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Jason Gross of Hillside Meadow Farm at opening day of the Potomac Village Farmers Market, which runs Thursdays from now through October. Gross had salad greens, pasture raised beef and more on Thursday, May 7.

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## Working Together Across Faiths

Capital Area Interfaith Friends sponsors Service Day for youths of all faiths.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Four years ago, Dominique and Mike Rychlik and their three children were included in a dinner and movie night on Eid al-Fitr, which celebrates the end of the Ramadan fast. A diverse group of friends of their family and school friends of their children attended, and it was held at the home of a Muslim friend. The purpose was to discuss founding an interfaith group for youth — a passion of the Rychliks because they had previously been involved in interfaith groups.

During the evening, a discussion centered on the meaning of Ramadan, the breaking of the fast as well as on the commonalities of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions. Together the group came to an understanding that all religions believe in helping others through service and making the world a better place for all. The children ate together as did the parents — and at the end of the evening, the enthusiasm of the youth had led to the planning of three more activities, the beginning of the Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF), and a desire to explore and learn about one another's religions and cultures.

CAIF member Amal Haque said, "I never realized how closely related our world faiths

are. They all share a basic meaning of doing good for oneself and those who surround them. This became very apparent when we began attending events related to each other's faiths. I would never classify my younger self as intolerant, but my level of understanding and appreciation for other faiths is unparalleled to whatever opinions or prejudices I may have had before becoming a member of CAIF."

CAIF's mission is: "We strive to be 'one drop in the ocean' as Mother Theresa preached, to be part of something bigger than just us alone. We stand to celebrate all cultures and people. We are CAIF: Capital Area Interfaith Friends. We discuss our beliefs and devote our time to service projects that make a difference."

One of the many service projects sponsored by CAIF is an upcoming Service Day for youth and youth groups of all faiths. On Sunday, May 31 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., the group will meet at the Washington Hebrew Congregation's Julia Bindeman Suburban Center, 11810 Falls Road, Potomac to pack food for the hungry while making new friends. There will also be an opportunity to eat together and gain information about other service projects CAIF is working on and how to join. Student Services learning hours will be awarded and all youth and youth groups are invited to attend.

One of the first projects that CAIF under-



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**Bone making and the laying of 1 million bones on the National Mall were part of genocide awareness events in which Capital Area Interfaith Friends participated.**

took was to attend the 911 Unity Walk in D.C. and they participate every year. Daniel Weber, who is a freshman at Whitman High School said, "I believe the Unity Walk is the most interesting event in which I have participated." He also enjoys CAIF because "I really enjoy learning about all the various religions and cultures while visiting their respective houses of worship. I also enjoy the food prepared by people of different cultures."

CAIF also became involved in the "One

Million Bones" project to raise awareness of genocide and mass atrocities in places like Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia and Burma. The group created hand-crafted bones and also served as section leaders, helping to place the bones on the National Mall in Washington D.C. — covering the entire Mall and symbolizing how many people have been victims of genocide.

Another group project is to volunteer  
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## Church's Strawberry Festival Marks 25 Years

Coordinating annual event proves to be a family affair.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Hungry for Judith Dubowy's delectable strawberry shortcake, Becky Queen's famous chocolate-covered strawberries, home-made baked goods or grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and pulled pork? Ready to find that one-of-a-kind gift for a friend or loved one at Vendor Alley? Or snatch a bargain from Home Treasures or the Chic Boutique? All this and more await eager, hungry shoppers at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac United Methodist Church (PUMC) Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. - 4p.m.

The Strawberry Festival is a spring event that, for the past five years, has attracted more than 1,000 people to the PUMC Education Building at 9908 South Glen Road

in Potomac — at the intersection of Falls Road and Democracy. When it began in 1990, members of the church would travel to local orchards on the Friday before the event to pick the strawberries. Then they would gather in the church kitchen late into the evening to wash and cut the strawberries and prepare them for the legendary strawberry shortcake and chocolate-covered strawberries.

Three women from PUMC were responsible for launching the festival — Charly Ryan, Judith Dubowy and Frances Broadhurst. They have fond memories of bringing their children to the festival, encouraging them to help wherever they could, and allowing them to select toys and books to purchase from donated items. Now, two of those children, Shannon Ryan and Jennifer Dubowy are following in their mothers' footsteps, chairing the same committees as their mothers chaired. Mother-daughter teams include Charly and Shannon Ryan, in charge of the Silent Auction committee, and Judith with daughter, Jennifer who is following in sister Traci's footsteps as the head of the strawberry dessert



**Michael Cooper, Candice Siegenthaler, Michael Siegenthaler and Vickie Cooper**

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committee — because only family members know the secret biscuit recipe. Shannon and Jennifer are proud to be "daughters-in-charge" — and happy to continue the family tradition of contributing to the success of the festival.

"I think it's wonderful to be able to men-

tor my daughters as they carry on the family tradition," Judith Dubowy said. "The Strawberry Festival has been a truly meaningful family affair for us for 25 years — and I know we will stay involved as long as

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Four sets of binoculars snapped toward the sky as the B-24 Liberator flew down the Potomac River toward the Washington Flyover "Arsenal of Democracy" along National Mall on May 8. Helen Sears, widow of Vice-Admiral Harry E. Sears, and his three sons, G. Joseph Sears, Harry E. Sears Jr. and John W. Sears set up

their chairs amidst a crowd on the banks overlooking the river down from Chain Bridge. They wanted to remember the vice admiral's accomplishments in the Pacific campaign during World War II where he had flown 65 combat missions as commander of VB-104, a patrol bomber squadron of B-24 Liberator aircraft. G. Joseph, the eldest son, a Potomac resident, said, as a result of his father's position they grew up all over the world, "I was born in Honolulu in 1935." His brother Harry said he was born in D.C. In 1942 and the youngest brother, John, was born in Evanston, Ill. in 1946. G. Joseph was sporting a 50th Reunion hat for the last reunion his father had attended in 1993. The family had brought along a copy of "The Buccaneers of Harry Sears," a history of his squadron. After the Missing Man Formation signaled the end of the historically sequenced formations, Helen Sears, who came fully prepared, said, "After the last plane goes over we're going to pull out our sandwiches and eat."



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Three sons and the widow of highly decorated Vice Admiral Harry E. Sears await the flyover of the B-52 Liberator as planes fly down the Potomac River toward the National Mall Arsenal of Democracy. The vice admiral had flown 65 combat missions as commander of VB-104, a patrol bomber squadron of B-52 Liberator aircraft. Back left: Harry E. Sears Jr., John W. Sears, front: Helen Sears, and G. Joseph Sears.



G. Joseph Sears holds up an article and a picture of his father, Vice Admiral Harry Sears. He had also brought along a copy of "The Buccaneers of Harry Sears," a history of his father's squadron flying B-24 Liberators in the Pacific during World War II. Harry Sears was highly decorated and received the Navy Cross. His widow, Helen Sears, had brought the family to watch the historically sequenced planes fly down the Potomac River.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Remembering WW II Planes

To the Editor:

Many of us who are "of a certain age" were indulged in some nostalgic reminiscences on May 8, shortly after noon, by the fly-by of 20 or more types of airplanes of World War II vintage over the Potomac River and the National Mall. The event was publicized by an article in that day's Washington Post, which was graphically enhanced by a display of airplane silhou-

ettes meant to help in identifying the planes that would be on view. In truth, however, I needed very little assistance in identifying the various planes as they flew by — because the memories from my boyhood are still quite vivid. I was 4 years old when we joined the war in December 1941, and nearly 8 years old when the war in the Pacific ended in August 1945, and the identification of all military airplanes — ours or theirs — was a never-ending obsession for all of us children throughout the war. We collected countless pictures of the airplanes, we drew the airplanes, we built or pur-

chased model airplanes, and we had images of the airplanes tattooed everywhere on our bodies.

The more fortunate among us were also able to acquire versions of a pilot's helmet and flight jacket and could fantasize being at the controls of a Grumann TBM Avenger attacking a forlorn Japanese battleship. It was a grand game that we played; and little did we know how the game was really being played.

Elliot Wilner  
Bethesda

### Call for Father's Day Photos

In the last two weeks, we printed Mother's Day photos submitted by readers, and now we call for photos for Father's Day.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Almanac will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following in-

formation: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15. You can submit your photos online at [connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday). You can also email photos to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com).

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Email announcements to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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.

### THURSDAY/MAY 14

"Finding your Voice in Wellness." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Author and Huffington Post blogger Stanice Anderson will lead a forum on the benefits of spoken word in the addiction recovery process. Admission is free. Call 240-777-4723.

### FRIDAY/MAY 15

MoCo's Got Talent Auditions. 5-9 p.m. at Germantown Community

Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown. Montgomery County middle school and high school students may audition for slots in the "MoCo's Got Talent" Show on May 31. Call 240-777-6916 or email [Jose.segura@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Jose.segura@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### MONDAY/MAY 18

"The View From Annapolis." 7-8:30 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane. Hear State elected officials discuss the recently completed legislative season and future priorities. Officials will be taking questions. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

### TUESDAY/MAY 19

Afternoon Grief Support Group. SEE BULLETIN BOARD, PAGE 11

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# Festival Marks 25 Years

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we can.”

“One of the favorite festival jokes,” said Jennifer Dubowy who helped out with the strawberry picking from age 6, “is that I had to be told to not pick the green strawberries. I remember always helping my mom at the festival — and, of course, everyone raved about my mom’s shortcake biscuits. Since we won’t share the ‘secret family’ recipe, this is the only time that many people ever get them. Some tell me they crave them all year and have to eat at least two helpings when they come to the festival.”

A line usually forms long before 10 o’clock, and, when the doors open, people run to the chocolate-covered strawberry display, to check out the “Home Treasures” and peruse the nearly-new clothing in the “Chic Boutique.”

Many head to the vendor area to see what Stella and Dot, Glitz Bracelets, Delightful Crafts, Tres Jolie Designs, Queen Bee, Pearl Fine Teas, Tibet Sky Emporium and the many other vendors are offering. Another popular room is the Silent Auction where one can bid on gift certificates for local restaurants such as the Irish Inn, Normandy Farms, Potomac



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**Becky Queen, one of the founders of the Strawberry Festival, selling her chocolate-covered strawberries.**

Pizza and more, dinners from The Market at River Falls, a stay at the Norwich Inn in Vermont, sports tickets, vacation homes and other items.

New this year will be a book signing and discussion by Amy Riolo, author of “The Ultimate Mediterranean Diet Cookbook” which features “recipes from 25 countries in the region including perennial favorites, little known treasures and recent discoveries.”

Riolo is an award-winning author, chef, television personality, cuisine and culture expert, and educator. She serves as Culinary Advisor for The Mediterranean Food Alliance. Another topic that she often lectures on is diabetes and her book, “The Mediterranean Diabetes Cookbook,” was named “Best Diabetes Cookbook Ever” by DiabetesMine.com. She will be lecturing from 1-3 p.m. in the Book Sale room.

Not to be forgotten is that the proceeds of this Potomac tradition raise funds for many local charities. Last year the Strawberry Festival raised more than \$20,000 to assist local organizations that support women and children.

For more information, call the church office 301-299-9383 or email [frontdesk@potomac-umc.org](mailto:frontdesk@potomac-umc.org).

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by Michael Matese

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## NEWS

# Working Together Across Faiths

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monthly at the Calvary Women's Shelter in D.C., serving food and eating with the homeless women. They also attended the Hindu Holi Festival of Colors at the Hare Krishna Temple on Oaklyn Drive in Potomac, partnered with Foundry Methodist Church's Annual Day of Service, attended "Celebrating Harmony" and Heartbeat Jerusalem awareness concerts and have accomplished other projects.

Hamzah Khan, one of the co-leaders of CAIF, said, "One of the most meaningful aspects of being in CAIF is finding a sense of unity in our great diversity. It's a melting pot of cultures, religions and experiences and I feel at home whether I'm learning about Hanukkah from a Jewish member or visiting Holi festivities with other members. Fatima Durrani said, "Realizing that it's the youth shoulders that the future stands on and that preparing them now to be interfaith leaders of the future is my service to the world. It puts me at ease to realize that we share common values, and it has been wonderful making friends who value faith, even if it is a completely different one from the faith I practice."

CAIF explains its purpose in its literature: "As our world becomes increasingly divided, it is more important than ever that youth come together as a community to embrace the diversity and faiths of others. As the generation of tomorrow, it is of utmost importance that we start today to tell the world that friendship, trust and respect can triumph over bigotry and intolerance. We, the Capital Area Interfaith Friends, stand together and say with one voice that by performing acts of charity, we can change the world, one community at a time."

To sign up for the service day, call 301-500-4410 or email capitalareainterfaithfriends@yahoo.com To learn more about CAIF, visit [www.capitalareainterfaithfriends.org](http://www.capitalareainterfaithfriends.org).



Parents and children, members of Capital Area Interfaith Friends, complete a quiz after learning about Iftar. Afterwards, the children helped plan more interfaith events.



Members of Capital Area Interfaith Friends paint houses with Foundry Methodist Day of Service.



Members of Capital Area Interfaith Friends help at the Calvary Women's Shelter.

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## FRIDAY/MAY 15

**Geneva Day School Annual Art Exhibition.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Geneva Day School, 11931 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Students of Geneva Day School, who are 2-years old up to kindergarten, will have at least two original works of art on display. Free. Call 301-340-7704.

**Armed Forces Day Dinner.** 6 p.m. at Kenwood Country Club, 5601 River Road., Bethesda. Find an Italian buffet dinner, cocktails, cash bar at this annual celebration of the armed forces and wounded warriors. Capt. Michael P. Cronin (ret), who was a Vietnam POW, will be the keynote speaker. Admission is \$50. Visit [www.potomackiwanis.org](http://www.potomackiwanis.org).

**Bats are Back Mini-Fest.** 7:30 p.m. at Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd. The bats are rising from their winter hibernation. Children 5 and older may celebrate with crafts, activities, a hike and more. Tickets are \$5. Register at [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org).

**The Savoy Ellingtons.** 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave. The Savoy Ellingtons are the offspring of jazz legend Duke Ellington. They will perform music reminiscent of the 1940's. Tickets are \$25-35. Visit [www.bethesdabluesjazz.com](http://www.bethesdabluesjazz.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 16

**Jewelry Making Workshop.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Learn to make hammered and etched cuff bracelets in a single day from instructor Gina Copanzz. \$90. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

**Writing Workshops.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 S Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. Gaithersburg Book Festival, The Writer's Center, and National Novel Writing Month have partnered for a day of adult writing workshop dealing with a variety of writing genres. Free. Visit [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org).

**Gaithersburg Book Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rachel Carson Pavilion, 8600 Irvington Ave., Bethesda. Author of "The Rose Beyond" Sharon Allen Gilder will be signing books following a short discussion. Workshops and book signings by authors from a wide variety of genres will follow throughout the day. Free. Visit [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org).

**"Coming Home to Montgomery County."** 12-4 p.m. at 13025 Riley's Lock Road, Poolesville. Learn what life was like in Montgomery County as soldiers returned from the Civil War. Free. Visit [www.heritagemontgomery.org](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org).

**VisArts Family Workshop.** 2-4 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Families may work together or separately to create graphic designs on canvas. The fee is \$10. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://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, donations welcome. Visit [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

**Pianist/Composer Haskell Small.** 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda.

## Experience 'Birds of the Deep Waters'

Artist Evelyn Jacob's "Birds of the Deep Waters," is designed to invoke a sense of the primeval. The exhibition consists of digital photographs of waterfowl and their natural habitats. "Birds" is on display at the Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, through June 6. For more, visit [www.waverlystreetgallery.com](http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com).



Pianist/Composer Haskell Small will perform his own work along with Bach compositions. Tickets are free, but there is a suggested \$20 donation. Call 301-320-2770.

application of pastels to create vivid paintings. Tuition is \$120. Visit [www.visartsrockville.org](http://www.visartsrockville.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 17

**Potomac Hunt Races.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at 14401B Partnership Road, Poolesville. The Potomac Hunt Races is an annual tradition, celebrating the sport of steeplechase racing. Also find a variety of other festivities for children and adults. General admission is \$40 per vehicle. Visit [www.potomachuntraces.com](http://www.potomachuntraces.com).

**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](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

**"On My Way" Screening.** 10 a.m. at Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. Cinema Art Bethesda will present a French film detailing the fictional journey of a grandmother and her young grandson across rural France. A discussion and light fare will follow the screening. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.cinemaartbethesda.org](http://www.cinemaartbethesda.org).

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20 AND MAY 28

**"The Beauty of Watercolor: Blue Iris."** 7-9 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Instructor Barbara Brower will teach basic watercolor process and techniques at a two-week session. Tuition is \$75. Visit [www.visartsrockville.org](http://www.visartsrockville.org).

## SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 23-25

**Hometown Holidays Music Fest.** Various times at Rockville Town Center. Hometown Holidays is a weekend of entertainment in honor of Memorial Day. Find a parade, live music and the event runs in conjunction with the Taste of Rockville festival. Most events are free. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 23

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## TUESDAY/MAY 26, JUNE 2, AND JUNE 9

**Gouache and Pastels Workshop.** 7-9:30 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Mark Collins will instruct a three-session course on using gouache as an underpainting and the

## FRIDAY/MAY 29

**Celebration of Leadership.** 6 p.m. at Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda. Retiring Leadership Montgomery CEO and Founder Esther B. Newman, will be honored with an "Outstanding Leader Award." Tickets are \$150. Visit [www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org](http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 30

**MoCo's Got Talent.** 5-9 p.m. at the Filmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Montgomery County middle school and high school students will perform. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

**The Art of Luis Bitencourt.** 6 p.m. at Zohra Salon, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Former mathematician, Luis Bitencourt's Brazil-inspired art will be on display. Free to attend. For more information visit [www.luisbitencourt.net](http://www.luisbitencourt.net).

**"Murder at the TonyLou Awards."** 7 p.m. at The Gaithersburg Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. "Murder at the TonyLou Awards" is an audience participation murder mystery. Tickets are \$40 and limited to 99 people. Visit [www.rlt-online.org](http://www.rlt-online.org).

**"Fauré's Requiem."** 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Soprano Julie Keim and baritone Andrew McLaughlin will perform alongside the National Philharmonic. Tickets are \$28, children 7-17 are admitted for free. Visit [www.nationalphilharmonic.org](http://www.nationalphilharmonic.org) for more.

**Benny Goodman Tribute.** 9 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Halley Shoenberg with the Tom Cunningham Orchestra and YazooZazz vocal trio pay tribute to the swing musician on his 106th birthday. Tickets are \$18. Email [tom@tomcunningham.com](mailto:tom@tomcunningham.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

**Washington Folk Festival.** 12-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Seven stages will host cultural performances, vendors will sell traditional crafts and food. Free. Visit [www.washingtonfolkfestival.org](http://www.washingtonfolkfestival.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 5

**Washington Conservatory 2014-15 Piano Plus! Concerts.** 7:30 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, donations welcome. Visit [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

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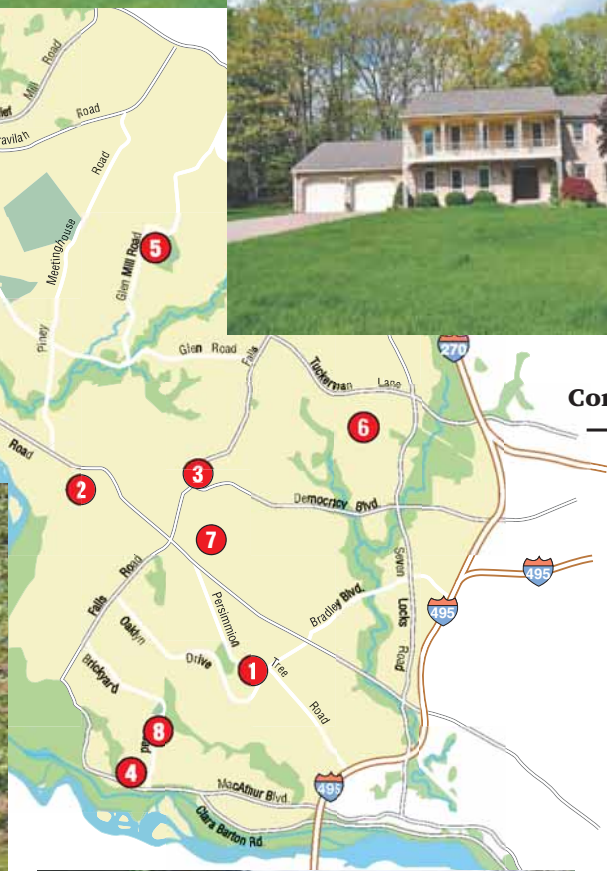
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## Local Builder Receives Contractor of the Year Award

Anthony Wilder Design/Build received national recognition for bath redesign.

A minimalist yet elegant design that includes a wall of glass with dramatic views of a woody landscape received top honors recently. Anthony Wilder Design/Build, in Cabin John, received a national Contractor of the Year (CoY) award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for transforming a bland bathroom into a serene spa retreat.

In designing the luxurious space, the design team added a dressing area and improved the traffic flow by repurposing the existing square footage.

"The clients wanted to transform their master bathroom into a serene, thoroughly modern, chic space to match their transitional style," said Wilder. "They wanted a minimalist ap-

proach to the design while retaining storage space, adding square footage and natural light and finding a solution to mold and ventilation problems."

The bathroom's flooring is consistent with dark Brazilian Walnut wood flooring found throughout the home. "The clients love the look of dark, wide-plank hardwood flooring," said Wilder. "A more practical solution was a dark brown, wood grain porcelain tile."

The result is a sleek look and a functional and practical surface that is less slippery and more resistant to scuff marks than some flooring.

Floor to ceiling glass offers a dramatic view of the home's rustic landscape and creates continuity between the interior space and the outdoors. "The textures and colors of the exterior

**"The clients wanted to transform their master bathroom into a serene, thoroughly modern, chic space to match their transitional style."**

— Anthony Wilder



PHOTO BY MORGAN HOWARTH

**This bathroom by Anthony Wilder Design/Build in Cabin John, received a national Contractor of the Year award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.**

formed the basis for the aesthetic of the bathroom," said Wilder. "The color of the tile is neutral in order to frame the outdoor view without being distracting."

A view of the outside can be had from the large, free-standing bathtub, while the patterns and neutral colors of the tile and stones help unite the exterior and interior spaces.

Each area of the bathroom is topped with recessed lighting. "All lights are on dimmers providing the opportunity to customize the effect at any given time," said Wilder.

Marian Vaias was the architect for this bathroom and Shannon Kadwell was the interior designer.

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# Why Fi?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"That's the dream; to have Wi-Fi in the car." So says one of the focus group participants ("real people, not actors") in a recent television commercial from Chevrolet. The answer is to a question asked of five adults to identify which car brand: Mercedes, BMW, Chevrolet, Ford, or Toyota, includes "Built-in Wi-Fi" in their product line. Of course, to every one's surprise (presumably the viewers at home, too), Chevrolet is the only brand to include this answer to a prayer (dream, actually).

For whatever reason (guess: old school; try ancient school), I've never asked this question of a car dealer or of a higher power (not the same). I don't see the need. I don't understand the benefit. I don't want the distraction. If I have passengers in the car, I'm likely talking with them. And I'm probably also listening to and fussing with the radio at the same time. Maybe I'm even fidgeting with the on-board/in-dash GPS as well. And of course, my cell phone is always at the ready (sitting on the seat between my legs), set to vibrate so I won't miss any incoming calls which would likely take precedence over any and all other activities (God forbid I should miss an incoming call). How does yet another element, one that offers infinitely more access and possibilities than all the other devices combined, improve my driving experience? As one who more often than not drives alone, how does free Internet access (that's really what Wi-Fi is, right?) in the car enhance my life rather than complicate it?

Now that I have asked the question, do I care about the answer? My car gets me from a point "A" to point "B." Learning about points "C" through "Z" doesn't necessarily interest me - in the car. I'm not looking for adventure when I'm driving; safety, security, convenience, reliability, above-average gas mileage, I am. Nor am I looking for self-actualization or self-improvement, or given the potential uninterrupted flow of Internet information, self-sustainability; I should be looking in my side- and rear-view mirrors, windows, angles; for cars stopping and starting, turning and reversing (including my own), and at all other vehicles on the road: front and back, side to side, doing all the things I should be doing - other than focusing on Wi-Fi. Despite being told otherwise, my car is not my mobile office, nor is it a library; and it most certainly is not an entertainment center or a condensed version of my home's "great room" (which I don't have anyway, although many do). Despite what Cat Stevens sang way back when, I am not on the road to find. I'm simply on the road to get out - and go. I'm not looking to improve my mind ("what there is of it") when I'm driving, only to occupy it with the task/direction-I-need-to-go at hand; and not with questions and answers I'll be tested on later on my home/laptop computer as I cross-purpose myself on my multi-device "connectability." Sometimes when I'm driving in the car, I'm looking for peace and quiet, not answers to anything, prayers or otherwise.

Generally speaking, I want to drive to survive to arrive alive. I don't want to drive to thrive. I may want to drive too gently for some; but that's for another column. Does my being in the car have to be a learning experience - other than knowing the route to my destination? Can't we just leave well enough alone when I am alone. Sure I want to "live long and prosper," "think and grow rich" and continue to obliterate my original "13-month to two-year" stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer prognosis, so can't what happens on the Internet stay on the Internet and leave me in my car out if it?

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## Opening Day at Potomac Village Farmers Market

In addition to locally grown produce, the Potomac Farmers Market offers a variety of food, including pizza, freshly baked breads and sweet treats from Simply Delicious, a seafood truck and more. The market is in the parking lot of Potomac United Methodist Church at the corner of Falls Road and South Glen Road at Democracy, open 2-6:30 p.m. every Thursday.



Cory McCleaf of McCleaf's Orchard. McCleaf's apples will soon be joined by dozens of kinds of fruit and vegetables.



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**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.

#### WEDNESDAY/ MAY 20

**Child Loss Support Group.** 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Free. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

#### THURSDAY/MAY 21

**"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.

**Health and Quality of Life Forum.** 6-8 p.m. at Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Residents are invited to participate in community conversations sponsored by Healthy Montgomery, an effort to improve the health of Montgomery County residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to comment. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**Potomac Community Village Birthday Party.** 7:15 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac. Nonprofit Potomac Community Village will host Congress John Delaney (D-Md) as the featured speaker at their upcoming birthday celebration. Free to attend. Call 240-221-1370 to RSVP.

#### SATURDAY/MAY 30

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### SPORTS BRIEFS



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Louis Dubick, seen earlier this season, and the Churchill boys' lacrosse team will face Quince Orchard in the 4A/3A West region championship game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at Churchill High School.

## Churchill Boys' Lax To Host Region Final

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team survived a semifinal scare from Whitman.

The Bulldogs, who beat Whitman 12-3 during the regular season, edged the Vikings 12-11 in double overtime on Monday during the 4A/3A West semifinals at Churchill High School.

Churchill advances to the region championship game for the fourth consecutive season. The Bulldogs (15-1) will host Quince Orchard (14-2) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13.

Churchill is the top seed from Section I and QO is the top seed from Section II.

The Bulldogs defeated Quince Orchard 14-10 in the regular-season finale. Quince Orchard defeated Wootton 10-9 in the other semifinal contest on Monday.

## Whitman Girls' Lax to Host Wootton in Region Final

Whitman and Wootton will face off in the 4A/3A West region championship game at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at Whitman High School. Whitman defeated Churchill 9-7 in Monday's semifinal. Wootton beat Gaithersburg 10-8.

## Whitman Baseball To Face Blair in Semis

The Whitman baseball team defeated Bethesda-Chevy Chase 10-4 on Monday in the 4A West quarterfinals on Monday. The Vikings will travel to face top-seeded Montgomery Blair at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in the semifinals.

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