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Reporting Animal Emergencies

Effective this month, calls to report animal emergencies and complaints in Montgomery County will be answered by Montgomery County Police Emergency Communications Center or MC311 call takers.

Call 9-1-1 to report animal-related emergencies:

- ❖ Animal attacks in progress
- ❖ An animal locked in a hot car
- ❖ Animal cruelty in progress
- ❖ An animal creating a traffic hazard.

Call the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 to report animal-related complaints:

- ❖ A sick or injured animal or one that appears abandoned
- ❖ An animal neglect situation
- ❖ An animal in a trap issued by Montgomery County
- ❖ An animal in distress due to severe weather conditions (animals without shelter or water)
- ❖ An animal threatening the well-being of a community member (not in-progress)
- ❖ An animal bite/attack (not in-progress)
- ❖ An animal nuisance such as a barking dog, or not cleaning up after a pet.

The MC311 Information Center will handle reports of dead deer along the roadway:

- ❖ Call 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311 from a cell phone, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

❖ To report a dead deer on a 24/7 basis, use the MC311 website www.MC311.com

Continue to call 240-773-5960 to reach the Montgomery County Animal Shelter to inquire about:

- ❖ Pet adoptions
- ❖ The low-cost spay/neuter program
- ❖ Pet licensing
- ❖ To report a lost pet
- ❖ Other animal shelter matters.

Continue to call 240-773-5925 to reach the police Animal Services Division:

- ❖ To speak with an Animal Services Officer
- ❖ Follow up on a previously reported animal-related complaint
- ❖ Inquire about the Animal Matters Hearing Board
- ❖ Inquire about rabies vaccination clinics.

Design Room in Animal Shelter

The deadline for MCPAW's Pet Showcase Design Challenge is July 31. Create a layout for a showcase 7-foot by 10-foot room with a 9-foot ceiling for the new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center in a drawing. Place elements to be included in the room, including textiles and furniture.

Go online to mcpaw.org/contest and send in a Pet Showcase Design Application with design concept, including a cost estimate, by the due date of July 31. From those entries, one finalist will be chosen for each of the 12 available rooms.

Serve on County Boards

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Library Board or Board of Registration for Building Contractors. The deadline for application is July 29, 2013.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. An application, consisting of a brief cover letter and resume, should be sent by mail to County Executive Isiah Leggett, 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov. Home and employment addresses, as well as contact phone numbers and email addresses should be included. If appropriate, applicants should indicate the position for which they are applying.

Members of county boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of these boards are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of individuals selected for appointment to groups that are confirmed by the council are made public as part of the confirmation process.

Encouraging Educational Gardens

More schools are developing edible gardens.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Despite a small budget, edible gardens have plotted a rise in the Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum. "You know this committee has had interest in this for several years. As you know, good things are happening," said County Councilmember Valerie Ervin at the council's Education Subcommittee on Monday, July 22.

Of the 176 public schools, according to testimony at the council's Education Subcommittee, 37 schools are involved with edible gardens. The 21 percent involvement is an increase from 10 percent involvement one year ago. Eight additional schools plan to implement gardens next year, according to council documents prepared by Essie McGuire, legislative analyst for the council, and Laura Jenkins, supervisor of the school system's Outdoor Environmental Education program.

"That is exciting," said Jenkins.

The council's Education Committee held a briefing 10 months ago to discuss ways edible gardens are included in school curriculum as well as actions the school system has taken to facilitate edible gardens in the instructional program.

In the fall of 2012, the Montgomery County PTA organized a group of adults who have the goal to support schools that choose to teach using gardens. The school system has partnered with the Montgom-

ery County Master Gardeners as well as Audubon Naturalist Society.

Jenkin's program works with interested schools to connect them to resources that assist in garden planning and implementation.

The Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core includes opportunities for teachers to use gardens for instruction.

MCPS and the Parks have partnered for four years, and have created two community gardens (Rocking

Horse Road Center and Bradley Hills Community Garden) on school sites. MCPS continues to work with the Parks Department to identify additional locations for community gardens on school properties.

Ervin asked the school system about the status of Brickyard Education Farm.

"I know this is a sticky subject with MCPS, and it has to do with Nick's Organic Farm," said Ervin. "Its purpose was

to be an educational farm to bring kids out to the farm. I wanted to know where we are with that."

The Board of Education is in the process or revisiting its policy on the use of school surplus sites, said Larry Bowers, chief operating officer of MCPS. "As soon as the policy process is completed, then determination will be made."

Bowers reminded Ervin and the education subcommittee that the Brickyard Educational Farm began only recently, after decades of leasing the land to Nick's Organic Farm.

"But it was a good idea, wasn't it?" said Ervin.

"It was a good idea, wasn't it?"

— Valerie Ervin,
Councilmember

BULLETIN BOARD

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THROUGH AUG. 9

Social Skills Summer Camp.

Children in grades 1 through 6 can attend camp and learn friendly behaviors, working as a team, anger management and more. Held by the Jewish Social Service Agency and the McLean School of Maryland. All potential campers will be interviewed to make sure the camp is appropriate for their needs. Visit www.summeredge.org/ for more.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. County Executive Ike Leggett will be hosting to solicit public input on the county's next six-year capital improvements program budget. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 8

Guest Speaker. 7 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Susan Coll, author of novels 'Beach Week' and 'Acceptance' will be speaking. She has worked as a travel and feature writer and been published in such places as The Asian

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TUESDAY/AUG. 6

Drop-In Discussion. 1:30-3 p.m. Montgomery Hospice 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. For anyone mourning the death of a loved one.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Public Hearing. 10 a.m. 18753 North Frederick Ave., Suite 210, Gaithersburg. Seeking public input on a list of proposed Early Voting Centers for the 2014 elections. Public comments will be received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections through 5 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2013. Comments should be submitted in writing to elections@montgomerycountymd.gov. Call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8525.

Workshop: Living with Multiple Pets (cats and dogs). 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Lane. This workshop is about ways to prevent problems from developing and deal with problems that already exist, so pets can all live together in harmony. Expert trainer Lennea Bower will be speaking. Leave pets at home. Visit <http://yourdogsfriend.org/free-workshops/> or call 301-983-5913.

TUESDAY/JULY 30

County Forum. 6:30 p.m. at the



PHOTO BY AL BRATUN/WES

Cooling Off Campers and counselors at Washington Episcopal School cool off at Bethesda Pool during the heat wave. From left are: Anna Matsui, 9; Counselor Tom Ferguson, 18; Counselor in Training Brendan O'Donnell, 13; Nasim Elkassem, 7; Counselor Jason Treacy, 15; Rasmus Byskov, 7, and, in front, Nasam Hakimi, 8. See www.w-e-s.org.



Open Your Home, Open Your Heart

Too many dogs and cats — needing to be adopted — face euthanization.

BY CAROLE DELL
THE ALMANAC

"I am joy in a woolly coat, come to dance into your life, to make you laugh!" — Julie Adams Church, author



It was the kind of October day that we always remember: crisp air and vivid leaves. It was also the day when I had to say goodbye to Carmel, my canine companion of 10 years. He died of cancer. Carmel was my joy and he made me laugh and I expected at least five more years of fun. Dogs ask only that we love them and just as they begin to truly understand our language, they are gone. It is terribly unfair.

As a board member of PetConnect Rescue, a dog and cat rescue organization in Potomac, our ultimate goal is to save lives, those precious brief lives destined for an even earlier death in a high-kill shelter.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, close to 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters every year, about one every 11 seconds.

Being able to give each pet a loving secure home is our ultimate reward. Losing Carmel was a shock and although I continued to rescue, I decided to remain dogless and mourn. But, occasionally a pet comes along who turns the whole process upside down. Let's call it fate.

It happened just three weeks after I lost Carmel. A photo appeared on my computer screen that stood out from the other email photos of dogs sent by shelter volunteers begging us to save just one.



Carmel, a puppy rescued in California, grew into an intelligent and beautiful companion. When he died of cancer he was irreplaceable, then along came Zina.



PHOTOS BY CAROLE DELL/THE ALMANAC

Zina, a stray picked up on a highway and due to be euthanized has a striking resemblance to Carmel. Interestingly, of the photos received that are emailed each day for rescue, no dog has ever appeared that resembles either her or Carmel.

How To Help

To rescue a dog or cat, volunteer or donate to help a pet, visit www.petconnectrescue.org

sparkled with mischief and defiance and she proudly displayed a mouth full of the largest, whitest teeth I had ever seen. She used them gleefully, and then

licked my hand in apology.

I happily fostered this little interloper but wanted to find a nice family for her as soon as possible. The shelter called her Daisy for identity, but I renamed her Zina, thinking of the Warrior Princess.

And the princess loved to eat. She ate the stinkbugs that invaded the house; she ate paper, pebbles; gulped food and tried to eat the plastic bowl with it. She chewed my table legs, her harness, eviscerated her squeaky toys and skulked around the corners of each room with a vacuum cleaner mouth.

Zina's Malinois breeding produces a high-energy working dog that needs a job and much exercise, so I enrolled her in a Saturday morning puppy class. Zina was so excited to see the other dogs that she entered the classroom yelping, and lunging like an unbroken filly. Soon, we were pariahs, in-

stead of working she insisted on playing, barking all the while. Next visit, in a humbling gesture, I brought everyone earplugs.

In the obedience part of the training, true to her breed, she eventually performed admirably between lunges. I felt that Zina was ready for her new life, for that perfect home. But, fate has its own way of settling things.

ALTHOUGH ZINA would need more exercise than a marathon runner, I continued to picture her on a pleasant round-the-block suburban walk with a loving family by her side. I wondered: would that work? Would that nice family open their arms and home to a situation that may be considered a home invasion?

I had doubts and began thinking about Zina and her gleaming teeth, her endless energy and wondering: just who can handle this? When weeks turned into a month, I already had the answer. With apologies to Carmel for my lack of mourning, I spread out the doggie bed and welcomed her.

I continued to face a whirlwind of crazy-

ness with Zina at the center. Lean as a greyhound, she ran and never tired. She took corners with the precision of a Porsche and raced the fence line in frenzy, barking at the horses. Only the promise of a treat would occasionally bring her back from the edge.

Zina is now 3-years-old; has graduated to the bedroom to sleep on the bed and is so well behaved that a friend called her boring.

She still howls when she meets a new dog or a new person, a need from her lonely past I presume. And, she still uses her teeth, but a little more gently.

Physically, Zina is a smaller version of Carmel. At times I look at her running in the yard and think for a minute he is out there.

No one can replace Carmel, but we love Zina. She is trying her best to keep our attention so that thoughts of him are jerked back to her with another prank to keep us busy.

So, when the longing for a canine companion tugs at your heart, consider a shelter dog and PetConnect Rescue. You can find your own, a more relaxed but always grateful, Zina.

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It showed a young female Belgian Malinois-mix and she looked surprisingly like Carmel, with his large upright ears and slanted eyes. Her snout pointed straight at me. She was to be euthanized that night. I couldn't let her die.

WE RESCUED her and a week later she bounded into my kitchen on pogo-stick legs and never stopped hopping. Her large Cleopatra-lined eyes

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I had been a widow just over a year, and also lost my German shepherd a few months before that fateful PetSmart adoption fair. She had lost her home, her litter of puppies, and was recently rescued from the Prince George's County shelter by PAWS, the group holding the event. I was living alone, and needed a dog that looked protective but was not dangerous. The worker said "You want Daisy" and I looked beyond the people crowded around the cute little dogs and saw her, sitting with her handler. Not only was no one paying attention to her, they cut a wide swath around her; she did look formidable. I sat down on the floor a few feet in front of her. She just looked at me, no sign of hope or excitement, apparently she'd been to many of these fairs. Then she got up, walked to me, put her large black face up against mine and gave me a single delicate kiss. I like to think she chose me. While strangers are still afraid to approach her, and sometimes cross the street to avoid us, she is as sweet and cuddly as can be. I tell her every day, I'm so glad we found each other.

— PHYLLIS ANDERSON, CABIN JOHN



Ribsy, a stray kitten who fortunately ran in front of the right car at Virginia's Seven Corners, surveys his best effort yet against the evil paper towels. Brian Kimm rescued Ribsy that fateful cold, rainy February night.

— VIRGINIA FOWLER



At Brighton Gardens of Tuckerman Lane in 5550 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, all residents, guests, families and friends are greeted with a big hello from their friendly 2 and a half year old Golden Retriever Carson. Shown here with his friendly receptionist Joy. Carson joined the team in January 2011 at the ripe old age of 16 weeks. He works tirelessly, as he gets so many walks and is exhausted by all the loves and touches he receives. But Carson gives back to all ... he makes regular visits to residents throughout the community in both the Assisted Living and the Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Here is Carson giving all his wet, slobbery, but loving, kisses to Robert, a resident at Brighton Gardens. Carson is famous as he has been a winner in the photography contest with the Montgomery County Fair, as his picture is often taken by the many members of the Brighton Gardens of Tuckerman Lane's photography club.



Cooper Flax: Officially the cutest dog on the planet. Born April 23, 2013, arrived in Potomac, July 3, 2013. He belongs to the Flax family; specifically Madelyn Flax, 20, takes care of him.

— BARRY FLAX AND SUSAN KAY, POTOMAC



The Killeens family pet, Shannon, the brown Tabby cat, enjoys a summer afternoon.



Liz Cadell from Potomac with her beloved Grand Dog, Mollie Killeen.



Two of the Killeen family pets, Mollie, the Kerry Blue Terrier, and Pumpkin, the brown Tabby, waiting for dinner. Best friends!

— ANNE KILLEEN



Cooper on the lap of Ryan Flax, 11 on July 4 at Rockville Town Center — hence the patriotic leash!



Jocelyn Khalifa and her dog Beau take a jog together.



Jesse Crane and her dogs Chunk and Lily.



Chunk reads the Sunday paper at his owner Jesse Crane's house.

Keeping Pets Safe Veterinary experts say common household items can harm animals.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Did you know that a bowl of grapes sitting on your counter can be fatal to your dog or that a bouquet of fragrant lilies could be lethal to a cat? Were you aware that a stick of gum might cause a life-threatening canine emergency?

Veterinary experts say that while pet hazards are lurking around almost every home, many pet owners are unaware of them. From favorite foods to over-the-counter pain relievers, a number of common household items are dangerous to family pets.

"The most important way to prevent accidental toxicity [is to] inform children and adults of potential toxins before introducing a new pet to a household," said Dr. Tracy Navarra, a veterinarian at Falls Road Veterinary Hospital in Potomac. "Keep all pantry doors closed and locked [and] keep all medicines in cabinets [and] off countertops and away from dogs and cats who can get on counters."

Veterinary experts say foods such as raisins, grapes, chocolate, macadamia nuts, onions and garlic, as well as foods that are high in fat can be harmful to dogs and cats. "We don't know which grapes and raisins and which breed of dog

would be affected, so we say keep all dogs away from them," said Dr. Amanda Higdon, a veterinarian at Herndon Animal Medical Center in Herndon. "Most cats aren't go-

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ing to eat those things."

PAIN RELIEVERS that are found in many medicine cabinets can cause harm as well. "Some people see their dog or cat limping and say, 'I'll give them a Tylenol to stop the pain,' but a single Tylenol can be deadly for a cat," said Tom McPheron, spokesman for the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In fact, experts say to leave all animal medical care to the experts. "What we see most often is people taking their veterinary care into their own hands," said Higdon. "My message would be to talk to your vet first and don't give pets anything that wasn't made for them."

Veterinarians say that chewing

gum, mints or candy that contains an artificial sweetener known as Xylitol is dangerous as well. "Diabetics also use Xylitol for cooking, but it can cause liver failure in a dog," said Higdon. "One or two sticks of gum can kill a small or medium dog."

HOUSEHOLD AND YARD PLANTS

can also be harmful to pets, say veterinarians. Lilies, hydrangeas

and oleander are among the foli-

age that can be toxic if ingested. "Lilies are a very common household flower and they are deadly for cats," said McPheron. "Some cats like to nibble on the leaves, and they are deadly."

Of course, pets often consume dangerous substances without their owners' knowledge. The most common symptoms are vomiting, lethargy and diarrhea.

Sources for emergency assistance are The Pet Poison Helpline, 1-800-213-6680 or www.petpoisonhelpline.com and the animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.

Pet medical information can be found on the animal care website www.veterinarypartner.com.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Your Home's Price Tag

Pricing is about supply and demand, something that is part science of economics and part the art of the deal. Your Realtor will start out with a Comparative Market Analysis, choosing homes in your area that are comparable in size, bedrooms, bathrooms and amenities. The list should contain homes no more than a half mile away and specific to your neighborhood. This is a standing rule, unless of course your property is in the country. Then you use the closest comparables in amenities and acreage.

The main things to compare besides bedrooms and bathrooms are square footage, amenities like fireplaces and pools, garages and the age of a home. You won't get a fair market analysis if the house you're marketing is being compared to other homes that are older, or say have a garage.

Another thing to keep in mind is neighborhood division. Pay attention to physical barriers such as major streets, access to freeways and if there are multiple entries and exits to the neighborhoods.

A good market analysis shows how competitive your house can be in today's market, so consult your Realtor and find out what your house is really worth!

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IN APRIL 2013, 42 POTOMAC HOMES
SOLD BETWEEN \$4,380,000-\$476,000.

April 2013 Sales in \$700,000s



2 12305 Old Canal Road — \$786,000



1 10241 Colebrook Avenue — \$790,000



4 8812 Tuckerman Lane — \$740,000

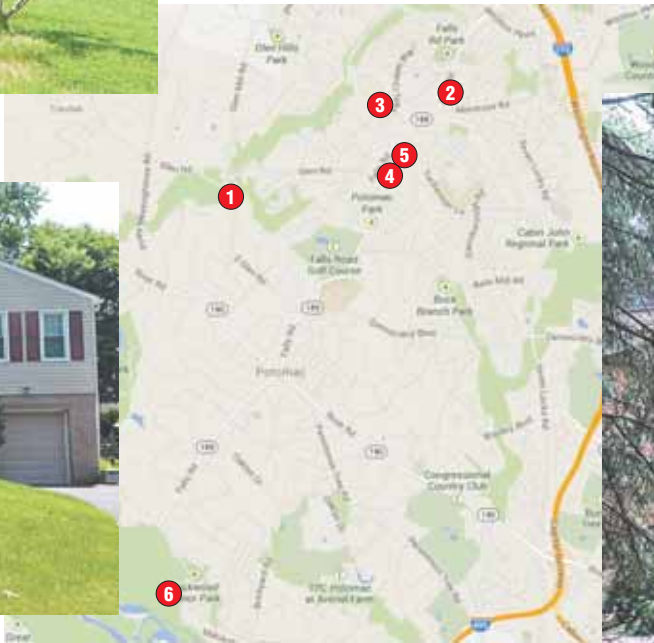


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3 8917 Falls Farm Drive — \$770,000



5 11801 Prestwick Road — \$735,000



6 7701 Whiterim Terrace — \$725,000

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2 12305 OLD CANAL RD	6	...	3	...	0	ROCKVILLE	\$786,000	...	Detached	0.22	MONTGOMERY SQUARE	04/26/13
3 8917 FALLS FARM DR	4	...	3	...	1	POTOMAC	\$770,000	...	Detached	0.23	FALLS FARM	04/22/13
4 8812 TUCKERMAN LN	5	...	3	...	1	POTOMAC	\$740,000	...	Detached	0.38	OLDFIELD	04/25/13
5 11801 PRESTWICK RD	4	...	3	...	0	POTOMAC	\$735,000	...	Detached	0.29	HIGHLAND STONE	04/26/13
6 7701 WHITERIM TER	3	...	3	...	1	POTOMAC	\$725,000	...	Attach/Row Hse	0.09	FAWSETT FARMS MANOR	04/09/13

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PEOPLE

Potomac Family Hosts Fresh Air Fund Child

“Seven days can change a child’s life.”

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

River Falls resident Gregory Mitchell was a “Fresh Air Fund” child — a “life-changing, character-shaping experience,” he said. Growing up in a single-parent household in the Bronx, N.Y.C. meant that he did not have an opportunity to leave the inner-city — the hot, noisy streets were the only playground he knew.

“I’m lucky to be a part of the Fresh Air Fund because it gives me a chance to get out of the city and to go nice places like Potomac.”

— Lawrence Quartey

From the ages of 10-13, the Fresh Air Fund provided a two-week summer visit with a large family in New Hampshire. “This was an archetypal summer experience,” he said. “I was with an American Dream kind of family. It was very calm — they had lots of kids and a station wagon to travel in — just like families on TV. I integrated into their family, just doing the normal things that kids do in small

towns in the country. It was very different from the tenement buildings in the city.”

The Fresh Air Fund was created in 1877 by the Rev. Willard Parsons, a minister from rural Sherman, Pa. He asked members of his parish to volunteer to host needy N.Y.C. children in the summer to give them a chance to get out of the inner-city and experience life in the rural countryside.

His program expanded rapidly and he secured support from The New York Tribune. The New York Times now provides media support — and thousands of children enjoy summer experiences with host families. Its website states: “We provide children with unforgettable summer experiences that unlock unlimited potential. Being a host doesn’t take a lot of money or fancy things, it just takes a big heart.”

For the past four summers, a Potomac family — Greg and Lynn Mitchell and children Skylar and Elijah — have hosted Lawrence Quartey from the Bronx. Lawrence is a rising 8th grader, the same age as the Mitchell’s son, Elijah, an 8th grade student at Norwood. Lawrence arrived on June 28 and stayed until July 12. Both boys appreciate having a close friend — almost like a sibling — to do things with.

“I like spending time with Elijah,” said Lawrence. “My favorite thing was going to Bethany Beach with the Mitchells. That was the best. I’m lucky to be a part of the Fresh Air Fund because it gives me a chance to get out of the city and to go nice places like Potomac.”



Lynn and Greg Mitchell with Elijah and Lawrence.

Elijah’s sister, Skylar also appreciates the opportunity to include Lawrence in their family activities.

Lynn Mitchell said: “When Lawrence comes, we usually have a quiet week and give Lawrence a chance to get acclimated. We include him in our regular routines. This year, he went to Calleva summer camp with my son. One year he went with us to Bethany Beach and he loved that. The first year, we took him touring in D.C. to show him all the sites of our nation’s capitol. Last year, the boys did ‘Teens to Go.’ They had a different trip every day — to Hershey Park, Kings Dominion, Cascade Lake, a ropes course. He enjoys it all. He and my son stay in touch all year long, talking about the Super Bowl, sports — or just touching base. My son plays lacrosse and Lawrence plays basketball, so they love to learn the differ-

ent sports from each other. They have fun competing and teasing each other about their sports.

“Last year, he arrived during the derecho, so that was quite an experience. We had no electricity for almost a week, so we had to come up with fun adventures that would take us to a place where there was power. It’s really not about the activities, though — you just have to set an extra place at the table or pack an extra PB&J when you go to the park.”

Lynn Mitchell now volunteers as coordinator for the program. “We are trying to get more diversity in our host families,” she said. “We also want to spread the word about this fabulous program. It

makes such a difference in so many young lives — and it is very easy for a family to participate.

“Everyone can volunteer to host. It’s a great program for families with an only child. Singles, grandparents, retirees, empty-nesters — all can volunteer to take a child for one or two weeks. The children range in ages from 6 – 18, and the same children can be re-invited each year. The Fresh Air Fund also sponsors five Fresh Air Camps for inner city kids to attend. These are located in the Hudson Highlands near Fishkill, N.Y.”

One of the Fresh Air Fund mottos is “With your help, we’ll prove that seven days can change a child’s life.” To find out more about the Fresh Air Fund program, go to www.freshair.org or call 1-800-367-0003.



Skylar and Elijah Mitchell and Lawrence Quartey



Elijah Mitchell and Lawrence Quartey



Lawrence Quartey

PEOPLE

Churchill's Selman Brings CYM to Potomac

Leaves school system to devote full time to his company.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Everyone who has seen Winston Churchill High School theatrical productions in the past nine years — “BLAST,” “Peter Pan,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Legally Blonde” or others — has been impressed with the creative set design, professional lighting and innovative sound effects as well as the training and focus of the student technical crew. This crew provides support for the actors, singers, dancers and the director.

Scott Selman has been the reason that Churchill's “BLAST,” musicals and dramas have been so technically spectacular. As Churchill's media service technician, he changed the course of many students' lives by providing inspiration as well as instruction and knowledge. Under his guidance, many students discovered a passion for technical and lighting design and are now pursuing this major in college and careers.

Selman recently resigned from Montgomery County Public Schools in July to fully devote his energies to his burgeoning company, CYM Media & Entertainment.

“The only way I could ramp up the business was to leave Churchill,” said Selman. “It was a tough decision, because I love working with students. I'm fortunate because now I can have the best of both worlds. I will continue working with students through my business, but will also have the opportunity to branch out in other directions.”

CYM Media & Entertainment was founded in 2009 by Selman and his wife, Lauren, a public relations consultant as well as director of conferences, marketing and events for ConStrata Technology Consulting. Because the two are so multi-talented, CYM Media & Entertainment is able to provide “full-service campaigns in theatrical design, public relations/



Scott Selman

advertising/marketing/event planning, videography and photography and graphic design in the DC Metro Area.” Lauren Selman said, “Working with Scott full-time has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. We work extremely well together, both as colleagues and as a sounding board for our individual projects. We push each other to work harder and I look forward to combining our efforts for many years to come.” Their offices are located in the Semmes Building in Potomac.

The name of the company — CYM stands for lighting colors — cyan, yellow and magenta.

The company already has a number of clients, including the AFI-Discovery Channel Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival, The Levine School of Music, The Shoppes of Bethesda, Rollins Ridge of Rockville, Georgetown Prep, the Renegade Dance Company, Potomac Community Resources and more.

Scott Selman will continue to support the programs at The Levine School of Music with his technical stage experience. He is hoping to return to the 25th year of “BLAST” to once again have the opportunity to work with students to provide lighting design and technical

support.

Scott Selman grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from Magruder High School. After graduating with a BFA in design/technical theatre, he went on the U.S. National Tour of 42nd Street as an electrician. Then for the next 9 years, he raised the bar to develop Churchill High's musical theater and drama into professional productions. Never satisfied with just working just one job, a few years ago, he and two partners founded “Act Two Performing Arts” a non-profit youth theater program that is now part of the Levine School of Music.

“We all came from professional theatre backgrounds and wanted to bring that same level of professionalism and showmanship to youth theatre,” Scott Selman said. “At Act Two we have a wonderful apprentice program, where students are empowered to take leadership positions in the production staff. We have stage managers, assistant directors, and choreographers; all who learn from the professional staff and get to teach their peers at the same time. The learning process never stops, and we are always learning as much from the students as they learn from us.”

Kevin Kuchar, Act Two and Levine music department chair, has worked with Scott Selman for more than 15 years.

“Scott and his company CYM Media stand in my mind as a ‘go to’ with respect to design and fulfillment when we are planning a project. Quite literally, as a director and designer, I make entire season choices based on what I have come to rely on from that team with respect to technology, design, implementation and delivery. They are the best — and I know that CYM Media will be a very successful because of Scott's dedication, talent and creativity,” Kuchar said,

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David Lee Jr. was recognized for generous community service at Randolph-Macon Academy. David received a certificate of appreciation from the admission office.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at Washington University in St. Louis: **Natalie Ann Chaney, Michael Simon Greenberg, Michael Antal Kovacs, William Chase Kovacs, Amy Michelle Lieberman, Christopher Nicholas Pinckert, Jamie Ann Youngentob, Vincent Mark Abad-Santos, Emma Bailey Benjamin, Sarah Mae Ettinger, Amanda Paige Zuckerman, Alexander O. Garner, Victor Z. Irony, Alexandra**

Hope Michaels, Andy Lu Lee, and Margaret Lucile Nash.

Jeffrey Thomas Michaels and **Darlington Taylor Hicks** graduated from Miami University in southwestern Ohio.

Hannah Goldstein and **Alexander Kiener** graduated from Emory University. Goldstein received a bachelor of arts degree while Kiener received a bachelor of science.

Nicholas S. O'Brien has been named to first honors on the Clark University's dean's list for the spring 2013 semester.

Jeffrey Cornfeld graduated from Mercyhurst University.

Michael Papirmeister, a public

relation major, has made the spring 2013 dean's list at Hofstra University.

Lydia Richards earned a bachelor of science degree in management information systems from RIT's Saunders College of Business.

Andrew Linder made the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at Tufts University.

Jaclyn Lambergman, Elle Miller, Chase Nussbaum, Nicole O'Connor and **Lauren Puca** were named to the dean's list at Salisbury University for the spring 2013 semester.

Matthew Z. Bruns, Jason M. Fish, Melissa M. Guzikowski, and Meraz S. Mostafa have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at the University of Vermont.

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Wall Street Journal, NPR.org, and the Washington Post. Visit www.pwcgov.org.

THROUGH AUG. 11

Summer Reading Program. The Friends of the Library, Montgomery County's summer reading program offers three levels. "Dig into Reading" for babies through pre-K and kindergarten through sixth grade; and "Beneath the Surface" for teens. Children and teens (or parents of very young children) can sign up online or in person at any branch library. Visit <http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/summerreading> for more information.

MONDAY/AUG. 12

2 Session Workshop: Beyond Words. 6:30-8 p.m. Montgomery Hospice 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one. No art experience needed. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

Drop-In Discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. For anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Drop-In Discussion. 1:30-3 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD. For anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

Drop-In Discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. For anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration

required, 301-921-4400.

ONGOING

Effective July 1, a **new parking rate structure** goes into effect in Bethesda to eliminate rate differences between long- and short-term parking. Rates will be higher for spaces in highest demand - but lower in the parking garages. Here are the new rates: On-street parking meters, \$2 per hour; Surface lot parking meters, \$1.25 per hour; Garage parking (metered and non-metered), \$.80 per hour. Garage and surface lot parking will still be free on weekends and holidays.

Ride On monthly passes for Children. \$11 monthly Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® card is available to riders under 18. To buy the first card, parents must apply in person and show proof of age and county residence for the prospective riders. The cards can be purchased at the TRIPS commuter store in Friendship Heights (17 Wisconsin Circle), the one in Silver Spring (8413 Ramsey Avenue) or at the county's Division of Treasury (255 Rockville Pike, L-15, Rockville).

Connect-A-Ride offers low-priced transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores and more for low-income, disabled residents 50 and over. Contact the Jewish Council for the Aging at 301-738-3252.

Committee Meetings. Fridays, through September at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue. The county council's planning, housing and economic development committee reviews the major changes proposed for the county zoning ordinance and will make recommendations to the deciding full council. Open to the public. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov. Montgomery County Master Gardeners will be providing free, walk-in "Ask A Master Gardener" plant clinics on Saturdays at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. from April through September. County residents may bring their full and intact plant and insect samples, garden problems and/or questions and get free answers or advice. For further information call the Master

Gardener Plant Helpline: 301-590-9650, weekday mornings or send e-mail to mgmont@umd.edu.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

Zumba at Village Yoga. An easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party. Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday mornings at 11:30 a.m., and Sunday afternoon at 5:15. All classes at 10154 River Road. Call 301-299-1948 or visit www.villageyogayogi.com.

Beginner's Yoga Classes at Village Yoga as well as Beginner's Gentle Flow class throughout week. 10154 River Road. For more information call 301-299-1948 or visit www.villageyogayogi.com.

Fenton Street Market. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays May through Oct. The market is located in downtown Silver Spring at One Veterans Plaza, intersection of Fenton and Ellsworth streets.

Members Wanted. The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of more than 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area. The club offers bridge, mah jong, book groups, golf, luncheons and museum trips as a way to help newcomers and current residents form new friendships, expand horizons and take advantage of opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. Visit www.potomacnewcomers.com

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A Delicate Balance – At Home

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



How appropriate is it to tell a cancer patient something negative (that he likely doesn't want to hear) – yet needs to know, and which might ultimately quash his fighting spirit and adversely affect his day – and night? Moreover, would withholding certain discouraging observations intermittently along the cancer-treatment way, in order for said patient to feel good and positive about himself – and better prepare him for any and all news/results which might upset his precariously imperfect life and moreover, likely chip away at his emotional wherewithal as well – cause more harm than 100-percent honesty all the time? If this sounds as if I'm splitting philosophical hairs, the tool I would need to do so in any possibly effective way has yet to be invented, literally or figuratively. Yet this is the life I live as a terminal cancer patient, alive and reasonably well, reliant on my wife, primarily, for a kind of support one rarely anticipates providing and for which either one is hardly prepared.

If this quandary were a line, it wouldn't exactly be a line of demarcation, more like a line of decapitation (figuratively speaking of course). These are lines which are clearly not defined. You couldn't find them on a map even if you were a cartographer with 20 years' experience making maps. These are lines which are blurry at best and if seen at all, likely seen from a satellite snooping high in the sky that neither the government says exists, or the reason for its existence, exists. This is a line, to invoke a well-known Ken Beatrice-ism (Ken hosted a sports talk radio program called "Sports Call" for over 20 years in the Washington, D.C. area) on which you wouldn't want to live (meaning the difference between talent and circumstances was impossible to quantify).

But this is the line of my life on which I try to live, balance, navigate, manipulate and delude myself as the various cancer-driven emotions and circumstances arise. It makes the 3.9-inch width of a balance beam seem more like 39 inches. However, there are striking similarities between this apparatus and life as a cancer patient: the falls can sometimes be devastating, physically, but more often, it is the emotional toll which disrupts the most. When I lose my balance and fall, it's as if I actually can't get up.

Most days I can manage this sort of co-dependency. Other days, I can't. Living in the past at the same time as you're trying to live in the present and plan for the future and trying as well to take both positives and negatives in the identical stride are challenges I really didn't anticipate having to overcome at such a relatively early age: 54 and a half.

Nevertheless, life goes on, for which I'm extremely grateful. Some days/circumstances are definitely worse than others, but at least I'm still in the game. For how long, though? (See, I can't even finish a column without stumbling over myself.)

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Photoworks. Photoworks is a resource for both student and professional photographers to develop their talents through classes, workshops, and exhibitions. Open Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m., and during all scheduled classes and workshops. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is for sale. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-371-5593 or visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition and sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2228 or visit www.silverworksglencenpark.org.

ARTS8 is a group of eight **Artists in Residence** at the Stone Tower Gallery, Yellow Barn, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. They can be visited while working and showing their art, during June. Open to the public from Tuesday to Sunday, noon-5 p.m. The art runs the gamut from purely abstract to representational. Visit www.glenechopark.org/ARTS8.

Faculty Invitational Exhibition. Noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through July 21, at Popcorn Gallery in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The exhibit includes works by resident artists and instructors alongside works by their selected students. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222.

Photography Exhibition. Dennis O'Keefe and Sarah Hood Salomon show their work at Photoworks Gallery and Photography School in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard through July 22. Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and Sundays, 1-8 p.m. Gallery appointments available. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org or email Lisa Murphy at murphy@mail5@comcast.net or Gayle Rothschild at gaylesue@me.com.

Art Exhibit. Through Saturday, July 27, see "Speed and Pressure" in the Kaplan Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Free. Visit

www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

Art Exhibit. Leah Cooper presents "Drawing the Undifferentiated" through Saturday, July 27 at Common Ground Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Free. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

Theater Performance. See "Mouse on the Move" at Imagination Stage's Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theater. Performances are 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through July 28. Appropriate for children ages 1-5. \$10-\$12/person with \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Purchase tickets at www.imaginationstage.org or 301-280-1660.

Theater Performance. Through Sunday, Aug. 11, see "Peter Pan and Wendy" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Best for ages 4-11. Tickets start at \$12. ASL performance on Sunday, July 14 at 4 p.m. Visit www.imaginationstage.org for tickets.

Art Exhibit. Through Saturday, Aug. 17, see "No Strings Attached," which examines the role of fine arts in the creation of puppets and marionettes, at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. The exhibit features photography, sculpture, masks and puppets of every size. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Saturday Fun. Every Saturday through August there will be a new media for a child to try at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Sign up for one or for all, it is not a series. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200 to register for a class.

Rockville Town Square offerings include live bands on Friday nights through Sept. 27. Tuesdays are kids' nights through Aug. 20, with entertainment and free food. Wednesdays are movie nights through Aug. 21, and Thursdays are \$5 wine tasting nights, with live entertainment and food through Aug. 22.

Summer concert series at Glen Echo Park. Each week there will be a different group performing. The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo. Call 301-634-2222.

Theatre. Adventure Theatre MTC performances of "Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat," through Sept. 2. Based on the book by Dr. Seuss, starring Rick Hammerly and narrated by NPR's Guy Raz. \$19. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or call 301-634-2270.

Group Bike Ride. Thursday nights through September at 7 p.m. enjoy a bike ride. Meet at Freshbikes Bethesda store, 7626 Old Georgetown Road. All abilities welcome. Free. Visit www.freshbikescycling.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Outdoor Concert Series. 7 p.m. at Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the

Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear music by Trouble Funk. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 25

Free Thursday Concerts. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Hear music by Adrian Duke. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

"Autism Night Out." 6-9 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy, 9710 Great Seneca Highway. The Montgomery County Police Department and Autism Speaks host an event for families and community members looking to learn more about autism. Contact Laurie Reyes at 301-840-2788 or email laurie.reyes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Backyard Theater for Children. 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Backyard Theater Stage at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Pop Ups reinvent '80s pop. \$8/person; free for children 2 and under. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Hear music by SongRise, an a capella group based in D.C. Free. 301-634-2222.

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit www.capitalblues.org for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 26

Concert: Moonshine Society. 8 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m. at Rockville Rooftop, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Call 240-450-2405.

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 -11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Coffee Zombies provide music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

JULY 26-SEPT. 3

Photograph Exhibit. Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-8 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery and Photography School, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard. Come see photographs by The Master Darkroom class. The exhibit ends Tuesday, Sept. 3. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.com or email gaylesue@me.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Admission to be determined. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Living with Multiple Pets Workshop. 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. This workshop is about ways to prevent problems from developing and deal with problems that already exist. Expert trainer Lenne Bower will be speaking. Please leave your own pets at home. Visit www.yourdogsfriend.org/free-workshops or call 301-983-5913.

Shadow Puppet Show. 10 a.m.-noon at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Children ages 8 and older can create shadow puppets and more. \$25. Visit strathmore.org.

Puppet Theater. 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. at City Dance Studio 405 Theater at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. See "Alonzo's Lullaby." \$15. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JULY 27

Bethesda Outdoor Movies. Annual outdoor movie series at corner of



'Peter Pan And Wendy'

Bethesda becomes Neverland this summer, as Imagination Stage presents "Peter Pan and Wendy," a swashbuckling adventure with audience participation. Directed by Kathryn Chase Bryer, it is a story in which two young heroes must decide if growing up is really all that bad.

"Peter Pan and Wendy" runs in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre through Aug. 11. Best for ages 4-10, tickets start at \$12, available online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the box office, or at 301-280-1660. Group rates are available.

Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for movie schedule.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 27-28

24th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale. 10 a.m. at seven farms across Montgomery County. The tour will feature fresh fruits and vegetables available for purchase, as well as an up close look at farm animals. To find locations visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour.

SUNDAY/JULY 28

Ballroom Tea Dance. 3-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Dance to live music by Hot Society Orchestra of Washington. All ages. \$14. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Dutch Crossing Workshop. 4-5:30 p.m. at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Music by Coffee Zombies. \$10. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

Argentine Tango. 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/person; \$10/dance only. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Contra Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 29-AUG. 2

Teen Fine Art Camp. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Children ages 12-15 can learn technique and creative processes and establish artistic identity. \$225. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

Outdoor Concert Series. 7 p.m. at Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear music by Jonathan Scales Fourchestra. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

Backyard Theater for Children. 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Backyard Theater Stage at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Taikoza will give a glimpse into the music and culture of Japan. \$8/person; free for children 2 and under. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Musical and Spoken Word Performances. 7 p.m. at Kaplan

Gallery in VisArts, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Poet Sean Enright and bluegrass musician Michael Winch and the New Time Orchestra will be performing. Free to the public. Visit www.visartsrockville.org.

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear music by Natalie Cole. \$35-\$95. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 2

Puppet Slam. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. \$15. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Concert. 8 p.m. at Rockville Rooftop, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Higher Hands will be performing. Doors open at 6 p.m. tickets are \$10. Visit www.rockvillerooftoplive.com or call 240-450-2405.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Puppet Show. 10 a.m.-noon at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Children ages 8-12 can create their own puppet show, complete with handmade rod puppets and scripted skit. \$25. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Panel Discussion. 3-4:30 p.m. at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Artists and educators will discuss new transformations of theater through puppetry. Free, but tickets required. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Tribute to Wayne Shorter. 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Trumpeter-composer David Weiss and his band, Endangered Species, plus Wallace Roney Orchestra pay tribute. \$25-\$35. Visit www.strathmore.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. Visit www.mcrrc.org to register and more.

Puppet Performance. 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at City Dance Studio 405 Theater at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Blair Thomas & Company will perform "Hard Headed Heart." \$15. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Waltz Dance Workshop. 2:45 and 3:30 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Md. Waverly Station will be playing the music. Entrance fee is \$10, no partner required. Visit www.waltztimedances.org or call 301-634-2222.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Rodrigo Y Gabriela perform featuring Alex Wilson. \$58-\$68. Visit www.strathmore.org.

FOOD & DRINK

A group of **food trucks** operating in Montgomery County has a website making it easier find out where they will be. Visit MoCofoodtrucks.com, then click on the logo of any food truck to locate it. The site currently lists 16 trucks in the area, several of which have stops in Bethesda.

Rockville's Saturday farmers market is open in Rockville Town Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Offerings include farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey herbs, baked goods and more. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/farmers.htm. **Rockville's Wednesday farmers market**, in Rockville Town Center, is open for the season from 11-2 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/farmers.htm.

Kensington farmers market, Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon, at Kensington train station parking lot on Howard Avenue. 301-949-2424.

Pike Central farmers market, Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 11806 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Call 301-775-6402.

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