A Brief Look Back at 2013

By John Clayton

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

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

Beware the Ides of March, they say, or someone said. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation held hearings on proposed bridge repairs that will shut down White’s Ferry Road and divert traffic away from Poolesville this coming summer, to the great consternation of the Poolesville business community. Fortunately, the Poolesville swim and dive team, led by Coach Jon Leong, swept the 3A/2A/1A championships. Local residents and groups, including the Montgomery County Alliance and the Sugarloaf Citizens’ Association, continued to battle plans for the Global Mission Church in Silver Spring to build a megachurch near Sugarloaf Mountain on the Montgomery/Frederick County line. Three Poolesville residents packed a March 18 public hearing to discuss a proposed increase in town water rates. Memorial United Methodist pastor Bill Maisch bucked a recent trend among town churches and became Memorial’s permanent pastor.

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

In June, while we all began to settle into summer, the Poolesville Commissioners wrestled with a solar power initiative, which they eventually accepted, and settled an $800,000 lawsuit against the town, avoiding costly litigation. Dollar General Corporation announced plans to open a new store on Fisher Avenue.

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

2013 was like other years in many ways...

Achievements were recognized...

Happy times prevailed...

And the Falcons put their best feet forward.

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

Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party.

Falcon fans fill the stands.

Wounded warriors at the UMCVFD hall.

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

Shooting pumpkins for charity at Lewis Orchards.

The PHS poms fundraiser at Drs. Pike and Valega’s.
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Rev. Jace Broadhurst leads a lesson in the heart of nature.

Local church choirs came together to honor Roy Selby at his public vigil.

The balloon warriors from Memorial United Methodist.

Boyds Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving dinner.

St. Mary’s Church, renowned for faith, family, and food.

Poolesville Presbyterian in a balloon war against other area churches.

Opening day at St. Peter’s semi-annual rummage sale.

The balloon war between the churches was all in good fun. 

...Church Groups
Youth and Student Activities...

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Poolesville Athletic Association Champs

The JPMS Thespians at an art show at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum.

PES Day

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The PHS 2013 Varsity cheerleaders.

Garth Seely of L.A.N.D. taught a class on natural landscaping at JPMS.

Poolesville area Girl Scouts.

Matt Tallia received his Eagle Scout rank.

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Episcopets 4 PM
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Bereaved Loved Ones 5 PM
The holidays can be hard if you or someone you know has lost a loved one. Sometimes, even after years have passed, the grief returns during this special season. Come spend an hour and lay your grief at the foot of the manger of the Christ Child in whom all our hope is born.

Christmas Services

Children’s Pageant
Tuesday, December 24
4 PM

Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24
10:30 PM

Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, December 25
10 AM

Poolesville High School Sports...

Varsity Volleyball

Varsity Basketball

Swimming and Diving
Festivals and Events...

Music in the Park series

UMCVFD Fourth of July Celebration

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- Bob & Mariela (Pooleville Resident)

Festivals and Events...

Christmas Eve Masses
4:30 pm with Children’s Pageant
7:30 pm
11:30 pm with Choral Prelude at 11 pm
Christmas Day Mass at 9 & 11 am
New Year’s Eve Mass at 4:30 pm
New Year’s Day at 10 am

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Poolesville Day 2013 Grand Marshal Maggie Nightingale

Wounded Warrior Outing at White’s Ferry

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December 21:
Lunch Buffet – Noon to 4:00 p.m.

January 31: NEW YEAR’S EVE
Kelsey Siegel and Karaoke Night

Every Tuesday is Darts Night
Every Wednesday is Trivia Night with DJ
Every Thursday is Open Mic Night

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The American Legion, honoring those who served.

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

WIMCO President Nancy Allnutt and Executive Director Jane Stearns (center) presented volunteer awards to Renee Brooks (left) and Melissa Bingham.

Am Kolel’s The Gathering Place Senior Center.

Members of the Poolesville Military Support Group presented a $10,000 donation to the Fisher House Foundation.

The Monocacy Lions Halloween Party in Barnesville.

The annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens’ Association.
In Remembrance...

Beloved Departed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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