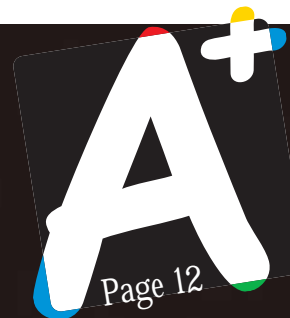


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'Park After Dark' Draws Crowds

Fundraiser benefits C&O Canal National Historical Park.

By Susan Belford
The Almanac

About 230 people came out to the C&O Historic Great Falls Tavern on Saturday, Oct. 13 for a boot-stompin' fun-filled evening of music, dancing, chili with all the fixins', experiential auction items and re-enactments of the Civil War — and all for a good cause. They partied to benefit the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The second annual "Park After Dark" was held on one of Potomac's most beautiful fall evenings. As the party-goers gathered, the sunset burst into an array of colors. Dark settled in and the evening was crisp.

The festivities began with music from the 19th Street Band, grog from the bars, three kinds of chili and plenty of cornbread, brownies, pecan pie and cheesecake. Matt Logan, president of the C&O Canal Trust presented Advisory Board member Jim Norton with the William O. Douglas award for supporting many of the restoration projects along the C&O Canal. Norton is also responsible for launching the C&O Canal Current Initiatives/Catoclin Aqueduct Fund. Logan also saluted the many volunteers who support the vision of the Canal Trust.

Live auction items kept the crowd involved and bidding to support the need of the canal. Each experiential event was bid-up and funds were raised while people anticipated special events that they would be

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Fancy Boots (for the boot-stompin' boogie) sported by Linda Clinch.



Jim Norton accepts the William O. Douglas award from Matt Logan.

Photos by Susan Belford/The Almanac



Sarah and Mike Ulica use the towpath almost every day.



Davey, Jesse and Jennifer Hearn live close to the canal and use it regularly. Davey Hearn is a world champion canoeist and whitewater Olympian.

Gallery To Host Finale Reception for Potomac Days

Potomac Theatre Company to perform songs from "My Fair Lady."

By Susan Belford
The Almanac

Potomac Day is Saturday, Oct. 20 — when the first sounds of the parade commence. Clowns, marching bands, civic organizations, churches and the Potomac Citizen, Youth and Business persons of the year will all be cheered as they ride through the River and Fall Crossroads. There will be a business fair, children's activities, performances, a classic car show, a petting zoo — and it will all be mingled with food and camaraderie.

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The winning bid for "Potomac Days at the Crossroads" by Carol Dyer will be announced Oct. 20, 5-7 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Potomac.

And this year, there's even more to Potomac Days.

Familiar tunes, gorgeous flower arrangements and glorious art will comprise the finale for Potomac Days in an evening event. The Art Gallery of Potomac will host a reception to celebrate the end of this year's

Potomac Days and to announce the winner of the auction for Carol Dyer's "Potomac Days at the Crossroads" original painting. The reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 and is open to the public.

Performers from the Potomac Theatre

Company will be singing songs from their fall musical, "My Fair Lady." The group will be harmonizing the familiar lyrics by Lerner and Low — Broadway hits including "I've Grown Accustomed to her Face," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "On the Street Where You Live," and "Get Me to the Church on Time." The Potomac resident theater company will be performing the play at the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School in Potomac on the weekends of Nov. 16 -18 and Nov. 23 - 25.

"The PTC is 24 years old this year," said Tony Pisarra, president of the Potomac Theatre Company. "We have always performed in Potomac and are thrilled that Bullis has allowed us to use their fine center for our performances. Our community has so much talent. The play will feature outstanding local actors, dancers and singers."

"Twenty-four years ago, the first theater company presented 'The Pirates of See New Finale, Page 7

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Club's Craft Fair Supports 12 Charities

Twenty-five vendors at Metropolitan Community Club's annual event.

By Susan Belford
The Almanac

Looking for that one-of-a-kind gift for a birthday or anniversary? Already making a list for the holidays and beginning the annual hunt for the perfect present? The Metropolitan Community Club Craft Show is the place to head for all those holiday shopping needs. The preview of the show will be Friday, Oct. 26 from 5 – 8 p.m., and the show will run on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road in Potomac (next to Potomac Elementary School.) Arrive early for the best selection.

Twenty-five vendors will be on hand. Hand-made quilts from Stricker Quilts, Kor of the Earth bracelets, natural bath and body lotions from "Scented," pottery from Silverwood Pottery, Gigi Hill Handbags and women's clothing from Ibhana Creations are just a few of the available selections.

Susan Magafan and Joanna Simeone, co-chairs of the Craft Show explain the reason Metropolitan Community Club has held this show for the past seven years: "Our goal is to raise funds for charities in our community. This year we have 12 charities that we are supporting and each organization directly provides services to people within Montgomery County. The charities are



Susan Magafan and Joanna Simeone advertise the Metropolitan Community Club Craft Fair.

Women's Micro-Finance, Team River Runner, Montgomery County Coalition for Adult Literacy, Manna Food Center, A Wider Circle, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Dorothy Day Place, Tree-Mendous Maryland, the Rock Creek Conservancy, Mobile Med, The Fistula Foundation and Transformations of Montgomery County.

Gourmet cook and author Katie Moose will be performing cooking demonstrations as well as signing her latest cookbook, "Chesapeake Bounty II." Moose, an Easton resident was born in Baltimore and is a descendant of the Clagett family who were early Maryland settlers. She has resided in many seaside towns including Annapolis; Newport, R.I. and San Francisco. Moose is the author of numerous cookbooks about regional cuisine.

Barbara Glickman, author of "Capital Splendor: The Gardens and Parks of Washington D.C." will also be on hand to auto-

graph her new book. Glickman is an active member of the Washington, D.C., gardening community and has traveled to gardens around the world. Her book features photos and essays on more than 30 of Washington D.C.'s gardens and garden celebrations.

Home-made Greek cookies and fig jam will also be featured at the fair. Diane Pappas will be offering "Manoli Canoli" Olive Oil as well as honey for sale. There will also be a "New-to-You" sale of gently used home accessories.

The Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County was founded as the Junior Suburban Women's Club in 1974 under the umbrella of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest and oldest volunteer organization of women in the world. When most of the members became 40 years old, they knew it was time to move on as members of a General Club. However, the members wanted to remain together

and thus, in 1988, they reincorporated their club as Metropolitan Community Club. Today the club is still involved in contributing to the community in many ways.

Membership Chairman and Co-Chair Joanna Simeone have been affiliated with Metropolitan Community Club for five years: "Our Metropolitan Community Club membership consists of dynamic women who want to give back to their community. In addition to fundraising, the club focuses on six program areas — the arts, conservation, education, home life, international outreach and public issues. We also have a book club, a sunshine committee and several social activities a year. The club meets in member's homes on the third Wednesday evening of each month from September through May."

Vicki Dorman joined Metropolitan Community Club in 1975. She explains why the organization is an important part of her life: "It's a good feeling that even though we are a small group we made a difference by protecting children's lives or by filling 'first night bags' for women starting their new lives as they enter shelters to escape abusive relationships. I've learned so much through our charities. From the needs of many in Montgomery County — to what we need to do to restore the Bay — to what a difference surgery or loans can make for women in Africa."

"The friendships and the support members provide one another during the ups and downs of life may just be the most important answer to what it means to be a member of MCC. I don't think anyone would stay with an organization for 37 years if there wasn't a special bond with the people in it and the feeling we share when we work together to make a difference for others."

Saving by Going Greener

Company provides data on costs to run common electrical appliances for consumers, now available at Strosniders.

By Ken Moore
The Almanac

When Susan Marinelli wanted a new coffee maker, she also wanted to shop at a local store. When Marinelli walked in to Strosniders, she found tags on display, educating consumers about different appliances and the different amounts of energy each one uses.

"There was all this information in the aisle about how much energy you use and how much it can save you in the long run," Marinelli said. "If folks knew a little bit more about how much energy they are using and how much it costs them they might make different decisions."

Last month, Strosniders Hardware in

Potomac Village teamed up with Savenia Labs, an independent testing laboratory that provides lab tested energy and environmental impact ratings on popular appliances.

"It's like Miles Per Gallon for your appliances," said John Jabara, founder of Bethesda's Savenia Labs. "The ratings give consumers the information on how much products cost to run."

Many appliances cost more to run in energy costs than their purchase price, according to Jabara. Savenia Labs reports that many coffeemakers cost over \$500 to run over a 5-year lifetime, while energy saving models can cost about \$30.

Kim Cuthbert, of Strosniders, is starting to get a sense of what's coming off the shelf, she said. While some consumers don't mind

that appliances cost more to run, "others are interested in appliances that save money," she said. "We stay current and open to new philosophies."

Jabara thought it was strange that there was no energy usage or environmental impact information available to consumers on the vast majority of the world's most popular electrical appliances. He founded his Bethesda company in 2009 to provide such answers.

He calls it a "win-win situation" for consumers, retailers, the environment, and manufacturers in the long run.

"There's a magic moment that happens, it's about education," said Jabara at the unveiling last month. "With small changes ... we can have a huge impact in energy dependency in the future."

Cuthbert said, "Whether people are interested in green money or green environment, consumers are more aware of their pocketbook and their impact on the environment."

County Council President Roger Berliner sent his staff to the launching last month.



John Jabara, founder of Savenia Labs, thought consumers should have access to information about environmental impacts and energy consumption when they buy electrical appliances.

Marinelli hopes such information continues to expand.

"Anything you need to plug in, it's great information to have," said Marinelli.

"I hope many stores adopt it. If they get to the Macy's and to the Bed Bath and Beyonds, then, oh my goodness," she said.

Students Get Involved in Upcoming Election

Educators use current election to teach students about campaigns and elections.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Almanac

How would you change the current tax situation and, at the same time, address the larger issue of our national debt? Do you believe it is the government's job to provide health care for all citizens? Why or why not?

Would you approve the Keystone pipeline and what other changes would you make to help make the U.S. energy independent, while also protecting the environment?

Sound like questions that belong in a presidential debate? These are inquiries written by Advanced Placement government students at Alexandria, Va.'s St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and they're just some of the local students getting involved in this year's election. From mock debates to in-school voter registration, some local educators are using the upcoming election to bring American government books to life.

"[Students in] ninth through 12th grade are holding a student debate between the Peoples' Democratic Front and the Young Conservatives, and then will hold a mock election after the debate," said Linda Stratton, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' director of communications. Stratton said the students prepared questions to introduce the four debate topics: health care, the economy, foreign policy, and energy and environment.

"The AP government class will be predicting the Electoral College result of the presidential race and the overall make-up of the House and Senate," she added.

Students at the Potomac School in McLean, Va. used social media to simulate a real campaign. "Students put together a mock

Facebook profile for a selected candidate," said Jenni Ashley, an intermediate school humanities teacher at the school. "To explore the issues, students researched the two candidates, particularly their websites and their positions on the issues.

"The majority of my students are 12. I would say that all of the students knew the candidates and had some idea of who they are. However, they were quite uninformed on the issues," she added, saying the election provides an opportunity to explore these issues.

Her students are learning about campaign issues in preparation for a pre-Election Day mock debate. "We will start to explore how the candidates are trying to win the election," said Ashley. "We are going to discuss the effectiveness of yard signs and create our own signs. And we will explore TV ads, both current and from past elections."

IN FACT, TEACHERS SAY mock debates are a way to teach students about elections and current events in way that keeps them engaged.

"A few days before the election, the [middle school] history department is hosting a mock debate that will

lay out all of the issues of the election," said Stratton of students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes. "On Election Day, they will set up polling places throughout the school where students will vote on issues." While the students will not

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Fourth graders at Norwood School in Bethesda gather around the school's lower school election table to answer the "Question of the Day."

Photo courtesy of Norwood School

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able to experience with friends and family. These included the “Rocky Mountain High” – a 7-night trip for four to Estes Park, Colo., “Georgetown to Old Town: A Get-away for Two” – two nights at the Ritz Carlton Georgetown and a roundtrip cruise from Georgetown to Old Town, Alexandria, “Kayak the Rapids with a World Champion” – a kayak adventure with world champion Davey Hearn, “Antietam to Shepherdstown: A Civil War Overnight” – a morning tour of Antietam followed by lunch and conversation with Nicholas Redding at the historic Ferry Hill Place, dinner at The Press Room and an overnight at the Bavarian Inn, “Wine and War: A Conversation with Tim Snyder” – wine, cheese and conversation with Civil War author Tim Snyder and an overnight in a lock house, and “Come Sail Away for a Day” – a day on a sailing yacht which included breakfast, lunch and drinks. All of the auction items were sold for a total of nearly \$12,000, plus another \$15,300 were raised in donations toward the Canal Trust’s newest fundraising initiative to support education programs in the park. Total results were not yet available. Sarah and Mike Ulica attended for the first time. “We use the canal every day,” said Sarah Ulica. “I ride my bike or walk on it, and my husband likes it because he can ride his horse on the canal — and he even bikes to work on it. We are happy to support the canal because we want to continue to enjoy this wonderful park.”

Linda Clinch added, “I run on it and truly enjoy its ever-changing beauty. Park After Dark is such a unique event and I am proud to be a part of it.”

The Silent Auction featured a paddleboarding adventure, a Potomac River cruise and dinner, a party for 20 on the Mercer Canal Boat, wine tasting with local wine expert Scott Greenberg, skeet shooting at Actor’s Hill Farm in Keedysville, Md. and two framed photos of the Canal. The crowd was thrilled by the silent auction items, and was actively competing for each selection. Another crowd-pleaser was the fire-pit where party-goers could rest their tired feet and spin yarns about the evening. Barbara Brown serves as a volunteer on the canal bike patrol. She has also performed in “Life and Death” which takes place on the canal.

Davey, Jennifer and Jesse Hearn were also happy to attend the



Barbara Brown and Linda Clinch.



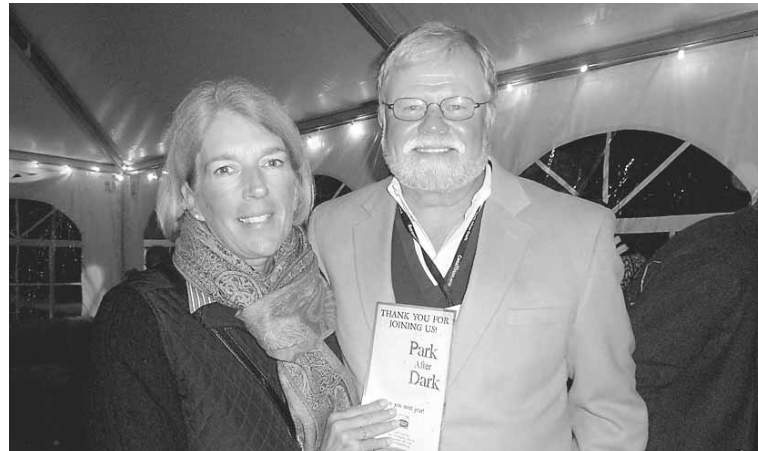
On display, items a re-enactor carries with him.

event and to support the Canal Trust. “It is just amazing how they recreated the 1860s,” said Jennifer Heran. Davey Hearn was an Olympic kayaker who currently teaches kayaking. He donates a kayaking lesson to the silent auction every year. “Our entire family uses the park, especially the white water, said Davey Hearn. “Last year I took a group of six out to Riley’s Lock — and we really had a great time. I’m looking forward to this year’s group.”

Re-enactors set down their bed-rolls and proceeded to tell stories of their Civil War experiences. Chris Fisher of Gettysburg displayed surgical instruments and explained that medicine took great strides during the Civil War: “Doctors learned a great deal about anesthesia, removing limbs and caring for the wounded. One of the most renowned doctors of the Civil War was Dr. Letterman. He realized patients were either waking up during surgery or dying from the amount of anesthesia that was given to them. He studied the science and learned controlling the dosage and only administering a specific amount — a new concept for that time.” Re-enactor Buddy



Churchill High School student Kyle Solomon volunteered to help with the event.



Canal Trust board member Mike Mitchell and his wife Sue.



The 19th Street Band rocked.

Mellor of Westminster, Md. brought what the typical soldier would carry with him to war. This included some paper books, a game of checkers, cribbage or cards, a Bible and a cherished photo or two. He would also carry a change of socks, a warm blanket and some “long-johns.” A typical backpack with a musket would weigh 60 pounds. “A soldier had to be in good physical shape,” he said. “I tried marching with a full

backpack for 50 miles and it got to be really heavy. The average weight for a man during the 1860s was only 160, so he carried almost 1/3 of his body weight.”

Last year, Park After Dark raised \$58,000 for the canal. With government funds being cut, private support for this local resource in the backyard of Potomac is needed. To sign up to volunteer or to give a donations, go to www.CanalTrust.org.

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New Finale for Potomac Day

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Penzance.' We were a very low budget group then — the costumes were all made by volunteers. My mom, Elie Pissarra-Cain and other local Potomac citizens were extremely committed to making it all happen — and now it has continued on for 24 years."

The gallery reception will also feature flower arrangements created to enhance this month's featured artists, Terri Cunningham, Carol Dyer and Susan Gibbs. These creative arrangements will be designed by members of the Country Gardener's Garden Club, Potomac's oldest garden club. Each arrangement will be created in the style of the artwork on the walls. According to member Elie Pissarra-Cain, "The group members are active gardeners who have donated their time and talents for years to keep Potomac beautiful. For a long time, we maintained the gardens in the median areas of the Crossroads and in front of Mitch and Bill's and the other merchants. It has long been our labor of love as well as our service to the community."

"We hope everyone from the Potomac community and near-by areas will attend the parade and the activities — and then return for the reception," said Pissarra-Cain. "Volunteers are needed to come before the parade to help with organization. This is an exciting year with many new additions. The performance stage, the booths, the children's activities — and now the reception will top off the evening. The Art Gallery of Potomac features the art of extremely talented local artists — and we are proud that the entire community is coming together for this event."

One highlight of the evening will be naming the

winner of the auction for Dyer's painting. Bidders have had the opportunity to bid on the painting since Sept. 4 — the only one she has painted of the historic crossroads as it appeared at the turn of the century. Prints will be available of this painting at the gallery.

Visit the Art Gallery of Potomac at 9945 Falls Road in Potomac (behind the Verizon Store and next to Big Wheel Bikes) for the Octo. 20 reception from 5 – 7 p.m.

Also, save the date to attend Potomac Theatre Company's "My Fair Lady" on the weekends on Nov. 16 – 18 and 25 – 27. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by calling 301-299-8571.

Meet Curious George

Friends of the Library, Potomac chapter, are hosting free family events on Potomac Day, Oct. 20, at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive:

❖ 1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. Meet Curious George. Individual photo opportunity; parents should bring their cameras. Each child will receive one free gently used donated book and a Curious George bookmark.

❖ 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Kay Dee Puppets will perform "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Jack and The Beanstalk."

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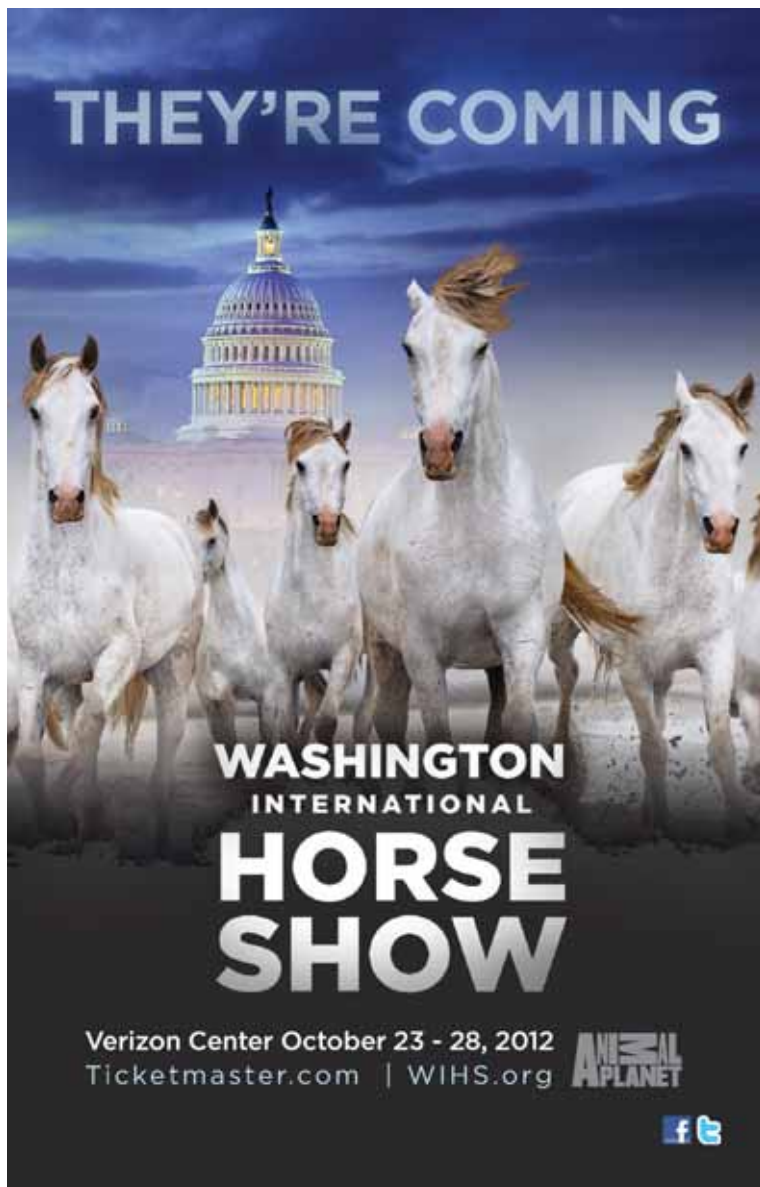


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ANIMAL PLANET



Children at play during Potomac Day 2011.



Scary creature out and about at Potomac Day 2011.

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Potomac Day

Potomac Day's 30th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. Free children's rides and more, sponsored by Potomac Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.potomacchamber.org.

Pumpkin decorating and life sized-scarecrow making; interactive activities and games for kids; moonbounces, face painting and balloon twister; band, sidewalk sales and food

giveaways. And first 100 flu shots are free at Rite Aid. At Potomac Place Shopping Center located at the intersection of Falls and River roads, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m., join in an interactive, current retelling double-feature of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" with the Kaydee Puppets. For children age 3 and up, and their families. No registration required but seating is limited.

Calendar

Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

Book Club. 1 p.m. Adult book discussion. "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway. The 2012 "One Maryland, One Book" selection. Books available at the Circulation Desk. No registration required. New members welcome.

Kevin Dudley with Ralph Gordon & Rickie Simpkins. 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets: \$15. The art of songwriting and the roots of Americana music come together. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Strathmore Afternoon Tea. 1 p.m. The Tea Room is having their third annual Octoberfest with a "German Tea." Celebrate with Authentic German music and traditional fare. \$28 per person (Stars Price \$25.20). Pre-paid, non-refundable reservations required. Call 301-581-5108. Vegetarian meals are not available. At The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Guido's Ear. 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets \$30. By exploring early forays into purely instrumental music and the vocal and dance tradition from which it emerged, Guido's Ear features Claudio Monteverdi: Prologue from Orfeo, Dario Castello: Sonata Quarta a 2 Soprani and more. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Lecture Series. 11:30 a.m. Donna Britt, a "Washington Post" columnist and author, will kick off the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County's annual Literary Luncheon Lecture Series at Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike. Britt will discuss her most recent work, "Brothers (& Me): A Memoir of Loving and Giving." Book signing and luncheon follow at

Night and Day: Celebrate Fall

Montgomery Parks is offering two family-friendly events on the weekend of Oct. 20-21: Locust Grove Nature Center's Nocturnal Neighbors Festival and the annual Fall Apple Festival at Brookside Nature Center.

On Oct. 20 from 5-8 p.m., visitors to Locust Grove Nature Center in Bethesda can enjoy the crisp evening air as they discover the secret world of nature at night. Animal experts will spin "tails of the night" as they introduce a few live nocturnal animals that share the neighborhood. Following a twilight hike through the woods and nighttime-themed crafts and games, guests can enjoy a toasty treat around the campfire ring. Course number #213700

The autumn celebrations continue on Sunday, Oct. 21 when Brookside Nature Center in Wheaton hosts its annual Fall Apple Festival. From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., apples, apples, apples and more apples will take center stage. Visitors can taste an apple in all forms, hand-pressed into cider or dipped in gooey caramel to rolled into a flaky turnover or just plain natural, sweet and crunchy. On-going crafts, games, demonstrations and apple-lore round out this delightful, tasty event. Course number #209849

Locust Grove Nature Center is located at 7777 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda. Visit www.LocustGroveNature.org or call 301-765-8660.

Brookside Nature Center is located at 1400 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Visit www.BrooksideNature.org or call 301-962-1400.

Both festivals require registration at www.ParkPASS.org under Special Events; admission for each event is \$5 per person.

12:30 p.m. Books available for purchase. Tickets \$10-\$21. Call 240-777-0020 or visit www.folmc.org.

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, or at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

A State of The Union Conversation: Fran Lebowitz and Frank Rich. 8 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln. Tickets \$45-\$70. Cultural satirist Fran Lebowitz and writer Frank Rich engage in an onstage conversation centered around current themes as the presidential election race roars on, with discussion of what is at stake, timely issues and more. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

OCT. 19 THROUGH NOV. 12

Free Photography Exhibition. Featuring photographers Huguette Roe, Michael Horan and Matthew Entwistle. All are Photo Slam award winners. Opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. Gallery talk on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. At Photoworks Gallery is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Gallery hours are Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and Sundays from 1-8 p.m. Call 301-634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Potomac Day. 30th Anniversary Celebration. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parade, 10:30 a.m., Potomac Village. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. Free children's rides and more, sponsored by Potomac Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.potomacchamber.org
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double-feature of “Jack and the Beanstalk” and “The Three Billy Goats Gruff.” For children age three and up and their families. No registration required but seating is limited.

Free Community Events on Potomac Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Pumpkin decorating and life sized-scarecrow making; interactive activities and games for kids; moonbounces, face painting and balloon twister; band, sidewalk sales and food giveaways. And first 100 flu shots are free at Rite Aid. At Potomac Place Shopping Center located at the intersection of Falls and River roads.

Free Workshop: Learning about Your New Dog. Your Dog's Friend Training Center, 12221 Parklawn Drive, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. An expert trainer will discuss common issues new dog adopters face. Leave your dog at home. Register at www.yourdogsfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. 2 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Tickets \$18-\$48. Anarchic, funny and versatile, this “orchestra” transforms iconic works from Beethoven to The Who and Isaac Hayes in a collision of post-punk performance, toe-tapping oldies and classical canon. Concert-goers can bring a uke and join a strum-along with the artists during the concert. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Jazz Vocal Intensive: Scat Singing 101. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Join an exploration of the improvisational technique known as scatting. Start with

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BSO: Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. 8 p.m. This concert will run approximately 120 minutes

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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.

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9:45 a.m. Parade Lineup Deadline
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Spectators should plan to arrive before 10 a.m. road closures
10:30 a.m. Potomac Day Parade Kicks Off
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❖ Business Person of the Year, **Dr. Gerald L. Boarman**, Head of Bullis School
❖ Charity of the Year, **McPAW**, Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-being, www.mc paw.org

The People of the Year will be featured in the Potomac Day Parade on Potomac Day, Oct. 20, and honored at an awards banquet at Normandie Farm Restaurant, Nov. 15, 2012, 6-9 p.m.
For more information, see www.potomacchamber.org or email Jennifer@potomacpizza.com, 301-299-2170.



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Elections Come to Area Schools

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vote on actual candidates, they will receive "I voted" stickers.

Stratton added that the history department is sponsoring a "March Madness"-style contest to see which student can most accurately predict the results of the Electoral College and Senate races.

At Norwood School in Bethesda even kindergarten students are becoming politically active. "Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will be asked a "Question of the Day" relating to the election process in general and the presidential election specifically," said Leanne Gill, Norwood's director of communications. "The questions will be on display on an election table situated at the entrance to the lower school library."

Students write their answer on a piece of paper and place them in a box. The number of correct answers is posted each morning. "The goal ... is to provoke discussion and provide new information about the election process for our younger students," she said.

The school is holding a "Norwood School Voter Registration Week" prior to the Nov. 6 election. "As students attend library class, they will be given the opportunity to register as citizens of Norwood School," said Gill. "On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we will hold our own Norwood presidential election."

Students will also receive an "I voted" sticker af-

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Photo courtesy of Norwood School

Third grader Ainsley Ganti answers the "Question of the Day" at the lower school election table at Norwood School, Bethesda.

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Learning about Elective Politics

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ter casting their ballots and teachers hope to announce the results of the Norwood election before the end of Election Day. "Throughout the weeks leading up to the election, the library will showcase a display of books about elections, presidents, and government," she added.

In addition, teachers asked Norwood seventh and eight grade students to watch at least 20 minutes of each presidential debate. "The school is holding 'Election Days' after each debate when we discuss the debate and other issues related to the elec-

tion," said Gill.

SOME STUDENTS SAY the lessons on political culture and good citizenship can extend beyond the election. "When you are running for President, it doesn't matter who you are — black or white, man or woman — it just matters that you work hard and do a good job," said Julius Camper, a fourth grade student at Norwood School.

Asma Poshni, also a fourth grade student at Norwood added: "Even though there are two people running in the election, none are bad. Both can do a good job."

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— **Rich Moss**, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

"Find out when each school is having open houses or other events that help you get to know the program. Some schools have a limited number of these 'get to know you' events. If you miss them, you can still visit and tour the programs, but you will sometimes have missed the one opportunity to also meet faculty and talk with a variety of students and volunteers. Remember, your child spends the majority of her or his waking hours at school. You should want to get to know as much as you can about the schools you are interested in, this is the time to do that."

— **Pat Harden**, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac.

"Each school has its own mission and community. It's important to experience the school to get an accurate picture. Can you envision your child and family there?"

— **Diane Dunning**, director of

admission and financial aid, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

"Track your application progress. Online systems are great and usually very efficient, but if you've not heard back from a

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Real Estate

A Finishing Touch

**Local designers share tips
for choosing finishes when
remodeling a kitchen.**

By Marilyn Campbell
The Almanac

When remodeling a kitchen, choosing finishes such as countertop materials and paint colors can be daunting for some. Design experts say there are a few guidelines that can simplify the process.

"It is most important to start with your idea of the overall look of the kitchen," said Lea Allen, of Hopkins and Porter a residential architecture design and build firm based in Potomac. "It doesn't have to be specific, just an overall look. For example, bright and sunny, dark and calm, modern or traditional, those kinds of generalities."

The style that one is trying to achieve can guide the material selection. "Some people will decide on materials by going to a stone yard, looking at slabs and falling in love with one. That is one way to choose," said Allen. "But if you have a look in mind – say a white kitchen – look at all the options for white counter tops rather than overwhelming yourself with hundreds of different kinds of counter top materials. That will help you narrow down the options."



Photo courtesy of Aidan Design

When designing this Potomac kitchen, Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design used "a mix of painted white cabinets paired with a very dark stain on cherry. I think what people like about that look is that it helps to break the kitchen up a little bit," she said.

When Nadia N. Subaran of Aidan Design began remodeling the kitchen of a Potomac home recently, she kept an image in mind. "In this particular kitchen, we wanted something that had a little bit more of a masculine feel as part of the design aesthetic," she said.

Thinking about how the kitchen will be used can help direct the process of selecting cabinetry, countertops, and flooring. Durability was a key con-

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"Hey Beez; Beez, It's Me"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It was my father all right – in a dream. Standing five feet away, approximately, in a well-lit, local convenience store with which I am extremely familiar. This was no case of mistaken identity. Besides, he was wearing those blue, terrycloth shorts of his that my mother always hated. So yes, I called out to him, surprised as I was to see him, locally as it were.

It's been nearly six years since my father died. But this was the first time (of the half-dozen or so dreams I've had in which my father was present) where he did not respond to me, either verbally or physically (we've actually touched in a couple of dreams). Mostly, we've exchanged pleasantries, looks, awareness and/or acknowledgment of one another. This dream, however, offered no such comfort. It was him. It was me. But it wasn't us.

Disconcerting, unsettling, disappointing; depressing if you want to know the truth. I woke up thinking that whatever connection we had maintained since the his death in early December, 2006 had been severed somehow. Not that we spoke regularly since his passing, or that I ever had a sense of his spiritual hand guiding me, but I did feel he was sort of aware of who I was/what I was doing. Oh sure, I visit his grave site and update him – and my mother of course, on what's happening in my life, but never had I heard back, so to speak, except in the occasional dream where although nothing of substance was ever discussed or any references/inquiries made acknowledging my graveside utterances, I always felt looked after, you know what I mean?

But now, since this last dream, maybe I don't feel so "looked after." And so what? So who knows? Maybe six years is the median length of time after a loved one dies when the spiritual connection fades? Maybe six years is a world record for such relationships and maybe the next dream which includes my father will be different and my father will be cracking some of the same Henny Youngman jokes back to me that I regularly – and repeatedly, said to him after his second stroke left him semi unresponsive? He could never remember the jokes or remember hearing them, so every visit (every other day; my brother and I alternated days), I would start our visit by saying: "Hey Beez, I just came back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport." Smile, laughter. "Hey Beez, do you know I've been in love with the same woman for 30 years? If my wife finds out, she'll kill me." Bigger smile. More laughter. "Hey Beez, I just came back from the doctor; he gave me six months to live. I told him I couldn't pay his bill. He gave me another six months." "Yeah, I know that one," he'd mumble. And on and on I'd go for as long as he laughed.

We had multiple connections: sports, humor, both salesmen, words (he loved crossword puzzles); and we all got along and enjoyed spending time together. However, in this last dream, although we were together, it felt like we were apart. A part of me has accepted it and moved on; and a part of me, as reflected in this column, hasn't.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Cabin John Shopping Center Fall Festival. 1-3 p.m. Intersection of Tuckerman Lane and Seven Locks Road in Potomac.

Visit www.shopcabinjohn.com, email info@shopcabinjohn.com or call 240-779-8000.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. Join for a Waltz Dance at Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, featuring the ensemble Cabaret Sauvignon playing a mix of folk waltzes. Admission for the lesson and dance is \$10. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or visit <http://www.waltztimedances.org/> or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

“Finding The Exclusive Life Talk.”

Featuring Tom Miles, a Presbyterian minister for 61 years. Contact the Potomac Presbyterian Church secretary, Jeanne Grillo at 301-299-6007 or email admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

Concert. 3 p.m. The Bach Sinfonia will perform George Frideric Handel’s Music for the Royal Fireworks and Concerto Grosso in D Minor, Op. 3, No. 5 as well as works by the next generation of English composers — Charles Avison, Capel Bond and William Boyce. Cultural Arts Center at Silver Spring Montgomery College located at 7995 Georgia Ave. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for seniors 60+, \$15 for students, free for 14 under. Order online at www.bachsinfonia.org or call 301-362-6525.

Washington Family Dance. 3-5 p.m. In the Bumper Car Pavillion at Glen Echo Park. Admission is \$5 for ages 4 and older. No dancing experience is necessary. The dances are taught for ages 4 and up. Visit www.fsgw.org, or contact Penelope Weinberger at dance@fsgw.org or 301-315-9461.

THROUGH OCT. 21

Bone Builders. Every Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. Exercise class for adults led by trained volunteers. Incorporates balance and weight training proven to increase bone density. Must attend both classes each week. Wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Class size limited. Free. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Call Shawn Brennan 240-777-1350.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

Preschool Fair. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sponsored by Moms Club of Potomac. Approximately 40 preschools from the Potomac, Rockville, Bethesda, Chevy Chase and surrounding areas will be represented. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Free. Children welcome. Contact Rori Grabel at esinks@yahoo.com.

An Evening With David Sedaris. 8 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln. Tickets \$48-\$58. David Sedaris skewers social mores, serving up commentary on NPR. He will read some of his favorite works and takes questions from the audience. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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Strathmore Afternoon Tea. 1 p.m.



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Family Fun Festival

Cabin John Shopping Center & Mall presents a free festival of family fun on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 1-3 p.m. with horse-drawn hay rides, scarecrow-making, face painting, entertainment, and more at the Cabin John Halloween Howl. Children can dress in costume and go trick-or-treating inside at Cabin John Mall retailers. Free and open to all, rain or shine. Cabin John Center & Mall is located at the intersection of Seven Locks Road and Tuckerman Lane. Visit www.shopcabinjohn.com, email info@shopcabinjohn.com, or call 240-453-3000.

The sounds of local musicians fill the room as you enjoy afternoon tea in The Shapiro Music Room at Strathmore. Vegetarian meals not available. \$23 per person (Stars Price \$20.70). Pre-paid, non-refundable reservations required. Call 301-581-5108. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Visit www.strathmore.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

Songwriters Association of Washington: Best of SAW Showcase. 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets: \$15. The SAW Showcase supports the tradition of songwriting and the diverse talents contributing to the region’s aural landscape—from emerging artists to veterans of the road. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Art, Henna, and Wine. 7-10 p.m. Starts with a printmaking experience with Lisa Murphy, then moves to a demonstration and hands-on workshop on traditional henna patterns. Inspired by a highlights tour of Strathmore’s exhibit, Skin, have your hands painted with temporary henna tattoos painted by artist Bhavna Naik. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Strathmore’s series Storied Strings: The Violin in America. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m.-midnight. Admission is \$15. One-hour lesson from 8 to 9 p.m. With the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Visit www.tomcunningham.com/calendar.

Zydeco Dance Party. 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Dancing by the Bayou presents Zydeco dancing with Sammy Naquin & Big Easy Zydeco at in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Admission is \$15. No partner required. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or visit www.DancingbytheBayou.com. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Art For Paws. 7-10 p.m. Huckleberry Fine Art Gallery, 12051 Nebel St. Art reception, sale, and raffle to benefit Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being. Refreshments served. Free. Email mcpawrsvp@gmail.com to register.

Truck Touch. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Suburban Nursery School has assembled a ton of trucks for kids (and adults) to explore and touch. Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Suburban Nursery School. The event will be held at 7210 Hidden Creek Rd. \$5 per person; children under 2 free. Rain or shine. Visit www.suburbannurseryschool.org.

Symposium: Unified Elements of Tattooing. 2 p.m. Join Paul Roe of British Ink on H Street for a symposium on the art of the tattoo — from ancient Egypt to the present day — in the music room of the mansion. Free. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Night At the Mansion. 7-10 p.m. Drop teens ages 11-14 by for an evening of fun: workshops in printmaking and temporary henna tattoos, special snacks, and a super scavenger hunt that takes in parts of the Skin exhibition. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

BSO: Mozart and Brahms. 8 p.m. Brahms’ breathtaking Double Concerto is tailor-made for BSO principals Jonathan Carney and Dariusz Skoraczewski. Hear one of Mozart’s great symphonies, No. 35, the “Haffner.” The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Celebration Night. 5:30-10:30 p.m. VisArts will commemorate its 25th anniversary with a celebration recognizing the many artists, instructors, partners and collaborators integral to its success in the past and the promise of its future. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call/email Alice Nappy at 301-315-8200 or anappy@visartscenter.org.

Nuno Scarf Workshop. 1-4 p.m. Join local fiber artist Bev Thomas for a three hour nuno felt scarf class. Nuno felt is a fabric made by felting together wool and light weight fabrics, such as silk or cotton. \$90. VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Visit www.visartscenter.org to register.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY/OCT. 27 & 28

CityDance: Christopher K. Morgan & Artists - Spiraling. 8 p.m. on Oct. 27; 3 p.m. on Oct. 28. CityDance’s Resident Company Christopher K. Morgan & Artists will present Spiraling, featuring Morgan’s “forward thinking choreography.” The performances will be followed by a discussion with the artists. Approximately 80 minutes. The

Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

“Explorations” Plein Air and Studio Paintings. noon-6 p.m. Maryland artist Ray Burns will present his plein air and studio paintings featuring landscapes and townscapes from a variety of locations in Montgomery and Frederick counties. The exhibit will be held at the Yellow Barn Gallery. Call 301-371-5593, or the National Park Service, Glen Echo, at 301-492-6229. See some of Ray’s work at www.raymondburnsart.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

Billy Collins & Mary Oliver. 3 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Tickets \$45-\$75. Billy Collins and Mary Oliver will share personal favorites and iconic writings from their notebooks. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Dali Quartet (family performance). 3 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets \$18. Families will learn various rhythmic patterns, dance steps and the origin of many of these genres and how they relate to and influence Western classical music. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Dali Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets \$32. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Haunted House. 4-6 p.m. The Clara Barton Community Center will hold its sixth annual Haunted House at Cabin John, 7425 MacArthur Blvd. Appropriate for 12 and under. Parents should accompany young ones. No charge for entry. Refreshments will be served, and small gift items will be handed out to kids. For adults, a small, separate section will feature frightening things. Call 240-777-4910 or visit www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 30

WPAS: Andras Schiff, piano. 8 p.m. This performance is made possible through the generous support of Betsy and Robert Feinberg. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

Family Halloween Party. 4 p.m. A “slightly spooky” storytime for preschoolers and their families. Wear costumes as there will be a costume parade. No registration required.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY/OCT 30 & 31

Haunted Tea Party. 1 p.m. Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the cozy atmosphere of The Shapiro Music Room at Strathmore. \$28 per person (Stars Price \$25.20). Pre-paid, non-refundable reservations required. Call 301-581-5108. Vegetarian meals are not available. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5200 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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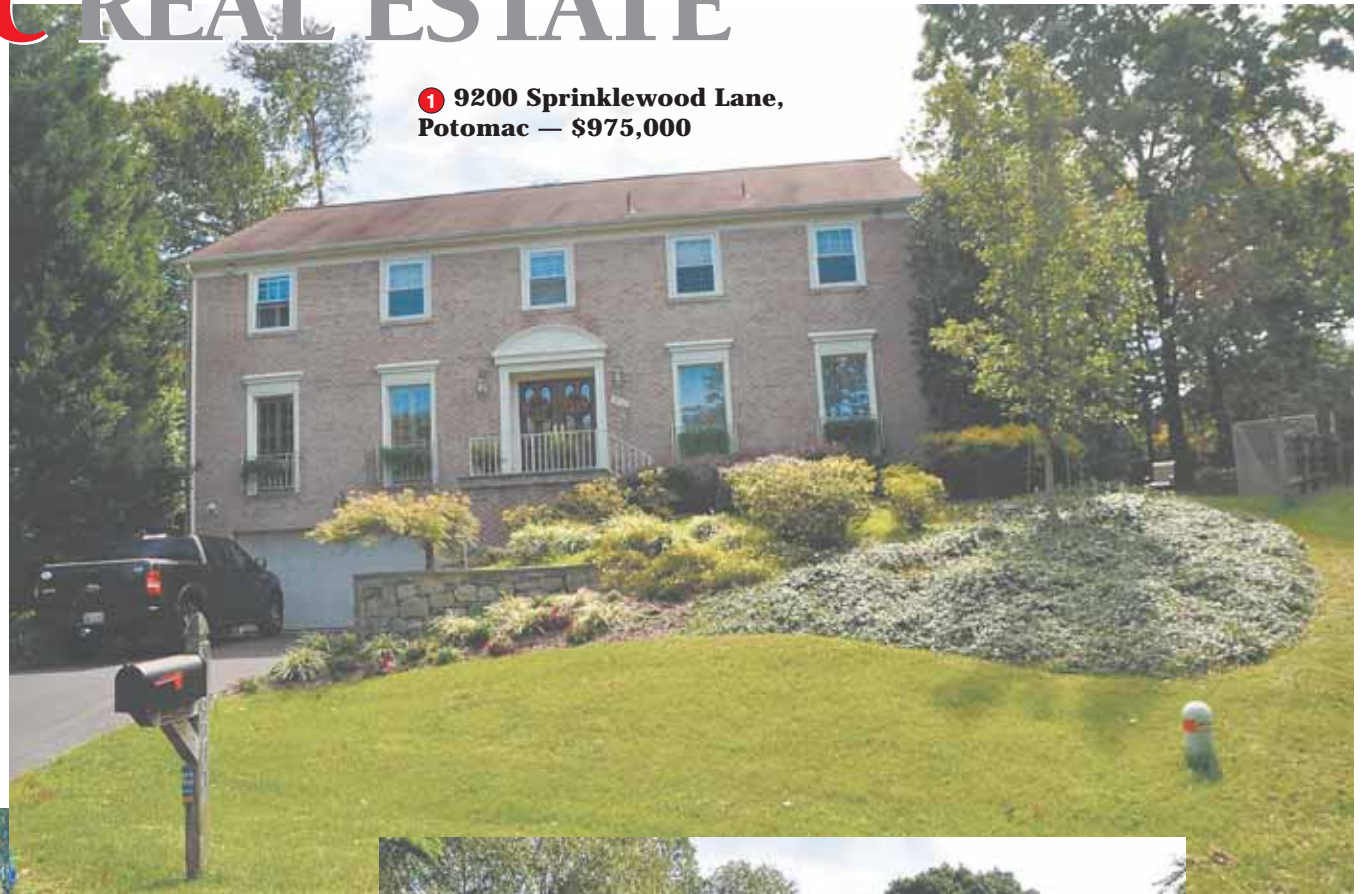
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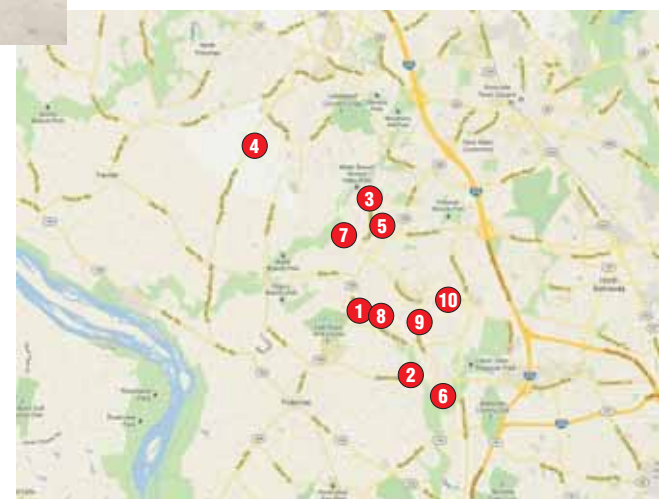
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Bullis Field Hockey Beats St. Stephen's & St. Agnes

Senior captain Walker scores game's lone goal.

By Jon Roetman
The Almanac

Bullis senior captain Idrienne Walker stood on the sideline and encouraged her teammates during the final minutes, a yellow card having reduced her role from playmaker to cheerleader in the Bulldogs' Oct. 11 field hockey contest against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

Walker would call the experience "grueling." But thanks to her first-half goal and a strong finish by her teammates, she was able to celebrate when it was over.

Walker's goal with 4:21 remaining in the first half gave Bullis a lead it wouldn't relinquish and the Bulldogs defeated the Saints, 1-0, at Bullis School. Both teams entered the contest undefeated in the Independent School League and ranked in the Washington Post's top 10. Bullis defeated St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, historically one of the Washington, D.C. metro area's top programs, for the second straight season, improved its overall record to 10-0 and seized control of first place in the ISL.

After the game, fans rushed onto the field to help the Bulldogs celebrate their victory.

"I just feel like they should be so proud of themselves," seventh-year Bullis head coach Julie Delinsky said. "The Saints are an incredibly strong team. I respect them a lot. It obviously feels the best when you beat a really good team, so that's sort of how I feel right now. I'm really proud of them because we spent a lot of years getting to the point to be able to play them competi-



Photo by Harvey Levine/The Almanac

Bullis senior Idrienne Walker scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Oct. 11.

tively — and then win. It's a great step for Bullis field hockey."

Bullis defeated St. Stephen's last season, 3-2, but didn't play well after. Delinsky said the pressure that comes with beating a successful team like the Saints was too much for the Bulldogs to handle as the 2011 season progressed.

"It was kind of the worst thing that happened to us when we beat them last year," she said. "We beat them earlier in the season and I think we just didn't know what to do with that pressure. It was such a surprise. We were kind of used to being the underdog, so when we beat them, other teams are going, oh wait, we've got to take them seriously."

This season, Walker said the undefeated Bulldogs have learned from their mistakes of last year.

"I think that this year we understand that you can't always be like, oh yeah, we're

undefeated," she said. "At one point, you could be defeated — at any point, [by] any team. We lost to Sidwell [Friends last year after] we beat the Saints. It could happen at any moment and I think that we realize that now and we take every game seriously"

According to stats on the Washington Post Web site, Walker led Bullis with eight goals and eight assists through 10 games.

"I really just love her as a kid," Delinsky said. "I'm so proud of her. She has always had the talent, but the leadership [is now there, as well]. She was so young with that talent, so it's just been really nice to see her become a leader and lead the team. She puts it on her shoulders and I'm glad she does because it was what made the difference today."

Bullis junior Jane Beightol had seven goals and five assists through 10 games, according to the Post's Web site. Senior cap-

tain Jordan Sullivan had six goals and five assists, senior Alessandra Clark had five goals and senior captain Colette Roa had four goals and seven assists. Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Holliday had 35 saves.

Bullis hosted Good Counsel on Tuesday, after The Almanac's deadline. The Bulldogs will host Holy Cross at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, and play road games against Sidwell Friends, National Cathedral and Potomac School before the start of the ISL tournament.

"I'm really proud of them because we spent a lot of years getting to the point to be able to play [St. Stephen's & St. Agnes] competitively — and then win. It's a great step for Bullis field hockey."

— Bullis field hockey coach Julie Delinsky

"I think you have to accept the pressure and you have to come from a place of no fear," Delinsky said. "You have to want it so bad that you're not afraid of what it could mean to lose and that can't enter into your mind. We've spent a lot of time this year being mentally prepared because it's hard when you have to learn a lesson from a whole season — a hard lesson. These girls are pretty set on not repeating that."



Photo by Harvey Levine/The Almanac

Running back Malik Harris, seen earlier this season, and the Churchill football team defeated Walter Johnson on Oct. 12.

Sports Briefs

Bullis Football Remains Undefeated

The Bullis football team throttled St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, 61-14, on Oct. 13, improving the Bulldogs' record to 6-0. SSSAS entered the game with a 5-1 record.

Bullis will travel to face St. Albans at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Wootton Football Has Winning Record

The Wootton football team defeated Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 40-20, on Oct. 12, improving the Patriots' record to 4-3.

Wootton will travel to face Watkins Mill at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Churchill Football Beats WJ

The Churchill football team outscored Walter Johnson 27-7 during the second half en route to a 33-20 victory over the Wildcats on Oct. 12 at Walter Johnson High School. The Bulldogs improved to 5-2 after dropping two of their previous three games.

Churchill quarterback Jonathan Lee completed 10 of 14 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Malik Harris carried 13 times for 48 yards and two touchdowns and Blake Dove had 10 rushes for 37 yards and score. Adrien Bossogo-Egoume and Dominique Williams each had a touchdown reception.

Defensively, Joe Nolan finished with three tackles, two interceptions and a

forced fumble. Aaron Wiggins recorded eight tackles and an interception, and Jake Longenecker had a pick. Dove had eight tackles, and Bossogo-Egoume and Harry Criswell each had one sack.

Churchill will host Springbrook at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

Whitman Football Beats Blair

Running back Zac Morton carried 24 times for 212 yards and two touchdowns and the Whitman football team improved to 3-4 with a 24-6 victory against Blair on Oct. 12.

The Vikings rushed for 318 yards, including 83 from Ian Himelfarb.

Whitman will host Damascus at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Community

Arrangements To Fall For

Creating bouquets that celebrate the bounty of the season.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Almanac

As temperatures drop and entertaining transitions indoors, fall floral arrangements take center stage. Whether made from pumpkins and dahlias or cumquats and mums, local design pros offer suggestions for turning the bounty of the season into autumnal masterpieces.

Create a field-inspired arrangement by sculpting a pumpkin to use as a vase. "Sometimes we will hollow out a pumpkin, put a liner in it and make an arrangement with mums, pretty fall leaves and millet or bittersweet," said Evelyn Kinville of the Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac. "In fall we use more casual containers such as terracotta pots. Wire baskets, lined with moss, make nice containers for fall arrangements too."

Bring the outside indoors by adding natural elements. "Certain types of twigs are very popular, like birch twigs, curly willow twigs, red twig dogwood or yellow twig dogwood stems. You can mix them in with fresh flowers and you get a lot of height," said David Martin of Johnson's Florist and Garden Centers in Maryland and Washington, D.C. "You can also mix in dried elements such as preserved fall leaves, preserved wheat barley, oat or other grains."

Dress up a table with a symbol of an abundant harvest: a cornucopia. "Use very realistic-looking, faux fruit like apples and miniature corn," said Kinville. "Adding smaller pumpkins works well too."

Incorporate fruit for a wilt-free arrangement. "Pears work well or cumquats which are smaller, but have



Photo courtesy of Behnke Florist Shop

Pumpkins and other fall produce are a popular addition to autumn floral arrangements.

a pretty orange color," said Kinville. "Pomegranates are nice in arrangements and come in fall colors too."

Use sunflowers to warm up cool weather bouquets.

"While the traditional yellow is great, you can often find them this time of year in bright orange or red," said Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, Va. Kinville adds, "Some people like sunflowers at Thanksgiving as well as dahlias and roses which come in beautiful fall tones," she said. "I especially like Leonidas roses which have a beautiful coppery color on the inside of the petals, while the outside is more of an old-gold color."

For a spooky, but chic arrangement, add animation. "When it comes to Halloween, especially for parties, we take moving elements — everything from a Grim Reaper figurine that walks in place to a skull that laughs and screams and cackles — that get set in the middle of an arrangement, surrounded by dark, almost black roses," said Martin. "It's fun because it gives you an unexpected element. Instead of it just being pretty, people look at it and it comes alive."

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Choosing Finishes in Remodeling Kitchens

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sideration for Subaran. "The client loved the look of marble, but she's got four kids, they entertain a ton and they cook a lot. They just didn't want to have to deal with the maintenance of marble," said Subaran.

Subaran suggested quartzite. "It is a natural stone that is not to be confused with quartz," said the designer. "Quartzite does not require a lot of maintenance and has the look of marble, but the hardness and durability of granite."

For the cabinetry, Subaran used mixed finishes. "We did a mix of painted white cabinets paired with a very dark stain on cherry," she said. "I think what people like about that look is that it helps to break the kitchen up a little bit."

Other designers say this trend is popular now. "What we're seeing right now is everyone asking for white kitchens again. Everyone wants a white

backsplash because they offer a very neutral palette. What is also very popular are dark kitchens with espresso or black-brown color," said David Doughton of the Kitchen and Bath Factory in Arlington, Va.

Allen added, "The major character defining elements in a kitchen are the cabinets, countertops and flooring. You can say, 'I want this simple cabinet' or 'I want this ornate cabinet' and that sets the tone of what the cabinets do for the room."

Knobs and pulls can tie together the look of a kitchen, say designers. "One trend that we're seeing is the [use of] pulls instead of knobs on cabinets and drawers. They give a sleek professional style for the kitchen," said Subaran.

Whenever the decision making process becomes overwhelming, Allen suggests returning one's original style goal. "When you set the overall look, it is much easier to make decisions. You can ask yourself, 'Will this knob take me to that look?'"



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