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The National Park Service and Mid-Atlantic Climbers seek volunteers to clean up the Garderock Climbing area on Saturday, Sept. 29, one of dozens of activities in Potomac this October. Visit [www.MidAtlanticClimbers.org](http://www.MidAtlanticClimbers.org).

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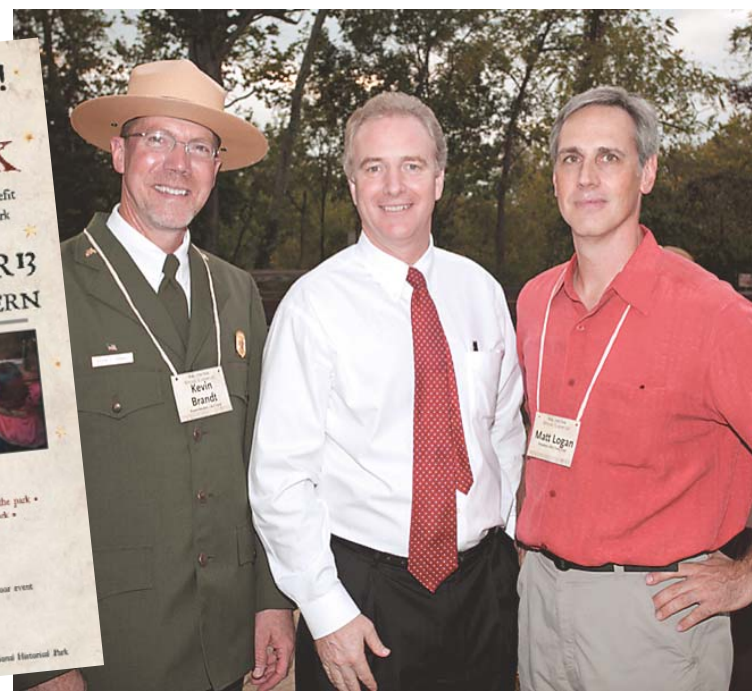
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## FALL FUN



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**Kevin Brandt, Superintendent of the C&O Canal NHP; U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, and Matthew Logan, president of the C&O Canal Trust at last year's event.**

# 'Park After Dark' Returns

## Event to raise funds for the C&O Canal.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

The year was 1862; the Civil War was heating up all around the region. Because the C&O Canal was the boundary between the North and the South, battles and skirmishes took place all around the area. Antietam, South Mountain, Gettysburg are just a few of the conflicts where thousands were injured and killed as the South advanced and the North challenged.

The 2nd "Park After Dark" fundraiser for the C&O Canal has adopted the theme of the Civil War since 2012 is the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The canal saw a lot of activity during the war.

"Enlist Today" is the theme for an evening that will feature a Civil War encampment and re-enactors. The Oct. 13

event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Historic Great Falls Tavern at the C&O Canal National Park in Potomac.

"A Special Evening Under the Stars" will feature plenty of "hearty rations and libations," music by the 19th Street Band and live and silent auctions of experience packages and artwork. Park. Dress is casual; blue jeans and boots is the perfect attire.

Mary Jo Veverka, chairman of the board of directors of the Canal Trust said, "This is a unique opportunity to party in the park, after sunset with a fabulous band and great food, and to contribute important funding for our neighborhood national park. I look forward to another great crowd and fun evening."

This year, the William O. Douglas Award will be honor Advisory Board member Jim Norton. Norton,

a resident of Sharpsburg, Md. has supported many of the restoration projects along the C&O Canal. He is also responsible for launching the C&O Canal Current Initiatives/Catoctin Aqueduct Fund.

Committee member Kirsten Quigley explains the importance of supporting Park After Dark: "It is truly a memorable event and one that I hope many people can attend this year. What makes Park After Dark so special is that unlike many fundraisers, the setting outdoors by the Tavern with a lively bluegrass band gives this event a fun historical context and appeals to so many people who cherish the Canal for its historic, recreational and natural assets. With events like Park After Dark, the Trust is doing things of great value to the community — helping to repair the breach, renovating blockhouses for the public to use, and providing much

needed support to our underfunded national park."

Some of the new experience packages in the auctions include an overnight civil war package for four with a battlefield tour led by a civil war scholar with two rooms and breakfast at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, and a half-day of clay shooting at

Actor's Hill Farm in Keedysville followed by lunch. Last year's experience packages included kayaking and photography lessons, a hike, an archeological exploration and a canal barge ride for 15. This year, there will be a "cash donation auction" to raise funding for the park's education programs. "This auction is an opportunity for all guests to participate in supporting a priority of the park by providing additional funding to expand the park's capacity to accommodate more students."

Last year's "Park After Dark" sold out to 250 people and netted \$58,000 for the C&O Canal. This year, the attendance has been increased to 300. Tickets are available for \$150 per person at [www.CanalTrust.org](http://www.CanalTrust.org) or at 301-714-2233.



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# FALL FUN

## Potomac's October Fest Potomac Day, Potomac House Tour, Family Fun Fest and more.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**P**otomac Day, the annual community festival sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, is just around the corner.

The day-long celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20 in Potomac Village, kicking off with the annual Potomac Day Parade up River Road to Falls Road at 10:30 a.m.

Each year, the parade features hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and elected officials.

The children's fair follows after the parade with free amusement rides and activities.

The People of the Year, including the business person of the year, citizen of the year, and youth of the year have a special place in the parade, often on the top of the back seat of convertibles. Each will be honored at an awards dinner at Normandie Farm in November, where the Potomac Day charity will also receive a donation from the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

Classic cars will be on display, and a business fair will be set up in the Potomac Promenade parking area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

### House Tour



**The 57th annual Potomac Country House Tour, supporting the outreach programs of St. Francis Episcopal Church, includes a weekend of events at the church. All proceeds of the house tour benefit local, national, and international charities.**

The 57th annual Potomac Country House Tour is set for Oct. 13-14.

Hundreds of volunteers from St. Francis Episcopal have been planning this event for the past year.

Since 1956, the women of Potomac's St. Francis Episcopal Church have sponsored this October house tour to benefit Montgomery County charities, St. Francis outreach programs, and local, national and international charities. The house tour includes a weekend of events at St. Francis



PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

**The Tartan Band from Potomac Presbyterian from last year's Potomac Day parade.**

which is located in the heart of Potomac Village.

Tickets to the tour are \$20. The tour is open from noon – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2.

See [www.potomaccountryhousetour.org](http://www.potomaccountryhousetour.org)  
The two-day tour will include three "one-of-a-kind" homes and Glenstone.

A 15,000 square foot French Colonial mansion designed by the homeowners with architect John Neufeld and constructed by Bogdan Builders is "the result of years of planning and love of open spaces and light," according to event planners. "Step into the spectacular marble foyer and take in the suspended double circular staircase, glorious wall of windows overlooking the outside patios, and two-story chandelier."

A colonial farm house, designed by architect Bruce Hutchinson and built by Brendan O'Neill, "stands on property that was an open farm field a mere four years ago," according to St. Francis organizers. "Homeowners Mike and Betsy Brunner achieved their visions of comfort and easy accessibility for their retirement, as well as open and relaxing spaces for family entertaining."

And the Palladian-style home on the tour is "a fresh and up-to-date model of Roman revival architecture, combined with French art and accent pieces reflecting the homeowners' honeymoon-inspired love of Paris."

A special private tour of Glenstone is offered for 20 participants selected by drawing from those who make a separate donation to House Tour Charities.

Glenstone, a 150-acre estate in Potomac, is home to one of the world's most important collections of contemporary art.

"Glenstone seamlessly integrates art, architecture and landscape into a serene and contemplative environment to form a

unique connection between art and visitor. It assembles and presents post-World War II art of the highest quality in a series of refined architectural and outdoor spaces. These settings exist to exhibit works of art — created from 1945 through the present — that represents the greatest historical shifts in how art is seen and experienced."

See [Glenstone.org](http://Glenstone.org).

Ten winners will be selected and each winner will be given two tickets to the tour at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13.

"Any museum in the world would be eager to have the Glenstone collection for itself," according to Earl A. Powell III of the National Gallery of Art.

### Potomac's Got Talent

The Potomac Community Center will kick-off its new season with a new talent show to be held in conjunction with the Potomac Family Fun Fest on Friday, Sept. 28 from 4-9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center,

11315 Falls Road.

"Does your family, or your child, have a talent that you'd like to show off? Our community talent show is the perfect place to try," according to the Potomac Community Center. "We're looking for individuals and groups to show off their talents (singers, bands, musicians, anything) and compete for prizes at our talent show."

See [www.potomacsgottalent.com](http://www.potomacsgottalent.com) to sign up and describe your act.

Call the Potomac Community Center at 240-777-6960 for more information about the Potomac's Got Talent competition.

Family Fun Fest is open to the entire community — members, non-members and families with youth or adults of all ages. The event will include carnival rides, an obstacle course and wrecking ball, the Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo, music from Electric Entertainment and the Potomac's Got Talent event.

The Potomac Community Center's Club Friday program begins its 22nd year at the Community Center on Oct. 5, the week after Family Fun Fest (see above).

Activities for students in third through sixth grades include basketball, bingo, dances, ping pong, gym hockey, soccer, crafts, movies and special theme nights.

The weekly evening event takes place from 7-9 p.m., and the Center will open the snack bar at 6:30 p.m.

Online registration is underway at <https://www.recweb.montgomerycountymd.gov>

After Hours meets the first Friday of every month from 9:15 to 11 p.m., and also runs through March 1, 2013.

The program is available for sixth through eighth grade students.

Call the Potomac Community Center at 240-777-6960.

### Special Olympics

Potomac resident Pam Yerg is the area director for Special Olympics-MD Montgomery County and the director for TOPSoccer program, an outreach program

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PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

**Denice Shaw, Karin Currie, Mark Badalamente and Griffin Badalamente of Friends of the Potomac Library march in last year's parade.**



# FALL FUN

## Virginia Is for Lovers, and Apple-Lovers

Apple season in full swing; Grab a basket and pick your own.

**I**da Red, Nittany, Gala, Pink Lady or Honey crisp: whether you like your apples tart or sweet, there are plenty of apple-picking orchards and farms to pick from within an hour's drive of Potomac. For many families,

apple-picking has become a fall tradition, providing a fun outdoor activity and healthy food. Grab a basket and pick your own. Many of the orchards and farms listed below also host special events, fall festivals, hayrides and other

activities. Before you head out, call ahead to make sure that your favorite apple (or pumpkin) is ripe and available for picking.

— VICTORIA ROSS



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**Baskets of apples at Rock Hill Orchard**



**Virginia Farm Market**



**Valley View Orchard**

## Virginia

### 1 MARKER-MILLER ORCHARDS

A family favorite, Marker-Miller Orchards has something for everyone in the family. Relax on the front porch in wooden rocking chairs, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy eating in the midst of the lush orchards, or go on an adventure to pick-your-own apples. Every weekend through October, the market is open where apple-lovers line up to get fresh apple cider donuts (a must-have). There's also hand-dipped apple ice cream and cider slushies. On the weekends, there are wagon rides, the cow train and a huge play area for children.

3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester  
540-662-1980  
Markermillorchards.com

### 2 CROOKED RUN ORCHARD

Crooked Run Orchard is a small family farm on the outskirts of Purcellville in Loudoun County. Many families go to this orchard for the simple pleasure of apple-picking. There are no mazes or wagon rides or kiddie trains. Owners Uta and Sam Brown grow the food; you pick it. There is no entrance or parking fee. There's only a charge for the food. Children also enjoy the orchard's "table of things." Yes, that's what children call it. There are several "table of things," that include bones, snake skins, nests,

dried bats or frogs, turtle shells and "anything else we find that's interesting during the year," Brown said.

37883 E Main Street, Purcellville, 540-338-7445  
Crookedrunorchard.com

### 3 VIRGINIA FARM MARKET

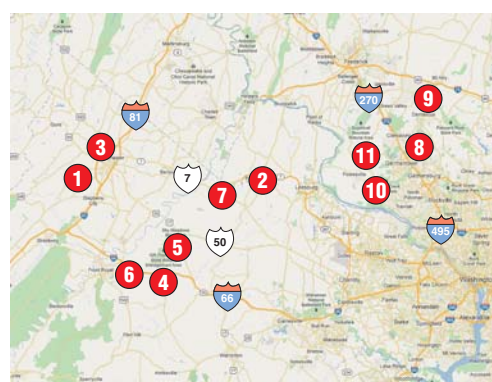
Virginia Farm Market began in 1952 as small roadside stand selling homegrown fresh peaches. The market has grown to include a bakery, a gift shop featuring wood baskets and local preserves, and apples, apples and more apples. Taste the "jug-your-own" apple cider. Look for the big red barn located on Route 522 north of Winchester.

1881 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, 540-665-8000  
Virginiafarmmarket.com

### 4 STIBLING ORCHARD

The Stribling farm and orchard has been in the Stribling family for almost 200 years. Beginning in September through November, the farm has fresh apples, cider and all sizes and shapes of pumpkins. In addition to apple-picking, visitors can enjoy beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Stribling Farm's historic buildings and many farm animals.

11587 Poverty Hollow Lane, Markham  
540-364-3040  
Striblingorchard.com



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### 5 VALLEY VIEW ORCHARD

An historic property located in Virginia's "Hunt" country near Middleburg, the historic Valley View Farm is the home of Virginia Perfection Orchard, which boasts six different varieties of apples for picking. Worth seeing is the estate's manor house with a formal English Garden situated in the middle of 500 acres of meadowlands and mountains, and is now the site for weddings and other special events.

1562 Leeds Manor Road, Delaplane, 540-592-3730  
Valleyviewfarmva.com

### 6 THE APPLE HOUSE

Although it's not an orchard, The Apple House has been a landmark for families and school groups since the 1960s. Located at the northern entrance to Skyline Drive, the family-owned business is known for homemade apple butter donuts, crisp apples and apple crisps.

4675 John Marshall Hwy, Linden, 540-636-6329  
Theapplehouse.net

### 7 GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135  
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## Maryland

### 8 BUTLER'S ORCHARD

For 60 years, this family farm has become known for its apple picking as well as its popular fall festival. In addition to apple orchards, there's a market and bakery, featuring everything "apple," a country store, hay rides, slides and tons of pumpkins.

22200 Davis Mill Road, Germantown  
301-972-3299  
Butlersorchard.com

### 9 ROCK HILL ORCHARD

Rock Hill Orchard, located in the Agricultural Reserve in Northern Montgomery County, offers a variety of apples to pluck, from Red Delicious to Empire. There's also a fruit, flower and vegetable market packed with locally-grown produce. Rock Hill Orchard features free hayrides to the orchard on Saturdays and Sundays.

28600 Ridge Road, Mount Airy, 301-831-7427  
Rockhillorchard.com

### 10 HOMESTEAD FARM

The Allnutt family has farmed in Montgomery County since 1763, when James Allnutt purchased 746 acres by the Potomac River. Homestead Farm consists of 230 acres of James' original purchase. Today, the Allnutt family continues the family farming tradition. Visitors can pick their own apples, or enjoy Homestead's homemade caramel apples. The Little Country Kitchen features apple pie, cider and fresh vegetable soup.

15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville, 301-977-3761  
Homestead-farm.net

### 11 LEWIS ORCHARDS

18901 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson, 301-349-4101  
Lewisorchardfarmmarket.com



## FALL FUN



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

**Squeals on Wheels brought their Alpacas to last year's parade.**

## Potomac's October Fest

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MSI partners with to offer soccer to elementary, middle and high school children with disabilities.

On Monday, Oct. 1, Special Olympics-MD Montgomery is scheduled to host the 11th Annual Montgomery Masters Golf Tournament and Raffle, the major source of funding for the Special Olympics area programs, according to Yerg. The tournament will be held at Montgomery County Club and there are openings for foursomes and sponsors.

Georgetown Prep and the Bar Association of Montgomery County will host the First Annual Inspiration Walk, 1500M and 5K Run to benefit Special Olympics on Sunday, Oct. 14. The Montgomery County Road Runners Club will manage official timing.

See [www.somdmontgomery.org](http://www.somdmontgomery.org) for information on both events.

Wootton High School will host the 12th Annual Meredith Cup TOPSoccer Festival on Sunday, Oct. 28. Montgomery County youth volunteer as "buddies" to train with, play with and build friendships with the TOPSoccer athletes. The opening parade of athletes is scheduled for noon and events continue through 3:30 p.m. at Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway. See [www.msi.soccer.org](http://www.msi.soccer.org). Contact Yerg at [jeyclan@verizon.net](mailto:jeyclan@verizon.net) or 301-424-3083.

## Walk to School Day

Students, parents and community members throughout Montgomery County will walk and bike to school on International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Residents are encouraged to par-

ticipate. International Walk to School Day was founded in 1997 as a way to bring community leaders and children together to promote more walkable communities, safer streets, healthier habits and cleaner air. For those who live too far from school to walk, drive part of the distance, park and then walk the rest of the way.

For more information, or to organize an event at a child's school, contact Nadji Kirby, 240-777-7169 or e-mail [nadji.kirby@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:nadji.kirby@montgomerycountymd.gov). Or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/saferoutestoschool](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/saferoutestoschool).

## Great Falls

The Park Service and Canal Trust seek volunteers to come to Historic Great Falls Tavern on Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers, 12 and older, will paint, rake, clean and clear debris from the Tavern and the surrounding areas.

For more information or to sign up, contact Becky Curtis at 301-745-8889, or email her at [volunteer@canaltrust.org](mailto:volunteer@canaltrust.org).

## And More

And don't forget the events at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glendolden Drive, including the used book sale on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. And on Halloween, at 4 p.m., a spooky storytime Halloween program for children three to six and their families will be offered at the library. Children should wear costumes for the costume parade.

Call 240-777-0690 or see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>.

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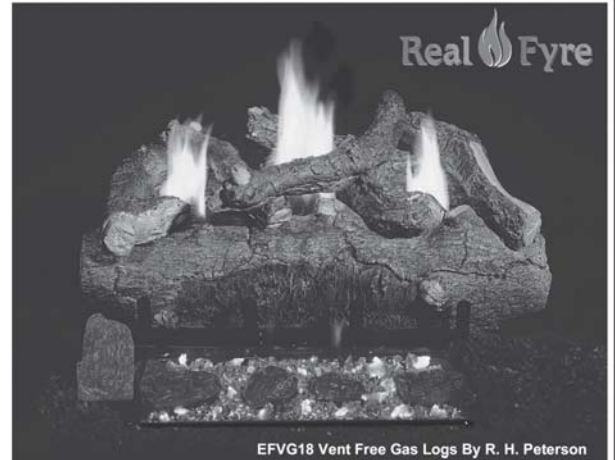
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# OPINION

## LEAF Interns Appreciate Billy Goat Trail

BY KATE MILEY  
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

**T**his past summer, interns with The Nature Conservancy's LEAF (Leaders for Environmental Action in the Future) program hiked the strenuous Billy Goat Trail on Bear Island the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The interns, all of whom are New York City high school students, first balked at idea of hiking the entire trail, especially the extremely steep and rocky "traverse" section. By the end of the day, however, the things they saw and what they learned made all the clambering worthwhile.

Deborah Barber, director of land management and volunteer coordinator for the Maryland office of The Nature Conservancy, led the hike. Barber is an expert on the plants and animals of this area; and at nearly every corner, she was able to point out another natural wonder to the interns.

Within the first 10 minutes of the hike, for example, the interns were treated to their first sighting of a bald eagle, an especially neat spot since the interns have spent the bulk of their four-week internship in and around the nation's capital.

"There was a time when The Conservancy would never have let a staff person take a day to lead a hike for such a small group of people," Barber said. "But our priorities are changing, and fostering the next generation of environmental leaders is now one of our primary goals."

LEAF is part of the Conservancy's new focus: The LEAF program offers urban students who attend environmental high schools four-week paid internship positions that place them in natural preserves and areas around the country where the interns work, learn, and play in the wild. Many of the interns have never engaged with the outdoors before, and this is unfortunately the case for most of America's young people today.

"The goal of the LEAF program is to instill a love of the environment in young people that will stick with them both personally and professionally," said Brigitte Griswold, director of youth programs for The Nature Conservancy.

In keeping with the aim of the LEAF program, the four interns stationed in the Chesapeake region — Jennifer Dilone, Sherryann Thomas, Alondra Espino, and Nisi Mendez — spent three weeks doing conservation work ranging from maintenance at the Ice Mountain Preserve in West Virginia to water quality monitoring on the Cowpasture River near Warm Springs, Va.

In the last week of the internship program, the interns are learning all about what Maryland has to offer. Along the Billy Goat



PHOTO BY DEVAN KING

From left: Nisi Mendez, Alondra Espino, Jennifer Dilone and Sherryann Thomas hike the Billy Goat Trail.

Trail, Deborah makes frequent stops to show the interns firsthand about the landscape of Great Falls.

Even at Great Falls Park, where approximately half a million visitors come to see the falls and hike every year, there is abundant evidence of natural beauty and functioning natural systems. By the end of the hike, the interns have spotted two species of lizards, blue herons, turtles and tortoises, edible cacti, and Sweet Annie — a plant commonly used in potpourri — in addition to the eagle sighting earlier in the day.

And of course, the views of the falls are a thrill for the interns. We stopped to take pictures, and it was clear from their high praise of the falls that such scenes of pris-

tine natural grandeur aren't too numerous around where the interns live in New York.

The LEAF program ended, and as they head back to the Big Apple, they'll take more than tired muscles with them:

"One thing I'll tell my family is that there is so much beauty out here in the wild, more than I thought," said Alondra Espino, one of the interns. "Nature is so big, not only in the sense of large areas like Great Falls, but also in the sense that there is so much life — like the small lizards and plants we saw earlier — in every corner of the woods. You just have to open your eyes."

Learn more about LEAF at: [www.facebook.com/dc.md.va.nature.conservancy](http://www.facebook.com/dc.md.va.nature.conservancy)

## A Solution To End Struggle over Brickyard Road Site?

BY GINNY BARNES  
WEST MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**A**s of this week, the Board of Education has spent in excess of \$200,000 defending their actions in leasing the Brickyard Road school site to Montgomery County so the county can lease the same 20-acre site to MSI at \$1,500 a year for 10 years. Not much of a return for the cost of keeping an unwise decision in place. With this continuing financial bleed on taxpayers in mind and in the hopes of finding reasonable solutions and rectifying past mistakes, the plaintiffs in the case have made the Board of Education a formal proposal offering to end their litigation if a few simple conditions are met.

1) The Board of Education, pursuant to their lease with Montgomery County, ask for and receive the land back.

2) Upon reclamation, the Board of Education agrees that any future use of the site will be determined by an open process with citizen comment.

3) That the Board of Education consider agricultural/environmental educational use of the site which would involve maintaining the certified organic status of the land.

In consideration of the foregoing, the petitioners and the cross petitioners would withdraw their appeal. In effect, this proposal provides a solution that puts an end to 18 months of trying to right a decision that should never have become a reality if an appropriate process had been followed to reach it. This has been an 18-month lesson in the perils of not adhering to principles of transparent government. Especially when it is taking place in a county where elected officials pride themselves on heralding transparency and citizens expect it. Here is a potential solution that frees everyone from

the weight of continued litigation.

And it does and will continue if unchecked. At the end of last week, Montgomery County filed additional motions in Circuit Court, one being an appeal of the Stay Order in regard to the Board of Education matter. Curious, since the Board of Education who owns the land has not done so. Another motion is a response to citizen's Memorandum for Summary Judgment related to obtaining documents being withheld by the County Executive. This all costs money, takes immense amounts of time and keeps everyone — educators, county officials and citizens — from their jobs and their families. Isn't it time to end this costly, unnecessary and unwarranted dispute? It's all up to the Board of Education.

Ginny Barnes is environmental chair and president elect of West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA), which is an organizational member of the Brickyard Coalition.

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## PEOPLE



**Michael Kolodin and John Philips** enjoy the food at the Taste of Potomac.



**Jane and Mike Philips** gathered auction items: "We have seen wonderful generosity this year."



**Stella's Restaurant owner Stratton Liapis and Wendy Hernandez** serve Lobster Guacamole.



**Lori Soberman and husband Stu** enjoy the event.

# 'Taste of Potomac' Benefits Adoptions Together

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**N**either rain, nor sleet, nor high winds, nor power outages could stop the "Taste of Potomac" from the mission at hand — throwing a grand event to raise funds for Adoptions Together. The evening went on as planned at the Potomac estate of Judy and Stuart Sebring. The storm passed and the well-attended fund-raiser was an overwhelming success.

"It is just amazing how it all came together even with the elements of the weather," said Rona Heymann. "The volunteers have put forth a tremendous effort and worked 110 percent this past week. I'm just thankful that the storm is over and the power came back on just in time."

Barbara Harrison, anchor, NBC-4 and Renette Oklewicz, director of foundation programs at Freddie Mac were honored for their outstanding and lifelong commitment to the children who are served by Adoptions Together. The highlight of the evening was the moment when Janice Goldwater, founder of Adoptions Together introduced



**Barbara Harrison of NBC-4** accepts an award from Adoptions Together founder **Janice Goldwater**.

Russ, a child who was featured on Wednesday's Child a few years ago — with the family who adopted him. "My how you've grown," said Harrison. "When we first met, you had been in four or five different foster homes and were really hoping to find a loving family. I was so impressed with you when I first met you — and now I am so pleased to see you again and meet your family."

This is what Adoptions Together and Wednesday's Child hopes and prays will happen with every child we work with."

Twenty-two years ago, Goldwater founded Adoptions To-

gether. Since that time, the agency has placed more than 3,000 children with forever families. "Every child deserves a Forever Family," said Goldwater. "Our most important relationship in life is our family and every child has a right and a need to be part of a family."

Twenty-seven Potomac restaurants supported the Taste of Potomac by donating plates of gourmet items from their menus as well as desserts. Guests dined on lamb chops from Cava, lobster guacamole from Stella's, short ribs from Old Angler's Inn, Mussels a la Hunter from the Hunter's Inn, Jambalaya from River Falls Tavern



**Old Angler's Inn Owners Mark and Sara Reges** with **Maria Gutierrez, Elsie Rivera and Enoth Ramos** serve short ribs.

— and many more dishes.

The crowd bid on a dream cruise, an autographed John Wall Wizards jersey and basketball, a Cava Mezze dinner in their home and fishing overnight in Easton. The silent auction featured dining and travel opportunities (including Paris, Costa Rica, Aruba and Belize) as well as sports and theater tickets, golf outings and gift baskets.

The evening was attended by more than 400 guests who supported the mission of Adoptions Together in their quest to find permanent loving families for children in foster care.

## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**

### Stone and Steam: Bathroom Luxury

To create your own luxurious retreat, start with the bathroom. It's a room that's often overlooked, due to its functionality—but more and more homeowners are focusing on the bathroom as a room of therapeutic relaxation and comfort, incorporating luxurious flourishes to their bathrooms to create the sensation of a spa retreat. These upgrades range from simple upgrades to state-of-the-art unique fixtures, each of which add to your home's overall value and take it to the next level when it comes time to put it on the market. Simple upgrades are hot commodities, adding to your home's value over time, indulging you as you enjoy them. Even the most modest home can take it up to the next level, incorporating luxury into often overlooked rooms. Here's a sampling of some of the ways you can upgrade to a luxury bathroom, and maximize the potential of a room that every home has to work with!

#### • Stone Countertops

Easier to clean than traditional tile, the natural color palettes of granite, marble and soapstone are a complement to most bathroom cabinetry. Stone countertops are classically aesthetic and match any color scheme, retaining the bathroom's modern feel and beauty over time.

#### • Towel Warming Drawers

Like heated tile flooring, heated towel drawers add a regal, indulgent touch to a master bathroom suite. Installation is easy and the price tag on this upgrade is surprisingly low. Standard towel warming drawers heat up to four bath sheet-sized towels; for the true regal finish, add in an electric towel bar to heat your robe and slippers!

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### National Political Perspective

**Potomac and Bethesda residents** gathered at the home of **Fred and Judie Mopsik** in Cabin John recently at a reception and fundraiser for Barack Obama with U.S. Rep. **Debbie Wasserman Schultz**, chair of the Democratic National Committee.



**Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz** with host **Judie Mopsik** at a Cabin John fundraiser.



# FALL FUN 2012

Email community entertainment events to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

## THROUGH OCTOBER

### Potomac Farmers Market.

Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Organized by Montgomery County at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road, at the corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-792-6054.

### Bethesda Freshfarm Market.

Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Will offer fresh fruits, vegetables, organic meats and artisan cheeses. In addition, the market will feature

special events. On the first Saturday of each month, Master Gardeners will answer gardening questions. And on the last Saturday of each month a local chef will give cooking demonstrations at the market. At Norfolk Avenue, between Fairmont and St. Elmo Avenues in Bethesda. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

## THROUGH DECEMBER

**The Puppet Co.** at Glen Echo Park has announced its 2012-2013 season with something for everyone. There are favorite fairytale princesses, an annual holiday tradition, and a special guest artist with a bilingual

twist. 301-634-5380 or [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org). The 2012-13 season schedule is as follows:

**Carnival of the Animals**, Sept. 21 – Oct. 7, 2012, Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Beauty and the Beast**, Oct. 12 – Nov. 16, 2012, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**The Nutcracker**, Nov. 23 – Dec. 30, 2012, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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## Fall Fun at Glen Echo

Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Paint Glen Echo**, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 20 – 21, The Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery sponsors Paint Glen Echo, a landscape painting competition with the mission of preserving and protecting America's National Parks to help build better futures for families, children and our planet. Contact event manager J. Jordan Bruns at [Jordan@jjbruns.com](mailto:Jordan@jjbruns.com).  
**Fall Frolic**, Saturday, Oct. 27. Join us for a day of fall fun at this annual Halloween festival. Daytime activities for families will include pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating, and a costume parade around the Park. Activities run from 1-4 p.m.

## EXHIBITIONS & GALLERIES

**The Art Glass Center** gallery's ongoing exhibitions feature the work of resident artists Diane Cabe, Christine Hekimian, Sue Hill, Michele Rubin, Bev and Zayde Slep, Janet Wittenberg and resident artist in training, Sherry Selevan. Sculpture, vessels, functional art, and jewelry are also for sale. Open Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Call 301-634-2273 or visit [www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org](http://www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org). Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students.

**Glassworks** is the DC area's first glass school. Classes are taught year-round for both new and advanced students. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 301-634-2280 or visit [www.innervisionglassworks.com](http://www.innervisionglassworks.com).

**Glen Echo Pottery** presents ongoing exhibitions in the Glen Echo Pottery gallery. These feature a special selection of work by resident artists, instructors, and students. Open every Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Call 301-229-5585 or visit [www.glenechopottery.com](http://www.glenechopottery.com).

**Photoworks** is a unique resource for both student and professional photographers-develop their talents through classes, workshops, and exhibitions. The Photoworks gallery is open Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and Sundays, 1-8 p.m., and during all scheduled classes and workshops. Call 301-634-2274 or visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

**SilverWorks Studio & Gallery** is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales, of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Open every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 301-634-2228 or visit [www.silverworksglenechopark.org](http://www.silverworksglenechopark.org).

**The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery** presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Open every Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

## TOURS

### National Park Service Programs

Saturday & Sunday – Ongoing  
**Carousel tours** begin at 10:30 a.m. (May 1 – Sept. 30). These tours give visitors a closer look at the park's fully-restored 1921 Dentzel carousel. Find out how it was made, how it works, and about the other amusement park attractions that were built around it. Hear about the civil rights protests and the inspiring

story of how the town rallied together to save the carousel.

**Park tours** begin at 2 p.m. These tours lead visitors on a walk through the Park to learn about its fascinating history and the current programs visual and performing arts, as well as environmental education. Tours begin at the visitor's desk in the Arcade Building on Saturdays and Sundays. Tours are also offered by appointment at 301-320-1400. Visit [www.nps.gov/glec](http://www.nps.gov/glec).

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & THEATER

**Weekend Nature Programs at Living Classrooms Children's Museum**, Saturday & Sunday-Ongoing. Encounter live animals, take an interpretive hike, and explore the indoor anthill and tree slide, and much more. In October, explore the Art of Nature. Take a closer look at the natural world and become inspired. Open to the public on Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Members/children under 2: Free; non-members: \$5. Call 202-488-0627, ext. 242 or visit [livingclassroomsdc.org/Site-BasedPrograms.html](http://livingclassroomsdc.org/Site-BasedPrograms.html).

## ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

**Big, the Musical – TYA**, Through Oct. 28. Adventure Theatre MTC at Glen Echo Park presents Big, the Musical, a TYA. Adaptation by Jeff Frank, First Stage, and Michael J. Bobbitt, Adventure Theatre MTC, based on the motion picture Big. The 1987 hit movie bursts onstage in this vibrant, funny and touching musical. Appropriate for ages 5 and older. Performances: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Tickets \$19. Call 301-634-2270 or visit [adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://adventuretheatre-mtc.org).

### Tiny Tots @ 10:00

Saturday, Oct. 6 – “Panda-Monium”  
Saturday, Oct. 13 – “Old McDonald's Farm”  
Sunday, Oct. 14 – “The Mother Goose Caboose”  
Saturday, Oct. 20 – “Baby Bear's Birthday”  
Wednesday, Oct. 24 – “Teddy Bear's Picnic”  
Saturday, Oct. 27 – “World on a String”  
Sunday, Oct. 28 – “Kooky Creatures”  
The Puppet Co. presents “Tiny Tots @ 10:00,” designed for the youngest theater patrons (ages 0-4). Shows are shorter, the lights stay on, the doors stay open, and everyone has a great time. All shows begin at 10 a.m. Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5, everyone (including babes-in-arms). Pre-Purchases or No-Obligation Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 301-634-5380 or visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

### Beauty and the Beast

Oct. 7 – Nov. 16  
This classic love story combines curses and conflict, nobility and sacrifice, and hopes and dreams in an exciting adventure that leads to a happy ending. Unique string-and-rod puppets along with an animated mirror teach children to look past appearances to discover the beauty that lies beneath the surface. Recommended K-Grade 6. Running time: 40 minutes. Performances: Thursdays & Fridays, 10 & 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays & Sundays, 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. ASL interpretation Sunday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, group rates available. Call 301.634.5380 or [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

# POTOMAC DAY

## Saturday, October 20, 2012

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Announcement during Parade  
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\* Vendors: No paint products, silly string, fireworks or like materials are to be sold during this event. Any food items are to be sold by Chamber “Members” only and be aware you will need to contact the Montgomery County Health Department to obtain a food service permit for the event. \*ask for details. Festival Physical location: 9812 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

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## NOV. 14 THROUGH JAN. 6

**Musical.** Seussical runs in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Best for ages 4-12. Tickets are \$12-\$25, and may be purchased online at [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org), at the ImaginationStage box office or at 3012801660.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Frédéric Yonnet, Urban Jazz Harmonicist.** 7:30 p.m. Ticket \$30. French-born Yonnet adapts the harmonica to gospel, R&B and jazz with nuances of hip-hop. At Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** Capital Blues hosts the popular Slow Blues and Swing Dance in the Back Room at Glen Echo Park Thursdays from 9 - 11:30 p.m., with a 45-minute beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. DJ Mike Marcotte & Guests will play a variety of blues style music. \$8. 301-634-2231 or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Pat McGee.** 8 p.m. \$38, Stars price \$34.20. Presented by Strathmore, at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Visit [strathmore.org](http://strathmore.org) or call 301-

581-5100.

**Family Fun Fest.** 4 p.m., Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd.. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center, don't miss the 'Who's Got Talent?' contest, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo and DJ. \$5 for unlimited rides and games. Visit [www.potomacsgottalent.com](http://www.potomacsgottalent.com).

## Craig Sparks Swingtet.

Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 8:30-9 p.m. Drop-in beginner swing lesson; band plays two extended sets 9-11:30 p.m. \$15. Visit <http://dc.gottaswing.com>.

## THROUGH SEPT. 28

**Friday Night Live Concert Series.** 6:30-9 p.m. Activities: Live music, food, and beverages. Bands include Joker's Wild (Swing), Junkyard Saints (New Orleans/Zydeco), Gonzo's Nose ('80s and '90s cover band), Darryl Davis Band (Blues) and more. Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Ln. [www.rockvilletownsquare.com](http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com).

## SEPT. 29 THROUGH OCT. 18

**Musical.** P. Nokio: A Hip-Hop Musical runs in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Appropriate for ages 5-12, tickets are \$12-

\$25, and may be purchased online at [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org), or at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Raising a Racquet for the Troops.** 7-11 p.m. Fund raising to benefit the Yellow Ribbon Fund. A tennis exhibition with seven-time Grand Slam Champion Mats Wilander, NBC News' Meet the Press host David Gregory and others. Auction, food and beverages from Bethesda restaurants and caterers. At Georgetown Prep Tennis Club, 10900 Rockville Pike. \$200 per person or \$300 per couple. Call 240-223-1180.

**Roomful of Blues.** Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. 8-9 p.m. Drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-12 a.m. dance. \$18. Visit <http://dc.gottaswing.com>.

**Free Workshop.** 1: 30-3:30 p.m. Listen to your dog's body language. At Bethesda. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Ln. This workshop will teach how dogs communicate with people and each other. Please leave dogs at home. Visit [www.yourdogsfriend.info](http://www.yourdogsfriend.info) or call 301-983-5913 to register.

**Playhouse Puppetry Slam.** 7 and 9 p.m. This Slam is featuring Puppet Pandemic, an organization that

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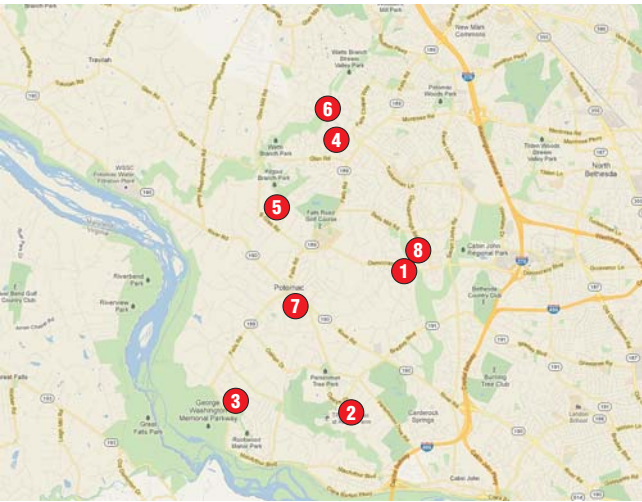
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# HOME SALES

In August 2012, 59 Potomac homes sold between \$2,800,000-\$810,000.

| Address                | BR | FB | HB | Postal City | Sold Price  | Type      | Lot AC | PostalCode | Subdivision            |
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| 11218 RIVER VIEW DR    | 6  | 5  | 1  | POTOMAC     | \$2,800,000 | Detached  | 1.61   | 20854      | MARWOOD                |
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| 8904 IRON GATE CT      | 5  | 5  | 1  | POTOMAC     | \$1,650,000 | Detached  | 2.04   | 20854      | CAMOTOP                |
| 9115 HARRINGTON DR     | 4  | 3  | 1  | POTOMAC     | \$1,620,000 | Detached  | 2.02   | 20854      | BRADLEY FARMS          |
| 11004 SOUTH GLEN RD    | 6  | 6  | 2  | POTOMAC     | \$1,518,000 | Detached  | 2.24   | 20854      | RIVER OAKS FARM        |
| 12536 GREY FOX LN      | 5  | 4  | 1  | POTOMAC     | \$1,425,000 | Detached  | 0.43   | 20854      | GLEN MEADOWS           |
| 14 RIVERWOOD CT        | 5  | 4  | 1  | POTOMAC     | \$1,310,000 | Detached  | 2.08   | 20854      | POTOMAC VIEW ESTS      |
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fundraises for National Puppetry Conference Alumni Scholarships. Tickets are \$15. There will be a live jazz band. The Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-5380 or Visit [thepuppetco.org](http://thepuppetco.org).

### Annual German School

**Washington 5K Oktoberfest Run.** 6; 30 a.m.-1 p.m. The German School Washington D.C., 8617 Chateau Dr. Visit <https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=J72VGJ7> to register. All funds raised will support the restoration of the German School's track & field.

### SEPT. 29 & 30

**The North American Police Equestrian Championships.** More than 100 officers and their horses will compete at the two-day event. Sunday is also "Families and Horses Day." There will be free pony rides, chances to win prizes and coloring contests for children. Also, on Sunday from 11a.m. to 3 p.m., the Maryland-National Capital Park Police will be hosting a Police Awareness Day. The public is invited to the event. Admission and parking are free. At the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Visit [www.NAPECinc.org](http://www.NAPECinc.org).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Shrimp and Oyster Feast.** 1-5 p.m. Held by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association at the B-CC Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane. Advance purchase \$40 or \$45 at the door. Call 301-977-6634. Funds go to the operation of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 2

**Chinese Language Book Club.** 6-8 p.m. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Chinese book discussion in Chinese language. "Divorce" by Lao She. Ask for books at the Circulation Desk. No registration required.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

**Loide.** 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets: \$15. Loide's African roots and her deep love for jazz come together to create a mix of contemporary vocals and afro-

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### FRIDAY & SATURDAY/OCT. 5-6

**Patti Lupone: Matters of the Heart.** 8 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Tickets \$45-\$85. Chris Fenwick, musical director with the Four Play String Quartet. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)

### SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Taste of Bethesda.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The 23rd Annual Taste of Bethesda, a food and music festival in the Woodmont Triangle area of downtown Bethesda. Enjoy tastes from more than 55 participating restaurants, along with live entertainment, a children's activities area and classic car show. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk.** 9 a.m.- noon. Carderock Park Pavilion. Check-in at 9-10 a.m. This 3-5 mile walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org) or e-mail [ncacchapter.afsp@gmail.com](mailto:ncacchapter.afsp@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY/OCT. 6-7

**Art Exhibit.** noon-7 p.m. Native Washingtonian Artist Jim Cobren will present recent paintings at the Glen Echo Park Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. A reception for the artist will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday. The Gallery will be open until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Open to the public. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery at 301-371-5593 or the National Park Service, Glen Echo, at 301-492-6229.

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**Samis Ahmad.** 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets: \$15. North Indian classical

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### FRIDAY/OCT. 12

**Duo Amaral.** 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets \$30. Jerusalem-born Mia Pomerantz-Amaral and husband Jorge Amaral are prizewinners of several international guitar competitions. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 13

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks \$.50.

**Meet Eleanor Roosevelt.** 7:30 p.m. The Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center presents performance about roles Eleanor Roosevelt played in her lifetime. The Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd. \$20. Call 301-229-0010 or visit [www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org](http://www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org).

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# Churchill Football Suffers First Loss

**Bulldogs fall to Seneca Valley.**

BY BEN FOX  
FOR THE ALMANAC

**A**fter their 28-22 loss to Seneca Valley on Sept. 21, many Churchill football players could be seen with gloomy faces and vacant stares as they walked off their home field at Shepard Stadium. The normally dominant Bulldogs were no longer undefeated, now with a 3-1 record, and the aftermath of that loss could be seen everywhere.

While a perfect season is no longer a possibility, the loss of being undefeated is likely the last thing on the Churchill Bulldogs' minds. The game against Seneca Valley revealed a few critical weaknesses that need to be worked out if the Bulldogs are to reach their ultimate goal: the Maryland 4A State Championships.

One area in which the Bulldogs fell short was defensive effort. The defense

**"When we play disciplined, no one can stop us. We played very undisciplined on defense and that's how we lost the game."**

**— Churchill senior Dominique Williams**

allowed Seneca Valley to score 28 points, 19 more than they allowed in the first three games combined. Senior quarterback Jonathan Lee offered an explanation regarding what happened to what has been a point of pride so far for the Bulldogs.

"We are short on linemen this year and our guys get tired, but that's something that can be fixed," Lee said. "Also, some of our defensive backs need to stay more disciplined and get to their assignments. Some people tried to make a play instead of covering their assignment and that ended up in a couple of big plays for Seneca."

According to senior wide receiver and defensive back Dominique Williams, who had two tackles in the game, a lack of control defensively was also an important issue.

"When we play disciplined, no one can stop us," Williams said. "We played very undisciplined on defense and that's how we lost the game."

Though the loss was disappointing to both players and attending home



**Churchill quarterback Jonathan Lee throws a pass against Seneca Valley on Sept. 21.**

fans, the Bulldogs intend on not letting their winner's mindset change. According to Lee, Head Coach Joe Allen told the team that there were more important things than being undefeated.

"[Coach Allen] told us that our goal was not to go undefeated, but to win states," Lee said. "He wanted us to know that we need to work harder in practice, learn from our mistakes and build off of this loss."

Though in the end the game was a loss for the Bulldogs, the team made the contest exciting. There were multiple lead changes, huge plays, and enough action to thrill the packed stands of Bulldog and Screaming Eagle fans.

One of the more impressive moments of the game for Churchill was a trick play drawn for running back Juwan Hamelin. The sophomore threw a 23-yard pass to wide receiver Dominique Williams that set up Lee for a 1-yard rushing touchdown. According to Williams, the play had been drawn by up Allen at halftime.

"I am sort of satisfied with how the play turned out because it should have been a touchdown, but they ruled me inches away," Williams said. "We do intend on using the play again, but it will probably be later in the season."

Entering the fourth quarter, things were looking positive for the Bulldogs as Churchill had captured a 15-14 lead. Seneca Valley fought back, however, and scored two touchdowns in the final quarter for the win. According to Screaming Eagles coach Fred Kim, finishing games is something that the team has worked on all season.

"Our kids have been working very hard for this moment," Kim said. "We put a heavy emphasis on finishing everything we do, whether it's a workout, a practice, a game or a season. We even have printed out T-shirts with the word 'Finish' on it."



**Churchill running back Blake Dove carries the ball against Seneca Valley on Sept. 21.**

Seneca Valley senior James Jones-Williams was a big part of that fourth quarter comeback. The running back had 176 rushing yards, and scored the final touchdown for the Screaming Eagles on a 12-yard run to put the visiting team up for good.

"James is a great football player," Kim said about Jones-Williams. "He's been with us on varsity for three years now, and to us he really is a proven player."

Kim praised the Churchill team's effort in the game, and singled out a few players that caught his eye.

"They're a very good football team with



**Malik Harris and the Churchill football team lost to Seneca Valley, 28-22, on Sept. 21.**

some excellent players so it's no surprise that they played a competitive football game," Kim said. "The quarterback [Jonathan Lee] had great poise and efficiency, and was tougher running the ball than we expected. No. 23 [Malik Harris] and No. 2 [Dominique Williams] stood out to me as well."

Though the first loss is always the toughest, there are still six more games left in this season. As Churchill prepares to play Gaithersburg on Saturday, Sept. 29, they will attempt to make the corrections necessary to resume their early dominance.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Whitman Football Shuts Out Springbrook

The Whitman football team defeated Springbrook, 10-0, on Sept. 21, giving the Vikings back-to-back shutouts.

Offensively, Zac Morton carried 29 times for 104 yards. Kevin McGowan completed 11 of 15 passes for 126 yards, one touchdown and an interception. Ben Miltenberg caught two passes for 59 yards and a score.

Whitman will host Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

### Bullis Improves To 4-0

The Bullis football team defeated Avalon, 43-8, on Sept. 22, keeping the Bulldogs undefeated at 4-0.

Bullis will host Bishop McNamara at 7

p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6.

### Wootton Loses To RM

The Wootton football team dropped to 2-2 with a 20-13 loss to Richard Montgomery on Sept. 21. The Patriots will travel to face Walter Johnson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28.

### Churchill Field Hockey Improves to 6-1

The Churchill field hockey team defeated Northwest, 3-0, on Sept. 24, improving the Bulldogs' record to 6-1, including 4-1 in their division.

Churchill's Jenn Shim scored two goals against Northwest.

Churchill will travel to face Wootton at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28.



## PEOPLE

# Corrieanne Stein Wows Audiences

Wootton Junior performs at Olney.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Corrieanne Stein has already performed for a year in the original production of the Broadway play, "Billy Elliott the Musical," acted in the world premiere of "Saving Aimee" at Signature Theatre and is currently rehearsing for the regional premiere of "Over the Tavern" at Olney Theater Center.

She is 16 years old.

The blue-eyed, strawberry blonde first became interested in acting when she auditioned as a 9-year-old for the part of Annie at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville. "My older sister Claire pushed me to try out. She was my role model, because she performed in all the school plays. My mom was a professional dancer and my dad was a professional musician, so I guess it's in the genes," said Corrieanne, the daughter of Sharon and Dan Stein of Rockville.

Corrieanne was awarded the part — and discovered that she loved performing. She is a director's dream since she is skilled at acting, singing and dancing. Her mom, Sharon Stein said, "Corrieanne sang before she talked." She has been studying dance with Dawn Crafton since she was 3 years old, trains in singing at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, takes piano at the International School of Music and has participated in many acting workshops as well as studied acting privately. She also helped her theater teacher, Jessica Speck last year with her summer drama camp.

Her mom said, "We thought she was just interested in acting, but every time she auditioned, the directors told her dad and me, 'She is really good. You need to get her an agent because she will go far.' We hired Linda Townsend Management and when she was in sixth grade, she was called to audition for the original cast of Broadway's 'Billy Elliott the Musical.'"

"I tell everyone 'Be careful what you wish for.' She auditioned and got the part — so she and I re-

cated very quickly to Manhattan so she could start rehearsals. I decided to home school her, because she had to spend so much time rehearsing. Then we had to find a place to live and figure out all the logistics. My husband was so thrilled that Corrieanne would have such an opportunity — we never could have made it work without his support."

"I absolutely loved performing on Broadway," said Corrieanne. "It was the dream of a lifetime. Three-hundred and thirty performances was a pretty grueling schedule, yet it was exciting and fun. I know for certain that I want to continue acting and make it my career." While in the play, she met Elton John, Debbie Reynolds, Elaine Stitch, Robert DeNiro and Tyra Banks. After graduation, she wants to enter a music conservatory and major in voice performance. Her dream role is to play Mama Rose in "Gypsy."

When she is not acting or rehearsing, she is a junior at Thomas Wootton High School where she is in an honor roll student taking AP and Honors classes. She is also in Chamber Choir and Musical Theater classes. She also performs yearly in Wootton Drama productions. Last year she played Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker" and, according to 'Common Sense,' "Stein put on a pow-

erful performance, not only emotionally but visually." As Glinda in "Wizard of Oz," DC Metro Arts said that she was a "standout performer ... was beautifully serene ... an aura of both mystery and approachability."

Another role that she enjoyed was performing a voiceover for the video game "Fallout 3" (GDCA Game of the Year.) She played Betty (a tough talking little girl ... [is] brutal, funny and brilliantly weird and a welcome shift in the game's storyline) according to "AOL Games." She has also made appearances at the Kennedy Center, the Gershwin Theater and the Minskoff Theater in New York City.

Now she is in rehearsals from 3 – 10 p.m. five days a week for the regional premier of "Over the Tavern" at the Olney Theater Center. The play is a heartwarming family comedy about a precocious 12-year-old boy who questions family values — and the Roman Catholic Church. The play will run through Oct. 21. Tickets can be purchased at [www.olneytheatre.org](http://www.olneytheatre.org).



Corrieanne Stein

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### FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

**Fundraiser.** 7-11 p.m. 21 tennis pros from the Washington, D.C. area are lending their names to the "Raising a Racquet for the Troops" fundraiser to support the Yellow Ribbon Fund to help injured service members and their families, at the Georgetown Prep Tennis Club in Rockville. Live and silent auction with gourmet foods. Gala tickets \$200/person or \$300/couple. Visit [www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 2

**Parent Loss Support Group.** 6:30-8 p.m. For adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional

counselors. Tuesdays. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 608 North Horners Lane. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

**Child, Adolescent and Teenager Grief Support Group.** 6 p.m. For age 4 years through teens who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. **Parent/guardian group** meets at the same time. A six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Wednesdays. No meeting Oct. 31. Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

**Hazak Speaker & Lunch: "The President as a Leader."** noon-3 p.m. Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 10621 South Glen Road. Lunchtime discussion with Michael Eric Siegel on his book, "The President as a Leader." Bring a dairy/pareve lunch. Beverages and dessert provided.

Free. Call 301-299-0225.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Pet Connect Rescue Dog Adoption Event.** 10 a.m. - 1p.m. White Flint Plaza PetSmart, 5154 Nicholson Lane. Visit [www.petconnectrescue.org](http://www.petconnectrescue.org)

### MONDAY/OCT. 8

**Montgomery County Civic Federation Meeting.** 7: 45-10 p.m. State Sen. Jamie Raskin summarize state issues, from redistricting to gambling. County Council Senior Legislative Attorney Michael Faden will provide the gist of some controversial county issues. Meet at the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave. Free parking in adjacent County Garage. All County residents and representatives of civic organizations welcome. No admission charge. Visit [www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org).

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## PEOPLE

### My Team



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not literally, of course. Nor am I the coach or the general manager. But I do feel like an owner, in that there are people that I invest in – again not literally, but definitely emotionally. The people who express the kind of positivity and confidence and encouragement – and empathy and understanding quite honestly, of the demands and rigors physically, emotionally and spiritually of being a terminal cancer patient. Aside from my immediate family and inner circle of friends, co-workers, and fellow cancer patients with whom I've connected, I refer to all the people who have sent cards, letters, e-mails and general well-wishes offering their hope, prayers and confidence in yours truly surviving this ordeal. Moreover, there are people I've met along the way: health care providers, therapists, newly diagnosed cancer patients, previously diagnosed cancer patients, individuals who don't know me/don't know my story; whose personality, perspective, enthusiasm and sincerity have empowered me, and who have exuded the kind of positive and uplifting spirit that fuels the passion that a stage IV lung cancer patient tends to lose as the fight for one's own survival continues. To invoke a sports cliché: these are people who are good in the locker room/clubhouse.

These individuals are selfless, dedicated, motivated, caring, concerned, successful, can-do-type positive influences who optimize their optimism and bury their pessimism, especially around a terminal cancer patient. The last thing, the absolute last vibe that a terminal patient needs is negativity, depression, anxiety, worry and stress; internally and equally importantly: externally. I don't need to feel or be influenced by or be in the presence of anybody – or anything, that intentionally or unintentionally (by their nature) brings me down or opens me up to self doubt, or doubt of any kind for that matter. I need to believe. And most importantly, I/we need to be infused with positivity. And I don't mean Stepford Wives-type behavior (robotic, following a script, lacking in substance) either. I mean, the human touch, emotionally certainly and occasionally even physically. In summary, we need a connection, a feeling of togetherness and mutual awareness of the patient's plight and a willingness to face it and dare I say, discuss it together in an intelligent, thoughtful and exuberant-type manner where the highs – in life and in any treatment protocol, are maximized and where the lows are minimized.

The up-and-down-and-all-around existence of a cancer patient who's terminal is already as much negativity (which becomes almost endemic) as one can endure. Therefore, any more negativity from any source in any way/context might just push that patient over his or her emotional edge. An edge which might involve a metaphorical set of finger nails. Who knows really, what the patient's limitations are? We only know who, what, where and when circumstances exacerbate an already precarious position, a position certainly worth avoiding. My team consists of individuals with attitudes that reflect this reality. It may not be for everybody. But it better be for the cancer patient. "I don't know much, but I know that." (Ben Affleck – out of context, from the movie "Good Will Hunting.")

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## Veteran To Visit Wayside Elementary

### Appearance is part of school's Special Needs Awareness Week.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

A Potomac native, former U.S. Army officer and decorated Iraq War veteran will return to the area next week to share a message of acceptance with some local students. Luis Montalván, who sustained both physical and emotional wounds while serving in the military, will speak at Wayside Elementary School in Potomac as part of the school's Special Needs Awareness Week (SNAP).

"We will talk about physical and psychological disabilities and ways in which young people and older people can be supportive of them," said Montalván, a graduate of Potomac's Winston Churchill High School who travels with his service dog, Tuesday. "Tuesday and I are going to discuss and show students some of the ways in which assistance dogs help people. Our intention is to leave students and parents informed and inspired." Montalván wrote "Until Tuesday," a memoir based on his story of healing with the help of his golden retriever Tuesday.

Parents expressed optimism about his visit and the lessons that he will teach.

"He has turned lemons into lemonade and



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Wayside Elementary School students will learn about the challenges of those with disabilities during Special Needs Awareness Week.

touched so many people," said Heather Sachs, one of SNAP's co-founders. Montalván will also give an evening presentation for parents.

School officials say SNAP is a week-long initiative designed to teach Wayside students and their families about the importance of demonstrating sensitivity to others.

"One of the things that I feel really strongly about it [is] the inclusion piece, having [special needs] students included in the regular program with their peers. That is a big part of our community," said Yong-Mi Kim, principal of Wayside Elementary School.

"We want all of our children to be aware of the strengths of everyone. Whether you're a special needs student or a general [education] student, there are strengths that you have and there are also needs."

In addition to Montalván's discussion, the week's schedule includes a disabilities simulation day where students will be able to

test equipment designed to aid those with speech, vision, audio and physical impairments.

"We will have several rooms set up with actual equipment to teach children without challenges what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes," said Sachs, whose daughter Leah has Down syndrome and is a first grade student at Wayside. "For example, there will be a growth motor room where there will be wheel chairs, walker, crutches stations."

Sachs believes the visit from Montalván, the simulation exercises and other awareness activities will promote empathy and understanding of those with disabilities. "Last year, I was at the wheelchair station where we had children wheel up to a table and start writing on a piece of paper with a pencil, and much to their surprise, I took the pencil from them and dropped it on the floor and said, 'How are you going to get your pencil now? You can't get out of the chair? It was difficult.'"

## Bazaar Yields Middle Eastern Flavor

### Volunteers make annual church event possible.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

The sun beamed down from an early autumn sky, making a picturesque backdrop for Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church's 29th annual fall bazaar on Sept. 21-23 in Potomac. The annual event included music, crafts and Middle Eastern food.

"The entire bazaar was a great success," said Barbara Ellis, a member of the bazaar committee. "We even ran out of some of the food. We ran out of stuffed grape leaves on Saturday."

Famous for Middle Eastern fare, the weekend event offered attendees dishes ranging from gyros, stuffed grape leaves, kibbee, taboule salad, falafel and spinach pies. "We were able to offer a diverse flavor of food, crafts and other items," said Susan Fannoney, a member of the bazaar committee.



Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church's 29th annual fall bazaar committee members Rosalie Nahas, Barbara Ellis, Susan Fannoney say the 29th annual event, which included music, crafts and Middle Eastern food, was a success.

The craft offerings ran the gamut from Christmas ornaments made from pasta to vibrantly colored felted scarves and hats. "With the crafts, we never know what we're going to get," said Rosalie Nahas, who has attended the church since 1986. "We ask the community to donate items that they can make."

Another weekend highlight was the music, including a live Arabic music performance on Saturday evening. "The choir also sang a few hymns on Saturday and Sunday afternoon," said Ellis. "We sang for people who might have been curious about our religion."

Their only concern, some bazaar committee members said, is preserving tradition:

"We're worried that there is not going to be other generations to follow in our footsteps," said Nahas. "Most of the work is done by retirees. They make everything in the kitchen by hand. Who else has time to come to church in the middle of the day to roll grape leaves?"

Committee members say sharing their church with the community makes the effort worthwhile.

"The bazaar is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, Nahas said. "The greatest sign that the bazaar was a success is that the committee members spent months working closely together on the bazaar and we're all still speaking with each other now that it's over."



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