn't have your seatbelt on. Things can be replaced. *You can't.*"

But the young man kept droning on, and on, about how his life *was over*, how his dad would kill him, and how he has no way to get to school now.

I tried again, in vain, to help him see perspective, and then gave up. And by the time the whole scene was cleaned up and moved, decided that some people just have to learn things the hard way.

I thought about Critter's wise philosophy to the man, and felt great pride swell in my bosom. (It's okay, I can refer to my bosom at my age



*Lessons learned the hard way.*

then a loud string of expletives. Varmint and I were in the kitchen, when My Captain hurried in, began putting his boots on, and announced, "We got another one on the corner."

"Need help?" I asked, rhetorically, to the man who has done this kind of thing for about thirty years now, and who was already halfway out the door.

Critter went bounding out behind him, only to get yelled back into the house to put his ding-dang shoes on. He stopped briefly to squeeze into

without getting into trouble.) Here is this cheeky thirteen-year-old, eighth grade boy who understands what really, truly matters in life. I don't know if it is because he was raised by paramedics, or if he inherently just gets healthy priorities in life, but he innocently enough put a twenty-something in his place. This kid has a strong grasp on perspective, which will serve him well in life.

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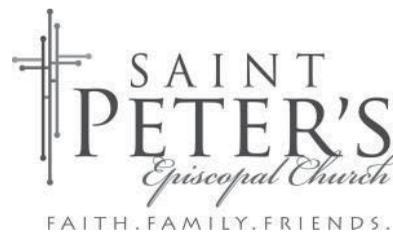
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Fountain Rock Nature Center, a great time for families with younger kids.

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**Fountain Rock Nature Center**

from the front porch of the Nature Center. It costs a quarter, and it's worth every penny. A lovely walking deck around the quarry offers a peaceful view. Pick a spot and start throwing the food pellets in the water. Before you know it, little fish will spring up everywhere, then bigger fish, and slowly but surely the turtles come—plural! Little ones, big ones, and downright huge old moss-covered turtles,

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**Commissioners Get Serious about Skating Rink**

make it workable for the town and its citizens. The Board had previously voted to endorse the idea of building such a rink, so the new charge from the commissioners clearly signals a stronger commitment to moving ahead.

In his town manager's report, Yost explained that he had prepared a document listing significant enhancements and upgrades to Fisher Avenue that the State of Maryland should consider as the idea of transferring control from the state to the town continues to move forward. He does not expect the state to approve everything on his list, but the talks are moving ahead in a positive manner.

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**So This Happened This Weekend**

Things DON'T matter. And if that young man had died, or been maimed, I can guarantee his father would not have given one moment's thought to that banged up car. Not even a half of a moment's thought. I know I wouldn't, anyway, I mused.

Which then led me to consider the fact that My Varmint is only months away from being able to attain a driving learner's permit, which led me to consider the fact that My Varmint is only months away from being on the road with people who wreck on the corner of the woods of The Little Cottage, which then led me to run downstairs to see if I have enough bubble wrap to completely envelop my children.

Look, I said CRITTER had a strong grasp on perspective. I didn't say ANYTHING about me.

If you need me, I'll be at the post office, buying bubble wrap in bulk.

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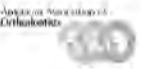
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The Urinary Tract incorporates the kidneys, ureters (tubes from kidney to bladder), bladder, urethra (tube from bladder to anterior vaginal vault or penis), prostate (male dogs only), or the vaginal and the vulva or external penile opening. Problems can be found in any one of these locations.

The first thing to pay attention to is the color and amount. If there is a moderate to large amount of urine and there is discoloration (cream to red), bring your pet to your veterinarian as soon as you can. Your veterinarian may ask you to come up first to get a urine collection kit so you can get a urine sample and bring it with you. Alternately, when you arrive, stay in your car and let the staff know you have arrived. They can meet you at the car to collect urine when your canine hits the ground. If the urine color is normal, then note the location in which he/she is peeing inappropriately (the bed, your bed, the back door rug, under the table, on your kid's toys, etc.). This is valuable information for your veterinarian to help narrow down the reason.

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