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Inspired by Potomac artists nearly 10 years ago, plastic horses were painted and sold for charitable purposes. Above is the only one that was sent to greener pastures. For years it has been “stabled” in a Potomac shopping center, first, for just a few days, in front of the old Surrey saddlery and gift shop. Subsequently, it went to graze in front of the bank, sandwiched between Chicos and the hair salon. Now, once again, it has trotted off, this time to graze behind the shopping center across from the Tally Ho’s back door. Next stop? Getting gassed at Mitch and Bill’s?

Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly Elected

The election of the nine-member Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly took place in Potomac last month. Baha'i elections occur at the local level annually on April 21, at the start of a 12-day festival celebrating the announcement by Baha'u'llah ("Glory of God," 1817-1892) that he was the Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

The Local Spiritual Assembly oversees the activities that are at the heart of Baha'i community life, including children's classes, devotional services, study groups, discussions on issues of global importance, activities for youth and junior youth, and Holy Day celebrations.

These activities are open to all Potomac residents.

"Baha'i elections are unique," said Katherine Larson, the newly elected Secretary of the governing body.

"There are no campaigns, nominations or canvassing, and every adult Baha'i can vote for nine individuals whom they think can best serve the community."

Qualifications include selfless devotion, a well-trained mind, recognized ability and mature experience.



The newly elected Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly include, back row, from left, Barbara Talley, Gisu Mohadjer, Ala Rahmi, Shahrzad Rowhani, Kameh Bahrami, Evelyn Pesantez, and, front row, from left, Behrouz Rahmi (treasurer), Guilda Mahmoudi (chair) and Katherine Larson (secretary).

The Baha'i Faith is an independent, monotheistic world religion. Baha'is believe in unity, equality of all people, the harmony of science and religion, the elimination of

severe economic inequality and all prejudices, and that all major religions are derived from and follow the same God.

Visit www.Bahai.org.

Email almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Prekindergarten and Head Start

Registration. Walk-in applications are being accepted Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141 in Rockville. Prekindergarten and Head Start for income-eligible children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2014, for the 2014-2015 school year. Call 301-230-0676 or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org for more.

Kindergarten Orientation. Sessions will take place through May 30, for children who will enter kindergarten in the 2014-2015 school year. During orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers and other staff members. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014 can be enrolled in kindergarten. Call 301-230-0691 or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Autism Night Out. 6-8 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy, 9710 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville. Police will demonstrate specialized equipment and answer questions, caregivers can develop a 911 "script" with police help. Hosted by Montgomery County Police Department and Autism Speaks. Contact Officer Laurie Reyes or Officer Tara Wimmer at 301-840-2788 or Laurie.Reyes@montgomerycountymd.gov or Tara.Wimmer@montgomerycountymd.gov. Visit www.mymcpnews.com/2014/05/22/save-the-date-autism-night-out-is-friday-may-30.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Civic Federation Meeting. 7:45-10 p.m. at the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Topic is transportation. Dan Wilhelm, transportation chair, will present updates and answer questions. Visit www.montgomerycivic.org.

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Three Battle for County Executive

Technically June 24 is the primary, but almost certainly, the primary winners will win in November.

The Primary Election for Montgomery County state and local offices, plus members of Congress, is Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

If you want some choice in who will represent you on County Council, as County Executive, in the Maryland General Assembly, now is the time to engage. If you think it doesn't matter much, these are the people who make land use decisions, decide what to do with county property, who set tax

rates, who decide how much money will go to schools, who control services that affect traffic and many other things that affect quality of life more than anything that happens at a national level.

Currently, all of Montgomery County is represented by Democrats at all levels.

This week, the Almanac continues coverage of particular races that will be decided in the primary election with County Executive. Candidates responded to our request

for information about why their candidacy matters, and why in Potomac in particular. Candidates also provided a short bio. These responses have been edited for length, but are in the candidates' own words.

In coming weeks, we will publish responses from candidates for County Council at Large, and candidates for State Senate and Delegate from Districts 15 and 16.

There are nine members of the County Council, five district members and four at-large members. Every Potomac resident is represented by the District 1 councilmember and the four at-large members.

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ Monday, June 2, is the last day to re-

quest an absentee ballot by mail; call 240-777-VOTE or download an application at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/Absentee/AbsenteeApplication.html>

❖ June 3: deadline to register to vote and be able to vote in the primary on June 23.

❖ June 12-19: early voting starts on the Thursday, June 12, and runs for eight days through the Thursday before the election. Montgomery County offers nine early voting centers. Voting hours each day at all locations will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The closest site to Potomac is at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St., Rockville.

❖ June 23, Election Day, voting places open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Phil Andrews

Bio: Phil Andrews has served on the County Council since 1998 (representing District 3 - Gaithersburg-Rockville), and served as president of the Council during The Great Recession of 2008-09. He has chaired the Council's Public Safety Committee since 2000, served on the Education Committee since 2006, and is the former chair of the Region's Emergency Preparedness Council and the County's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

Andrews was the chief sponsor of Montgomery County's Living Wage law, Smoke-free Restaurant law, the law that reformed the County's abused disability retirement system, the law that expanded employment opportunities for qualified people with severe disabilities, and the law that repealed the requirement that pensions be calculated as if a canceled pay raise had not been, saving taxpayers \$280 million. He is also the chief sponsor of the pending bill that would establish the region's first public financing system for County elections.

Prior to his election to the Council, Andrews served as executive director of Common Cause Maryland (1988-1994), where he led efforts that resulted in the first limits on PAC contributions in state and county elections, and strengthened the state's Open Meetings law. Andrews served as the first director of Montgomery County's award-winning AmeriCorps national service program (1994-1998), and as a field manager for the League of Conservation Voters (1981-1986) to protect our environment. Andrews holds a master's degree in governmental administration from the University of Pennsylvania (1992), and a bachelor's degree in political science from Bucknell University (1981). Andrews lives in Gaithersburg with his wife, Staci Daddona, and their son.

WHY MY CANDIDACY MATTERS:

I am the only candidate running for County Executive who accepts no campaign funds from the interest groups — developers, unions, corporations, PACs — with whom the County Executive negotiates on the public's behalf. Combined with my extensive experience in County government as a 16-year member of the County Council and the former director of the County's AmeriCorps program, my unique level of independence from interest groups enables me to always make decisions that are in the long-

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Phil Andrews

Doug Duncan (D)

Bio: A Montgomery County native, Doug Duncan and his 12 siblings grew up in the Twinbrook neighborhood of Rockville, home to working class families. Duncan's dad came to this country from France as a teenager, serving in World War II and at the NSA, and later teaching in the Montgomery County Public Schools ESOL program. His mom, Ellie, along with raising 13 children, worked at the Montgomery County Circuit Court and was a local Democratic activist.

Duncan graduated from Columbia University in three years to help his family save money so that his younger siblings could also afford to go to college. At age 26 he was elected to the Rockville City Council. After serving three terms, he ran for Mayor of Rockville where he would serve three terms. In 1994, Duncan ran for Montgomery County Executive in order to help lead the county he grew up in. He was elected to an unprecedented three terms as Montgomery County Executive.

Duncan has always stressed that providing a world-class education for everyone, particularly those communities that need the most help, is paramount and pays dividends. By investing heavily in early childhood education, reducing class size and hiring the best teachers, he knows that such a goal can be reached because as Montgomery County Executive he helped achieve it for thousands of students.

Duncan knows that creating an economic environment to attract the best, high earning jobs for families throughout the county is essential. Duncan helped make Montgomery County the economic engine for Maryland and added more than 85,000 jobs during his time in office through revitalizing downtown Silver Spring, building the Music Center at Strathmore, and creating the county's business incubator program to name a few. And this economic growth occurred even while weathering two recessions during his tenure.

Montgomery County has changed quite a bit over Duncan's lifetime. However, he knows that all residents still care about the same things: an excellent education for their children, a rewarding job that pays a good wage, and a community in which we can all spend more time enjoying each others' company than in traffic.

He lives in Rockville with his wife of 33 years, Barbara, where they raised their five children: Michael, Andrew, John, Thomas and Conor.

<http://dougduncan.com/>



Doug Duncan

Ike Leggett

Bio: Our current County Executive, president of the County Executives of America, and a decorated Vietnam veteran, Ike Leggett, has built a record of public service marked by conviction to principle, leadership, and a willingness to take on tough fights and make hard choices.

He is currently in his second term as the County Executive. Leggett also served four terms as an At-Large Member (1986 - 2002), and served as the Council's President three times (1991, 1998, 1999) and as its Vice-President three times (1990, 1997 and 2002). As a Council Member, he chaired the Council's Transportation and Environment Committee and served on the Education Committee. Currently, he serves as President of the County Executives of America and is the incoming President of Maryland Association of Counties.

Leggett's other political service includes chairing the Maryland Democratic Party from December 2002 - December 2004, which involved working with local officials throughout the State of Maryland.

In earlier leadership experience he served as a Captain in the United States Army, where his service in Vietnam War earned him the Bronze Star Medal, the Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Campaign Medals. As an administrative aide for Congressman Parren Mitchell of Maryland's 7th Congressional District, he focused on small business concerns.

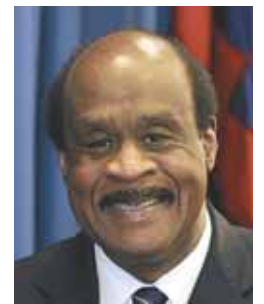
In 1977, Leggett was selected as a White House Fellow, one of a small number of citizens selected from across the country for their exemplary civic, professional and educational achievement. He served as a Professor of Law at the Howard University Law School from 1975 - 2006, and ran the day-to-day operations of the Law School as its Assistant Dean from 1979 - 1986.

We are fortunate to live in one of the nation's best places to raise a family, obtain an education, earn a living, and build a business. Moving into the future, I will build on what is now a strong foundation, and working together, we will accomplish great things for our children, our families, our communities.

EDUCATION

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Ike Leggett

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GETTING AROUND

Judge Titus Hung with Three Others

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It is not often one gets to witness the hanging of a judge. However, this was recently the case (pardon the pun) at the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

The Hon. Roger W. Titus, who over 10 years ago was appointed a federal judge to the Maryland court, was about to be hung. However, he wouldn't be alone in the process. He would join three previous hangings in this relatively new federal courthouse building in Greenbelt that was a Baltimore-located institution for more than 200 years.

Titus, who with his wife of 52 years, Catherine, chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, and their children, Richard and Mark Titus and Paula Titus Laboy, have called the Potomac area home for 22 years and he will be the first to tell you, "I am a life-long Montgomery County resident."

He will also tell you that he and his friend and fellow Judge, Peter J. Messitte, are both Bethesda Chevy Chase High School graduates, and don't forget it. In the class of 1959, they were among those who heard then Sen. John F. Kennedy deliver the commencement address. "Messitte was so inspired by the speech given in the boys gymnasium at BCC, that following his graduation from college, he joined the Peace Corps," Titus related, adding, "he is also the guy who urged me to apply for the federal judgeship in Greenbelt."

The gavel must have slammed down with a bang. Titus, now 70 years old, the age federal judges are allowed to apply for "Senior Status," had been practicing law in Rockville for 37 years, many of those years in what was once the Suburban Trust Company building. It was he who recently remarked, as if it were a personal loss, "Go to Rockville and see what has happened. They have torn down most everything including my old office."

But Senior U.S. District Judge Messitte's persuasive advice to then attorney Roger Titus prevailed and he was appointed the 42nd Federal District judge in Maryland. Sworn in at a formal service at the Greenbelt courthouse, the two Bethesda Chevy Chase High School classmates often refer to the occasion as their "high school reunion."

Also numbered among the five distinguished speakers at the May 8, more-than-an-hour-long program, was the Hon. Paul Mannes, a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge whose former law practice offices were in Rockville. During his remarks, Mannes made reference to the time when he noticed there were very few international law firms in Rockville that included a cable address on their letterheads. He admitted to taking it upon himself to stop by the local Western Union office and arrange for a cable address, "Rock Law," to add to his legal stationery head.

Mannes, in his address to more than a hundred colleagues, close friends and family attending "the judge's hanging," suggested that attorneys are subject to whimsy. Furthermore, Titus, upon hearing of his friend's mischief, also visited Western Union. He arranged for a "Law Rock" letterhead. Not that they were ever used,



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Judge Roger W. Titus poses with his granddaughter, Emily Titus, at the May 8 portrait ceremony at the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Emily was among the more than 100 guests who witnessed "the hanging of the judge."

but Titus never forgot the incident. Years later, while traveling in London, he cabled back to Rockville with the message, "Law Rock dominates."

Even judges enjoy a little fun. U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles B. Day, during his tribute to Titus, referred to a 6 a.m. program in the courthouse exercise room, in which they both participated, as "our breakfast club."

The reference to numerous legal pranks was by far outnumbered with praise and admiration for the "hanging judge's" remarkable career, not only in a legal capacity, but as a philanthropist. Titus served on the board of directors at Suburban Hospital for 14 years, including times during expansion programs and three years as the board chairman. He was also president of the Maryland State Bar Association and an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, were a few of his volunteer endeavors mentioned by the program speakers. Of all the speakers at the ceremony the only one who spoke extemporaneously, sans any notes whatsoever and seemingly straight from the heart, was Montgomery County Executive Isaiah "Ike" Leggett.

"He was there for me in one of my worst hours," Leggett said, prior to praising the judge as "one of the best lawyers I have ever known." Leggett not only earned law degrees from Howard University and George Washington University, but has taught law, thus adding substance to his remarks. In return, Titus was later

heard telling a friend, "He [Ike] has an amazing photographic memory, the likes of which I have never before known. He's not only brilliant, but such a modest guy."

When it came time for the "judge's hanging" the Titus family gathered around a life-like oil painting by portrait artist Ned Bittinger whose resume includes, among many others, three former Secretaries of State, Henry Kissinger, James Baker, III, and Lawrence Eagleburger. Bittinger, of Santa Fe, N.M., spent nine months on the Titus job, including numerous sittings by the judge at the Greenbelt courthouse where the finished product will hang.

At the reception following the unveiling, Titus explained he will have "a full docket of cases for, at the very least, another year." Perhaps after that he and his wife will find more time to spend at their vacation home in Vero Beach, Fla., where, as he said, "the weather won't be as horrible as this past winter in Potomac." Trips to the golf course will replace trips on the snow-covered Washington beltway.

And perhaps when he is recognized by his friends and associates on the golf course, or has his photo taken of a spectacular shot to be hung in the clubhouse, it will be noted as the unveiling of a golf enthusiast. In the formal program of Titus' "Portrait Ceremony" the occasion was accurately called the "Unveiling of the Portrait."

But, be honest. Witnessing "the hanging of a judge" is a real gotcha.

SCHOOL NOTES

Aditya Dash, a graduating senior at Winston Churchill High School, has been named one of 565 semifinalists in the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

In the 2013 Junior Achievement Essay competition, **Jonathan S. Rasch**, a junior at Walt Whitman High School, won first place and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. The competition,

coordinated by Junior Achievement of Greater Washington, asked students from the region to compete for scholarships by writing an essay in response to: "Which will do more to improve life in the United States over the next decade, business entrepreneurs or social entrepreneurs? Why?"

The competition is sponsored by David M. Rubenstein, co-founder and co-CEO of The Carlyle Group.

ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Concert. 8 p.m. at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Zemer Chai choir concert "In Every Age" with special guests, HaZamir of Baltimore and world premiere of original piece performed by Robyn Helzner. General admission \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, preferred tickets \$40. Visit www.zemerchai.org. Call 301-963-3462.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Flo Anito plays rock and pop originals. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Jazz Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Quiet Nights: Ron Kearns Quartet with Special Guest Michael Thomas. \$28. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 1

Art Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at the Yellow Barn Studio Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Art by Carole Pierson and Vanessa Piche. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Middle School Theater. At St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road, Potomac. Hoover Middle School presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door. Contact Pamela Leighton-Bilik at Pamela_L_Bilik@mcpsmd.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. For multimedia exhibit Bringing Bossa Nova to the United States, on display May 31-June 15. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Art Auction. 7-10 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville Artist Concourse, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. "Small Is Beautiful," a silent auction featuring small artwork, starting at \$25. Tickets \$25 in advance (two for \$40) or \$35 at the door. Music, performance, food and drink. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/small-is-beautiful.

Balalaika Orchestra Concert. 8 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. The Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra presents "Bayan and Beyond!" with Kiev guest artists Volodymyr and Natalia Marunych. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students, free for children 12 and under. Call 240-314-8690 or visit www.balalaika.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Washington Folk Festival. Noon-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. More than 400 area musicians, storytellers, dancers and crafters, with more than 100 performances on seven stages. Free, rain or shine. Free shuttle from the GEICO Parking Lot at 4608 Willard

Ave., Chevy Chase. Visit www.washingtonfolkfestival.org.

Art Exhibit. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Art by Carole Pierson and Vanessa Piche. Gallery hours Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Wine Fundraiser. 6-9 p.m. at The Winery at Olney, 18127 Town Center Drive, Olney. Wagging for Wines, a fundraiser for the Montgomery County Humane Society. Wine tasting, treats for people and dogs, silent auction and more. \$25 per person. Limited to 75 guests and well-behaved dogs on leashes. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/wagging-for-wines-a-fundraiser-to-benefit-the-montgomery-county-humane-society-tickets-11285297629.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Film Screening. 7 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. World premiere screening of the new documentary "Birth of Bossa," which explores the roots of bossa nova. \$12. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Tea and Piano Concert. 1 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Jazz pianist Wayne Wilentz provides the score for a Brazilian spin on Strathmore's traditional high tea. \$28. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Children's Chorus Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The Strathmore Children's Chorus, joined by the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras and the Maryland State Boychoir. \$15. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Global pop/rock band Pablo Cruise. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$30. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Zoe performs. \$20. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com/events.cfm.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Arman Ntep plays African. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Brazilian Jazz Concert. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Romero Lubambo and Duduka da Fonseca with friends, including Chuck Redd. \$35. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Chamber Music. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The Evermay Chamber, an ensemble with nine artists from five continents, performing work from Tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns. \$25. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Next Big Thing presents: Satisfaction, the

international Rolling Stones show. \$15. www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Eliane Elias opens and Sergio Mendes performs, juxtaposing original and contemporary bossa nova. Tickets \$30-\$69. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Diane Schuur performs. \$25 in advance, \$35 day of. www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Right Questions to Ask A Realtor®

You're ready to market your house, or you're ready to buy one—congratulations on this new exciting step in your life! Now, the question is, How do you do it? The first thing to keep in mind is: Don't go it alone! The modern real estate market is tricky, and full of industry language that can often leave the layman scratching their head. In the wake of recent industry turmoil, lenders and banks have tightened up restrictions of loan qualification—whether buying or selling, the best path to success is with a certified, professional Realtor® at your side to guide you through the process and advocate for your needs in real estate. Now that you've made the wise choice to engage the services of a professional Realtor®, how do you go about finding the one that's right for you? What guidelines are you going to use to choose a Realtor®, one you can relate to and who can do the best job for you? Start with these questions:

• **How long have you been in the business?** Experience is key when hiring a Realtor®, especially in a highly specialized market. Contacts made through the years are invaluable and can cut time on the market. Is the Realtor® you want experienced enough?

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Team Up



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Just as "everyone knows Geico can save you 15 percent in 15 minutes," that is, if you watch television, listen to radio, access the Internet or even sit on the beach at Ocean City and watch the single-engine planes flying by pulling banners; so too do people know that when your primary care physician tells you that you need to meet with an oncologist to discuss your recent medical results, you should bring along family, friends, advocates, doctors, lawyers, etc. (your presumptive "team"), because, well, you know why: your life may depend on it.

It's also common, anecdotal knowledge that the patient receiving the diagnosis (in my case, a cancer diagnosis), is likely not hearing as many words as they think they are hearing. Moreover, as much as the patient is listening and concentrating on what the doctor is saying, the shock of the words, especially after the "c" word is uttered, does something to your cognitive functioning. It doesn't exactly stop, but it's no longer working as efficiently. Hours later (or even minutes later, outside of the doctor's office), when you're reviewing and discussing – and attempting to digest the words/diagnosis/prognosis you just heard, and perhaps even consider the treatment protocols recommended and the likely dramatic change in your life/future (heck, present), it all becomes a blur and your memory is hardly what you remember. It's not a blank by any means, but neither is it as clear and concise as you expected it to be.

Having other/multiple sets of ears listening to the same advisory from your oncologist as you the patient hears returns some of the clarity that's missing from your own recollection. Generally speaking, in this environment, there is a need for some dispassionate perspective, and often the patient is way too connected – obviously, to process the information and be the least bit objective. Aside from this need for a team, there is also a need to capture and maybe even synthesize the information presented for future consideration. We didn't, but I've heard stories of patients who had team members with clipboard in hand taking notes and/or using recording devices for replays later. The collection and replay of information helps the patient be certain that what he thinks he heard (or what he's already forgotten) is either correct and/or not lost in the extremely stressful moment. Having an agreed-to sense of what your new reality is, what your treatment options are going forward, what the likely consequences of those options are, and quite frankly, what the likely outcome is for all of it, is a tremendous amount of information to keep together and in some kind of order when your brain has just been split apart (figuratively speaking) by words you thought you'd never hear: "cancer, terminal, inoperable" said in your direction.

Unfortunately, there's no real preparation or training for this kind of experience. As strong and as capable as you may think you are, a cancer diagnosis disrupts everything. At the initial meeting with your oncologist, what you hear and what you remember are not always the same. "Team" members can confirm what was said, and there's lots of comfort in that at a time when, somehow, some way, you need to be comfortable.

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

Whitman Baseball Reaches Region Final

The Whitman baseball team reached the 4A West region final for the third time in six years, but the Vikings were again left searching for the program's first championship.

Whitman lost to Gaithersburg 5-4 on May 16 at Kelley Park, ending its season one win shy of the state tournament. The Vikings scored four runs in the first inning and led 4-3 entering the sixth, but the Trojans scored a pair in the sixth to pull out the win.

"I thought we finally had Gaithersburg," Whitman head coach Joe Cassidy wrote in an email. "They have knocked us out of the playoffs in 2008, 2010, 2011 and now 2014. We got them in 2012, but we still owe them some. The difference was their senior pitcher, who was 8-0 going into the game. We did the best we could with our kids, but their kid was the difference on the mound. You have to give them all the credit."

Whitman finished with three hits. Max Vogel went 1-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs. Andrew Cashmere was 1-for-2 with an RBI, and Ben Castagnetti went 1-for-4.

The Vikings reached the region championship game for the first time in program history in 2009, but lost to Quince Orchard. Whitman returned in 2012, but lost to eventual state champion Northwest. This season, the Vikings entered the postseason as the No. 3 seed in Section I of the region. Whitman beat Walter Johnson 11-0, knocked off Bethesda-Chevy Chase 11-3 and defeated Blair 6-5 to emerge from the section before falling to Gaithersburg, the No. 1 seed in Section II, in the region final.

"[I'm] very frustrated to not win the region, but since the school had zero appearances from 1961-2008, I am still very proud we have been able to now consistently get to that game," Cassidy wrote. "We will eventually get past that game. I know it."

Whitman finished the season with a 15-6 record, winning nine of its final 11 games.

Cassidy credited assistant coaches Pat Skellchock, TJ Caswell, Steve Sutherland and Tom Berlin with helping develop the players.

Vogel, a senior catcher, finished the season batting .483 with 29 hits, including 10 for extra bases. He scored 22 runs, produced

22 RBIs, and threw out 60 percent of would-be base stealers.

Senior second baseman Castagnetti batted .437 with 28 hits, nine for extra bases, and finished with 21 RBIs. Senior center fielder Drew Aherne hit .400, scored 17 runs and totaled 20 hits despite battling an injury in the second half of the season.

Junior pitcher Sam Berson, junior third baseman Alex Clark and sophomore pitcher/shortstop Sean Cook project as the Vikings' top returning players next season. Berson finished the season with a 4-1 record and a 1.41 ERA. Clark hit .344 with 22 hits, 21 runs and 18 RBIs. Cook went 3-1 on the mound with two saves and a 2.82 ERA.

"I am very proud," Cassidy wrote, "of the season we had this year."



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Senior catcher Max Vogel led Whitman with a .483 batting average in 2014.

SPORTS BRIEFS

State Tennis Championships

The state tennis championships recently concluded with players from Churchill, Whitman and Wootton bringing home state championships.

Churchill's Katie Gauch and Elliott Thacker won the mixed doubles champion-

ship, beating Walter Johnson's Eden Sela and Justin New, 6-3, 6-2.

In girls' doubles, Churchill's Sriya Movva and Hayley Keats defeated Wootton's Aisha Iyer and Katarina Sherman, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 to take the state title.

Whitman's Aries Wong won the boys' singles title, beating Wootton's Titas Bera, 6-1, 6-0. Wootton's Miranda Deng defeated Whitman's Kamille Beischova, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5

to win the girls' singles championship.

Whitman Girls' Lax Wins Region Title

The Whitman girls' lacrosse team won the 4A/3A West region title with a 15-7 victory over Wootton on May 14. After opening the season with a 21-1 loss to Good Counsel,

the Vikings won 13 of their next 14 games to win the region title. Whitman advanced to the state playoffs, where the Vikings lost to Severna Park, 17-2, on May 16.

Whitman entered the postseason as the No. 1 seed in Section I and received a first-round bye. The Vikings beat Richard Montgomery 12-11 and defeated Walter Johnson 12-8 to emerge from the section before beating Wootton in the region final.

Andrews

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term interest of our County. I won't make back room deals regarding public land, as occurred with the Brickyard Road property. I won't agree to excessive pay and benefit increases to win endorsements of County unions, as has been the practice for years. And I will continue to take on powerful interest groups when the public interest requires it, as I did when I led the multi-year battle that reformed the County's abused disability retirement program, resisting and overcoming fierce pressure from the Fraternal Order of Police and other County unions to back down.

If we are going to continue to have the funds we need for important services and progressive programs while keeping taxes at levels that don't cause people to leave the County, we must have a County Executive who is effective at protecting Montgomery County from being used as an ATM in Annapolis, who says no when corporations and unions and other interest groups ask for too much, and who is committed to create a business climate, workforce, and transportation system that will grow jobs, especially green jobs, while protecting the environment. Please read my plan, "Securing our Future", describing in detail my vision for Montgomery County, which can be found on my website at www.philandrews.com

Leggett

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County spending actually decreased in 2011 — the lowest rate of growth in 18 years. During my tenure, County government tax-supported spending has gone up an average of two percent per year, and over this eight-year period, I have closed nearly \$3 billion in budget shortfalls.

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Here are some suggestions for family activities in and around Potomac.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

After school's out, summer seems to fly by, with vacations, summer camp, sports clinics, team games and everything else. But every year, when fall starts, many wish they had done just a few more family outings or taken advantage of the many activities in and around Potomac.

Here are some fun family leisure opportunities that shouldn't be missed this summer. Start planning now for a memorable summer.

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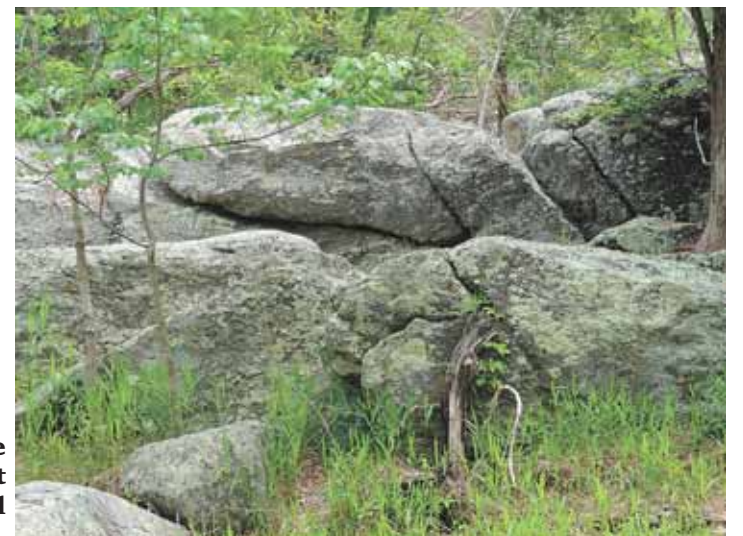
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Washington Folk Festival. 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy folk music, crafts, and traditional dance, as well as storytellers and parade. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Film Screening. 7 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. World premiere screening of the new documentary "Birth of Bossa," which explores the roots of bossa nova and the role of Washington, D.C.'s musicians in popularizing the Brazilian bossa rhythm in the United States. \$12. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Tea and Piano Concert. 1 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Jazz pianist Wayne Wilentz provides the score for a Brazilian spin on Strathmore's traditional high tea \$28. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

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Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues. Arman Ntep plays African. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.



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The 2013 Autism Speaks 5K Run-1 Mile Walk was held at the Potomac Library, raising funds for research on autism.

Brazilian Jazz Concert. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Romero Lubambo and Duduka da Fonseca with friends, including Chuck Redd. \$35. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Chamber Music. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The Evermay Chamber, an ensemble with nine artists from five continents, performs work from tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns. \$25. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Eliane Elias opens and Sergio Mendes performs, juxtaposing original and contemporary bossa nova. Tickets \$30-\$69. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

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SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Strathmore Open House. Noon-5 p.m. at Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Discover Strathmore: Sounds of Brazil. Annual family-friendly open house features free music and dance performances,

workshops, artistic demonstrations and hands-on art activities celebrating the music of Brazil. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Takoma Park JazzFest. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free, all-day jazz festival featuring local and nationally known performers, food, and arts/crafts vendors. Visit www.tpjazzfest.org

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues, Bethesda. Levi Stephens plays country crossover. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 12-13

Gardening Workshop: Container Gardens. 10-11:30 a.m. each day at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Fee includes materials including a 14-inch container. Course #272403 - Thursday or Course #272404 - Friday. Fee \$40 or FOBG \$35. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Singer-songwriter John Prine. Tickets \$45-\$65. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 17

Zen Garden Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Use dwarf plant varieties, stones and the traditional wooden box to create a zen garden. Fee includes all materials. Course #272405. Fee \$90 or FOBG \$80. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Summer Salads Cooking Demonstration. Noon-1:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Enjoy samples of easy-to-follow recipes. Course #272652. Fee \$35 or FOBG \$30. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19-JULY 31

FARMERS MARKETS



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM/THE ALMANAC

The Potomac Village farmers market opened Thursday, May 1. Carole Carrier of Plantmasters offers hanging flower baskets, cut flowers and plants for herb gardens.

Potomac Village Farmers Market. Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, at Falls Road and Democracy Boulevard. Visit www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net for more.

Bethesda Farm Women's Market. Year-round, every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. Visit www.farmwomensmarket.com for more.

Rockville Farmers Market. Through Nov. 22, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Rockville Town Center. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/farmers.htm for more.

Pike Central Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., near the Shriver Aquatic Center in the bus parking lot at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard (enter on Executive Boulevard). The move was necessitated by ongoing construction. Visit www.centralfarmmarkets.com.

Kensington Farmers Market. Year-round on Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. at Kensington train station parking lot on Howard Avenue. Visit <http://tok.md.gov/events/farmers-market> for more.

Fulks Corner Farmers Market. Runs Thursdays from May 8-Nov. 20, 1p.m.-6p.m. Corner of Route 355 and Fulks Corner Avenue in Olde Towne. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/markets/farmers-markets for more.

Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues. Natty Beaux plays swing. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Flower Photography Workshop. 8-10 a.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Workshop for all levels will emphasize creative approaches to flower photography. Course #272449. Fee \$35 or FOBG \$30. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 28-29

Heritage Days. Noon-4 p.m. throughout Montgomery County. Free admission to 40 sites that highlight local history and culture, with outdoor recreation, family activities, music and food. Visit www.HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753.

JUNE 28-AUG. 10

Children's Theater. Imagination Stage presents "Mouse on the Move," an interactive play for children ages 1-5. Performances run June 28-Aug. 10 at the Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Shows are at 10 and 11:15 a.m. and last approximately 45 minutes each. Tickets are \$10-\$12, with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Purchase online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660. Group rates available. "Mouse on the Move" book on sale for \$6.99 in Just Imagine! The Shop at Imagination Stage.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Serenade. 4 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Strathmore and Classical Movements present global choral voices in Serenade! Featuring international ensembles, this year from the Czech Republic, Georgia, Russia, The Netherlands and

#270652. Free. Visit www.brooksidegardens.org, contact leslie.mcdermott@montgomeryparks.org, or call 301-962-1400.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Ben Sollee, cellist and vocalist. Free. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Children's Theater. 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Backyard Theater Stage at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Recess Monkey, a trio of teacher-musicians, perform. Tickets \$8. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

Garden Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Gude Garden construction has been completed and replanted, tour with the head horticulturist. Course #270599. Fee \$6 or FOBG \$5. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans

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Marcus Medlin is the train conductor for the miniature train at the Cabin John Regional Park, shown here in summer 2013.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Science and Engineering Camp.

The county recreation department is holding half- and full-day science and education camps this summer for children ages 6-12. Topics include Lego engineering, crime solving, chemistry and space. The camps are held at elementary schools and recreation centers. To register or for more information visit <http://therecord-mcr.blogspot.com/2014/03/science-and-engineering-summer-camp-so.html>.

Summer Camp Registration.

Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is offering 88 summer camps in 2014 spanning a variety of interests including ice skating, tennis, golf, gardening, outdoor adventure, nature, and more. Summer camps are available for tots to teens at all skill levels and at hundreds of locations across the county. A \$25 discount is being offered for early registration for a select group of camps. Registration is open at www.ParkPASS.org or at 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans

www.MontgomeryParks.org/camps, where camp searches may be filtered by age, location and key words. The 2014 Summer Camps guide is available online at www.MontgomeryParks.org/guide. Print copies may be found at select Montgomery Parks' facilities, Montgomery County Recreation centers, government buildings and libraries while supplies last.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open.

Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., has summer camps for age 7 and up. Visit www.ssreg.com/glenechopark/classes for a full listing.

Theater Recital.

This spring's productions, featuring students in grades 4-11, are all directed by practicing professional theatre artists. "Interface" (Speak Out On Stage Ensemble) will be performed on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m. Performances will be in the Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre at Imagination Stage. Tickets are \$10 per person, and may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or at 301-280-1660.

Garden Crafts Camp. Explore a tiny, imaginative world: make fairy and gnome gardens, learn about flowers and fun plant lore, make crafts and play games. For ages 6-8. Runs June 16-20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee \$290. Course #259493, registration required at ParkPASS.org. Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70; course #259494. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Kids Gardening Camp.

Explore the children's garden "classrooms" to discover how math, science, reading, art, music, and even lunch/recess connect to gardening and the natural world. Participate in hands-on gardening activities, games and crafts. Plant and grow a container garden. For ages 9-11. Runs June 23-27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$290. Course #263399, registration required at ParkPASS.org. Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70; course #263449. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Art Camps.

VisArts Rockville offers a variety of camps for children 5-12 in multiple sessions June 16-Aug. 15. \$300 and up, scholarships available. Before camp and extended care also available. Visit

www.visartsatrockville.org/summer-camp.

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FRIDAY/JULY 4

Autism Speaks Annual 5K. 8 a.m. Run or walk one-mile to benefit research for autism. Start at Potomac Village Library Parking Lot. Visit www.autismspeaks.org for details.

4th of July Fireworks. 5 p.m. Montgomery County Fairgrounds Activities include live music, games and food. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov

Independence Day Fireworks. 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Rockville. Activities include live music, food, and fireworks. Free. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

Mister G - ABC Fiesta. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Backyard Theater for Children. Tickets are \$8 for ages three and up. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest. 8:45 p.m. 8k Road Race and 1k Fun Run at the Rockville Town Center. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 22-26

Bethesda Outdoor Movies. 9 p.m. Takes place at corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org for movie schedule.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-27

Montgomery County Farm Tour and Harvest Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage and taste local farm fresh foods. Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for more.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. A half marathon through rural Montgomery County for experienced runners. Visit www.mcrrc.org for more.

FRIDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 8-16

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Come help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage. Check website for specific times and schedules. Visit www.mcagfair.com for more.

WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides. 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Boat rides along the historic C&O Canal. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel 12-6 p.m. Rides on the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Uncorked Wine and Music Festival. 12- 6 p.m. Enjoy free concerts and cooking demonstrations. \$15 for wine tasting. 36 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

MONDAY/AUG. 26

First day of school, Montgomery County Public Schools. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Glen Echo Open House. 12-4 p.m. Open house, hosted by Glen Echo Park Partnership, introduces visitors to arts, dance, theater, classes at the park. Visit www.glenechopark.org

FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 30-SEPT. 2

Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery 43rd Annual Labor Day Art Show. 7-9 p.m. Features the work of more than 250 artists, including painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, glass, pottery and more at Glen Echo. Visit www.glenechopark.org or www.yellowbarnstudio.com

SATURDAY, MONDAY/AUG. 31, SEPT 2

Irish Music and Dance Showcase.



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Glen Echo Park's 2013 folk festival showcased more than 450 musicians, storytellers, dancers and crafters. From left are Nora Palka, Bella Gleim, Bob Rice and his African Grey Bird Fred.

1-6 p.m. Two days of Irish music and dance. Presented by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. see glenechopark.org

Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Online registration is open. Visit www.mcrrc.org for more.

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THURSDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Potomac Village Farmers Market 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. Visit potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

75th Annual Labor Day Parade. 1 p.m. Olde Towne Gaithersburg, rain or shine. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

The Trawick Prize Finalists Exhibition. Downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. Runs through Sept. 28. Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Parks Half Marathon. 7 a.m. Run from

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Potomac Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rockville Town Center, 200 East Middle Lane. Benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit www.afsp.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Standup comic Wanda Sykes will be performing. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Cabin John Kids Run. 9 a.m. Cabin John Regional Park in Potomac, Westlake Drive. Free for runners 18 and under. A mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Visit www.mcrrc.org.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Guided tours of Riley's Lockhouse. One of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses. Join volunteers in period costume and explore the life of a lock-keeper. Riley's Lock Road. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/.

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel 12-6 p.m. Rides on the historic carousel in Glen Echo Park. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.



The National Park Service offers boat rides on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal from April through October. The summer schedule is Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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START SUMMER OFF AT WOLF TRAP

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



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Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 D.C.-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

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Destination for Fun

Glen Echo Park began in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly, which taught the sciences, arts, languages, and literature. By the early 1900s Glen Echo Park had become an amusement park, serving the Washington area until 1968. In 1971, after the federal government obtained the land, the National Park Service began managing the park. The National Park Service collaborated with artists and arts organizations to create an arts program in the spirit of the original Chautauqua movement. Today the park is managed by the nonprofit Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. on behalf of Montgomery County.

Get Out and About This Summer

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hours from start to finish if hiking all three sections. To learn more, go to www.nps.gov/.../greatfallstraildescriptions.

PLAN A FAMILY CAMP NIGHT

Campers can spend a night roughing it in Potomac. The Robert C. McDonell Campground, located in Cabin John Park offers seven walk-in primitive sites. Campsites feature grills, tables, a campfire circle and pit toilets. There are two tent pads on each site. Depending on the site, up to 10 campers can be accommodated. To reserve a campsite, go to http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/cabinjohncampground.shtm

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Kick off the weekend by dancing under the stars, dining while listening to live music, or bringing the children and friends to enjoy the music and frolic in the fountains in Rockville Town Square every Friday evening from 6:30 – 9 p.m. A variety of genres keep the crowds on their feet, swing-

ing and swaying to pop/rock hits, Irish rock, Americana Country, Blues and Soul and more. Check out the full schedule of entertainment at www.rockvilletownsquare.com.

BOHRER PARK WATER PARK, SKATEBOARD PARK OR MINIATURE GOLF

Located in Gaithersburg, the pool is like a dream vacation on an island resort with palm trees, multiple slides, floatable animals, and a “tumble bucket” water feature for children to enjoy. The pool also has a zero-depth entry, making it accessible to all. A major attraction at the water park (for those 48 inches and taller) is the double water slide that is 250 feet long and twists and turns into the main pool. For the adventuresome, the blue slide offers a breathtakingly fast ride, while the white slide offers a tamer, slower water journey. Bohrer Park also has a 12,300-square-foot skate park, designed for skateboards, inline skates and BMX bikes as well as a miniature golf course. To find out more, go to www.gaithersburgmd.gov.



Tulip Tree Trail is just one of the hiking trails at Locust Grove Nature Center.



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A view from the top of the Billy Goat Trail.

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Music in the Air

The Motor Driven Band (Dan Dimmick, Art Fox, Paul Stagnitto, and Tom Ross) plays at the Concerts in the Courtyard series at Potomac Place Shopping Center on Saturday, May 24. The band will be playing at The Rio in Gaithersburg on July 4.

The Playground in Potomac's Backyard

What the C&O National Park offers for summer fun.

By SUSAN BELFORD
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George Washington surveyed it. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas saved it from becoming a super-highway. John Quincy Adams broke ground for it on July 4, 1828. The armies of the North and the South considered the control of it an important milestone in the War Between the States.

The C&O Canal is a part of U.S. history and also of the history of Potomac. Many residents explore it time after time, learning something new each time they visit. They might spot an unusual bird, or enjoy listening to the thunder of the waters after a deluge of rain.

Potomac residents love exploring the many trails or invading the rapids with a kayak and some are even energetic enough to bike from Georgetown all the way to Cumberland — or even on to Pittsburgh.

In 1924, the C&O Canal ceased operation and in 1971, the C&O National Historical Park was established, preserving the beauty, the historical remains and the natural setting for animals, for people and for future generations. Each year, over 4 million visitors come to the canal to explore its natural beauty, to enjoy the wildlife and to enjoy playing in nature's wonderland — a place to bike, hike, kayak, rock climb, walk, paint, take pictures and picnic.

It is just minutes from Potomac Village but it feels like a different world when venturing down the two-mile hill into the park.

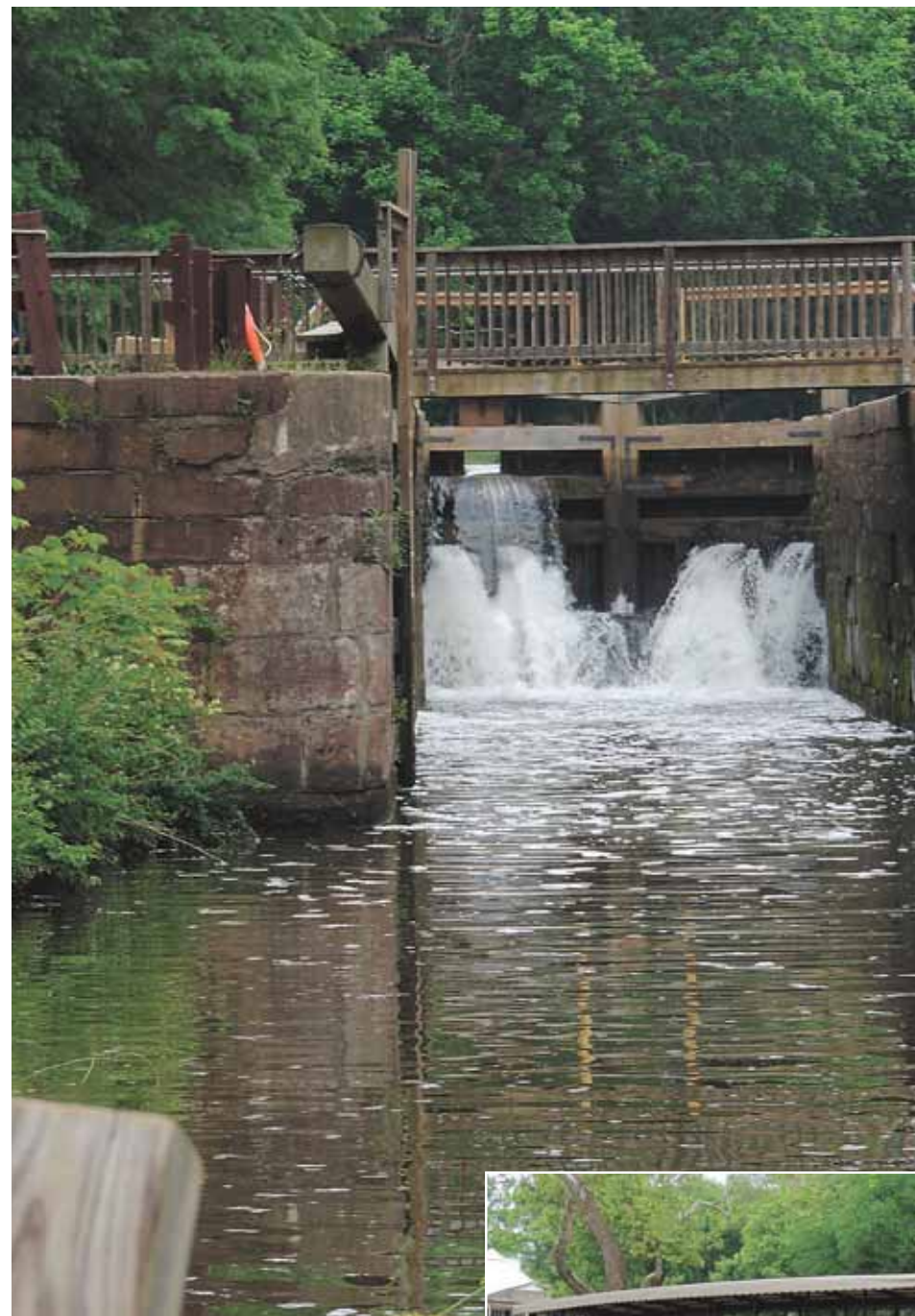
Here are some entertaining ways to experience the park with family and friends during the summer:

CANAL QUARTERS

Go back to the time of locktenders and boatmen moving cargo down the Potomac River through the canal. Spend the night in a historic Canal Quarters Lockhouse. Some are rustic with no electricity or running water (it's very dark on the canal without lights); others have the comforts of power and indoor plumbing. All the lockhouses have been restored and contain furniture from significant eras in the canal's history. To find out more or to register, go to www.canalquarters.org or call 301-745-8888.

CANAL DISCOVERIES

When in the park, visitors can access special C&O locations, called "discoveries," on their own personal mobile device. Each discovery, narrated by a National Park Service ranger, includes nearby points of interest, a photo gallery of historic and contemporary photos, links to videos and podcasts



Water rushing into Lock 20 in front of the Great Falls Tavern Museum.

— and driving directions. Discover places like Paw Paw Tunnel, Four Locks, Point of Rocks and more.

GREAT FALLS MULE-DRAWN BOAT RIDES

The Charles E. Mercer is a replica of an 1870's canal boat. Experience the thrill of rising eight feet in a lock and listen to stories about the life of those who lived and worked on the canal, told by rangers in period clothing. On Saturday and Sunday, the boat rides take place at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, the boat leaves at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$6 for seniors.

HIKING TRAILS

Besides the well-known and loved Billy Goat Trail, there are scores of other trails to explore.



The replica of the canal boat is pulled by mules.

A park ranger recommended the Gold Mine Loop (interesting because gold was mined from 1867–1939 by the Maryland Mine in this tract), the Olmstead Island Bridges (spectacular views) and the Woodland Trail.

TAKE TO THE WATER IN A ROWBOAT, CANOE OR KAYAK

Drive or bike to Fletcher's Boat House or to White's Ferry (near Poolesville) and rent



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The stories of boatmen are told inside the Great Falls Tavern Museum.

a rowboat, canoe or kayak for a few hours. Visitors can rent fishing gear and buy bait and tackle for an angler's adventure. The cost for most boats is about \$14 per hour or about \$30 per day. Visit www.fletcherscove.com or www.whitesferry.com for more.

VISIT THE GREAT FALLS TAVERN VISITOR CENTER

The Great Falls Tavern has a long history of hospitality to visitors coming from both the land and the river. It was opened in 1831

as both a tavern and an inn for the many visitors who traveled up and down the Potomac River. It also became a weekend destination in the summer, away from crowded, humid Washington D.C. Now the Visitor Center offers ranger-led walks and talks, exhibits and short films on canal and local history and the geology of the Potomac. It also features mannequins of locktenders, boatmen and their wives and children

with historical stories about each.

BECOME A C&O VOLUNTEER

Whether interested in living history, bike patrolling, park maintenance, or staffing a visitor center, the C&O Canal has many volunteer jobs. Go to www.chohvip.org for news and events in the park's volunteer program. Register to be a volunteer at <http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>.

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