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A commissioned painting is the focal point in one of the stair halls, designed by David Benton of RA Spaces, the interior division of Rill Architects in Potomac.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

What Every Contract Should Have

Whether you're writing your own contract or using a preprinted one, every contract should have specific basic elements. Include, of course, the address of the property and contingencies, financing terms and purchase price, and closing date.

Other specific elements a contract must contain are:

Disposition of deposit: Who gets the binder/good faith money if the contract is terminated? It varies with the circumstances, such as a home inspection that does not meet the buyers satisfaction or the seller not being willing to make the necessary repairs (buyer gets the binder back) or such as the buyer not being able to be approved.

Seller's Responsibilities: Include passing clear title of the property, maintaining the present condition until closing, making any agreed upon repairs.

What Stays: What fixtures and personal property remain after closing? Make your list written, not verbal and be specific. If you ask for the curtains for example, make sure you include the hardware that holds them up.

Final Walk Through: This is your chance to make sure the house is in order before closing. When you write the contract, it should be specific about what exactly happens should the walk through be unsatisfactory to the buyers.

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NEWS

'The Big Event'

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Potomac business owners will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the greater community later this month at "The Big Event." Hosted by the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, The Big Event is a chance to network and brainstorm ideas to boost area businesses; It also supports a local charity.

"This is a huge opportunity for businesses to gain exposure and marketing," said Jane Fairweather of the Fairweather Group, one of the event's sponsors. "The goal is for local businesses to show the community what they do."

Guests will be treated to food, music, door prizes and a chance to connect with other business owners to exchange ideas on brand-building and trends in business.

"Events put on by the chamber are always well-attended by high quality business professionals that I'd like to network with," said Ayda Sanver, of Ayda Sanver Consulting, LLC in Potomac and author of "Tag, You're IT — Now Raise Us Some Money."

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

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH APRIL

Wireless Wednesdays. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Get help with a new tablet, smartphone or e-reader. Bring wireless devices to Wireless Wednesdays at Potomac Library and learn to download digital content



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The Big Event will connect local businesses for an evening of networking and idea exchange.

Photography has worked in Potomac for decades, but is new to the chamber.

"I've been active in the area for a long time, but I wanted to learn more about the community that the chamber serves and I want folks to know about me," he said. "One of the benefits of this event is a chance for me the show the

community a sample of the work that I produce in the world of fine portraiture."

A portion of the event proceeds will go to the chamber's annual Goodwill Dinner Program which provides a holiday dinner and gifts for nearly 500 disadvantaged people from the community during each holiday season.

'The Big Event'

DATE & TIME: April 22, 4 - 7:30 p.m.

COSTS (for individuals and groups): Pre-registration: \$10 per person for groups of 5 or more; \$12 for individuals

Door: \$15 per person (all food included in the price; cash/credit bar)

LOCATION: Pike & Rose, 11810 Grand Park Ave., 5th Floor, N. Bethesda

provided free by the library, including e-books, audiobooks, magazines and music. Call Jeff Corber, 240-777-0690 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

Volunteers Needed. The Ferguson Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with the 27th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Visit fergusonfoundation.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 13

"Future of Transportation." 7:45-10 p.m. at County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. A panel of speakers will

address transportation options in the County. Visit www.montgomerycivic.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14

Leadership Montgomery Meeting.

1-3 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville. Experts will discuss the implications of a new administration and budget on senior services. Free for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Visit www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

"Out and About" Clubs for Teens.

5 p.m. at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. This club is for teens (14-17) diagnosed with a Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorder (formerly Asperger's syndrome and PDD-NOS). Participants will be encouraged to engage with their peers in a fun and stimulating environment. \$30 per session. Pre-registration is required to attend. For more information or to register, call 301-610-8321.

"Consider the Conversation." 6:30-9 p.m. at The Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Montgomery County is co-sponsoring a free screening of documentary and panel discussion

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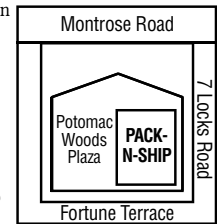
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Serving Locally and Globally

Potomac resident supports local youth and international programs.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Ishrat Husain has had a long career in formulating strategies, developing operations and managing health, population and poverty reduction operations at the World Bank. Now she works as a

“This is not a problem just in Africa — youth employment is one of the most serious challenge in all developing countries.”

— Ishrat Husain

senior technical advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Africa Bureau. She travels often to Africa to provide tech-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ishrat Husain

nical support to the country field offices in her areas of expertise.

Throughout her career, Husain has been dedicated to improving the welfare of mothers and children and serving as their advocate. “Youth have been my interest for a long time,” she said. “I have been trying to raise awareness of youth unemployment problems in Africa. So many African youth are bright and capable and yet they are not able to fully realize their potential. The situation is changing and there is a greater recognition of the problem by governments and the international community. Efforts are being made to find solutions and implement them. But we have a long way to go. This is

not a problem just in Africa — youth employment is one of the most serious challenge in all developing countries.”

The Potomac resident’s commitment as well as her caring and concern about youth keep her involved in their employment and education in the local area. “I try to do as much as I can for young people,” she said. “For example, I am involved in the youth program which the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) recently organized—a summer internship and networking fair for high school and college students to give them experience in interviewing skills, career guidance — and leads on summer internship opportunities. The fair was held on March 26, 2015 at George Washington University in Washington DC. It was a highly successful event. About 100 students visited the fair and talked to 11 potential employers.”

A few months ago she helped to organize a program attended by 45 students on “The Best Practices for Completing a College Application.” She is on the board of MCMF, a charitable social service organization supported by Montgomery County government for the care of elderly and homeless. In addition, Husain volunteers and supports other organizations such as Miriam’s Kitchen.

Husain was educated at Lucknow Univer-

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Help for Parents

Local parent workshops make the challenges of parenting easier.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALLMANAC

Frustrated and overwhelmed or even curious parents of children from tots to teens have a new local ally when it comes to child rearing. The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, Youth and Family Services is sponsoring a series of parenting workshops and classes in Potomac and Bethesda. Trained YMCA staff and parent volunteers will aid parents in strengthening their relationships with their children.

“I would hope that the workshops give parents some new tools for their toolbox, techniques and new parenting strategies,” said Kim Nimmons, a YMCA mental health therapist and program supervisor. “Parenting is so challenging and it’s useful to gain another perspective and hear from other parents who are dealing with similar issues.”

Workshops are held at the YMCA’s Bethesda office as well as local libraries. Trained staff are available to lead workshops tailored for specific groups and address specific issues. Venues can include PTA meetings and school events.

“These are topic-focused workshops that deal with issues ranging from homework hassles and kids fighting to dealing with divorce and morning routines,” said Rob Guttenberg, director of parenting education. “There is

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Parenting Workshops

April 16: Discipline without Threats & Bribes Part 1: “Alternatives to punishments and/or rewards”

May 21: Discipline without Threats & Bribes Part 2: “Alternatives to punishments and/or rewards”

Both run 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bethesda Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 2nd Floor, Room D. Free. Call 301-593-1160, email parenting@mycad.org or visit <http://yfs.ymcad.org/parenting>

April 23: Suburban Hospital Seminar: Raising Kids Who Can: Connect – Capable – Count – and Courage with Betty Lou Bettner, Ph.D., LPC. 6:30 p.m. registration (allow time for parking), 7-9 p.m. presentation at Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. \$15 per person/\$25 per couple (fee waivers available.) Registration required at yfsparentspring2015.eventbrite.com.

From Offutts Crossroads to Potomac

Historian Ralph Buglass to give slide show presentation at Potomac Library.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The Potomac Village Crossroads where River Road and Falls Road meet was known in the 1800s as Offutts Crossroads, named for one of the founding families who owned the acreage surrounding the area. The Offutts have a colorful history, sprinkled with stories of murders, family feuds and lawsuits.

Historian Ralph Buglass is a direct descendant of the Offutt family. He has written “Legacy Lost,” an account of his family history which recounts both the admirable and not so commendable stories of his Potomac forefathers. Buglass will be sharing his historical perspectives on Monday, April 13 at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive in Potomac. The slide show and talk is presented by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter and is free.

In the late 1600s, a Scotsman named William Offutt was granted hundreds of acres by colonial authorities to help settle



Buglass

Cabin John Creek in the other directions. The meeting point of River and Falls Roads became known as Offutt’s Crossroads until 1880.

“My grandmother was born an Offutt — the last in her branch of the family to be born in Potomac,” said Buglass. “She was born in 1883, three years after the community’s name was officially changed to Potomac. Coincidentally, a retired army captain, John McDonald, who had bought most of her late grandfather’s ‘plantation’ as his own home and would go on to serve the area in Congress, is credited with changing the name at the Post Office’s request.”

Buglass will be details about his ancestor’s lives: serving as owners of Offutt’s General Store (where Mitch and Bill’s gas station now stands), their wills and inheritances, lawsuits filed against family members and their involvement in slavery. One of his

Maryland. He later acquired an additional 2,000-plus acres around Potomac including a Potomac River island still named for him. His land stretched from Watt’s Branch Creek on the north to Great Falls and

more notorious kinsmen was Thomas Marshall Offutt who was “convicted in Montgomery County Circuit Court of shooting with intent to kill Oratio Clagett, who had opened a rival store at Offutt’s Crossroads,” writes Buglass.

Buglass has always had a passion for history, and, since his father researched his side of the family history, he decided to seek out the story of the Offutts and his mother’s Potomac roots. He conducted some of his research on-line by going through the census. Court documents, housed in Annapolis proved to also be extremely helpful, although he had to search through many records to find court filings from his relatives from the 1800s.

Buglass volunteers with the Montgomery County Historical Society and is the volunteer school-master of the Kingsley School, a one-room schoolhouse located in Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg. For his work in renovating and furnishing the schoolhouse, he was awarded the Agency Volunteer Award at the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association conference in Ocean City in April and was one of three people nationwide to receive the 2014 Country Schools Association of America Service Award, presented in St. Joseph, Mo. in June.

Because of his volunteer work at Kingsley,

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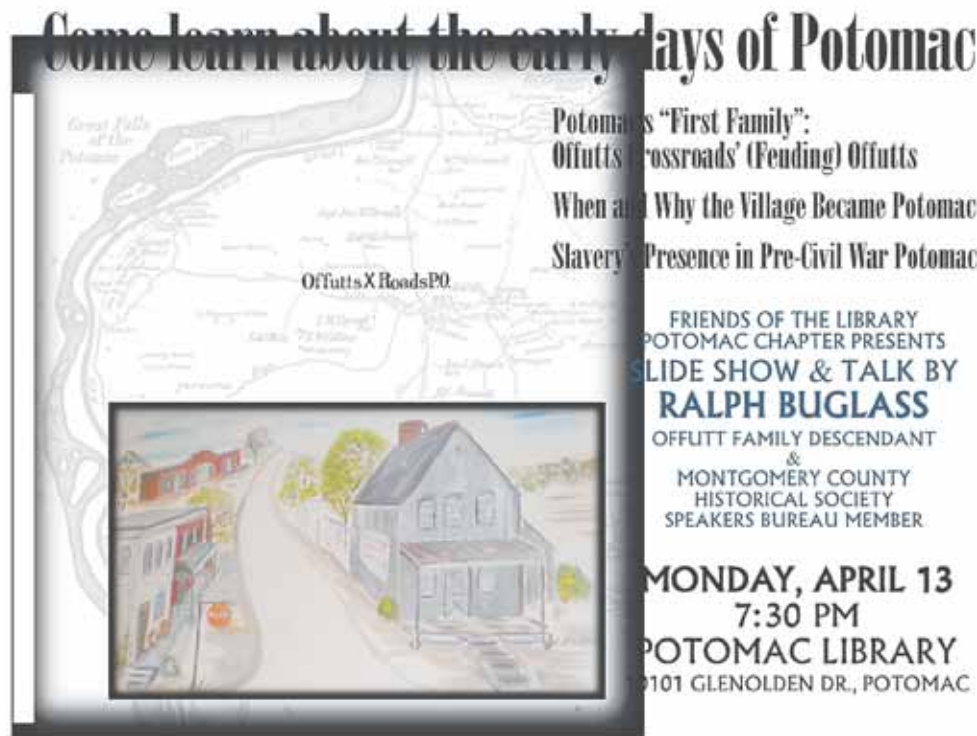
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he has become even more interested in the history Montgomery County's one-room schoolhouses. "If you count one- and two-room schoolhouses, there are five still remaining in the county," he said.

"Some of my most interesting research has been learning the history of segregated schools in Montgomery County.

Teachers in black schools were paid half what teachers in white schools made, and black and white schools had separate budgets, he said. "Money for black schools ran out early and sometimes the schools closed as early as February."

Buglass said he hopes to present a talk on the history of education in Montgomery County at next year's Country Schools Association of America conference in Skidmore, N.Y.



Serving Locally and Globally

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sity in India where she received master's and Ph.D degrees in economics. She completed her post-doctoral program in economics and demography at Princeton University. She was employed at Lucknow University as the deputy director of the Demographic Research Center from 1966-1970, a job in which she advised the state government in its population policies on the basis of her analytical work.

Then she moved on to the World Bank in Washington D.C. where she served in various capacities including project officer and chief of the Human Resources and Poverty Division. Husain developed the first World Bank strat-

egy for HIV/AIDS and also established the African Health Panel to develop a framework of actions for improving the health status. This framework was published as a book, "Better Health in Africa." It has been the basis of health policies in several countries. As World Bank chief of Population, Health and Nutrition Projects, she was responsible for developing and financing health, nutrition and population operations in Latin America, East Asia and West Africa. Husain also helped the Bangladesh government re-establish its population programs after its Civil War. She oversaw the first-ever review of China's health program and managed a multi-million-dollar budget and lend-

ing portfolio at the World Bank.

"I am fortunate because my interest in young people has given me the opportunity to create policy in their favor," said Husain. "At USAID, I helped in creating awareness of youth issues and subsequently, USAID has developed an excellent youth policy that is being implemented. I also have been promoting a broad multi-sectoral program for family planning and maternal and child health." In recent years, she has been helping USAID develop the capacity of the countries to improve the generation and utilization of local financial resources to attain self-sufficiency in their health and family programs.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Spring Open House. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Get a taste of all the park has to offer including classes on vegetable gardening and beekeeping. Find a plant sale and a "Seed Swap." Call 301-590-9638 or email mc.growit@gmail.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 20

Bicycle Master Plan Kick-off. 7-9 p.m. at Johns Hopkins Montgomery County Campus 9601 Medical Center Drive, Academic and Research Building, Room 106-110, Rockville. From April through July, planners will be working on developing a high-quality bicycle network that facilitates access to the planned Corridor Cities Transitway stations from the surrounding communities and ensure coordination and compatibility with the Life Science Center Loop, an off-road trail currently under design by the Planning Department. Free. Visit www.montgomeryplanning.org.

Silver Spring Garden Club. 8 p.m. at Montgomery College TP/Silver Spring Campus, Health Sciences Center Building, Room 122, 7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park. Kim Roman, a Square Foot Gardening Certified Instructor, will present a program on "Small-Space Vegetable Gardening." Free. Visit www.cms.montgomerycollege.edu.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21

"One Stop Fair Housing Shop." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Interagency Fair Housing Coordinating Group and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, "One Stop Fair Housing Shop" will focus on fair housing requirements for people with disabilities, reasonable accommodations, use of service animals and responsibilities of common ownership communities. Free. Register at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights.

Young Adult Support Group. 7 p.m. at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. This co-ed support group for young adults, 18 and older, with learning disabilities will address the emotional and social changes and challenges that occur as a natural sequence of growth and development. Focus will also be given to the increased freedom and responsibilities that accompany each stage of a person's journey through life. Free. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call 301-610-8382.

Seminar on Social Communication

Disorder. 7:15-8:30 p.m. at Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Dr. Sarah Wayland presents "The Ages and Stages of Social Communication: Approaches for Teaching Relationship Development." Admission is \$30, \$5 more for on-site registration. Visit www.ccl.md.com.

Help for Parents

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a whole realm of topics that parents face in the job of parenting.

"We've done workshops in the Potomac library and we're looking for different ways that we can meet with parents in the community," he added. "We have parenting counseling space in Bethesda near the Metro for parents in Potomac who have trouble getting to our Silver Spring office."

In addition, the YMCA offers one-on-one consultations where parents can meet individually with staff to work on specific issues.

The YMCA has two workshops scheduled for the spring on effective strategies for discipline, as well as a seminar at Suburban Hospital featuring guest speaker, Betty Lou Bettner, Ph.D. and author of "Crucial C's" for Raising Kids Who Can: Connect – Capable – Count – and Courage." Bettner will offer parents and caregivers an outline of the psychological needs of children and strategies for meeting those needs.

NEWS

Protecting the Watershed

More than \$370,000 in grants approved to improve water quality and manage runoff.

Friends of Cabin John Creek is one of 13 organizations to receive grants from the Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The \$370,756 in grant funding aims to improve water quality and help manage stormwater runoff in Montgomery County.

The following projects were approved through the Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Program:

❖ **Friends of Sligo Creek, \$15,000:** Support effort to expand a citizen-based pollution reporting system, Water WatchDogs.

❖ **Rock Creek Conservancy, \$38,000:** Develop the Rock Creek Park in Your Backyard program to educate homeowners about stormwater prevention.

❖ **Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$27,685:** Create program to provide stormwater management outreach and to install cisterns at three faith-based organizations.

❖ **National Wildlife Federation, \$51,557:** Provide educational workshops and promote the RainScapes Program on congregational grounds in Montgomery County.

❖ **Bethesda Green, \$32,000:** Educate residents and create a stormwater demonstration project at Glen Way Gardens Condominiums.

❖ **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$31,256:** Engage faith-based organizations in tree plantings on their grounds to increase urban tree canopies.

❖ **Sandy Spring Friends School, \$49,997:** Develop public outreach program and campus-wide volunteer project to install rain gardens, rain barrels and pet waste stations to manage stormwater runoff.

❖ **Montgomery Housing Partnership, \$20,000:** Support the volunteer Glenville Green Club, install a conservation landscape project and educate local residents about their role in watershed restoration.

❖ **Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$26,331:** Support stormwater design efforts and citizen engagement workshops at the educational center.

❖ **Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council, \$15,000:** Create a stormwater management education video and awareness materials to educate organizations and the public.

❖ **Friends of Cabin John Creek, \$42,000:** Support an outreach coordinator, fund stormwater installation projects by the Potomac District of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America to citizen groups in four targeted neighborhoods.

❖ **Carderock Springs Citizens Association, \$11,930:** Support efforts to advance community outreach for the RainScapes program, provide neighborhood workshops and a permeable pavement demonstration project.

❖ **Muddy Branch Alliance, \$10,000:** Support program design and development of a County Watershed Stewards Academy to educate and empower resident watershed stewards.

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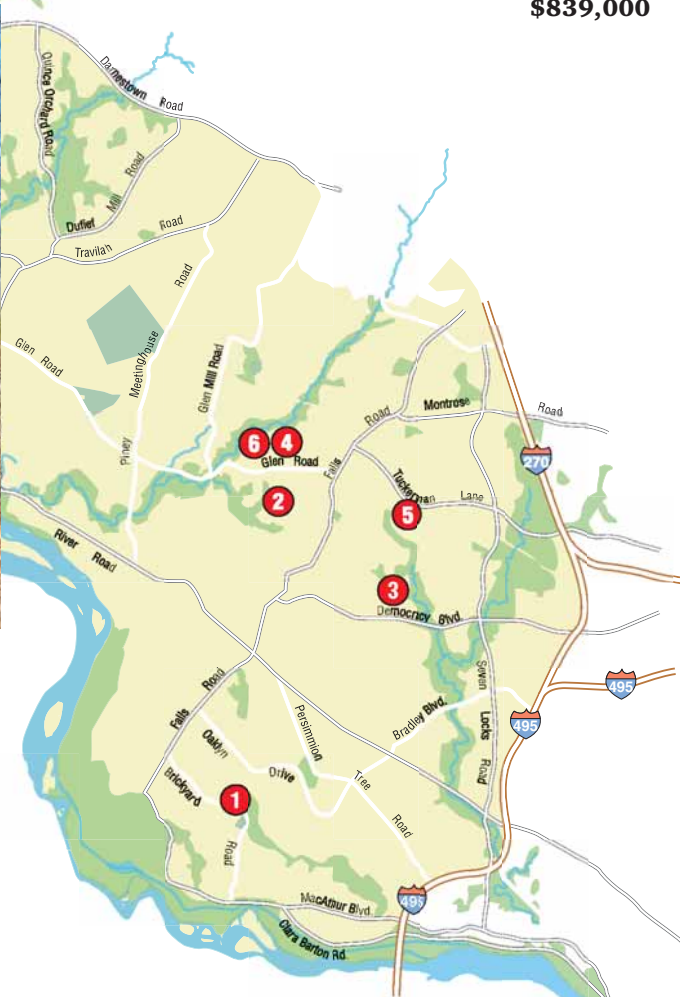


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ONGOING

“My Little Town.” Through April 12, Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.; Sundays and Mondays, 1-8 p.m. at the Photoworks Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Glen Echo Park Partnership presents 2015’s juried show, “My Little Town: A Juried Photography Exhibition About Washington, D.C.” Juried by photographer Peter Garfield, this exhibition showcases the neighborhoods and local areas of Washington, D.C., providing a glimpse into the more intimate and personal side of the nation’s capital. Featuring a wide-ranging group of local photographers. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

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VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class. at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit capitalblues.org for more.

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Registration Open. The spring issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs features a variety of classes and programs designed to help participants stay active and have fun, including aquatics, sports, therapeutic recreation services and active adult senior programming. Registration is available online, by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road,

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SATURDAY/APRIL 11

“Life Under the Sea.” 1 p.m. at Davis

Jazz Singer Freda Payne to Visit Bethesda Supper Club

Freda Payne, who came to fame for her 1970 R&B song, “Band of Gold,” will perform at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Payne, although having performed alongside R&B artists like The Temptations and The Platters, is a jazz singer with roots at the Apollo Theatre. Tickets are \$30-40. Bethesda Blues & Jazz is located at 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com for more

Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. See and feel real sea creatures such as starfish, large snails and spider crabs. This is an event presented by Under the Sea, a marine professional organization. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

“Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel.”

2 p.m. at Clara Barton National Historic Site, 5801 Oxford Rd., Glen Echo. After an interactive performance by Mary Ann Junh, explore the historic home of the founder of the American Red Cross Clara Barton. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/clba/special-events.htm.



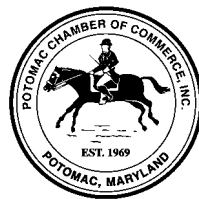
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Singer Freda Payne has shared the stage with Duke Ellington.

Bach’s “St. John Passion.” 8 p.m. at The Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. The ational Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform Bach’s “St. John Passion” as conducted by Victoria Gau. Tickets start at \$28 and free for children ages 7-17.

Funniest Journalist Celebrity Contest. 8 p.m. at Benny’s Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Matt Cooper of Newsweek, formerly of Time Magazine; Pulitzer Prize winner Clarence Page, columnist for the Chicago Tribune;

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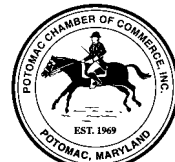
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D.C. Design House McLean showcase home opens to the public April 12.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Local interior design enthusiasts will have an opportunity to tour a much-anticipated unveiling this weekend when the 2015 Design House opens in McLean, Va., on Sunday, April 12 at noon, with ticket sales benefiting the Children's National Health System.

The 8,869-square-foot home was built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design to look like an old American farmhouse. Then, 24 local designers were chosen to design a room in the home — the eighth annual design house — using inspiration that ran the gamut from American art to the home's natural surroundings. Organizers hope the varied styles will make the home's design appear to have evolved over many years.

THE KITCHEN was designed by Paul Lobkovich and Emily Neifeld, of Lobkovich Kitchen Designs in Tysons Corner. Antique white walls accented by a custom hood in both black and stainless steel create a simple, but elegant gathering space.

If this kitchen is the hub of a home's activities, then the butler's pantry is where the preparation for those celebrations begins. That notion was the inspiration for Margery Wedderburn's design. "This butler's pantry is the celebration of a good life," said Wedderburn, of Margery Wedderburn Interiors, LLC in Vienna. "One enters the heart of the home, the kitchen and family room, through this butler's pantry, so the room is casually elegant, but doesn't take itself too seriously. It is happy, bright and fun."

"This home was designed to have a country farmhouse feeling, and we were inspired by the architecture plus the Virginia coun-



PHOTOS BY ANGIE SECKINGER/D.C. DESIGN HOUSE

The 2015 D.C. Design House opens to the public on Sunday, April 12.

tryside," she said, explaining that nature was also a big inspiration. "We have the casual green leaf wallpaper, plus we designed a custom, faux-wallpaper on the ceiling which looks just like repurposed wood. We bring the outdoors in with the green and blue tones of the space, including the fun peacock color, which ties in with our peacock feathers in the umbrella stand."

Even the chandelier is peacock, and the Sisal rug features blue stenciling, while green and blue stripes on the back of the closet tie everything together. Meanwhile, accessories give the space a contemporary feel. "Because this area of McLean is so cosmopolitan, we wanted to give a nod with stylish, hip vases, barware and details that move the space forward into the next decade while complimenting the past," said Wedderburn.

Another active hub of the home is the back stair hallway, which connects all three floors. Although it's windowless, designer David Benton's goal was to create a warm, welcoming and stylish space. "Using furniture, lighting and accents, we visually divided the hall into two zones," said Benton of RA Spaces, the interior division of Rill Architects in Potomac. Benton even created a "virtual window" with a commissioned painting, "Old Dominion Sky."

The first-floor space is accented with a custom, tufted bench and unexpected pops of color to create a formal space between the butler's pantry and dining room. "The hall space that connects the garage, mudroom and kitchen is anchored by a console table and wool rug," said Benton.

Open shelving and a built-in desk offer additional display areas. Benton finished the space with a chandelier by Circa Lighting and photo art. Those accessories "deliver fresh takes on period furnishing," said Benton. "The classic Eames bright blue fi-

berglass shell chair introduces an unexpected Americana twist."

One of the design challenges Benton faced on the second floor was creating an aesthetically appealing area rather than a simple connection between two spaces. He decided to transform the walls into a dramatic backdrop using wallpaper by Cole and Son that features silhouetted stems of cow parsley against an etched background.

"Like the house, which feels like it has been added to over time, we wanted the

interior to feel like an acquired collection of pieces," said Benton. "The useful storage bench and custom sweater rug give the space warmth and style. The fun and inexpensive swag light is another way we added flair and utility."

INSPIRED BY A SAILING TRIP through the fjords of New Zealand and by the bright oil-on-canvas painting, "Mountains and Sea," designer Lisa Tureson, of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill, Va., created a powder room that she said resembles "a little art gallery."

Tureson hung a custom, hand-etched mirror and eight paintings in the space. "My goal was to create a pictorial space since I'm an artist and painter," she said. "The subtle sparkle on the walls ... adds pizzazz."

When designing the room known as the gentleman's retreat, Scott Cooke, of Scott Cooke Design in Alexandria, Va., wanted to "honor the architecture of the house itself, with a room that's rustic in nature, and that feels in sync with the time period the house evokes," he said.

From the wooden poster bed and canopy to the rug and art, Cooke used neutral hues throughout the room. He drew inspiration from the home of the late fashion designer Bill Blass, which was, "done in a monochromatic color story ranging from white and parchment, to caramel, chocolate, espresso and black," said Cooke.

Transforming this grand house into a home was a mammoth undertaking, but one designers say was well worth the effort.

"It is an honor to be a part of this amazing group of designers," said Wedderburn. "The great thing about the group is that everyone is wonderful and helpful to each other. There is a special camaraderie here and we are all drawing inspiration off each other."



With eight paintings adorning the walls, the powder room looks like an art gallery. Lisa Tureson of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill, Va., wanted the space to be both practical and functional.



Nature was the inspiration for Margery Wedderburn's design of the butler's pantry. The Vienna, Va.-based designer chose green leaf wallpaper and a custom paper that looks like repurposed wood for the ceiling.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NANCY ITTEILAG

This light-filled kitchen features custom molding handmade by designers at Raymond Enkeboll Designs.

Potomac Home with Southern Soul

Luxurious home for sale.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

It's one thing to romanticize the South, but entirely another to style your house to resemble a grand antebellum home. However, that is what Georgia and Steve Fortune envisioned when they created their haven in Potomac's Marwood neighborhood.

The couple hired architect Bruce Hutchinson of Hutchinson + Associates and home building firm Mitchell Best & Visnic, both in Rockville, to craft the home to their tastes.

The kitchen is among the Fortunes' favorite spaces, one they describe as "a joy to cook in, eat in and entertain in."

Flooded with light from an abundance of windows as well as recessed lighting and a grand chandelier, the kitchen features wood floors and dark counter tops contrasted against white cabinetry. Custom molding that — made by hand to the Fortunes' specifications by Raymond Enkeboll Designs in California — frames the cabinetry.

"[This is] a bright and sunny home ... with lovely, oversized windows," said Realtor Nancy Itteilag of

Long and Foster. "[It has] elegant, high ceilings, extremely expensive finishing touches from the hardwood floors to the millwork — moldings, windows and doors, hardware, doorknobs, etc. To replicate this quality today would cost almost double the asking price of this home."

Flowing from the kitchen, the breakfast space has a serene view of the home's manicured grounds, which include a patio and pool. "The home has great indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces," said Itteilag.

Now that the Fortunes' children have grown up, their six-bedroom, five-bathroom home is on the market for \$1,998,000. Reflecting on the years they spent in the abode, they say that the spaces that brought them the most pleasure over the years include "the dining room with its high, coffered ceiling and the library-study with its handcrafted woodwork and cabinetry."

Complete with two fireplaces, the three-floor home has a "captivating interior design with traditional Southern architecture combined with every modern amenity," said Itteilag. "The master suite is nicer than a suite at the Four Seasons [hotel]. The home is so well designed that you don't feel like you're giving up space on the first floor like you might in some homes with a bedroom on the first floor."



A generous space for outdoor entertaining is one of this home's most appealing features, says Realtor Nancy Itteilag.



The first floor master suite of this Potomac home has a walk-in closet.

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The Fact Is Not Yet The Matter



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I don't know which is worse: the extra-special, extra-expensive, dental cleaning (the kind that requires Novocain and involves the actual dentist, not merely the hygienist) that I have scheduled for April 8th – or my next hopefully-not-do-or-die CT Scan, moved up a month from my usual three-month interval because of a suspicious formation seen on my most recent scan back in mid-February. Either way, the next two Wednesdays following by the fortnight Friday, April 24th appointment with my oncologist – to discuss the scan results from the 15th, should be noteworthy in the life of this cancer patient.

To think that my cancer-affected life is going to just roll along with nary a blip in assessment, treatment, protocol, scheduling, availability, etc., is both totally unrealistic and wishful thinking of the highest naiveté. And if anything can be said about yours truly, it is that I am well aware of, and reasonably well adjusted to, the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune with which I have been forced to live, live being the applicable word, these last-six-going-on-seven years.

Given that symptoms I've felt previously – or not felt previously – have, on varying occasions, been positive and negative, feeling or not feeling has never been a sure-fire indicator of anything. As an example, one time I felt a pain in my chest/lungs (where I know the biggest tumor is located); it turned out to be scar tissue growing over a shrinking tumor, a good result. Another time, the same pain/same area indicated the tumor was growing, a bad thing. In general, feeling something has sometimes meant nothing and feeling nothing has sometimes meant something – and vice versa. I wouldn't say I was damned if I did and damned if I didn't, but I would say – with apologies to Oliver Hardy: It's a damned fine mess in which I find myself so regularly entangled. And apparently, from what I understand, the only thing likely to change in the future is nothing. And as fortunate as I am, compared to so many others who have succumbed to this terrible disease, being present and discussing even a problematic future – six years post-diagnosis – is as good as it gets for a patient originally diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer: stage IV, non small cell lung cancer. Still, it doesn't (and I mean never) minimize the stress.

Somehow, managing this process/experience has to include a methodology for managing expectations and minimizing that stress. Moreover, anything one can do to lighten the load emotionally, and build in some positive reinforcement and words-to-the-maybe-not-so wise, goes a long way toward accomplishing some level of relative peace and perhaps even a little quiet.

Of course, the process is Imperfect – with a capital "I." There are always bad days; you just want your share of good ones, too. Acknowledging what you can't control and being grateful for what you can helps to compartmentalize and find that balance between living in the present and dying in the future. Some days, doing "normal" things – like visiting the dentist, seem to help. Other days, it feels pointless. Oddly enough, it all sort of mirrors my symptom history: it matters, it matters not. I just hope that on April 24th, the matters don't hit the fan.

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

Romm Brothers Lead Wootton Boys' Lax to Victory

Freshman Mason produces hat trick against Whitman.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

After the Whitman boys' lacrosse team scored back-to-back goals to pull within one in the third quarter, Wootton's senior leader and his freshman brother gave the Patriots some breathing room and helped assure they would enter spring break undefeated.

Senior midfielder Myles Romm and freshman midfielder Mason Romm each scored a goal in the final two minutes of the third quarter, extending Wootton's lead to three while helping the Patriots beat Whitman 8-4 on April 2 at Wootton High School.

The victory improved Wootton's record to 4-0, including an 8-7 win over perennial power Glenelg on March 27.

"They were crucial," Myles Romm said of Wootton's two goals late in the third quarter. "... We knew we were going to go up. We had the confidence for it. Two great goals gave us some breathing room. We relaxed a little bit. We were very intense in the beginning, we were making some big mistakes, but we kind of calmed down after the two goals and everything kind of went from there."

Mason Romm produced a hat trick against the Vikings, the best goal-scoring performance of his young varsity career.

The freshman's first goal gave Wootton a 2-1 advantage with 10:36 left in the second quarter. Goal No. 2 extended the Patriots' advantage to 4-1 with 4:59 left in the third, and his third goal gave Wootton a three-goal cushion later in the quarter.

"He's a very good player," Wootton head coach Colin Thomson said. "He's growing up every game for us. He's on the line he is



Wootton freshman midfielder Mason Romm scored three goals against Whitman on April 2.

because of the way he plays."

Mason Romm said Myles, a team captain, has helped make life easier for a ninth-grader on the varsity.

"It's an awesome experience," Mason said

"I've got to be honest: In the beginning, I thought it would be a little bit rough for him. But he's just a magical kid. He's got good things coming for him."

— Wootton senior Myles Romm about freshman brother Mason

about playing with Myles. "... It's the best thing that's ever happened to me lacrosse-wise. ... He's helped me a lot. He teaches me new things every day. He tells me how to act on the field and act in the locker room. He's my role model."

Myles said he had early doubts about

whether Mason would excel as a freshman, but Mason has proved to be an impact player early in the season.

"I've got to be honest: In the beginning, I thought it would be a little bit rough for him," Myles said. "But he's just a magical kid. He's got good things coming for him. I love him to death and it's just awesome to see him come out and play like this. He's adjusted very well. He's a very strong player on this team as a freshman, already."

The Romm brothers figure to play significant roles for a Wootton team with lofty expectations for the 2015 season.

"They complement each other really well," Thomson said.

Myles Romm is the lone returning offensive starter from a 2014 team that defeated



Senior midfielder Myles Romm is a captain for the Wootton boys' lacrosse team.

rival and two-time defending champion Churchill for the 4A/3A West region title. The Patriots entered the state tournament undefeated before losing, 10-7, to eventual champion South River in the semifinals.

"It's the same expectation this program's always had — we're going to go to states and we're going to win," Myles Romm said. "We're going to try our best. We have the highest expectations. We want to win states every year and we're not going to settle for anything less."

No Montgomery County school has ever won a state championship in lacrosse.

Wootton senior midfielder Sam Ellis, junior attackman Justin O'Daniel, junior attackman Brett Rudden and freshman attackman Joe Montesano each scored a goal against Whitman.

Senior defenseman Cole Abid and senior goalie Patrick Cornelius are also team captains for the Patriots.

Wootton returns to action at Sherwood at 7 p.m. on April 14.

PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Amelia Oliver, a member of the Women's Indoor Track & Field team at Bates College (Lewiston, Maine), received New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic distinction for the winter 2015 season.

Eileen Moudou and **Ethan Shrier** of Potomac have been selected to join the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America.

This summer, Moudou and Shrier will join other students aged 16-19 to perform at Carnegie Hall before leaving on a seven-city tour in China.

Register for 17th Annual Paws in the Park

Registration is open for the 17th Annual Paws in the Park dog walk and festival, one of the largest dog walks in the D.C. area. As a signature special event of the Montgomery County Humane Society, held in partnership with the City of Gaithersburg, it raises funds to help rescue, care for and adopt homeless and abandoned animals.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 26, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, next to Gaithersburg High School.

The afternoon includes a 1-mile dog walk, pet contests and games, demonstrations, children's activities, a pet-oriented market featuring more than 50 vendors, food, music and more.

Participants register as a walker in the event, and then are encouraged to invite friends, family and neighbors to support their fundraising efforts through online donations.

Supporters can register individually or as a family, and can begin fundraising as individuals or as part of teams of family, friends, co-workers, social groups, etc. Registration

is \$20 for an individual or \$45 for a family in advance (up to 5 p.m. April 25) or \$25/\$55 at the door.

Paws in the Park supports the Montgomery County Humane Society's work to rescue, care for and adopt homeless animals that it pulls from overcrowded public shelters, as well as a host of animal enrichment, humane education and community outreach programs to help the community care for pets and keep them in their homes and out of shelters. Programs also include medical care, spay/neuter, and other initiatives.

ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY DAVID MYERS

“Holy Week, Sicily,” part of a photo series by David Myers, will be on display at this year's “Mirror to the World” exhibit.

7th Annual ‘Mirror to the World’ Photo Exhibit Documents Human Experience

Beginning April 17, the 7th Annual “Mirror to the World” exhibit will be on display at Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The exhibit will feature five picture stories from places like Havana, Cuba and the Lincoln Memorial, among others. Photographers David Myers, Erica Wissolik, Alain Durand, and Barbara Tyroler are the four individual exhibitors. The work of eight other photographers will appear in a group exhibit documenting a textile factory that produces fabric in Venice. “Mirror to the World” 2015 will run until June 1. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

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Emmy nominated Brian Kareem, Executive Editor of The Montgomery County Sentinel and the Prince George's Sentinel; John DeBells of the Huffington Post; and Bob Somerby of The Daily Howler will perform. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 11-12

19th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday at Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Gas engines, tractors, antique cars and trucks and steam tractors. Live country music, hay wagon rides and a kiddie tractor pull. Free. Visit www.FriendsoftheFarmPark.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

Horizons 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run. 9:15 a.m. at The Norwood School, 8821 River Road, Bethesda. All proceeds from this run will benefit Horizons Greater Washington, a nonprofit organization that develops public-private partnerships between independent and public school communities. Registration is \$35. Visit www.imathlete.com/events/Norwood5K.
Poetry & Prose Open Mic Night. 2-4 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. The reading will be followed by a reception and book signing. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

Opening Reception and Artists' Talk. 6-8 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Photoworks Gallery celebrates the launch of the 7th annual “Mirror to the World” exhibit. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.
Lawrence Craig. 6:30 p.m. at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Classic Rock musician Lawrence Craig will perform. Admission is free. Make reservations are www.bennysbargrill.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 17-19

Countryside Artisans Studio Tours. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Countryside Artisan Trail. Take a self-guided tour through The Reserve and visit skilled artists who work in everything from yarn, metal work, blown glass, paintings and pottery. Free. Visit www.countrysideartisans.com.
Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday at The Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. More than 250 artists will present their crafts for purchase. Visit www.sugarloafcrafs.com.

APRIL 17-JUNE 1

“Mirror to the World.” 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays; 1-8 p.m. on Sundays at Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Find five picture stories highlighting people from all over the world. Admission is free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Copper Jewelry Workshop. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Participants will be introduced to a non-acid technique to create textures on copper. Tuition is \$90. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.
Washington Conservatory 2014-15 Piano Plus Concerts. 8 p.m. Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Concert series features members of the Washington Conservatory faculty and guest artists. Free (pay-as-you-can, donations welcome). Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-320-2770 for more.
“Bach's Early Voice.” 8 p.m. at Cultural Arts Center in Silver Spring, Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. The Bach Sinfonia presents “Bach's Early Voice: The Weimar Cantatas.” \$15-\$35. Visit www.bachsinfonia.com.
Irish Pianist John O'Connor. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Irish Pianist John O'Connor's performance will be followed by a wine reception. Free, \$20 suggested donation. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org.
Tom Cunningham Orchestra. 9 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, 7300

MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Tom Cunningham Orchestra will be performing a three-hour set of Duke Ellington's music, with special focus on the “Blanton-Webster years.” Tickets are \$18. Call 571-572-3356.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

Tiger Trot. 8:30 a.m. at Connelly School of the Holy Child, 9029 Bradley Blvd., Potomac. This 5K Run/Walk throught the streets of Potomac will benefit the Holy Child Health and Wellness Programs and The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department. Registration fees are \$35 for adults, \$30 for 19 and younger. Online registrations before April 10 will receive a \$5 per registrant discount. Visit www.holychild.org.
Chain Maille Workshop. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. In this introductory Chain Maille Jewelry Workshop you will learn two different classic weaves that can be applied to a variety of jewelry. Tuition is \$95. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 23

Freda Payne. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Jazz Singer Freda Payne, who came to fame in the '70s for her song “Band of Gold,” will perform. Tickets are \$30-40. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Visit www.stjamespotomac.org.

APRIL 24-MAY 3

“To Kill a Mockingbird.” Various times at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. The classic play set in Alabama during the great depression dealing with race and politics will close the Rockville Little Theatre's 67th season. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students. Visit www.rlt-online.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 25

Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Visit <http://www.stjamespotomac.org>.
An Evening with Julie Andrews. 5:30 p.m. at The Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. “The Sound of Music” actress Julie Andrews will attend the Strathmore's 10th anniversary Spring Gala. The evening will include a Q&A and discussion. Gala ticket packages can be purchased by contacting The Sorelle Group at 202-248-1930 or Strathmore@sorellegroup.com. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.or.

SUNDAY/APRIL 26

Paws in the Park. 12-4 p.m. at Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. The 17th annual Paws in the Park event will feature a one-mile dog walk, pet contests, vendors, micro-chipping, rabies shots, food, music, and more. Tickets purchased online are \$20 for individuals and \$45 for families (3 or more related people). Onsite tickets are \$25 and \$55. Visit www.mchumane.org/paws15.shtml.
Book Talk. 3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12089 Rockville Pike. Anthony Pitch will discuss his book, “Our Only Crime was Being Jewish.” Free. Email anthonypitch39@gmail.com.
Productive Aging Award Dinner. 5:30 p.m. at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville. Actor and director Alan Alda and his wife, photographer and write Arlene Alda are scheduled to be honored with the Sylvia Blajwas Productive Aging Award by the Jewish Council for the Aging. Sylvia Greenberg will also be honored. Tickets start at \$300 per individual. Visit www.accessjca.org.

APRIL 27-29

Festival of the Arts. 12 p.m. on April 27; 6-8 p.m. on weekdays, Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road. Winston Churchill High School presents their annual festival of the arts. Find live music, a fashion show, silent auction, sidewalk chalk competition, and food. Free. Visit www.wchart.com.

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