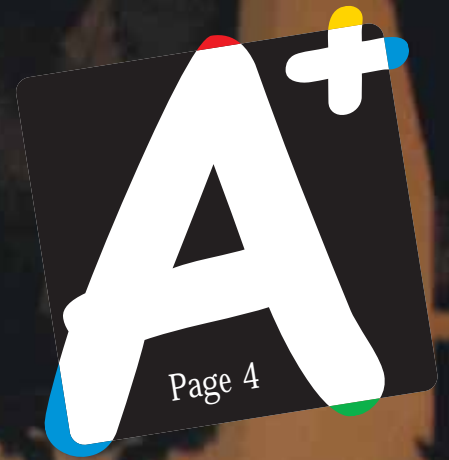


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Fred Goldman presents Jonathan "JD" Dyer of Bullis School with the Youth of the Year award at the Chamber of Commerce dinner last week.



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News

Bullis 'Makes the Day'

Providing Thanksgiving baskets and home-made apple pies for county's needy.

By Susan Belford
The Almanac

Bountiful Thanksgiving baskets will make Thanksgiving Day possible for 75 Montgomery County families — due to the generosity of The Bullis School students and their families. The baskets are brimming with everything needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, including stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, marshmallows, a turkey pan, cream of mushroom soup, applesauce, corn, green beans, fruit, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy — even holiday candles, table decorations and holiday napkins. With this basket, families also receive an apple pie, freshly baked by Bullis students — and a Giant gift card for purchasing their turkey. The 60-pound basket is wrapped and contains holiday cards signed by each student.

Brian Selden and Jonathan Cartagena, youth coordinators for the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), attended the basket-assembling meeting of more than 30 volunteer parents from Bullis. Selden explained how the recipients feel upon receiving the generous basket, "When we give out the



Parent volunteers Julie and Dave Fishman have come to help for the past five years. He lifts and she wraps.

baskets, these people — for whom life is very difficult — can't believe it. Finally they receive something without a struggle and someone really cares about them. Some are so happy that they break down in tears."

Cartagena added, "It touches the heart and serves as an inspiration for them to go out and do something generous for someone else."

For 16 years, The Bullis School has partnered with Interfaith Works, HOC and Manna Food Center to give baskets and support for these agencies in their county-wide effort to provide holiday meals to hundreds of families throughout Montgomery County.

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The Potomac Chamber of Commerce honors, from left, Citizen of the Year Lois Williams, Youth of the Year Jonathan "JD" Dyer of Bullis School, Youth of the Year Lindsey Thacker, a Holton Arms student, and Business Person of the Year Dr. Gerald Boarman, fifth head of school at Bullis, last week.

Chamber Honors 2012 People of the Year

More than 80 people gathered at Normandie Farm restaurant in Potomac on Thursday, Nov. 15 to honor the 2012 People of the Year, as named by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

Lindsey Thaker, of Holton-Arms School, and Jonathan "JD" Dyer, of Bullis School, are the 2012 Youth of the Year.

Thaker created a video about the importance of maintaining relationships with grandparents with dementia and Alzheimer's. Thaker has been in the Potomac Girl Scout troop 1799 since first grade, is a Chinese speaker since kindergarten at Potomac Elementary, and helped start a comedy club at Holton-Arms.

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Citizen of the Year Lois Williams and Chamber President Adam Greenberg.



Dr. Gerald Boarman, fifth head of school at Bullis, was honored as Potomac's Business Person of the Year. Bullis is one of Potomac's largest employers, and Boarman was praised for expanding its valuable role in the community. Chamber President Adam Greenberg, Lindsay Comacho representing U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, and Monika Samtani of Channel 9 join to congratulate Boarman.

Moral Obligation Or Old Wounds?

Old roller-hockey rink at community center could be used for adaptive sports.

By Ken Moore
The Almanac

The county has "moral and legal obligations" to provide opportunities for people with disabilities, Steve Landsman said last week. The county also has a significant resource in the roller hockey rink at the Potomac Community Center.

But one resident's comments showed lack of awareness or understanding of the need.

"For special needs kids, you'd be better off to move the furniture out of this room and have an enclosed space ... with indoor climate that can be controlled and toys they can play with," the resident said.

Pam Yerg, area director of Special Olympics MD-Montgomery and coordinator of TOPSoccer adaptive program, was quick to reply.

"We're not patting people on the head," Yerg said. "They are training to learn the game of soccer, a real sport."

THE DEPARTMENT of Recreation held a meeting at the Potomac Community Center on Thursday, Nov. 15 to elicit feedback on the proposal to adapt the unused rink for soccer and other sports programs for people with disabilities.

"The purpose of tonight was to start the process and to come to the community to get responses and reactions," said Jeffrey A. Bourne, of the Recreation Department.

Yerg has been looking at the dormant roller hockey rink at the Potomac Community Center for some time. The rink could provide a safe, flat surface for people with disabilities who use assistive de-

vices such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs or prosthetics. It could be used for soccer, kick ball, T-ball, bocce, lacrosse and various other sports, she said.

Some of her players use crutches and walkers and currently "struggle through the ruts and grass and the mud" to be part of soccer activities and games.

"We need a surface to allow people with disabilities who have assistive equipment to play multiple sports," said Yerg when she

"We're not patting people on the head. They are training to learn the game of soccer, a real sport."

— Pam Yerg

originally pitched her idea to county officials. "I'm hoping the community is positive and embracing of the opportunity."

A DOZEN people showed for the meeting, including neighbors who had lived through the rink's opening when roller hockey was a popular sport.

"I don't think you can ignore the history of the whole thing," said Jim Krzymanski, whose backyard backs onto the rink. "We were completely left out of the process the first time around."

Neighbors say they were

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Get Involved

Montgomery County Department of Recreation seeks public input on "a suggestion to modify the existing Potomac Community Center roller rink in order to provide a smooth, soft surface, accessible sports area," for use by athletes with disabilities, according to the Recreation Department.

The idea is under consideration after being suggested by the community advisory committee.

Contact Jeffrey A. Bourne at 240-777-6800 or jeffrey.bourne@montgomerycountymd.gov

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

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School Admissions: Interviews and Teacher Recommendations

Admissions officers at local schools offer insight into the application process.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Almanac

Mark Fischer sat with his parents in the plush reception area of one of the region's elite independent schools, biting his fingernails and tapping his left foot while waiting to speak with an admissions officer for the interview portion of his application.

"Yeah, I'm a little nervous," he said.

Admissions directors say the interview is a chance for both students and their parents to get to know the schools and for the school to become familiar with the applicants. But what do admissions teams want to learn from interviews with applicants and their families?

"We really just want to get to know you better and hear what you have to say about your school year and thoughts for next year," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean, Va.

Tim Simpson, director of admission and financial aid for Bullis School, said that schools value sincerity. "Does the student talk about things that are important to them? Do they go into detail so that I don't have to dig? If I ask about a physics class, does the student go into detail about their own personal experience? It is always ex-

citing for me to hear different layers of a student's experiences," he said.

Competition to get into independent schools can be fierce — some school admissions teams accept only one out of every 10 applicants — so parents may wonder if they should hire education consultants or coaches to help their children prepare for interviews. Mark Sklarow, executive director of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, says it's not worth it: "A school is trying to get ... an understanding of who that student really is," he said. "They'll try to get past any planned or scripted answers."

Richard Moss of The Heights School in Potomac agrees. "It is often easy to tell when a student is not interested based on their knowledge of the school and the reasons for wanting to attend," he said. "The interview with the parents is important because you get a sense of the kinds of people you're going to be working with. We want to make sure our parents are on board with what our instructors are trying to do."

Sklarow says that while students should not over-prepare, they should know what to expect. "Every school is not looking for the same kind of student. Every school is not looking for the same answer. They are trying to figure out whether that student fits the personality of the school. They want



Courtesy of St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Laura Hoffman teaches a science class at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Independent school officials say interviews with applicants and their families help identify whether they fit "the personality of the school."

to know if this is a student who will find friendships within the school and fit into the school community."

WHAT ROLE do the teacher recommendations play in admissions decisions? "Teacher recommendations give us a broader perspective on student effort and attitude, and often provide us with a different perspective than what the application alone might show," Michael Cresson, director of admissions, Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va.

"Families would be surprised by the thoughtful and insightful comments most teachers make on the recommendations," Miller said. "Trust the teachers. They have your child's best interest at heart."

"Teacher recommendations can shed light on the difficult aspects of a student's personality that you don't see on a report card," said Moss. "Report cards don't necessarily tell you how hard a student

is working, how generous he is or what his true abilities are.

"We realize that teacher recommendations are subjective, but they are important," Moss continued. "If a student is required, for example, to get a recommendation from a current English teacher and they have a terrible relationship with that teacher ... they should ... ask the previous year's English teacher to write a supplementary recommendation, just so they can balance out the negative one. The one thing you don't want to do is get a bad recommendation and say, 'Well this is a horrible teacher who doesn't like my son.'"

Julie Jameson, director of admission and financial aid at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, concludes: "The interviews and teacher recommendations offer multiple perspectives and wonderful opportunities to learn more about each applicant as part of the whole admission process."

Bullis Provides Thanksgiving Baskets, Home-made Pies

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Stephanie Semones, event and volunteer coordinator for HOC is grateful for Bullis' assistance. "Ten percent of the residents of Montgomery County are beneath the poverty line — and these are people who simply cannot afford all the Thanksgiving trimmings. These baskets are truly appreciated by the families who are able to have a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving due to the efforts of the Bullis community. It gives me a warm feeling because the baskets are so thoughtfully planned and so much caring that goes into them."

"We encouraged the parents to have the students do the shopping or pick out the items. We want them to be personally involved in helping others," said Bridgit Fried,

who serves as co-chair of the Parents Association Community Service along with Patricia Cohen and Julie Smith.

In addition to providing the 75 baskets, Bullis Upper School students took over the school cafeteria on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to knead and roll out pastry dough, cut and core apples, measure and stir the ingredients for the filling, assemble the pies and bake them. They made 120 pies; one will accompany each basket and the rest will be delivered by HOC to other families.

"It's our biggest all-school community service project of the year," said Dr. Sara Romeyn, Bullis director of community service. "It shows what an impact 700 students can make in their community."



HOC and Interfaith Works partners with Bullis. Front row, from left: Dr. Rosetta Robinson of Interfaith Works, Co-chairs Patricia Cohen, Julie Smith and Bridgit Fried, Stephanie Semones of HOC, Sara Romeyn, Bullis Community Service Director; back row: Jonathan Cartagena and Brian Selden, Youth Coordinators for HOC.

Economic Woes Keep Humane Group on Its Toes

Working to create a dependable flow of funds.

By Sharon Allen Gilder
For the Almanac

Baubles and beads replaced putters and tees to score for the animals when 12 vendor boutiques displayed their wares at TPC at Avenel for the annual fall luncheon and holiday bazaar for Friends of Montgomery County Animals (FMCA) on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The all volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit established in 1974, held the fundraiser to gather members and guests and garner needed financial support to maintain the organization's humane efforts. Vendors donated 20 percent of their total sales to the cause.

FMCA board president, Claire Proffitt highlighted the group's Fix-it-Fund created she said to "chip away" at pressing animal overpopulation. So far in 2012, the fund has allowed FMCA to complete 52 TNR/P (Trap-Neuter-Release/Place) operations.

"Approximately 15 households have been helped with extraordinary vet bills and the



Photo by Sharon Allen Gilder

From left: FMCA Corresponding secretary Marion Webster, president Claire Proffitt, treasurer Winnie Reed and vice-president Janet Lamkin.

maintenance needed to keep their pets," Proffitt said. "Although we do receive adoption fees, they only cover approximately two-thirds of the vet care needed to prepare an animal for adoption. One hundred seventy-eight cats and kittens plus one dog found their 'forever' homes this year." She added that FMCA's adoption group continues to shine by fielding calls, organizing adoption events and cat shows as well as managing TNR/P.

Board member Sue Recher — one of the driving forces of the cat and dog adoption

volunteers including FMCA vice-president Janet Lamkin, and long time members Leigh Hughes and Kathy Schonely — cites apathy as one of the major challenges for humane groups today.

"The apathy of people toward the animals is a challenge," Recher said. "They dump them and let them out to fend for themselves. There are caring people out there, the people who adopt, but unfortunately the uncaring outweigh the caring. It needs to be easier to get spaying and neutering done and there needs to be more education re-

garding spaying and neutering because there are not enough homes for the animals." Annual dues of \$35 and donations by federal employees through CFCNCA (Combined Federal Campaign National Capital Area) provide a yearly source of funds but more is needed. The organization's special events are inconsistent fundraisers since monies raised are ever dependent on the number attending, purchases made from vendors, raffles and silent auction revenue. Proffitt said she would like to see the group move away from special events to programs that generate a dependable money flow. An energy program being offered through Viridian is one way she sees FMCA profiting.

Noting that the majority of funds raised go directly to animal welfare, Proffitt said, "We have no shelter or office and only 12 percent of the money raised goes to non-animal support such as tax preparation and the CFCNCA application."

Corresponding secretary Marion Webster sees funding as critical to humane efforts: "A lot of it has to do with the economy and those people and businesses who would be willing to contribute aren't able to at this time. It's an economic fact. Their priorities go in a different direction, to necessities, because they don't have a lot of loose funds. In a better economy people are more generous." Visit www.fmca.org.

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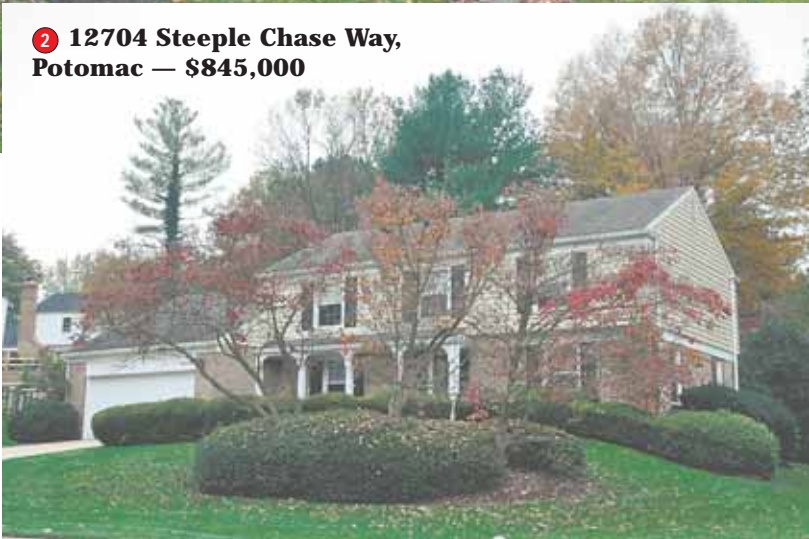
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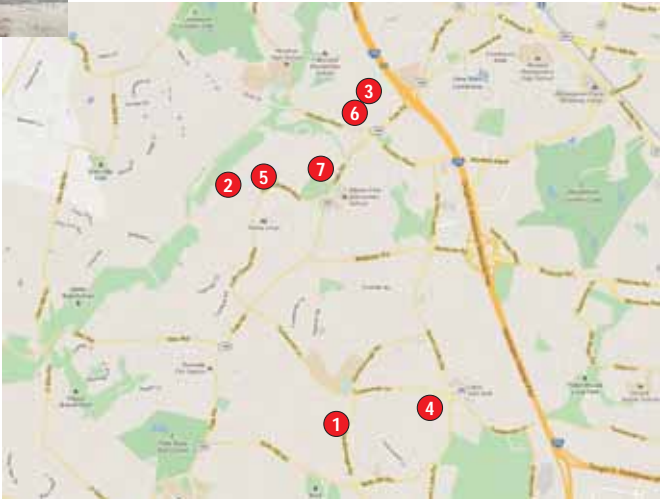


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FRIDAY/NOV. 23

Classic Albums Live. 8 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Tickets \$28-\$38. Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon will be recreated by top musicians live onstage. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

NOV. 23 THROUGH JAN. 6, 2013

Holiday Art Show and Sale. Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. In Glen Echo's Popcorn Gallery at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2222 or visit glenechopark.org.

NOV. 23 THROUGH DECEMBER

Santa Claus. Mazza Gallerie announces the arrival of Santa Claus on Friday, Nov. 23 at noon. Children and their families can pose with Santa for a variety of print and digital portrait packages starting at \$20. At 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Visit www.mazzagallerie.com. Hours are: noon-5 p.m. on Nov. 23, 24, 25, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Dec. 22, 23 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 24.

NOV. 24, 25, DEC. 1, 2, & 27

Free Victorian Holiday Greeting Card Workshops. 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. The public is invited to sign up for free workshops on making Victorian-era holiday greeting cards. Participants will dress in period clothing and be photographed. Photos will be used to make holiday cards. The workshops are open to all ages. The house will be open with free guided tours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. At Clara Barton National Historic Site, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo. Call 301-320-1410 to reserve seats. Visit www.nps.gov/clba.

THROUGH NOV. 25

Live Orchestra. Potomac Theatre Company presents Alan Jay Lerner & Frederick Loewe's My Fair Lady by George Bernard Shaw. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. At Blair Family Center for the Arts, Bullis School located at 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Tickets are \$20 for adults \$20; \$18 for seniors and students; groups of 10 or more receive 20 percent off. Call 301-299-8571.

MONDAYS/NOV. 26, DEC. 3, 10 & 17

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TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/NOV. 27-28

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WEDNESDAYS/NOV. 28 & DEC. 12

Children's Ceramic Ornaments Workshop. 4-5:15 p.m. Get a rolled slab of clay and all the tools to create ornaments. Glaze them and pick them up a week later. For children of grades K-5. Tuition is \$15. At VisArts is located at 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Julia Nixon: Songs of Burt Bacharach. 7:30 p.m. Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Tickets \$30. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Bethesda's Winter Wonderland. 8 p.m. The winter concert features four professional choral groups at Imagination Stage in downtown Bethesda. Tickets can be purchased at www.bethesda.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Mrs. Claus Tea. 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Parents can celebrate the holidays with their little ones at Strathmore's children's tea with special guest Mrs. Claus. An early appearance from Santa is in store too. For children ages 4 and up. At Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5108 for tea reservations or visit www.strathmore.org. \$28 per person (Stars Price \$25.20).

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight. Swing dance with Blue Moon Big Band. Drop-in beginner swing lesson with Tom and Debra, 8-9 p.m., dance from 9 p.m.-midnight. At Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Admission is \$18. Email debra@gottaswing.com.

DEC. 1-23

Annual Yellow Barn Members Show. 18th Annual Members Show in the Yellow Barn Gallery at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The gallery opens on Saturdays and Sundays, from noon-5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or

SUNDAY/DEC. 2

Bethesda's Winter Wonderland. 1-4 p.m. The celebrations continue in Veterans Park, located at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. A live ice sculpting presentation will be followed by choral performances from local school groups: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Garrett Park Elementary School, Norwood School, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seneca Valley High School and Westbrook Elementary School. Santa Claus will make a visit to the park that afternoon, and holiday treats will be provided to children. All of Sunday's events are free.

Free Holiday Craft Show.

1-5 p.m. The Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center is sponsoring the fifth annual Holiday Craft Show at the Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Visit www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org.

Free Concert. 4:30 p.m. Pianist Matthew Griswold will be presented at the Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-320-2770.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. Waltz Time presents a beginning waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of waltzes and other couples dances to live music by Some Assembly. Dancing 3:30-6 p.m. No partner is required. At Spanish Ballroom at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Admission is \$10. Email info@waltztimedances.org.

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Shop Locally...

Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.

An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 24. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

It sounds like an obligation, and it is. But there is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair.

The economy continues to improve slowly without inspiring. But still, local families will shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a

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town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from

big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping online. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

— Mary Kimm,

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... Give Locally

Poverty and homelessness are sometimes hard to see in Northern Virginia, but there is no shortage of families in need locally, especially at the holidays. Here are some of the local organizations ready to help, and in need of your help. Financial contributions are always preferred.

Potomac: Where to Give Locally

❖ **Manna Food Center**, 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, 301-424-1130 www.mannafood.org. Manna Food Center, the main food bank in Montgomery County, strives to eliminate hunger through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Manna has distributed

more than 43 million pounds of food to more than 2.7 million individuals. Manna provided food to 5 percent of Montgomery County residents this past year.

❖ **Mercy Health Clinic**, www.mercyhealthclinic.org, 7 Metropolitan Court, Suite 1, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Mercy Health Clinic is a free, community-based volunteer organization providing quality healthcare to uninsured, low-income residents of Montgomery County. The clinic, located in Gaithersburg, depends on the expertise of volunteers, healthcare professionals and support from community partners to provide quality care to those in need. The Clinic is staffed with medical professionals including family practice physicians, cardiologists, endocrinologists, nurse practitioners, nurse assistants, translators and behavioral health counselors.

❖ **Interfaith Works**, www.iworksmc.org, 114 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, Interfaith Works provides shelter, food, and clothing to low-income and homeless neighbors.

❖ **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless**, www.mcch.net, 600-B East Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, 301-217-0314. Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH), a community-based nonprofit organization, is a leading provider of permanent housing, intermediate housing, emergency shelter, and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness. MCCH programs serve 1,600 men, women and children each year.

❖ **Shepherd's Table**, www.shepherdstable.org, 8210 Dixon Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-585-6463. Shepherd's Table is a nonprofit organization in downtown Silver Spring, supported by volunteers, religious organizations, government, businesses, foundations, and individual donors. Shepherd's Table provides help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance.

❖ **Fisher House**, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, www.fisherhouse.org, 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20850, 888-294-8560. The Fisher House program supports members of the military and their families when they travel great distances for specialized medical care. Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and Veterans medical centers, including Walter Reed in Bethesda. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times.

❖ **Friends in Action**, www.iworksmc.org/friends-in-action, 114 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-762-8682. Founded by Interfaith Works (formerly Community Ministry of Montgomery County) in 1986, Friends In Action recruits and trains a network of people from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. Volunteer mentoring teams are linked for one year in a supportive relationship to a needy family in their community. The goal of the program is to help the family identify their strengths and develop attainable and manageable goals that guide them toward financial independence and personal well-being.



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Operation Christmas Child

For the fifth year in a row, Fourth School students participated in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. They filled shoeboxes with fun toys, school supplies, candy, and hygiene items and then brought them to school on Nov. 14. The boxes are sent to Samaritan's Purse who will deliver them to underprivileged children around the world.

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Wootton Boys' Soccer Wins State Championship

The Wootton boys' soccer team defeated Severna Park, 3-1, to capture the 2012 MPSSAA state championship on Nov. 16 at UMBC.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Urgy Eado, Matt Hoy and Spiros Tsakos each scored one goal for the Patriots. Hoy, Matt McDonnell and Jared Nozick each had one assist.

Hoy finished second in the Washington, D.C.-metro area with 26 goals, one behind Einstein's Marcos Moradel.

Wootton defeated Walter Johnson, 1-0, in overtime on Nov. 5 to win the 4A West region championship and beat Perry Hall, 3-1, in the state semifinals on Nov. 10 at Richard Montgomery.

Basketball Season Approaching

The Churchill boys' and girls' basketball teams will open their 2012-13 season against Damascus on Dec. 5. The boys' team will host the Hornets at 7 p.m. and the girls' team will travel.

The Wootton girls' basketball team will host Quince Orchard on Dec. 5. The boys' team will travel to face the Cougars on Dec. 6.

The Whitman boys' and girls' basketball teams will face Poolesville on Dec. 6. The boys' team will host and the girls' team will travel.



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Matt Hoy, seen earlier this season, and the Wootton boys' soccer program won the 2012 state championship.

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Homecoming

Churchill High School in Potomac celebrated its homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 20. These pictures are of the junior class getting ready to go to the dance.

Junior Gina Biciocchi pins a boutonniere on her date, Kerry Billings. The pictures were taken in the backyard of Amanda Funger's home on Glen Road in Potomac.

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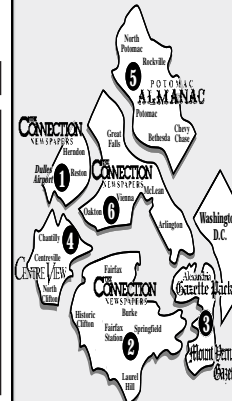
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Meaning: If I'm terminal, why deprive myself because of cost? If, in fact, I'm only living once – as the old saying goes, and somewhat less of a life than I had anticipated, shouldn't I, at the very least, "Pull my pants down and slide on the ice," as prescribed by Dr. Sidney Freedman in an episode of M*A*S*H, way back when? I mean, what am I waiting for? Godot? It seems fairly clear, after having received the diagnosis: stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, and the prognosis: "13 months to two years" back in late February, 2009, that time was not exactly on my side. Nevertheless, I've tried to live my life like I wasn't dying (to bastardize Chris Allen's debut single). However, doing so is sort of like serving two masters. I can't live today like there's no tomorrow if a part of me is living as normally as I can today as a strategy for there being a tomorrow. It's somewhere between taking one step forward and then two steps backward and/or doing the Hokey Pokey. You're getting nowhere fast, but at least you're getting somewhere. Huh?

I can't tell you, although I attempt to every week in these cancer columns, how confusing the uncertainty of being a terminal cancer patient can be. I want to believe the means that I'm employing to survive is not simply a fool's errand/alternative to the same fate that awaits us all. Moreover, I want to act responsibly and prudently in the face of this killer disease. But sacrificing today for tomorrow, a tomorrow that 44 months ago lost its guarantee, seems counter-productive, almost counter-intuitive anymore. There are certain consequences to actions – or inactions quite frankly, that perhaps I don't need to consider as I did when I was p.c. (pre-cancer). If I'm living on borrowed time, so to speak, I don't need to pay the "vig" (vigorish). What's the point of paying interest, metaphorically speaking? What interest I should be paying is for any and all things that bring me happiness now – while I'm alive and still kicking. Later, apparently, is being taken care of, or so I've been told by my oncologist – if you know what I mean? (One of his suggestions to me at the initial Team Lourie meeting was to: "Take that vacation I've always dreamed of," as in: since you're dying sooner rather than later, there's no time like the present, literally).

But I was always put off by that notion and the bucket with the lists. I never wanted to check off any lists. I simply wanted to live like I always had, hoping that the normalcy and familiarity of what I was doing would help sustain me through the inevitable dark days to follow. (Generally speaking, a cancer diagnosis doesn't exactly spread joy in its wake.) I didn't want to live like I was dying. I wanted to live like I was/had been living. ("Denial," as they say, "is more than just a river in Egypt.")

The only problem: being diagnosed with a terminal disease is a hell of a thing. Change is coming: mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually and everything in between and all around, too; and control of any and all of it becomes increasingly more difficult. I know what I want to do, but sometimes the cancer has other ideas. And even though some of these ideas are not mine, occasionally, they just might be for the best. Who knew? Live and learn. Thank God!

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



Jonathan "JD" Dyer, of Bullis School, Youth of the Year, with Chamber President Adam Greenburg, Lindsay Comacho representing U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, and Monika Samtani of Channel 9.



Lindsey Thacker, a Holton Arms student, was named Youth of the Year, cheered on here by Chamber President Adam Greenburg, Lindsay Comacho representing U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, and Monika Samtani of Channel 9.

Photos by Mary Kimm/The Almanac

Chamber Honors 2012 People of the Year

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J.D. Dyer is an Advanced Placement and honors student at Bullis, a member of the National Honor Society, active participant in student government, and a leading member of the Bullis varsity football team, according to Andrew C. Delinsky, Upper School Principal of Bullis School.

"Scholar, athlete, community service leader, and one of the most thoughtful men I have ever taught," said Andrew Delinsky, Upper School principal at Bullis in nominating JD. "Perhaps the most amazing aspect of JD is what he has overcome." Dyer

was in a coma for weeks after a serious car accident in middle school.

LOIS WILLIAMS, a Potomac resident of 46 years, is this year's Potomac Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

West Montgomery County Citizens Association honored Williams with a plaque in May for "extraordinary contribution to WMCCA and the Potomac community."

Williams has worked with West Montgomery for 40 years and has served as the newsletter editor and board member. She was newsletter editor of her homeowners association and PTA and a girl scout leader

as well. Williams brought 36 people along to celebrate, and introduced each one in accepting her award. She insisted each person stand and remain standing as she introduced the group.

The Chamber Businessperson of the Year is Dr. Gerald L. Boarman.

"Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Gerald Boarman, who became fifth head of school in 2010, Bullis has expanded its valuable role in the community," according to Tom Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bullis School. "Giving back to the community and to those less fortunate is a primary focus integrated into school life all year long."

New Life for Old Rink?

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blindsided by the first opening of the rink, and that it was noisy and disruptive. The county limited play at the rink to youth ages after complaints.

"We've had several years of relative calm," said Krzymanski. "Now we're getting to the point of opening up all those wounds again."

During most of the meeting, all neighbors voiced only frustrations and anger with the old rink and fears about opening it again.

But at the end Krzymanski told county officials he has a grandchild with disabilities and appreciated Landsman's comment about providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

"There could be solutions if we work on this together," he said.

Council To Host Budget Forum

The County Council at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, will host an opportunity for the public to comment and ask questions on priorities relating to the Fiscal Year 2014 County operating budget planning process. The 90-minute session will include a presentation on the challenges that the council and County Executive will face in formulating a balanced budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1.

County departments are already working on early stages of the FY14 budget. County Executive Isiah Leggett is required to present his recommended budget to the council by March 15. The council and its committees will analyze the recommendations, make adjustments and adopt the budget by late May.

The forum will be held in the Third Floor Council Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville and will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM — Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon). The broadcasts also will be streamed through the County Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.



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Career Day

Students in Ms. Jamieson and Ms. Kim's 2nd grade class listen to Almanac reporter Colleen Healy talk about her job as a reporter for Luxmanor Elementary's school career day on Nov. 9.



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