



Name the Santas is on page 18, and we've got sixteen Santas for you to identify. Relax, they get easier.



Jim Sporey's record-setting Christmas cover streak ends in favor of his granddaughter Kaydence Harper. Jim, you're a good-looking guy, but you've been bumped.



Major E. V. White figured prominently in local Civil War action, covered in Monocacy History on page 21.



Jocelyn Bodmer and the PHS Field Hockey Team are profiled on page 8, in Youth Sports.

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Poolesville Going To the Apes?

By Kristen Milton

Dickerson's primate population will be growing in coming years if plans laid out in the draft master plan update for the National Institutes of Health's Animal Center come to pass.

The increase in the primate population from 3,023 to 3,795 will occur as the 513-acre campus bounded by Elmer School and Club Hollow Roads is renovated over the next two decades. Once approved, the master plan, last updated in 1996, will be in place for approximately twenty years.

Anticipated changes include demolishing twenty-nine buildings and constructing or renovating seven more as the site's facilities are consolidated. Twenty-one buildings will be preserved for a net gain of over 100,000 square feet. The plan

also anticipates increasing the number of center employees, modifying parking and emergency access, and phasing out the rodent program that currently houses 1,010 mice over the next year. The number of non-primate large animals on site will also be reduced.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) acquired nearly five hundred acres of their campus in 1960 and the rest in 1967. The Agricultural Reserve was created more than a decade later. The planning report noted that "the center's major function—breeding, holding and conditioning a variety of animals—is consistent with agriculture."

In a brief hearing held November 29, senior planner Katherine Holt said the changes at the animal center would take place in four phases and include the upgrade or replacement of the site's wastewater treatment plant. The plant, built in the 1970s, treats water from five wells used on campus.

Parks Legacy Open Space Senior Planner Dominic Quattrocchi said the parks department would like to eventually acquire 133 acres to add to stream valley parkland under the Legacy Program. Broad Run Stream runs throughout the NIH property and a trails system is anticipated. "We'd just like it stated for the record; we have talked to the NIH folks out there, and they are aware of our interest," Quattrocchi said.

Planning board members asked no questions before approving the advisory comments to be sent to NIH, and there were no speakers from the public. Seven people attended a public hearing on the draft held at Poolesville Town Hall in October 2011.

The buildings to be torn down over the life of the master plan are no longer needed due to "aging, inefficiency, and underutilization," the plan-

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Global Church Approved

By Kristen Milton

More than three years after rejecting plans for a church on Sugarloaf Mountain, Frederick County planners accepted plans for a smaller version of the complex last month.

Global Mission Church, an English/Korean Southern Baptist congregation based in Silver Spring, submitted plans in 2009 for a complex to be built on acreage straddling the Montgomery/Frederick County line. Initial plans included a 1,160-seat, 85-foot tall sanctuary building as well as sixty-seven

meeting rooms, a dining hall, and gymnasium. Opponents of the project in both counties complained of potential impacts on traffic, the scenic mountain view, and area water supplies.

Plans approved by the Frederick County Planning Commission on November 14 show that Global Mission responded by shrinking both the sanctuary and dining halls and adding a secondary access road to respond to concerns about Old One Hundred Road (Route 109)



The Global Mission Church in Silver Spring hopes to move in near Sugarloaf Mountain.

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Family Album



David Therriault of Alden Farms Studio (left) greets Susan Swansburg and Marion Earle from Delaware during the Country-side Artisans Tour.



Kyla Haga, Bailee King, Lori King, Morgan Williams, and Courtney Keating enjoyed their time at the Dickerson Methodist Christmas Bazaar.



The annual Odd Fellows Widow and Orphans Luncheon had over sixty-five guests in attendance. Pictured are Sandra Vogel, Sandra Ambrose, Dorothy Norwood, Rev. Hightman, and Stephanie Hightman.



Enjoying the Odd Fellows Holiday Luncheon are Shirley Sporey, Patti Bennett, Gene Bennett, and Jan Schmidt.



Cyndy Ferretti and Margie Abiola (left) came from Vienna, Virginia to participate in the Countryside Artisans Tour, which continues on the weekend of December 8 and 9. They are at Claire Howard's art studio on Westerly Road. Also in the picture are Dami Hunter and Claire Howard (right).



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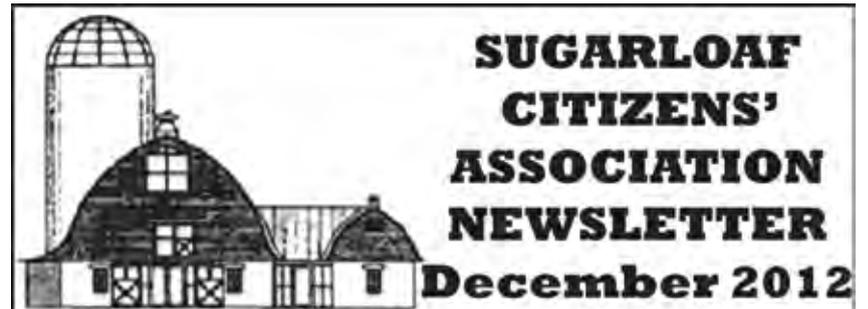


Letter to the Editor

I am writing in regards to the recent article published concerning the Poolesville High School's play, *Murder You Say?* I am a current sophomore at Elon University in North Carolina, and it evokes many feelings from me to see that the play continues to serve as a community gathering as it did when I attended the school. The close ties that the Poolesville community has are unique and should continue to be valued. I never fully appreciated the support of my community until I left for college and was placed in a situation where the student body was totally disconnected. Simple things I took for granted like walking into the town store of Selby's and seeing my friends and their relatives either working or shopping are lost. When I shop now, I feel out of place in a sea of strangers. There is a sense of pride in doing work, and the Poolesville community respects that. Whether

you are a plumber or an engineer, the local community appreciates your position and values someone who works hard. Now at Elon, I see the opposite, an individual is judged upon his accomplishments and a price tag is attached to every sense of pride.

Thank you,
Rebecca Goodman
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December 2012

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Sugarloaf Legal Action

On November 14, the Frederick County Planning Commission approved the application of the Global Mission Church (GMC) to **construct a megachurch in the agricultural zone** along I-270 and Old Hundred Road despite strong written and oral opposition by Sugarloaf (SCA) to the proposal. In reaching its decision, the Commission also ignored a November 13 letter from the director of the Montgomery County Planning Board strongly opposing approval of the application.

The GMC complex, if built, will fundamentally change the character of the rural landscape in the view-shed of Sugarloaf Mountain. **The complex will include over 7 acres of impervious surface.** SCA is joining with the Montgomery Countryside Alliance to appeal the decision to the Frederick County Board of Appeals and has engaged noted land use attorney Michele Rosenfeld.

GMC's original application was rejected in 2009. The amended application, as now approved by the Commission, adds a secondary access road for emergency vehicles (private land owners on Dr. Perry Road are already in litigation with GMC over this access road) and caps the size of the septic tank at 4,999 gallons. But SCA and others are convinced that a septic system of that size will be grossly inadequate for all the uses GMC plans for its megacomplex including **not only sanctuary but also kitchen, dining hall, multipurpose hall, meeting rooms, classrooms and double gymnasium** thus threatening the environmental quality of Little Bennett Creek and the sole source aquifer.

Public access to the site is planned from Old Hundred Road in Montgomery County over a new road and a bridge crossing Little Bennett Creek. Although Old Hundred Road is a rural rustic road no adequate traffic study has been undertaken of the impact of the future flow of traffic to the proposed site.

SCA seeks your involvement and support in this important matter. This is a major threat to the agricultural nature of Sugarloaf country. Please do not hesitate to contact me at president@sugarloafcitizens.org.

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Commentary

The End of the World Again

By John Clayton

After this issue hits the streets, and before the next one arrives in the New Year, the world is scheduled to end, at least according to the Mayans. I'm not sure what to make of this, or what to believe, but why should I pick on the Mayans for one bad prediction? It can happen to anyone. Also, as many have observed, it seems a little odd that as we face the end, the Hostess Twinkie is already gone. If one adds the impending Fiscal Cliff, it is clear that the end of the world is never all that far away from our thoughts. What is particularly disturbing is that as we approach oblivion, the Redskins are just starting to climb back into the playoff picture. This is not fair.

However, an item that has bumped the end of life as we know it out of the news hole is the impending death of the No Tax Pledge, and with it fealty to Washington lobbyist Grover Norquist, to whom it owes its existence. I am not a fan of this type of pledge, preferring to embrace learning, discerning, and growing, and I have no problem differentiating pledges from principles, but it does seem to have been very popular. In that spirit, I have my own pledges that I will carry into the New Year or whatever lies post-Mayan or at the bottom of the Cliff, as may be appropriate. Some I will ask others to take with me, and others I will take alone.

Rush Limbaugh: I pledge not to listen to him anymore. I admit it—I listen occasionally—not for long sustained periods, but in short, controlled bursts. There is no denying that he's funny. I admire his ability to take one stray thought and creatively mine it for hours. I have trouble doing that for a five-hundred-word column, so I know genius when I see it. As far as whether what he says is true, wrong, mean, or what have you, I will leave that to your own sensibilities. He was also probably the happiest person on the planet

when the president was reelected, gifting him four more years of villainy to assail. I realize anyone reading this will know this is all poorly-disguised disdain, so I will not ask you to take this pledge with me, especially since I know I can't live up to it.

No Bridge: I do, however, insist that all of our locally-elected officials from Town Commissioner up to United States Senator take the No Bridge Pledge. This means that no support or encouragement whatsoever will be tolerated for a bridge across the Potomac River into Montgomery County, especially where the connecting roads would cross the Agricultural Reserve. I want one hundred percent participation from everyone. In fact, the pledge also demands active resistance to all those in the Dulles Airport-BWI Marshall Airport Axis who would like to see a bridge and its consequent highways through our county.

High Technology: I will not update Java on my computer more than fifteen times a month, regardless of how many times I am asked.

Driving: I pledge not to talk on my cell phone while driving. Let's all pledge together before anyone else gets hurt. In fact, I will also stop searching for songs on my iPod while driving, which is probably just as dangerous, if not overtly banned.

Hostess Products: While I am reasonably immune to the allure of the Twinkie, I pledge not to overindulge when Hostess Snowballs inevitably return to the stores (probably as Classic Hostess Snowballs). During this hiatus I will give Double Stuf® Oreos another chance.

On a more seasonal note, I offer my sincere gratitude to all of the people who make this newspaper possible. This includes our readers and advertisers, the merchants, churches and post-offices who display the paper, and our writers, copyeditor, layout artist, photographers, prepress technicians, printers, bundlers, and deliverers. I hope that all of you have a great Christmas and Holiday Season, and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Giving Thanks

By Rande Davis

In the last month, we have seen multiple examples of what our community is so good at: supporting good causes.

As part of a military family myself, I was pleased to see the largest turnout of citizens at the American Legion Post 247 annual Veterans Day event. Sergeant Paul Kelly was genuinely grateful for the welcome home he received, and Mr. and Mrs. Bosselmann sent a special thank you for remembering their son, Kirk, one of our area's fallen heroes.

Some have wondered why the event was held at 11:00 a.m. and not later in the day. The reason is that the tribute and remembrance came about in 1954 when Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day. Armistice Day memorialized the end of World War I, and the peace treaty was signed on November 11 at 11:00

a.m. While the focus of the observance has changed, the practice and timing of the event has not.

With prayers and thoughts going out to those in New York and New Jersey, Karri and Patrick Morningstar decided they had to do something concrete to help. They initiated a food drive to help those persons in need on Staten Island. Their concern took on a life of its own and began to grow, first by word of mouth, then on Facebook, and it did not take long before the list of volunteers grew, and car after car stopped off in the parking lot of the town hall dropping off food and other household items. On the Saturday morning that they were scheduled to leave, the weather looked a little bleak, but by the end of the day, the trailer was full and the food was delivered as promised.

Then tragedy really hit home. The Worthington family of Dickerson lost their home and

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Things to Do

WUMCO Toys

Please consider donating toys for the annual WUMCO toy program. The toys should be new and unwrapped. Donations can be delivered to the Poolesville Town Hall or Crafts-A-Plenty **Odd Fellows Holiday Fruit Sale** Once again, the Odd Fellows have their holiday sale of delicious fruit and have two ways for you to purchase the fresh produce. Dale Nestor and his crew of hearty men will be located beside

the Poolesville Barber Shop at the corner of Fisher and Elgin Roads most weekends, or you can call 301-349-5450 or 301-349-5103 to place an order. They have bushels (\$21.00) or half bushels (\$12.00) of navel oranges, juice oranges, red grapefruit, and tangelos. They also have crates and half crates of apples (\$16.00/\$8.50) and tangerines (\$24.00/\$14.00).

PHS PTSA Christmas Tree Ornament Fundraiser

The PHS PTSA series of Christmas tree ornaments continues with the 2012 Seneca Schoolhouse ornament. The limited edition

ornament, made by the same company that produces the White House ornament, features the schoolhouse on one side and a short history of the school on the other. The cost is \$22.00.

December 7

Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Whalen Commons turns into a winter wonderland. Join in the family fun of Santa's visit (he comes at 6:00 p.m.), ride the holiday train, ice sculpting, local church choirs, festive music, refreshments available. Lighting in park is at 7:30 p.m.

PACC First Friday Holiday Night

Shops and businesses will be open until 9:30 p.m. offering special incentives and refreshments. Ride the Poolesville Polar Express, an ongoing bus service throughout town to easily take you to all the shops in town from Whalen Commons to the Old Town Hall. Gingerbread decorating and holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, ornaments, and more at the Old Town Hall.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Ron Kemp. 8:30 p.m. Free funnel cake snowballs during hours of lighting festival.

December 7 and 8

Historic Medley Old Town Hall Gift Shop

Visit the Old Town Hall decked out for the holiday season featuring the 2013 HMD calendar, Seneca Schoolhouse Gold Christmas Tree ornament, various tree decorations, gifts, and stocking stuffers. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special Holiday Performance: A Christmas Carol

Presented by Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre. Artistic director Frances Ichijo has re-imagined the classic Charles Dickens tale of holiday cheer and redemption as a full-length ballet, featuring students and adults from the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Academy. Ebenezer Scrooge himself is created by a professional dancer with Bowen-McCauley Dance, who adds depth and great drama to

the exquisite staging. Also on loan from the Kirov Ballet Academy is Tomoha Terada, a former winner of the Youth American Grand Prix ballet competition. This beautifully-choreographed version of the holiday tale will delight audience members young and old in a sparkling family theater event timed perfectly to open the holiday season. Adults: \$10.00; students: \$7.00. Poolesville High School.

December 7, 8, and 9

Annual Countryside Artisans Tour

Fourteen area artisans open their doors for your visit and will be offering their items for sale. Visit countrysideartisans.com for details. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 8

Breakfast with Saint Nicholas

St. Peter's Episcopal Church offers a pancake breakfast and lots of crafts and games for the youngsters. St. Nicholas will make a special visit handing out candies and greeting the children. Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Santa Breakfast

Bring your Christmas wish list to the UMCVFD fire hall and enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and fruit salad. Bring an unwrapped new toy for WUMCO. 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville Adults: \$8.00; children 3 and up: \$6.00; children under 3: Free Picture with Santa: \$2.00 donation. 8:00 a.m. to noon

December 9

What's It All About: NetZero Homes

An event brought to you by PoolesvilleGreen.org Visit the first NetZero neighborhood in the U.S. Find out what makes a home NetZero. Learn how alternative energy technologies are incorporated. North Pointe Model Home in Downtown Frederick, 620 North Bentz Street, Frederick. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Afterwards there will be a

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

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Disorderly conduct

complaints: 17500 block of Christer Avenue, 17500 block of West Willard Avenue, 17100 block of Spates Hill Road, 19100 block of Dowden Circle, 22800 block of Peach Tree Road.

Past Crime

December 9, 1905 Charles Magruder and his wife Louise were found guilty of assaulting an officer in Rockville Circuit Court. Judge Henderson sentenced Charles to six months in the House of Corrections but suspended the sentence of his wife. They had been arrested for assaulting Deputy Sheriff Frank Green who had been attempting to quell a disturbance.

December 18, 1902 John Henry Lawson, the notorious thief, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Sheriff Collier testified that Lawson had told him that he was proud of his crimes and that by his count, he had committed forty-eight major crimes before being arrested.

December 22, 1910 Sheriff Vielt became frustrated

that his newly-purchased automobile was not fast enough to catch speeders. He happened to be in a store in Washington when the proprietor told him that he had two blood hounds for sale

that could follow the smell of gasoline. Vielt purchased the dogs that had been bred in Mississippi and brought them to Rockville. He hoped that, in the future, the dogs would follow speeders to their homes where they could be apprehended.

December 25, 1912 Sheriff Thompson reported that his search for a suspicious person seen in Poolesville was unsuccessful. Thompson had been roused from his bed by a man on horseback who reported that a man in a red suit was walking around Poolesville pounding on doors demanding admittance. Nearby, parked behind Williams Store, was a sleigh of some sort. By the time Thompson reached Poolesville, there was no evidence of this person except for footprints in the snow.

December 30, 1902 The Circuit Court at Rockville met after being idle for several weeks. It was discovered that no defendants were present, so the court ordered the sheriff and his deputies out into the streets to apprehend all of those that had been indicted during the fall term. *Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*

Local News

Farming at Metro's Edge: Sustaining Agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties

A conference will be held in cooperation with farmers, consumers, citizen advocates, government agencies, and other interested parties to realize the future of a healthy, economical, and sustainable agricultural industry.

A coalition of farm, environmental, civic, foundation, and government groups announced plans for a conference on Farming at Metro's Edge to be held January 11 and 12, 2013 at the Universities at Shady Grove (9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850). The conference will focus on the future of agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties. The goal of

the conference is to discuss ideas and actions for keeping agriculture productive and profitable in these counties for the next generation.

The conference will bring together various local and regional stakeholders in the farming community, fresh food and healthy living advocates, regional and national experts, and policy makers to develop strategies for sustaining a prosperous farm economy, meeting environmental requirements associated with restoring the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, and fostering cooperation, partnerships, institutions, and innovative solutions that support farming and farm communities. The conference builds on the success of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. Since 1981, the Reserve has protected about a third of the county's land area from suburban sprawl by setting it aside for agriculture and related activities. The Ag Reserve and nearby agricultural

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Tidbits

Strikers Are Tops

A big congratulations to the Poolesville Strikers Soccer Team. This tight-knit group of girls was recently crowned champions of MSI Classic Fall 2012 U-12 Girls Division 2. The team is coached by Joseph Macairan and Karen Mullikin. Nice job to both the girls and the coaches.

Congratulations PHS Falcons All-Gazette Selections for 2012-2013

Boys' Cross Country: Chase Weaverling, First Team
Girls' Cross Country: Claire Beautz, First Team; Chelsie Pennello, Honorable Mention
Field Hockey: Kelsey Carnahan, First Team; Allie Greene, Second Team; and Kelly Hughes, Honorable Mention.

Lizzy to the Rescue

Lizzy's Lodge, an animal rescue organization in Montgomery

County, held a fundraising raffle to help with the medical care for the dogs in their program. Dr. Peter Eeg, DVM at the Poolesville Veterinary Clinic, conducted the drawing. The prize winners were: first place Deborah Bredice, second place Michael Rinaldi II, third place Melissa Horner. Lizzy's Lodge is a nonprofit organization that has been helping dogs find new homes for the past five years. "These past few years have been especially difficult for rescue organizations," says Jan Sapp, president. "The number of animals needing new homes is overwhelming, and cost of the resulting medical care is challenging. Dr. Eeg and his staff at the Poolesville Veterinary Clinic have provided not only quality care for our animals but also tremendous assistance for our mission. We've had great fun with our 2012 Raffle and are very grateful for the support of the community." Two of the dogs that have benefited from the care of Lizzy's Lodge



The champion Poolesville Strikers

include Gabe and Maggie Mae, pictured with Dr Eeg. Lizzy's Lodge takes in dogs primarily from shelters, but also from families in crisis. Most recently, they have taken in two wonderful Rottweilers, an adorable Eskie mix, and a family of four lovable Jack Russell Terriers. All have received the needed medical attention and are ready for their new homes.

For information about Lizzy's Lodge, visit www.lizzyslodge.petfinder.com.

Local Bell Makes Good

A few months ago, a pair of men showed up at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville with a strange question: "How old is the bell in your bell tower?" The Rev.

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Local News

Homeowners May Qualify for Free Repairs

Do you know a homeowner whose house is in serious need of repairs, yet lacks the financial resources to address his problems? If so, please encourage that family or individual to apply for consideration for free remedial work that would be scheduled for April 2013.

We're talking about Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) that has been undertaking repairs to restore deteriorating homes owned by income-qualified residents in the greater Poolesville area for the past dozen years—repairs that will address all issues relating to safety, quality of living, and health. This past April, Helping

Hands Poolesville, the recently-formed Christian community service charity and sponsor of the local Rebuilding Together program, actually performed a long to-do list of repairs and enhancements that vastly improved the livability of two townhouses in Poolesville. The previous year, substantial work costing many thousands of dollars was undertaken to restore a house in Dickerson that needed external repairs from the roof to the foundation—at no cost to the elderly couple who owned the residence.

If any *Monocle* reader knows someone requiring the kind of assistance that is described here—or indeed may qualify themselves—details, including an application form can be found at www.rebuildingtogethermc.org (telephone 301-933-2700) or locally by calling Ray Hoewing of Helping Hands at 301-461-9399. The deadline is December 31.

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Youth Sports

PHS Field Hockey Falcons Make the Magic Happen

By Jeff Stuart

For the Poolesville field hockey team, the last two seasons have been magical, both ending in the state championship game. Last year, the Falcons defeated Century, a familiar playoff opponent, in an emotional, 3-2, overtime win to advance to the final. This season, they defeated Century again in the semi-final, 1-0. Both times, PHS lost to a very tough Glenelg team in the final. The state final is a good place to be.

The magic doesn't just materialize out of thin air. It is the result of hard work on the part of the girls and quality coaching. Since moving up to 2A, the girls have compiled a 51-9 mark over the past four seasons, firmly establishing themselves as a force in a sport traditionally dominated by lower Montgomery County 4A and 3A teams.

Every season unfolds differently, and this one had its special moments. "I knew we had a good group coming back with multiple players being very successful as juniors," said Head Coach Regina Grubb. "My goal was to make sure they meshed together, trusted in one another, and believed in each other on the field. We made great strides in preseason which led into a great season. I knew we had the ability to get back to where we were last year, but I also knew that I had to work hard to keep them focused on each game and the goal at hand. We took one step at a time and one team at a time and always looked for ways to get better individually and as a team."

This year's seniors enthusiastically embraced their opportunity. They were on the same page, often echoing the others' thoughts. "We did not have captains this year. We had ten seniors and rotated an offensive and defensive player each game," commented Coach

Grubb. "It gave each of them an opportunity to step up and be a leader in their own way."

"As close as we were last year, I think we are even closer this year," said senior Kelly Hughes at practice after a big, 5-2, win at home over Whitman. "The Whitman game was a big win for us."

"Yes, we lost our goalie, but we are working harder on team defense," said senior Julia Duncan.

"We are definitely passing more," said Allie Green, a sentiment echoed by senior Kelsey Carnahan who added, "We are scoring more."

They were scoring more. Green led the way with twenty-two goals. Carnahan had fourteen. Kelsey scored three in the first playoff win against Walkersville. Junior Sarah Onerko put eleven into the back of the cage. Sophomore Anna Murgia had seven. The unselfish Jocelyn Bodmer had eleven assists as did Carnahan.

"I think it was a combination of working well together on the field, believing in each other, and being unselfish of who was going to score," said Coach Grubb. "Not that we didn't do that last year, but it just seemed that this year's team created more opportunities for higher scoring to happen."

"Our only tenth grader on the team, Anna Murgia, made great

strides this year. Only having one year of JV and stepping into the varsity level playing field can be difficult. Anna was up for the challenge and worked hard to improve herself to the next level and to get better as the season progressed. She has the drive to

want to improve and become a better player in everything that she does. She will definitely be one to look out for in the next couple of years."

On November 16, the Falcons defeated thirteen-time state

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By Ingeborg Westfall

If you're like me, the end of the growing season makes you cranky. Your modest garden has gone belly-up, necessitating removal of bean poles, pulling up old squash vines, picking the last tomatoes, saying adieu to basil and other annual tender herbs, trying to find a sunny corner in the kitchen to keep the parsley alive through the winter, blessing the day that you thought to plant chard, and deciding to try planting some mustard greens for winter soups. When my garden breathes its last, I feel more of a challenge in taking care of myself and my family. Visiting grocery stores, I'm not consoled by peaches in January (from where exactly? grown and then spritzed with what chemicals?). Even commercial bread tastes strange to me, with its sweet taste and long ingredient list—and don't even get me started on genetic modification of seeds with consumers (like me!) not knowing what products include such creations.

At such times, I'm thankful for our local producers, the two orchards, Lewis and Kingsbury, and Homestead Farm. All summer and well into the fall, they provide a steady stream of "grown here" vegetables and fruits, some for pick-your-own, all for enjoyment. When you sample a Honeycrisp or Nittany apple and know it was grown right here in the Agricul-

tural Reserve, it's a very special feeling. We know the growers! Of course there are other local providers, Cherry Glen for award-winning goat cheese (to die for!), Hedgeapple Farm for pasture-raised beef, and some I haven't tried yet. I hope the future brings more such adventurous, hard-working establishments to our area. We need them!

When you tire of nearby grocery stores, venture a bit farther afield and visit Eastern Market in downtown D.C., near Capitol Hill. It's D.C.'s oldest continually operating fresh-food public market, having operated from 1873 to 2007 when, in April of 2007, it was badly damaged by a three-alarm fire. Then-Mayor Fenty pledged to rebuild it, and the market (and the damaged South Hall) reopened in June 2009. I found it a delightful way to spend a recent Saturday morning and afternoon. It's open year-round daily except Mondays, and it quadruples in size on weekends. You'd think you'd overhear political exchanges or soapbox rants, considering the location, but, no, it's just a family-friendly venue with a flea market, sellers of handmade soap, clothing, ceramics, jewelry, photographs, etc. Outside produce vendors come from Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, and offer everything from plants to cipolini onions (some produce is organically raised, some conventionally). Food trucks dispense doughnuts, cupcakes, crêpes, and pizza (yes, the food truck has an actual wood-burning oven). In South Hall are purveyors of seafood, meats, poultry, cheese, flowers, produce, just about anything you

can think of (how about home-made baklava, spanakopita, and tiropita? Turkey steaks? Scrapple? Bratwurst and other sausage? Slab bacon?). One of my companions was determined to have a breakfast of blueberry buckwheat pancakes ("blue bucks") and turkey bacon at Market Lunch. She waited in line for an hour, and pronounced the breakfast worth every waiting minute! Meantime, I bought homemade kimchi, turnips, locally-grown white sweet potatoes, and some greens to plant in my garden. After that, laden with bags, I relaxed and people-watched. It was a

fine early-autumn day and people strolled, talked, sampled apples, cheeses, and various flavors of beef and turkey jerky, admired babies, and the atmosphere seemed one of relaxation, friendliness, inclusion, and general celebration of being alive.

Eastern Market's website is www.easternmarket-dc.org, its phone number 202-698-5253. It's one block north of the Eastern Market Metro stop. Nearby are the Library of Congress and the Folger Library and Theater.



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Dr. Roger C. Sears

Dr. Roger C. Sears, of Poolesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 21 after battling metastatic melanoma.

Dr. Sears was born in York, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1935. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1953, and graduated from dental school in 1960 from the University of Maryland. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962, he settled in Rockville.

Dr. Sears practiced dentistry in Rockville for forty-five years before retiring to devote his time to the Izaak Walton League of America, an association committed to the preservation and enjoyment of

the beautiful outdoors. A life-long hunter, fisherman, and trainer of competitive hunting retrievers, Dr. Sears spent the last decade of his life working to strengthen the Izaak Walton League of America. He previously served as the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president, and was currently the Chairman of the National Executive Board of the Izaak Walton League of America. He was passionate about promoting a love of nature among young people. He also orchestrated the preservation of the seventeenth century cottage of its namesake in Staffordshire, England.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Mary; his children Margaret Heimbach of Poolesville, Dr. Stephen Sears (Kristie) of Fort Collins, Colorado, and John Sears (Rachel) of Germantown. He is also survived by his mother Mrs. Erna Sears of Towson, his

sister Sandra Owings (Russell) of Towson; and six loving grandchildren, Matt, Kevin, and Kate Heimbach, Lauren and Caroline Sears, and Andy Sears.

In lieu of flowers, gifts or donations may be made to the Izaak Walton League of America, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2983 or to Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, P.O. Box 423, Poolesville, MD 20837.

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In the Garden

Winter Gardens

By Maureen O'Connell

When I was voting at Monocacy Elementary School in November, the woman who led me to the voting booth asked me what she should do for her dahlias for the winter. Someone else asked me if she should prune her roses now or in the spring and whether she should now cut all her perennials to the ground. I will answer these questions shortly, but allow me first to jump sideways to a different topic: winter in the garden. Come mid-October, I actually look forward to the downtime that winter brings to the garden world. By March, I shall be full again of newly-invigorated enthusiasm for the rebirth of all my plant friends, and once again I shall carefully examine the new plant catalogs and order more plants that I have no idea where to put. My ever-aching back will scream out, "No more plants," and, once more, I shall ignore it. For now, I will find beauty of a different sort—my gardens' plants in decline. It is easy for a garden to look inspirational and beautiful when it is brimming with new life in spring; it is harder when the garden is reduced to its bare bones, skeletal form. For me, it is beauty of a different style. Look for the silvery glazing of hoarfrost on holly leaves; the loose forms of swaying grasses in the cold, winter wind; the vibrant, red coats of the cardinals against an icy blue sky; silvery white thistle plants, especially Miss Willmott's Ghost; a gathering of bright blue jays enjoying the dried seed heads of coneflowers; birds feasting on black oil sunflower seeds; small boxwoods lightly dusted with fresh snow; tall, stately white pines bending down to kiss the earth while heavily coated in snow; pussy willows defying winter with their soft, gray catkins basking in the sun; the blackened stems of *Baptisia australis*, heavy with fat seed pods, standing in sharp

relief against the faded, pinkish green flower heads of the 'Endless Summer' hydrangeas. They, and many others, are the faces of a winter garden.

Now to answer my three questions. Re winter care of dahlias. I adore dahlias, but they do not like our winters, no matter what I do for them. I have learned to treat them as annuals. In our temperature zone, horticulturists recommend lifting them from the ground after blooming, drying them in the sun for a few days, and then letting them winter over in a protected spot, such as a home basement. I tried that; they rotted. I left them in the ground one year; they rotted. Solution: Buy new ones every year.

Rose Pruning. I save my main pruning to early spring. After the first heavy frost, I cut back any tall limbs to protect them from winter winds. If a rose had a bad fungal disease in the summer, I cut it back very severely and rake up and discard any fallen, diseased leaves. I leave many of my perennials, such as sedum, coneflowers, phlox, grasses, globe thistle, and butterfly bush, alone. They provide interesting winter skeletons, berries for the birds, and sheltered refuge areas for the birds of winter. Now is the time to enjoy a new season and move to the sparseness of winter.

It is the holiday season, so we are looking for great gifts for gardeners. When I face this problem, I first look at what gifts I would like to receive. After many years of gardening, I have four items that I must have: a good, sturdy garden tote bag to hold all my gardening accoutrements; my Felco #2 hand pruners; my goatskin to-the-elbow gloves; and green, jute Nutscene Garden Twine, made in Dundee, Scotland since 1922, in a tangle-free tin can. That is all.

Here is one more gift idea. If you are hunting for a gift for a gardener and/or photographer, look no further; this is bound to please. It is on my list of hoped-for gifts. Fashion designer Carolyn Roehm has a new book out titled *Flowers*. This is more than a 'pretty coffee table book'; it is a

work of art, and I love it. Drawing on her photography skills, Ms. Roehm has captured in more than three hundred images the beauty of the many flowers in her garden. Each page is an inspiration. Just published, critics have called it "a flower garden in a book." It is a little pricey at \$85.00, but the spectacular photography in this book warrants it.

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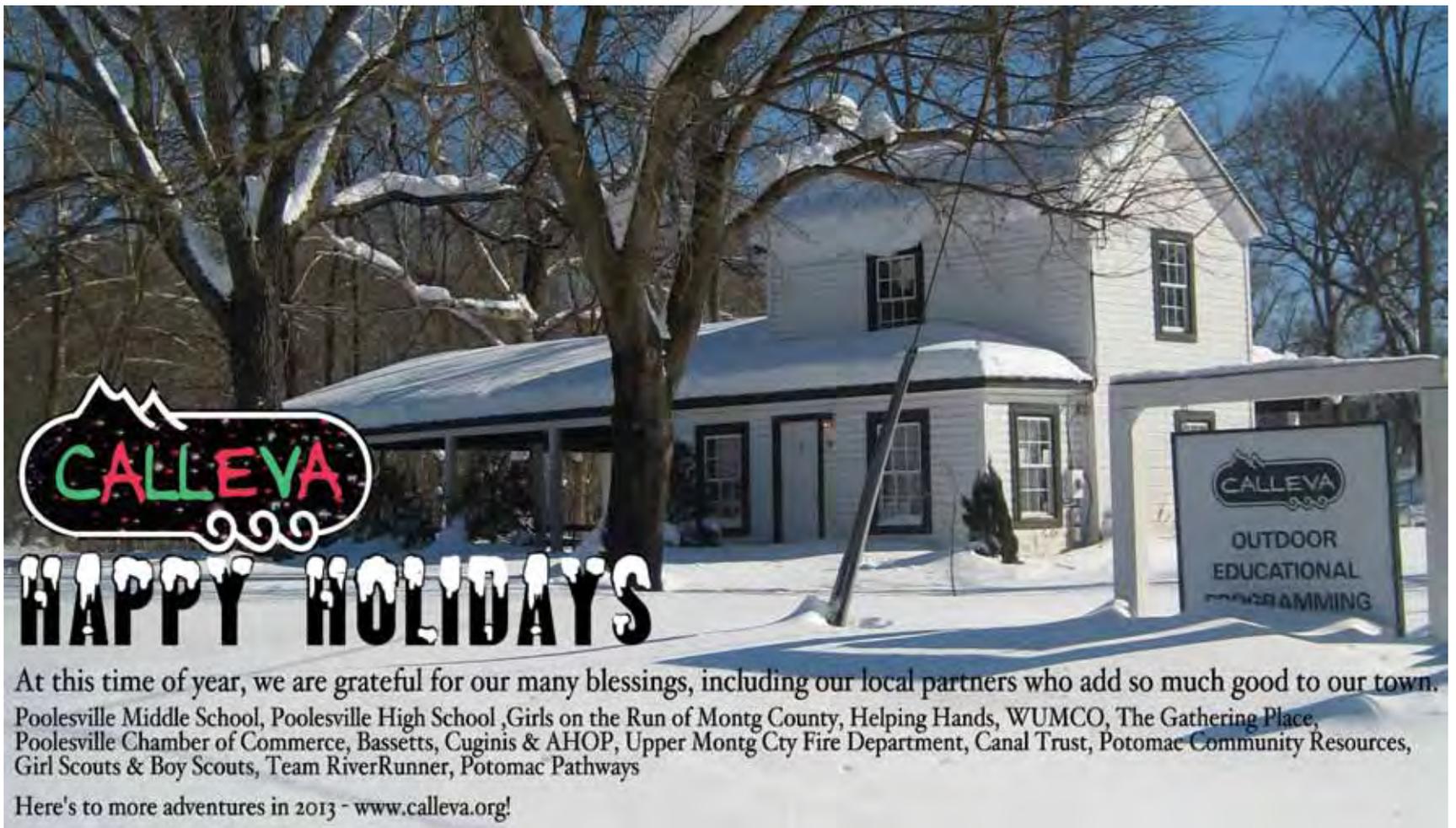
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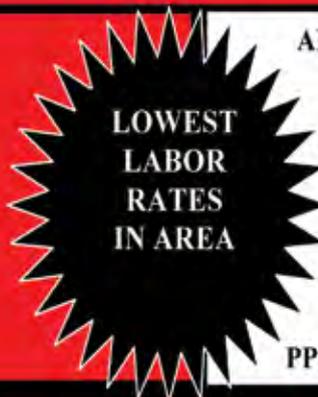
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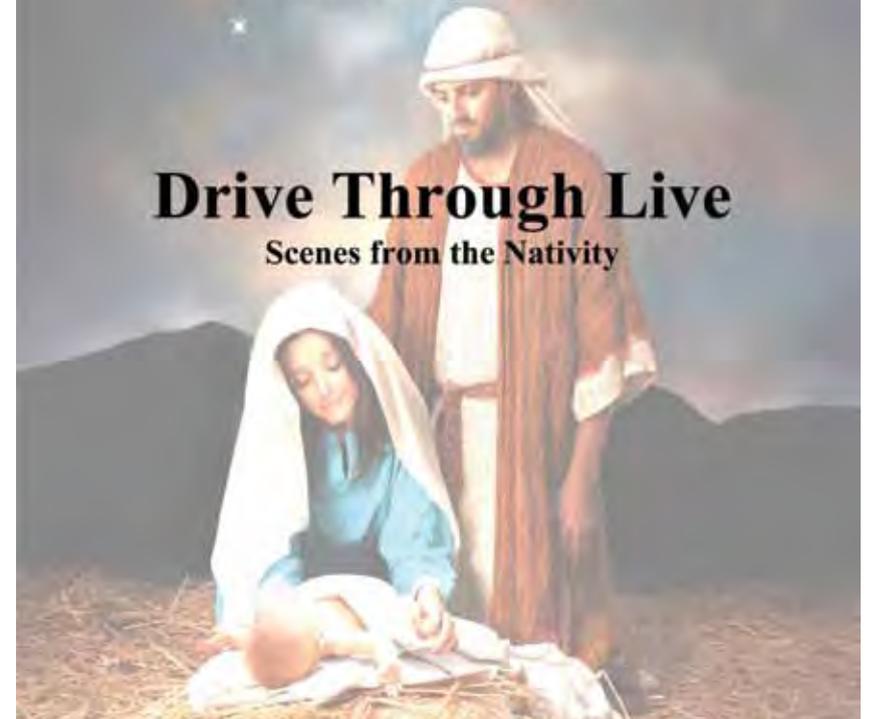
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By Dominique Agnew

Sounds fancy, doesn't it? As easy as this recipe is, Gigot de Venaison makes a superb dinner course or a simple home meal.

In recent experimental cooking in the *Monocle* kitchen, Taste Testers agreed that it was good. One even said, "Real good." Another said, "I can't stop eating the potatoes, they're so good." A third said, "Maman, this is good." Interestingly, there are only two Taste Testers. I know, I know, One was fired after the Bacon Incident, but he returned with his, ahem, Union, and he's hovering over pots and pans, tasting away, as if nothing ever happened.

Let's forget all that Bad Blood Between Bacon and Squash and get to the good stuff. If you don't happen to have a leg of venison in your freezer or yard, try the following options: ask your neighbor (everybody knows someone who hunts around here), use a venison shoulder roast, or substitute leg of lamb or leg of goat (they can both also be called Gigot de—). When cooking, eating, hunting venison, no full-grown bucks allowed. We only hunt and consume does or button bucks (it don't matter how many points the darn thing has, it tastes terrible! [use of poor grammar only permissible by moi—on purpose]).

Recipe for Gigot de Venaison
1 leg of venison, bone-in

(usually around 5 pounds)(could be more)(could be less)

A few potatoes, peeled (or not), cut into 1/2-inch cubes

One lime

Rosemary (dried or fresh)

Salt and pepper

Place roast in a large, shallow roasting pan surrounded by a single layer of potato cubes.

Squeeze juice of lime onto all sides of the roast and all over potatoes. Sprinkle roast and potatoes with rosemary, salt, and pepper. Fill pan with water to not quite covering the potatoes.

Bake uncovered at 325° for 25 minutes per pound.

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

December 2, 1938 An addition to the Poolesville School was approved by the Board of Education. The new construction was to add three new classrooms and a room with a stage that would be suitable for assemblies. The cost was estimated at \$19,500.

December 8, 1935 Mrs. Rebecca Hall was surprised by forty of her friends who called at her Poolesville home on the occasion of her fortieth birthday.

December 11, 1934 Rockville High routed Poolesville, 44-10, in basketball. Cubitt managed to score five points for Poolesville. Later in the week, Poolesville was beaten by Bethesda High School, 66-10.

December 11, 1937 Fourth place winner in the *Washington Post* recipe contest was Mrs. Dewey Reed of Poolesville. Her recipe was for English toffee featuring chocolate and pecans.

December 21, 1935 A peti-

tion for the annulment of marriage was filed by Miss Pauline Ketley. The petition stated that she was under the influence of liquor at the time of the marriage ceremony, held at Rockville, and she did not remember the ceremony. She was not aware that she had been wedded until the next day when she was shown the marriage certificate.

December 23, 1932 Plans were announced for carols to be sung around the Poolesville Christmas tree. If the previous year was any indication, a large turnout was expected.

December 23, 1934 Charles Aud, former sheriff and Fusionist (a political party of the time) of Poolesville, was nominated to become the next chief of police.

December 31, 1935 Six abandoned Montgomery County schoolhouses were sold at auction. Each school had at least an acre of ground and the total sale price was \$2,850.



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Musings from Mama Boe

Serendipity

A few days ago, in a conversation too ridiculous to recount the whole of, I asked an old friend to sum me up in one word. She chose the word: Serendipitous (if you don't think I used spell-check to spell that just now, you're sadly mistaken). My first thought was (read in a Spanish accent: "sink" instead of "think"), "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means." Because how can a person be serendipitous? So I called her weird, as any good friend would.

Fast forward to tonight. My Captain and I were reflecting on the last few days, and I told him about that conversation. He said he understood exactly what she meant. He said it meant that in her friendship with me, she found me a pleasant surprise.

Now, see, this is where I got all consternated— I said Consternated: as in upset, anxious, and frustrated; not as in, er, backed up (geesh, people). I mean, if she found my friendship Surprisingly pleasant, does that mean she was Expecting something Disappointing? Was she expecting to find me

Unpleasant? Why had she placed her bar of expectation so low for me? This was bad news, indeed—and what was it, exactly, that gave her that low expectation? My appearance? My scent? My volume? My complete lack of shame when it came to bodily expulsions?

My Captain rolled his eyes—he does that frequently. I think he might have a tic or something. Anyone know a specialist?—and consolingly added that He thought I was serendipitous, too.

What? My brain screamed with multiple question marks and exclamation points. He was Pleasantly Surprised when he got to know me, too? My own Captain wasn't expecting much from me? I felt like I'd been sucker punched.

"No! No! No!" he explained.

"You were a lucky find." Hmph. Sitting back, I eyed him suspiciously, and waited for him to hit me with the zinger. When none came, I mumbled petulantly, "I suppose that remains to be seen."

He grinned, winked, and raised his glass to me, "I'm willing to give you the benefit

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Local News

Telephone Scam Warning

By Jack Toomey

The Montgomery County Police have issued a warning about a fraud scheme that is targeting older residents. Typically a senior citizen will receive a telephone call at home, and the caller will be an excited younger person claiming to be the grandchild of the victim.

The caller then will tell the victim that he or she has been arrested or been involved in an accident in Mexico or Canada. The fictitious grandchild will then explain that he/she urgently needs money and asks the victim for his/her bank account number. In some of the cases, the caller

has told the victim not to tell the parents.

So far, several thousands of dollars have been lost by the victims of this scheme.

Police are reminding residents to never give out a bank account number over the telephone, and if there is any doubt about the identity of the caller, to ask for a phone number so the "grandchild" can be called back.

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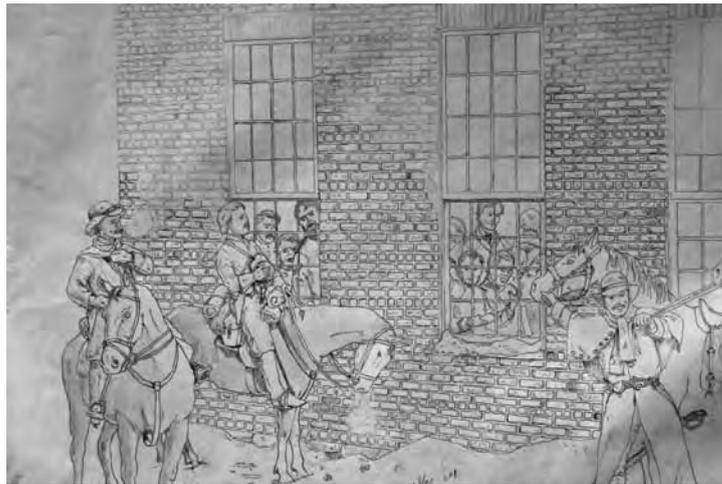
By Jim Poole

On the fifteenth of December, 1862, the weather was cold and damp. It began to snow and the wind picked up, forming drifts twenty inches high.

At the time, Poolesville was occupied Federal troops; one company of the 11th New York Cavalry had set up camp beside the Poolesville Town Hall (now known as the Friendly Thrift Shop), using the second floor as their headquarters which also housed the telegraph office and a jail cell. There were several regiments of infantry guarding the river, giving the 11th a sense of security. There had been reports that Major E.V. White's 35th Virginia Cavalry had been raiding in Loudoun County, and after Captain G.W. Chiswell's raid on Poolesville just three weeks before, the Federal troops in Poolesville should have been more vigilant.

At dusk, Major White crossed the river at Conrad's (now White's) Ferry with a hundred men. He had been informed by a citizen of the town that if he planned it right, many of the Federals would be in church. It seems the ladies of the town had invited the Federal troops to hear a special sermon by the Rev. John H. Austin at the Presbyterian Church. Not thinking anything was amiss, the Union captain said that any of his men who wished it, could go. To his surprise, a large number went, leaving only a few men at the town hall.

Sometime between six and seven o'clock, White's people entered town. He divided his force; one half surrounded the church, and the other half the town hall. It must have been a shock when the church door opened and armed Confederates walked in, taking control of the pulpit and informing the congregation that they were now prisoners of Jeff Davis (the president of the Confed-



Confederate troops surrounding the Poolesville Presbyterian Church on December 15, 1862. Illustration by Jim Poole.

eracy) and to remain calm. There wasn't much the prisoners could do, having left their weapons at camp. An excited member of the congregation, a staunch Unionist, started crying out, "My sister Jin is a good Sessh, my sister Jin is a good Sessh!" The boys in gray broke out in laughter. A Sessh is a secessionist sympathizer.

After the war, a former slave named Philip Johnson stated that the confederates had come to the door of the gallery and one had pointed his revolver at him, telling him not to move. Another had pointed his revolver at the preacher.

Things didn't go as well for the Confederates at the Poolesville Town Hall. Somehow the Federals had been alerted, and a skirmish developed. After a sharp firefight, and according to the Union officer in charge, the building was afire, and he surrendered. Lieutenant Smith, Corporal Berry, and another federal were wounded. Orderly Sgt. Charles D. Stiles was killed. On the attacking side, White lost one man, Samuel Jenkins, to friendly fire. Jenkins had taken his sick brother's place on the raid. He was buried in the Methodist Church graveyard the next day by the townspeople of Poolesville. The sergeant's body was shipped to Washington.

During the fight at the town hall, two federal soldiers had managed to escape. They made their way to Muddy Branch where another company of their regiment was stationed. A relief force was formed and headed to

Edwards Ferry in the hope of cutting off White's retreat. They met with no success since White was long gone.

White's people went about town collecting military supplies, netting thirty revolvers, a hundred rifles, forty-three horses fully equipped, several army wagons, and a stockpile of Federal clothing. They also found loot taken from raids the Union troops had made into Virginia, belonging to Virginian civilians, which they would later return to their rightful owners.

White's troops stayed in the area for about three hours, visiting family and friends, promising to return for Christmas dinner. They then set fire to all the government supplies they couldn't carry and herded their fifty prisoners to Conrad's Ferry. Once at the river's edge, they paroled their prisoners and crossed into Virginia.

In the coming days, the Federals increased their force at Poolesville by replacing it with a new company of the 11th New York Cavalry and three regiments of infantry. Several arrests were made of the citizens who had supported the southern raiders. Members of the cavalry took out their revenge on the local merchants, destroying their stock and trying to burn their storage areas. Known family members of White's men were harassed and their farms raided.

The Presbyterian Church was the second church to be raided by White to the detriment of the Federals.

School News

PHS Students Digital Forensics Champs

Poolesville High School once again proved its expertise in the area of digital forensics. Competing in the 2012 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge, the students from PHS represented the best of Digital Forensics in the State of Maryland, competing against 112 other teams. For the second year in a row, a team from PHS placed first in the High School Category out of forty-five high school teams competing from around the world.

PHSFalcons4 team members, senior Anirudh Neti, sophomore Umesh Padia, junior Ashwin Sekar, and senior Neel Virdy, mentored by Jack Stansbury and Mark Estep, are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. The team began this year's competition last February and by completing assigned tasks, earned a place in the finals competition this November.

In addition to being the Maryland Champions, Team PHSFalcons4 placed first overall in the World Wide High School category. The team fought hard to take the title ranking first out of 113 Maryland teams in the running from all categories: civilian, military, government, commercial, and academia (high school, community college, undergraduate, and graduate).

Poolesville had another team compete as well, PHS

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SwagTag. This team's final ranking will be announced in early December. Team members include: seniors Annie Chu, Vineet Padia, Sidd Singal, and Joy Zeng.

Both teams worked on a set of increasingly-difficult challenges, from February this year through the end of October. Last year's team won with around 750 points. This year's winning team had over 2000 points.

The U.S. Department of Defense will send a representative to Poolesville High School to present the award to the winning team at a date that is yet to be determined.

"Serendipidy"
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He grinned, winked, and raised his glass to me, "I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt."

There are many lessons in this story. One: If you can't spell it, don't write an entire article about it. Two: Never ask a friend to sum you up in one word—especially if you have issues—that never ends well. Three: Mumbling with petulance will often get you flattery—and like publicity, there is no such thing as bad flattery.

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"Tidbits"

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Tom Purdy, rector at St. Peter's, explained the story of how a previous rector of the parish found the bell in a field elsewhere in Maryland before the Civil War and had the bell cleaned and installed in the tower. Then the men explained that they were part of the sound design team for Steven Spielberg's, *Lincoln*, looking to record period bells for use in the movie. With relatives in the area, they suspected St. Peter's bell was old enough and that the conditions were good for recording the bell without the extraneous noise found in other locations. The men recorded the sound of St. Peter's bell from two locations—just below the bell and at ground level, and were planning to use it in the movie for scenes where bells ring out across Washington, D.C. *Lincoln's* sound designers have gotten attention for their fastidious research and for their recording of period pieces for use in the movie, including the sound of period carriages, Lincoln's actual pocket watch, and bells like the one hanging in St. Peter's tower. If you

see the movie, listen up—you're hearing a little bit of Poolesville.

Local Men Profiled

While it's not our policy to highlight other newspapers, especially in our own area, we should recognize great journalism no matter where it occurs. We call your attention to an article in the recent *Gazette*, "Montgomery County men 'keep one eye on the news.'" It is also available online at www.gazette.net.

The Gathering Place Making Progress

The Gathering Place is pleased to announce receipt of more than \$3,000 in pledges for the new senior center from individuals and local churches, as well as generous donations from Calleva and Markoff's Haunted Forest, and the R. Edwin & Winsome S. Brown Foundation. The committee is most grateful to the Poolesville Town Commissioners for a grant of \$2,500 for the program. The next open house will be December 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., at Am Kolel's Sanctuary Retreat Center.

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social gathering at the Wine Kitchen, 50 Carroll Creek Way, Suite 160, Frederick. \$20/ person covers food/drink, RSVP required to PoolesvilleGreen@gmail.com. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
PBC Christmas Music Program
 Poolesville Baptist Church will be presenting their annual Christmas program: How Christmas is celebrated around the world. There will be special guest ensembles from John Poole Middle School. It's free and open to the public. Poolesville Baptist Church. 6:00 p.m.

December 12

Holiday Seniors Get Together
 The Gathering Place Senior Center

Scrabble tournament, cookie exchange, gentle yoga, and nutrition, longevity, and cognition seminar. Holiday music with Gene Bennett. Coffee and tea. Mediterranean salad for lunch is available (RSVP for lunch Maura@am-kolel.org or bring your own). No cost. Sanctuary Retreat Center, 19520 Darnestown Road, Beallsville. 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

December 13

PHS Winter Concert

The community is invited and admission is free for the PHS music department's annual winter concert. Donations for the Poolesville High School Music Boosters Club will be accepted before, during, and after the show.

This year's concert will include music for all to enjoy including classical, popular, jazz, and holiday music. Works to be performed will include choral standards such as "Salvation Is Created" and "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" and band standards like "Strike Up the Band." There will also be popular songs like "One Moment in Time" and music from "Pirates of the Caribbean." If you like holiday music, you will not want to miss renditions of numerous holiday favorites such as "Themes from the Nutcracker," "White Christmas," "Dance of

the Sugar Plum Fairies," "Up on the Housetop," "Christmastime Is Here," "Bidi Bom," "All I Want For Christmas Is You," "Baby It's Cold Outside," "Deck the Halls," "Carol of the Bells," "Believe," and "Let It Snow!" Children will love this treat.

December 13 and 20.

Free Flu Shots

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services is offering free flu shots for Montgomery County residents at the Upcounty Regional Services Center (12900 Middle Brook Road, Germantown).

December 14

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jay Summerour. 8:30 p.m.

December 19

Cugini's Special Event

Ugly Sweater Night Fundraiser to assist the family of Michelle Wilson. 8:30 p.m.

December 22

Drive-through Live Nativity Display

The youth of Memorial United Methodist Church present a live, drive-through nativity display depicting various scenes of the birth of Christ. 17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**"Farming at Metro's Edge"
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areas in Montgomery and Frederick Counties continue to feel the pressure of regional growth and development that threaten the future of agriculture and its many benefits to the region. Frederick County has long been one of the most important farming areas of the region and is increasingly faced with the need to consider the ways in which agriculture will continue to play a beneficial role in the economy, environment, and overall quality of life in the county and region. Additional information on the conference is available at www.farmingatmetrosedge.com.

**"PHS Field Hockey"
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champion and 4A runner-up in 2012, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 3-2, in overtime. Carnahan scored the winning goal. "It was senior night for us," said Bodmer, "so we were really looking forward to that game." Kara Scott, Alexa Raines, Emily Fisher, Cassidy Florczyk, and Maddie Anderson are also seniors.

"What a great win," said Grubb. "It was a true learning experience for our team. We were up, 2-0, and then let them score two quick ones in the second half to tie up the game. Mentally, each of them stayed focused for the rest of the half and kept great poise for the game. Then in overtime, to control possession and go down and score quickly was a great feeling. This game was a season turner for us in that we came off of our first loss of the season and was able to bounce back against a tremendous program. Century was another great team, and to be able to go up early and then keep the 1-0 lead throughout the game was outstanding—especially when we, for some reason, couldn't get any offensive flow going. Century had seventeen corners and our defense was able to turn away all of them. I couldn't have asked for anything else from them. They gave everything they had and left it on the field in the end. In that game, of course, it definitely was a team win and multiple players stepped up, but our defense lead by goal keeper Madison Lamanna really stepped up when needed and kept the knights from scoring."

A game played at Richard Montgomery dealt the Falcons their only loss late last season, 1-0, in double overtime.

There are a number of things important to a program's success: "As a coach, always looking for ways to improve myself and learn more about the game and sport; being positive with players and working to get the best out of each of them; giving the players opportunities to develop to a higher level," said Grubb.

Communication is key: "I communicate through email and text at practices and games directly to the players; always ask for understanding; develop a relationship that each player feels comfortable coming to talk with me and discuss anything that is happening or questions they may have; learn about them outside of hockey; team bonding experiences; go to the middle school to get interest in sport; introduce myself and get our program out there to the community; try and put clinics and camps together for younger players to learn about the sport; watching young female athletes in other areas...other sporting events and see what they may have to offer our program."

Coach Grubb's enthusiasm for the sport shows: "I have always been involved in sports...I love playing any type of sport. I love the competitiveness that it brings. I started in competitive athletics in the third grade and have never turned back. I have had multiple coaches who have influenced me and led me to want to coach. I was very successful as a player because of the hard work and dedication I had to improve myself to a higher level. I was never satisfied. I always wanted to get better. I wanted to be able to give that to others, and coaching was the tool."

The Falcon players and coaches believe in themselves and believe that they can and will win. Their loyal fans believe, too.

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"Poolesville Going to the Apes" Continued From Page 1.

ning report stated, while the new or refurbished buildings will be more energy efficient by employing solar panels and geothermal technology among other innovations.

One change recommended by staff to the NIH draft included placing solar panels on buildings and over parking rather than creating a solar field that planners fear would disturb prime farmland. The animal center includes hundreds of acres of pasture and forest.

The draft master plan anticipates the number of employees growing from 199 to 212 while the number of large animals drops from 226 to 100. Parking on the campus, currently 141 spaces spread over a variety of locations, will be consolidated to 217 spaces in four lots. Planners recommended that charging stations for electric vehicles be included in plans for those lots.

"Global Church" Continued From Page 1.

serving as a sole access point. The plans now give a maximum height of fifty-two feet for the main building. Parking lots curve around three connected buildings in a diagram of the complex. A private well and septic system would serve the site.

Frederick's approval was conditioned on outcome of a court case against the Global access road that would cut through a residential neighborhood. Site plan approval is good for a period of three years, and the planning report said a three-phase construction plan was being considered.

According to its website, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, one of the opposing civic groups on the Montgomery County side of the line, is seeking donations for a legal fund to continue its efforts to oppose the project. "This ain't over yet," the site declares.

The November 14 planning vote was held with five of the

seven Frederick commissioners present, one of whom abstained from the vote, leaving the motion to pass, 3-1.

The Frederick board rejected the Global plan in October 2009, citing concerns over water usage and emergency access; however, Frederick County's Circuit Court ruled in March 2011 that the church was denied a fair chance to defend its project.

"Rande(m) Thoughts " Continued From Page 4.

belongings to a rapid fire that swept through their house. Before the week was out, fundraisers were planned, and the people, once again, began to mobilize to help a good family in dire need. The need to assist the Worthingtons will continue for quite a few months, but there is no question that this community is up to the task.

Even now, many groups, churches, and individuals are busy gathering toys to give to WUMCO for its annual holiday food basket and gift program for those in need right among us.

The coming year will bring its own trials and tribulations, yet even knowing that, it is still reassuring to realize that the gift of community and goodwill will sustain us in 2013. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!



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Wednesday, December 12
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



- 10:00 AM Coffee, Tea and Socializing
- 10:30 Gentle Yoga with Maria from Glad-i-Yoga
Discussion on Nutrition, Longevity and Cognition
- 12:00 Lunch (Mediterranean Salads)*
- 1:00 Cookie Exchange - Bring own dozen or more baked
cookies. We'll provide decorative
tins.
Holiday Music lead by Gene Bennet
Scrabble Tournament
- 2:30 PM Holiday Good Wishes



* Please RSVP for lunch, or if you need a ride, to Maura at
301-349-2799 or maura@am-kolel.org

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WEDNESDAYS

Southern Cuisine Family Style

With seconds on us – it is all you can handle!

Sweet Potato Biscuits with Molasses Butter
She-Crab Soup and Brunswick Stew
Fried Green Tomatoes

Chicken and Barbeque Platters with Sides
Adults: \$15.00 Children Ten and Under: \$9.00

THURSDAYS

WINE NIGHT: 50% OFF ALL BOTTLED WINES

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