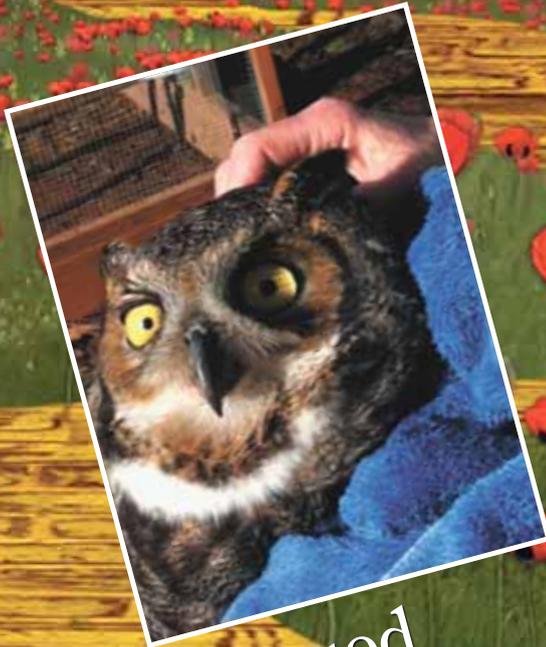


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Great Horned Owl Rescued

Large female owl was tangled in netting; expected to recover and be released back to the wild.

John Phillips was tending to chores on his Brickyard Road property when he noticed a pair of hawks in a tree whose attention was riveted to something on the ground. When he followed their gaze, he saw her, a massive Great Horned Owl down on the ground, too tired to struggle, legs tangled in netting.

John's wife, Jill Phillips, says she was "just being a mom," when she called Owl Moon Raptor Center to see if they could rescue the distressed owl.

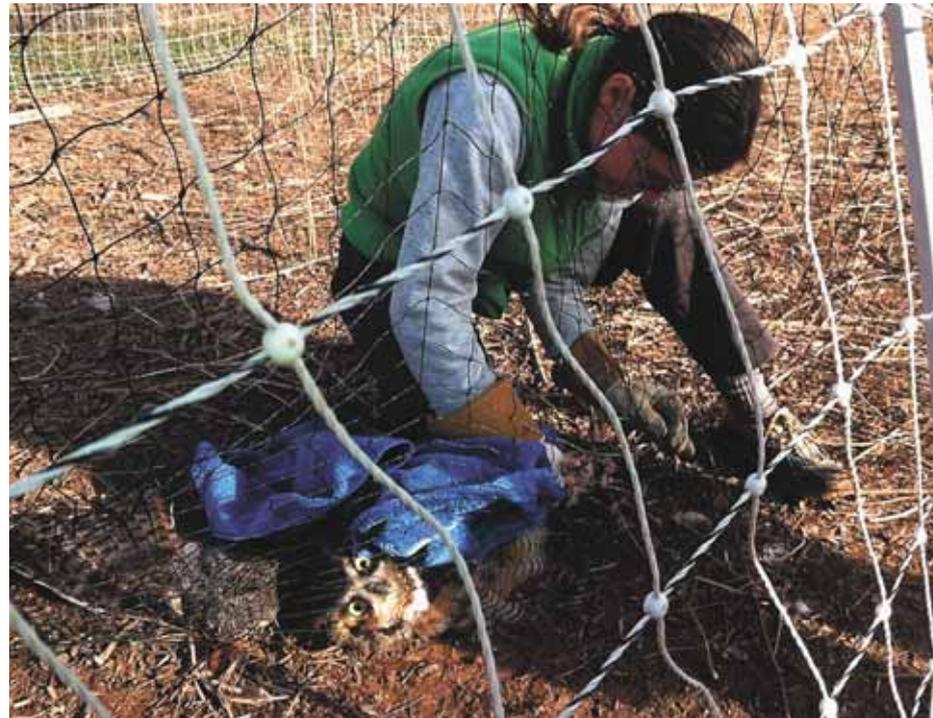
John and Jill Phillips own Squeals on Wheels, a mobile petting zoo, and so are outside caring for their animals quite a bit, and know something about animals and when help is needed.

As rescues of large birds of prey go, this was a fairly easy rescue, said Suzanne Shoemaker, founder of Owl Moon Raptor Center, who came to Potomac from Boyds when she received the call.

"It was a fairly easy rescue because she was entangled," Shoemaker said.

The owl, a very large female, received fluids but did not need antibiotics for the abrasion on her foot, Shoemaker said. She will test fly her before releasing her back into the wild.

The Great Horned Owl is one of the most common species of owls and is a year-round resident of most of the United States. They are massive birds, often more than two feet



Suzanne Shoemaker, founder of Owl Moon Raptor Center, carefully frees the Great Horned Owl from the netting that entangled it.



Suzanne Shoemaker, founder of Owl Moon Raptor Center, holds the Great Horned Owl after freeing it from the netting.

tall with a wingspan of three-and-a-half feet to nearly five feet across. The females are larger than the males.

Founded in 2002, Owl Moon Raptor Center is a licensed wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. The center is located in Boyds.

Owl Moon cooperates with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife

& Heritage Service, and local animal control offices and humane societies to answer calls concerning injured, orphaned, or otherwise jeopardized birds of prey.

Shoemaker emphasized how hazardous netting can be to birds. Netting should be harder or more taut like wire or chainlink. Even common landscape netting can trap songbirds.

Owl Moon rescues, rehabilitates, and reconditions raptors with the goal of returning them to the wild.

Shoemaker, a wildlife biologist, is a licensed master wildlife rehabilitator and licensed falconer and is an expert in animal behavior, ecology, and the adaptations of animals to their natural environment.

See <http://owlmoon.org/>

Potomac Library To Host 'Love Crazy' Author

Parents' letters inspire memoir.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
THE ALMANAC

Looking for some indoor activities during the winter blast? This Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m., Selby Fleming McPhee will speak about her new book "Love Crazy" at the Potomac Library located on 10101 Glenolden Drive.

"Love Crazy" is a memoir examining her parents' (Jack and Peggy Fleming) relationship and love from when they met on a blind date in Philadelphia until their deaths in the 1980s.

The book was released in spring 2013 and McPhee has been busy speaking about "Love Crazy" at various book groups, parties and other literary venues ever since.

In April 2013, she spoke at the Bethesda Writer's Center. She also participated in the Washington Women Writers Series luncheon held by the Woman's National Democratic Club in October 2013. She also spoke



McPhee

at a friend's bookstore in Omaha in early November.

"During a lot of the author talks, I find that people often remember their own parents. A lot of people in my age group had fathers who they didn't get to meet until later because they

were fighting in World War II. In addition, the book has started some people thinking about those old musty boxes in their own attics or that old box of letters," she said.

McPhee didn't meet her own father until she was 3 years old as a result of him joining the Navy when he was 40 years old.

"Love Crazy" has given her a new perspective of her parents and their relationship. McPhee was inspired to write the memoir after finding a box marked "Personal letters of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Fleming, Jr. to be destroyed unopened" written on the lid in 1983.

"I got to hear them [my parents] in their own voices from when they were children right on through. It was really gratifying,"

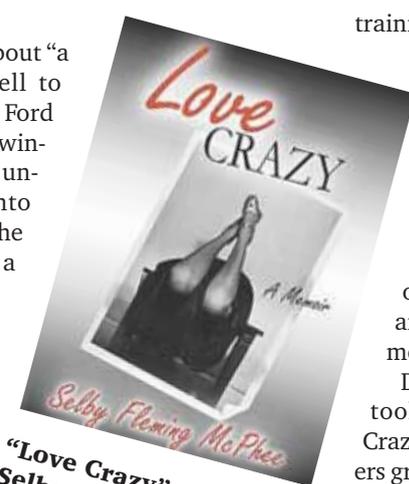
she said.

She remembers reading about "a hysterical trip from Cornell to Philadelphia in a Model T Ford with no top in the middle of winter when the brakes failed, until they were careening into Ithaca with no way to stop the car except to run it into a snowbank."

Although she didn't find any family secrets, she did find a few surprises especially about her mother's personality in relation to the early roots of feminism.

"My mother was definitely not a feminist but there were certain freedoms during the '20s women enjoyed such as more freedom with fashion styles, smoking and other social customs that she embraced," she said.

During the Depression, her mother went to work as a teacher without any formal



"Love Crazy" author Selby Fleming McPhee debuts new memoir at Potomac Library's Author Talk.

training in order to support her family.

McPhee credits these family revelations as the inspiration for a possible future book surrounding women of her age group (70 or older) and feminism and the Women's Movement.

During the 5 years it took her to write "Love Crazy," she credits her writers group in aiding her in the writing process.

In her spare time, she sings in a church choir, and does some pro-bono writing for organizations' newsletters. McPhee has worked as a staff writer and editor at schools, universities, and other educational institutions including Tufts University and the National Association of Independent Schools. She has a BA from Vassar College.

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Summer Camp: Start Planning Now

Applications for many camps open in January.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

The frigid January temperatures can make summer feel like a distant fantasy of sunscreen and popsicles, but it's actually not that far away. If you have children who want to attend camp after the current school year ends, now is the time to start planning, said experts. In fact, registration for many camps begins this month.

"Spaces fill quickly so we encourage parents to register as soon as possible," said Kevin Rechen, director of the Summer at Norwood School camp in Potomac. "Popular classes and programs always fill early." Rechen added that many camps, including Norwood, offer discounts for early registration.

However, choosing the right camp is not always easy with the Washington, D.C., area's many choices, which run the gamut from traditional day camps to specialty camps, sports camps and academic programs. Your child could even attend a camp about Ernest Hemingway.

Linda Stratton of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va., said the list of the school's summer offerings is growing. "We have some exciting new specialty camps [at SummerTimes], including Hemingway: The Importance of Being Earnest camp, Chesapeake Journey camp, an overnight camp [and] Yoga and Nutrition."

With so many options, it can be hard to choose. Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., suggested asking, "Is there a variety of activities, opportunities for movement, structured games, arts and crafts?" There needs to be time for socializing, play and rest, and I would avoid camps that are 100-percent outdoors during the summer because of the heat.

Gulyn suggested parents make sure the camp is a good fit socially. "The opportunity to be with other kids of the same age is especially important in elementary school," she said. "A 7-year-old wants to be with other 7-year-olds, particularly of the same gender. They learn from each other, even informal things like speech habits. They



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUMMER AT NORWOOD

Students at the Summer at Norwood camp play tug-of-war. Experts say summer camps should offer opportunities for play, socialization and rest.

learn what's cool. That's very important developmentally. Not to mention that they are developmentally similar and their motor skills, body size, balance [and] coordination tend to be similar."

In fact, you probably want to stay local to help establish long-term friendships. "Summer camp is a time for children to build friendships and for parents to establish relationships with other parents through things like carpooling," said Gulyn. "If you're going to Civil War camp in Alexandria and you live in Arlington, you probably won't be carpooling or keeping in touch with those people. In my opinion, you should stay as local as possible."

Bethesda-based psychologist Lauren Rubenstein, Psy.D., says that parents should also try to learn about the environment of the camps they are considering. "Try and figure out what the culture of the campus is," she said. "Are they focused on celebrating the individual child, creating a positive camp culture and helping kids develop their individual voices?"

In fact, Rubenstein suggested that parents think about summer 2015 and spend time observing different camps' environments. "It

is great to do camp visits one summer, thinking about the next summer," said Rubenstein. "You can read all the brochures and look on the website, but the best way to know what is right for your child and your family is to spend a day there and see what goes on."

Gulyn said parents should ask how camp staff members resolve inevitable conflicts among campers. "How do they manage behavior problems like bullying? Social conflict issues like teasing and exclusion are common and normal at this age, but how does the camp manage it and are you comfortable with their approach?"

You also need to know the staff-to-child ratio because safety is important."

"Summer camp is a time for children to build friendships and for parents establish to relationships with other parents."

— Linda Gulyn, Ph.D.,
Marymount University

OF COURSE, COST is also important. "I say parents should stay within their own budgets," said Gulyn. "There are a lot of camps that sound perfect for a child and the child gets there and after three days the child doesn't want to go. A pricey camp isn't always the most appropriate."

Rubenstein said, "Speaking as a parent, I don't think there is any correlation between the cost of the camp and the quality of the camp

experience."

If you do fall in love with an expensive camp, however, there are often financial options. "Camps will have scholarships for those in need or a sliding scale for more than one camper in the household, so looking for those shouldn't be difficult to find," said Brenda P. Wiggins, Ph.D., an associate professor of parks, recreation and leisure studies at George Mason University's School of Recreation, Health and Tourism in Fairfax, Va. If your child is unique or has special needs, experts said not to fear, there are still many options. "Camps should offer opportunities to work with any camper, no matter what their physical, emotional or intellectual challenge might be," said Wiggins. "If a parent inquires and can't see that her or his camper will find themselves in a camp that can modify their activities to meet those challenges, then my suggestion would be to inquire with Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services' Therapeutic Recreation Section [and comparable offices for other counties] to find camps for individuals with disabilities," she said.

The right camp, experts said, is out there, and will provide experiences children will treasure for years. "Good camps provide an experience that children will look back on fondly in 10 years," said Rechen. "This is accomplished through nurturing staff, the best facilities and activities and, above all, an encompassing sense of community."

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The Montgomery County Council will hold full-day worksessions on Jan. 14, 15, 16 and 21, starting at 9:30 a.m. on the first proposed major changes in the County Zoning Ordinance since 1978. The worksessions begin at 9:30 a.m. each day at the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville.

Worksessions are scheduled to 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

On May 7, 2013, the council, at the request of the Planning Board, introduced a new Zoning Ordinance

and a District Map Amendment. The text of ZTA 13-04 (in excess of 300 pages, compared to some 1,100 pages in the current code) may be found on the Planning Department's website: <http://www.zoningmontgomery.org>.

The council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) met during the fall and has given the full council its recommendations. The updated proposed Zoning Rewrite draft, which includes changes made by the PHED Committee, can be viewed at www.zoningmontgomery.org

A final vote on the zoning rewrite is expected by the end of February, according to council documents.

1-14

Councilmember Nancy Floreen was scheduled to introduce Bill 1-14 Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Council's regularly scheduled board meeting. The bill would

"prohibit smoking in certain outdoor dining areas except while actively passing on the way to another destination," according to Montgomery County Council documents. The Council has scheduled a public hearing for March 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett will present his recommended five-year capital construction budget on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at the Executive Office Building at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville. The day before Leggett was scheduled to join Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Prince George County Executive Rushern Baker III in Annapolis to testify before the General Assembly on the need for additional funding of public schools and school construction needs.

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Valerie Ervin (D-5) announced on Dec. 10, 2013 that she will resign from the Montgomery County Council this month. The council is scheduled to conduct interviews to appoint a replacement on Jan. 17, 22 and 24 at 2 p.m., according to council documents. Ervin will become the executive director of the Center for Working Families and will work on policy issues that impact working people.

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WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

New Workshops. JSSA's (Jewish Social Service Agency) Winter/Spring 2014 Workshops and Groups are open for enrollment with details online. These programs provide the opportunity for anyone in the community struggling with a wide range of learning, behavioral, emotional and physical challenges to learn from JSSA's highly skilled professionals and to share with others who are facing similar challenges. Limited space is available for some workshops and groups. New programs just added include: Children of Divorce Support Group; Connecting in Friendship; We Can Get Along; and Social Clubs for individuals diagnosed with a Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorder. Visit <http://www.jssa.org/> or contact Lise Bram at lbram@jssa.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Workshop. 7:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Find out how to save money and maximize your home's energy efficiency. Free.

MONDAY/JAN. 20

Day of Service. This year, Montgomery County's Day of Service activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will take place at four sites throughout the County. Each location will also be a collection site for non-perishable food donations for Manna Food Center and donations of sleeping bags, blankets and socks for the homeless. Montgomery County's Volunteer Center will coordinate indoor family-friendly service projects from 1-3 p.m. at the North Bethesda Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road. Information and registration to participate can be found at www.montgomeryserves.org. Other Service Day sites include Seneca Creek Community Church from 9-11 a.m., hosted by the Seneca Creek Community Church; Silver Spring

Civic Building from 10 a.m.-noon, organized by the Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and International Cultural Center, from 3-5 p.m. All activities are approved for Student Service Learning hours through Montgomery County Public Schools.

TUESDAY/JAN. 21

Loss of a Child Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays. Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville. For parents grieving the death of a child of any age, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

Evening Grief Support Group. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Free Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. Learn about dogs and what happens when their comfort zone is affected. Register at yourdogsfriend.org/workshop-registration or 301-983-5913.

SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Camp Expo. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Hilton Hotel & Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike. Meet with camp directors and learn about camps to get a start on planning the summer. Free. There will be prizes, performances, moonbounces and more. Visit www.washingtonparent.com for more.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Real Estate As An Investment

Real estate is a cash generating asset that can only appreciate with time, given proper care and today's market is a good time to think about investing. Real estate is like gold or silver; it appreciates in value, but since it is a tangible asset, it doesn't function like a bond or a stock that can lose value in a heartbeat. There are three main forms of return on investment with real estate: appreciation, cash flow and return on taxes. Each of these things should be considered before you decide to become a real estate investor and a Realtor® can help you with these decisions.

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'The Wizard of Oz' at Congregation Har Shalom

A cast of 51 performs classic on Jan. 25-26 in Potomac.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE ALMANAC

Coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the movie, The Har Shalom Players of Potomac is skipping down the yellow brick road with its theater-in-the-round production of L. Frank Baum's classic "The Wizard of Oz" on Jan. 25-26.

The show features a cast of 51 — including children and teens — from eight area schools. Show dates are Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Jeff Ashin, 58, of Bethesda, plays the Cowardly Lion. The past-president (three terms) of the synagogue is basing his character on the Three Stooges, Jimmy Durante and Snagglepuss — all topped with a Brooklyn accent.

"As we perform, as we sing together, as we learn our lines together, it's been an incredible amount of fun," said Ashin, who also played Rocky in "Damn Yankees." He adds: "We've really made a wonderful community for ourselves."

"We have a lot of fun," said Barbara Kaplowitz of Potomac, whose husband Brett, son Scott and daughter Molly have



The Wicked Witch is played by Sue Alterman.

performed together in six shows. In this production, son Scott, 18, plays the Scarecrow and the rest of the clan is in the ensemble. "It's just a great experience for our family," she added.

Kaplowitz, who handles the communications, said working together to practice lines builds "esprit de corps" as her family chats about the rehearsals. "It's a lot of work, but it's very exciting," she added.

Scott Kaplowitz, 18, who plays the Scarecrow, said: "It's really a fun role because I get to dance around and act goofy, and he's just a very carefree, fun character."

Being Har Shalom Players's ninth play, show producer Ken Lechter said every play



The Scarecrow is played by Scott Kaplowitz.

has to have three functions: to act as a fundraiser; to give synagogue members a chance to act and sing, and to create a strong sense of community within the synagogue.

"It's very important for us to choose plays that involve children, so they can have exposure to the theater," said Lechter. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of doing it ... And it's very rewarding to create something that has become an institution for the synagogue."

Auditions started in the first week in October and last Sunday the entire cast sang with a full orchestra of 15 members. Said Kaplowitz: "It's really thrilling to watch the growth and development of voices and characters as we go from the very first orches-

tra and head into dress rehearsal week."

"The Wizard of Oz" is co-produced with Stewart Remer, and directed by Rochelle (Shelly) Horn. The production team includes Musical Director Marci Shegogue, Vocal Director Lee Rosenthal, and Choreographer Karen Creel.

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children (under age 13). Chai Patron tickets, which include front row seating, complimentary refreshments during intermission, a special picture with the cast and other Chai Patron ticket holders, a reserved parking space, and a mention in the program are \$180 each. Patron tickets, which include preferred upfront seating, a reserved parking space, and special mention in the program, are \$100 for adults and \$36 for children (under age 13). The theater holds about 600 people. Tickets can be purchased at www.harshalom.org or at <http://www.tinyurl.com/WizardOfOzTix>. For information on group sales, email play@harshalom.org or call 301-299-7087. Ticket pickup and check-in begins one hour prior to the show. Past shows of the Har Shalom Players include: "Bye Bye Birdie," "Damn Yankees," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hello, Dolly!," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Oliver!," "Once Upon A Mattress," and "Seussical the Musical." Congregation Har Shalom is a progressive, egalitarian, participatory Conservative Jewish congregation with 700 families at 11510 Falls Road in Potomac. Call 301-299-7087.

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CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Theater Performance.

See "Aquarium" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Through Jan. 26. Tuesdays-Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., and Saturdays-Sundays at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Appropriate for children ages 1-5. Tickets are \$10-12 with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Tickets can be purchased at www.imaginationstage.org, at the box office or 301-280-1660.

Art Exhibit. See "With These Hands" in the Kaplan Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., through Jan. 18. The exhibit features pieces from the Robert and Sharon Buchanan art collection and includes ceramics, prints, paintings and more by local and international artists. Free. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

Art Exhibit. Exhibit9 presents "Painting-Calligraphy," a collection of modern and traditional Persian calligraphy by Sina Goudarzi, Nematollah Nouri, Hossein Norouzi, Nahid Navab and Soraya Vahabzadeh. Through Jan. 25. Located at 10116 Lloyd Road. Visit exhibit9gallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Evidence of Civilization" Through Feb. 24 at Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. See photographs, paintings, ceramics and more. Free. 301-299-7087.

Theater Performance. See "The Tales of Beatrix Potter" in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Performances

are Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Runs Jan. 17-Feb. 9. \$10. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Classes. Visit www.visartscenter.org or 301-315-8200 for a list of the winter classes, such as the Art of Watercolor, Advanced Artistic Anatomical Drawing and Painting Studio. Located at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville.

New Classes. Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, is holding new classes in basic digital camera, photoshop or elements basics and more starting Jan. 18. Visit <http://glenechophotoworks.org/gallery/> or 301-634-2226 for a list of classes and to register.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

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

Shop, Save, and Give. 7-9 p.m. at Shoe Train, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. In support of Suited for Change, through Jan. 16 Shoe Train will collect gently-used, professional attire and shoes for donation. Then Shoe Train will host a boutique mom's night out Jan. 16. Visit ShoeTrainPotomac.com for more.

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Selby McPhee will discuss her book "Love Crazy: A Memoir." Free.

FRIDAY/JAN. 17

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:15 -11:30 p.m. dancing in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Waverley Station provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Balboa DJ Dance. 8:30-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Lessons from 8:30-9 p.m., dancing starts at 9 p.m. \$10. Visit glenechopark.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 18

One Day Art Class. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, is holding a variety of one-day classes, such as drawing, ceramics and more. Call 301-315-8200 or visit www.visartscenter.org.

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Snow Show." For children up to age 4, lights stay on, doors stay open and shows are 30 minutes long. \$5/person. Reservations recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Art Exhibition. See "Envision" by Elli Behdad at Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Hours are 1-6 p.m. with a reception from 4-6 p.m. Free. Visit www.ellizart.com or www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Appreciation Event Workshop. 6:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St. Celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of VisArts Board of Directors past president Bob Buchanan. There will be classes and more. Separate tickets required for the gala. Visit www.visartscenter.org or 301-315-8200.

Alien Invaders. 10 a.m. at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville. Help remove invasive non-native plants. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Free.

Raptor Experiences. 10-10:30 a.m., see Meadowside's resident vulture play with her food. Noon-12:30p.m., observe raptors during their feeding time and hear stories about those on exhibit. Both take place at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville. Free.

Chalk Play. 1 p.m. at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville. Free. Share dreams through drawings in the parking lot.

SUNDAY/JAN. 19

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Winter Wonderland." For children up to age 4, lights stay on, doors stay open and shows are 30 minutes long. \$5/person. Reservations recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Art Exhibition. See "Envision" by Elli Behdad at Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Hours are 1-6 p.m. Free. Visit www.ellizart.com or www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Dance to live music by Hichman, Glickman and Devine. \$10. Visit www.waltztimedances.org.

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

Contra Dance. 7 p.m. lessons start;

7:30 -11 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

WINTER/JAN. 20

Winter Fun Day Camp. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kickskate Potomac, 12944 Travilah Road. Children ages 4-12 learn karate techniques, games, and more. Pizza provided for lunch. \$49/person or \$39/two or more children. Register at 301-519-2200.

Park Play Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cabin John Ice. Students age 6-12 can enjoy ice skating, tennis, arts and crafts, team sports and more. \$40/child. Register at www.parkpass.org and use course #257852.

TUESDAY/JAN. 21

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington-Kreeger Theater, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The United States Air Force Band featuring the Singing Sergeants' Men's Chorus will perform a free concert. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

Park Play Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cabin John Ice. Students age 6-12 can enjoy ice skating, tennis, arts and crafts, team sports and more. \$40/child. Register at www.parkpass.org and use course #257853.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Old McDonald's Farm." For children up to age 4,

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lights stay on, doors stay open and shows are 30 minutes long. \$5/person. Reservations recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

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

FRIDAY/JAN. 24

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:15 -11:30 p.m. dancing in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Steam provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Baby Bear's Birthday." For children up to age 4, lights stay on, doors stay open and shows are 30 minutes long. \$5/person. Reservations recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Performance. 8 p.m. at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. See a production of "The Wizard of Oz." \$20/adult; \$15/child. Visit www.harshalom.org or 301-299-7087 for tickets.

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Features music by Tom Cunningham Orchestra. \$18. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Dragon Feathers." For children up to age 4, lights stay on, doors stay open and shows are 30 minutes long. \$5/person. Reservations recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Camp Expo. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Hilton Hotel & Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike. Meet with camp directors and learn about camps to get a start on planning the summer. Free. There will be prizes, performances, moonbounces and more. Visit www.washingtonparent.com for more.

Milkshake Concert. 3:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 10621 S. Glen Road. Children of all ages can enjoy music and dancing. Free for children; \$5/adult. RSVP for tickets at rsvp@bnaitzedek.org or 301-299-0225.

Performance. 4:30 p.m. at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. See a production of "The Wizard of Oz." \$20/adult; \$15/child. Visit www.harshalom.org or 301-299-7087 for tickets.

Ballroom 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.

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/JAN. 27

Submission Deadline. Submit up to five jpeg images to Photoworks for possible inclusion in the exhibit "Love is in the Air" that will run Feb. 21-March 31 at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. For full rules, visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 30

Contra Techno 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. DJ Brian Hamshar will spin the music. \$8/adult; \$6/FSGW member, youth or student. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

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/JAN. 31

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. Sharktones provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Hear music by the Cezanne Piano Trio. Free. Donations accepted.

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Sales in November, 2013, \$1,000,000~\$1,250,000



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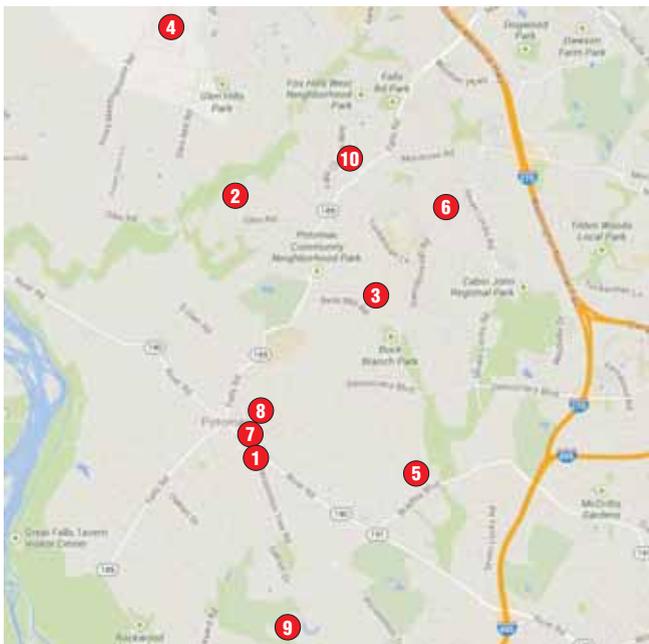
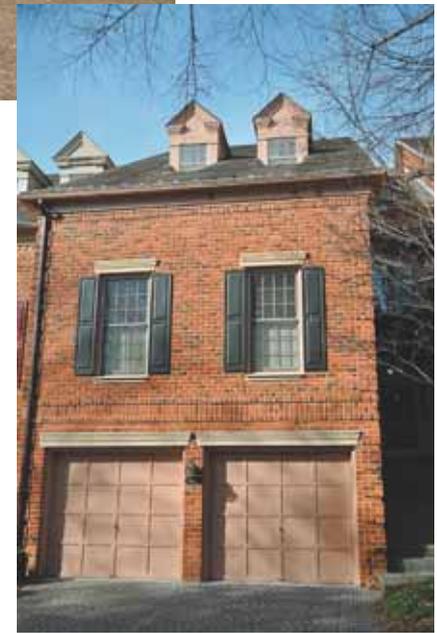
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Address	BR	FB	HB	..	Postal	City ..	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	..	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 9410 PERSIMMON TREE RD	3	...	2	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,240,000	....	Detached	.....	1.30	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE	.....	11/15/13
2 10000 WEATHERWOOD CT	5	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,235,000	....	Detached	.....	0.39	.....	20854	.....	GLEN OAKS	.....	11/26/13
3 8817 SLEEPY HOLLOW LN	5	...	5	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,225,000	....	Detached	.....	0.44	.....	20854	.....	FOX HILLS	.....	11/15/13
4 10600 MAPLECREST LN	5	...	5	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,220,000	....	Detached	.....	0.33	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC GLEN	.....	11/15/13
5 9409 KENTSDALE DR	6	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,130,000	....	Detached	.....	0.53	.....	20854	.....	MCAULEY PARK	.....	11/04/13
6 11802 HENRY FLEET DR	7	...	6	...	0	POTOMAC	\$1,130,000	....	Detached	.....	0.21	.....	20854	.....	REGENT PARK	.....	11/27/13
7 6 SOTWEED CT	4	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,100,000	....	Detached	.....	0.47	.....	20854	..	MASS AVE HIGHLANDS	..	11/07/13
8 10009 HALL RD	4	...	3	...	0	POTOMAC	\$1,060,000	....	Detached	.....	0.38	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC VILLAGE	.....	11/07/13
9 9615 BEMAN WOODS WAY	3	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,025,000	....	Townhouse	..	0.10	.....	20854	.....	AVENEL	.....	11/25/13
10 12208 GROVE PARK CT	4	...	2	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,007,500	Detached	0.25	20854	FALLSBERRY	11/25/13

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HOME SALES

In November 2013, 34 Potomac homes sold between \$2,800,000-\$490,000.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
8406 RAPLEY RIDGE LN	6	6	2	POTOMAC	\$2,800,000	Detached	0.50	20854	AVENEL
11225 RIVER VIEW DR	6	6	1	POTOMAC	\$2,000,000	Detached	1.72	20854	MARWOOD
10405 BRIDLE LN	6	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,525,000	Detached	0.40	20854	RIVER FALLS
11727 GAINSBOROUGH RD	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,509,000	Detached	0.76	20854	WILLERBURN ACRES
10916 CHANDLER RD	6	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,467,500	Detached	1.17	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
12308 PINEY GLEN LN	8	6	2	POTOMAC	\$1,445,000	Detached	5.00	20854	PINEY GLEN FARMS
7810 PEARSON KNOLL PL	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,265,000	Townhouse	0.04	20854	PARK POTOMAC
12524 GREY FOX LN	5	5	0	POTOMAC	\$1,255,000	Detached	0.46	20854	GLEN MEADOWS
9410 PERSIMMON TREE RD	3	2	1	POTOMAC	\$1,240,000	Detached	1.30	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
10000 WEATHERWOOD CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,235,000	Detached	0.39	20854	GLEN OAKS
8817 SLEEPY HOLLOW LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.44	20854	FOX HILLS
10600 MAPLECREST LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,220,000	Detached	0.33	20854	POTOMAC GLEN
9409 KENTSDALE DR	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,130,000	Detached	0.53	20854	MCAULEY PARK
11802 HENRY FLEET DR	7	6	0	POTOMAC	\$1,130,000	Detached	0.21	20854	REGENT PARK
6 SOTWEED CT	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.47	20854	MASS AVE HIGHLANDS
10009 HALL RD	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$1,060,000	Detached	0.38	20854	POTOMAC VILLAGE
9615 BEMAN WOODS WAY	3	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,025,000	Townhouse	0.10	20854	AVENEL
12208 GROVE PARK CT	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$1,007,500	Detached	0.25	20854	FALLSBERRY
10405 GARY RD	4	5	1	POTOMAC	\$975,000	Detached	0.71	20854	POTOMAC HILLS
9436 TOBIN CIR	5	4	1	ROCKVILLE	\$967,400	Detached	0.46	20854	MCAULEY PARK
8620 BRICKYARD RD	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$915,000	Detached	1.22	20854	FAWCETT FARMS
10005 ORMOND RD	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$875,000	Detached	0.47	20854	POTOMAC VILLAGE
7914 TURNCREST DR	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$860,000	Townhouse	0.10	20854	POTOMAC CREST
8818 TUCKERMAN LN	5	2	2	POTOMAC	\$835,000	Detached	0.31	20854	OLDFIELD
11013 OLD COACH RD	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$785,000	Detached	0.25	20854	FOX HILLS
12131 TRAILRIDGE DR	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$785,000	Detached	0.39	20854	FALLSREACH
11909 FALLS RD	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$770,000	Detached	0.70	20854	BEVERLY FARMS
904 TWIN OAKS DR	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$722,000	Detached	0.26	20854	POTOMAC WOODS EAST
1735 GLASTONBERRY RD	5	3	1	ROCKVILLE	\$690,000	Detached	0.18	20854	HORIZON HILL
8109 WHITES FORD WAY	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$661,000	Detached	0.21	20854	REGENT PARK
7832 HEATHERTON LN	3	2	2	POTOMAC	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.05	20854	INVERNESS KNOLLS
8178 INVERNESS RIDGE RD	3	2	2	POTOMAC	\$529,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	20854	INVERNESS FOREST TH
7705 HEATHERTON LN	3	3	1	ROCKVILLE	\$516,500	Townhouse	0.05	20854	INVERNESS KNOLLS
13616 HAYWORTH DR	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.04	20854	PINEY GLEN VILLAGE

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SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Jackson I. Pierce Felker, a senior from Thomas S. Wootton High School has received a full-tuition Posse Scholarship from the Posse Foundation. Jackson will be attending Bucknell University

Amy Lee, the daughter of ChunQing Lei and Hong Gang Li of Potomac, was named to the president's list at Randolph-Macon Academy.

David Lee, the son of ChunQing Lei and Hong Gang Li of Potomac, was named to the dean's list. David is a senior at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Francis X. Gormley, Jr. of Potomac is an assistant coach for the men's lacrosse team at Denison University.

Morgane Amat, class of 2014 at Connecticut College and a resident of Potomac, has been named to the dean's high honors list.



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In Case Someone Is Wondering



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I don't mind being alive, really I don't. Occasionally though, I receive well-intended inquiries – electronic and otherwise, from people (who know my cancer story) who are sort of wondering if perhaps I'm not. When people haven't heard from me in a while – and this is a category of people with whom I don't have regular/recurring interactions, but rather a group of people who reach out and attempt to touch me (figuratively speaking) every three or four months or so – there is a presumption on their part that my silence (so far as they know) is not in fact golden, but rather ominous, as in the cancer might have won and yours truly didn't. And when I respond, their pleasure/relief at my not having succumbed to the disease is quite positive, generally speaking. Their honesty and joy in learning that I'm still alive is both rewarding and gratifying. Rewarding in that they care and gratifying in that I must be doing something right which enables me to sustain myself through a very difficult set of medical circumstances: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, the terminal kind (is there any other kind?).

Statistically speaking, stage IV (there is no stage V) non-small cell lung cancer patients, according to various studies by The American Cancer Society, The National Cancer Institute, N.I.H. are not long-term survivors (the understatement of the year). Those of us who survive five years should have a parade, but very few would be alive to attend. February 27th, 2014 will be my five-year anniversary. Lucky doesn't begin to accurately describe my feelings. Amazing begins to scratch the surface.

Obviously, I understand the underlying concern of those individuals who don't hear from me and can't help but wonder (presume even; let's be realistic) that I've joined the ranks of the undesirables: those who have died and not left a forwarding address. In a peculiar way, these queries are my most favorites. They reinforce to me everything I've done right and minimize anything I've done wrong. They make me proud of who I am and how long I've survived with a "terminal" disease. And the longer I continue to receive them, the longer I will have survived. What's better than that? (That's a rhetorical question). Nothing is better than that!

Still, there are many ongoing challenges I face every day. Perhaps as alluded to in the previous paragraph, grasping at straws (figuratively) is one of my enduring pursuits: attempting to find solace, comfort, understanding, support and an indescribable number of non-quantifiable emotions which build me up and make me feel whole again despite being splintered into a million figurative pieces when unexpectedly diagnosed with an inoperable, incurable, terminal disease at age 54 and a half. After having never suffered a broken bone in my entire life or even spent a single night in a hospital (and only one visit to the E.R.), here I was, in the prime of my middle age, being told in effect that my life (certainly as I knew and understood it) was over. If I was in college, I would have put that in my pipe and smoked it. However, as a mid-fifties-aged adult, recently orphaned, I was left to ordinary devices, which had never been so thoroughly tested.

Presently, five years after the fact, the tests still left to be taken mostly involve well-meaning friends and acquaintances wanting to know my status. A little awkward? Sure. A lot of care and concern? Absolutely! Inquiries I can live without? Not a chance.

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

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Whitman Girls' Basketball Extends Winning Streak

The Whitman girls' basketball team won its fourth game in seven days and extended its winning streak to nine with a 65-38 win over Blair on Jan. 17.

Freshman guard Abby Meyers led Whitman with 15 points and sophomore guard Marie Hatch scored 11.

Whitman defeated Walter Johnson 44-36 on Jan. 4, starting a stretch of four games in seven days. The Vikings followed with a 45-28 win over B-CC on Jan. 6, a 51-22 victory against Richard Montgomery on Jan. 8 and Friday's win over Blair.

Whitman improved its record to 10-2 and has not lost since falling against Bishop McNamara on Dec. 14.

The Vikings will travel to face Paint Branch (10-1) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Whitman Boys' Basketball's Win Streak Snapped

The Blair boys' basketball team snapped Whitman's nine-game winning streak with a 61-56 victory on Jan. 10.

The Vikings hadn't lost a 52-47 defeat against Rockville on Dec. 11.

Whitman (9-3) will host Paint Branch at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Wootton Girls' Basketball Wins Five Consecutive

The Wootton girls' basketball team is the midst of a five-game winning streak. The Patriots won four games in seven days to improve their record to 7-4.

Wootton beat Northwest 54-41 on Jan. 4, Quince Orchard 61-52 on Jan. 6, Clarksburg 62-54 on Jan. 8 and Rockville 60-44 on Jan. 10.

The Patriots will travel to face Gaithersburg at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Wootton Boys' Basketball Drops Fifth Straight

The Wootton boys' basketball team lost to Rockville 55-52 on Jan. 10, giving the Patriots five consecutive losses and dropping their record to 4-7.

Wootton will host Gaithersburg at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Churchill Girls' Basketball Wins Three Straight

After an overtime loss to Blair, the Churchill girls' basketball team responded with three consecutive victories.

The Bulldogs beat Walter Johnson 49-47 in overtime on Jan. 6, B-CC 48-43 on Jan. 8 and Richard Montgomery 53-33 on Jan. 10.

The Bulldogs will travel to face Magruder at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Churchill Boys' Basketball Splits Four in Seven

The Churchill boys' basketball team went 2-2 during a seven-day stretch, beating Walter Johnson and Bethesda-Chevy Chase and losing to Blair and Richard Montgomery.

After a 70-54 loss to Blair on Jan. 4, Churchill responded with back-to-back wins, beating WJ 51-46 on Jan. 6 and B-CC 48-47 on Jan. 8. The Bulldogs lost to Richard Montgomery 47-43 on Jan. 10.

Churchill will host Magruder at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Whitman's Abby Meyers, seen against Walter Johnson on Jan. 4, and the Vikings are on a nine-game winning streak.

BULLETIN BOARD

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Networking Event. 4-6 p.m. at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. RSVP by Jan. 31. Potomac Chamber Members \$10; non-members \$15. Visit www.potomacchamber.org or 301-299-2170.

MONDAY/FEB. 10

Final Session of the Career Gateway. The Jewish Council for the Aging will hold a job search training program that includes one-on-one mentoring, take home materials and more. \$75 for a multiple-day workshop. Register by e-mailing egreenberg@accessjca.org or 301-255-4215.

MONDAY/MARCH 3

Application Deadline. The online application for the Military Officers Association of America Educational Assistance Programs for the 2014-2015 school year is now available online at <https://scholarship.moaa.org/login.aspx>. Students can apply for the interest-free loans and grants, which are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study (or until a student graduates.)

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or full-time college students working toward their first undergraduate degree. Students may apply online at www.moaa.org/education. The application deadline is Monday, March 3 at noon. Visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or e-mail edassist@MOAA.org.

ONGOING

County residents can drop off **bulky rigid plastic**

items such as laundry baskets, kiddie pools, chairs, trash cans and pet carriers at the Shady Grove Solid Waste Processing Facility and Transfer Station. All items should be empty, rinsed and free of loose dirt, soil, etc.

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.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share 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 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information. 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.

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

Free Parent-Child Playgroup. Every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center. Meet new friends as you and your child play with age appropriate toys. Call 301-299-7087.

English Literacy for Adults. The Literacy Council of Montgomery County offers free literacy classes in reading, writing, listening, speaking, from beginning to advanced levels, including classes that focus on employment skills. The council also offers one-on-one tutoring. Volunteers lead the classes, tutor and act as mentors. The fall class schedule and registration dates are available online. Anyone interested in signing up for a class or volunteering should contact the Literacy Council. Email info@literacycouncilmcmd.org or 301-610-0030.

Montgomery County Master Gardeners are seeking applicants for their upcoming training class. Class size is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To be placed on the application list, or for more information, call 301-590-2836.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

Alan Klein has been elected president and chairman of MCTA, effective January 2014. Klein, who has served as MCTA Treasurer for 10 of his 11-year MCTA Board tenure, will assume the top position from Carol Cohen. Cohen will continue as a board member. The full slate of officers elected for 2014 is: Alan Klein, president; Greg Overkamp, first vice president and chair, League Programs Committee; Natasha Moulton-Levy, second vice president and chair, Youth Programs Committee; Henry Forster, treasurer; and Nancy Trimble, secretary. Returning as members of the 2014 MCTA Board are: Carol Kromminga, Bob Medbery, Barbara Rosen, Ahmed Soliman, Laura Sommers, Barry Steinberg, Ivan Teelucksingh, and Dao Vissering.



Klein

The Paley Rothman lawyers selected 2014 Maryland Super Lawyers include:

Paula A. Calimafde, of Potomac, who chairs the firm's Employee Benefits and Retirement Plans practice groups, was named in Employee Benefits.

Glenn M. Cooper, of Potomac, the manager and a senior member of Paley Family Law, Appellate Practice and Litigation practice groups, was selected in Family Rothman's Law.



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