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Second grade
teacher Hannah
Robbins welcomes
Jordan Axelrod on
the first day of
school Monday,
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Elementary School.

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NEWS

Mosquito Control Truck-based Spraying

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, has expanded mosquito control services in areas of Montgomery County due to a public health concern over the potential for mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile virus and Zika virus.

Mosquito control truck-based spraying occurred last week in the Wheaton area of Kensington, the Olde Town area of Gaithersburg and the Sandy Spring area, all in Montgomery County.

Within approximately 24 to 48 hours of the spraying, state and local inspectors will go door-to-door in the area to inspect properties for mosquito breeding sites and will conduct backyard spraying, as needed, to further reduce adult mosquito populations. Residents should continue to survey their prop-

erties and their communities and eliminate or treat mosquito breeding sites, which includes emptying all containers of water around the home and yard.

For more information, including: Frequently Asked Questions, 30-second videos on how to control mosquitoes around the home, tips on how to rid the community of mosquito breeding sites, and tips on how to avoid mosquito bites, visit: www.mda.maryland.gov/zika All residents are encouraged to follow the department's new Twitter feed @MdAgMosquito that will post unscheduled spray events and other timely information about mosquito control in Maryland. For more information, call the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program at 410- 841-5870 or the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Disease Control Office at 240-777-1755.

BULLETIN BOARD

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.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1
Drop in Discussion about Grief and Healing. 1:30-3 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. For anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, call 301-921-4400. Visit

www.montgomeryhospice.org for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8
Morning Coffee. 10-11:30 a.m. at Corner Bakery, Westlake Drive, near Montgomery Mall, Bethesda. Potomac Community Village hosts, open to all, to meet, chat with other Potomac neighbors about ideas, plans to age in place in our own Potomac homes. Free to attend, pay for own beverages and food. Contact Nelly Urbach at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or 240-221-1370, or visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10
Walking Through Grief Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadows Lane, Rockville. Montgomery Hospice offers a nature walk for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Free and open to any Montgomery County resident. Registration required, call 301-921-4400.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11
50+Expo. Noon-4 p.m. at Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Expo features expert

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SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

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Centennial celebration for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park was held at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center.



The Washington Revels Maritime Voices.

Celebrating National Park Service's 100 Years

The Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center hosted the Centennial Celebration for the National Park Service Aug. 25-28. Events included free mule-drawn canal board rides, an NPS 100th birthday cake, guided nature hike, ice cream making, performance by the Washington Revels Maritime Voices, and a book signing by Napier Shelton, author of the book "Potomac Pathways."

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. More than 5 million visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation that the park has to offer. For more information, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/choh.



Carolyn Smith and Joan Paul cutting the National Park Service's 100th Birthday cake.



Celeste Stewart-Jones and Arianna Zhaw



Thomas Hall and Andrea Moreno-Vasquez making ice cream.



Kelly Fox and Carolyn Smith

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DEBORAH STEVENS
THE ALMANAC



Nelson Turner, Andrea Moreno-Vasquez, Tiffany Kennedy, Carolyn Smith, Mark Meyers, and John McCarthy



The Park Rangers at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

Creating an Inclusive Community

Local non-profit offers friendship, care and fun to those with developmental differences.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

As the sun poured from a mid-summer sky, the aroma of beef gently roasting on a grill filled the air along with the squeals of children petting fuzzy fauna such as rabbits, hedgehogs and mini alpacas. Nearly 400 people had gathered at Smokey Glen Farm to celebrate the memory of long-time Potomac resident Gen Ryan, a co-founder of Potomac Community Resources, Inc. (PCR). This non-profit organization promotes the inclusion of those with developmental differences into the life of the community.

"The barbeque brought together people with and without developmental differences," said Stephen F. Riley, PCR's executive director. "The charge Gen gave me at the last BBQ she attended before she died was make it nice and make it affordable for our members. We do that because we want to honor Gen's charge."

Founded in 1994 by a small group of families at Potomac's Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish and supported by a team of staff, volunteers and donors, PCR is designed to enable people living with a disability (the organization's officials prefer the term developmental differences), including the more than 8,000 people in Montgomery County, to be integrated fully into community life.

Members are offered programs which help them experience life and interact with others without disabilities. This award-winning organization provides 35 thera-



The family of Gen Ryan, a long-time Potomac resident and a co-founder of Potomac Community Resources, Inc. (PCR), honor her memory at a barbeque at Smokey Glen Farm.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PCR



Laura Ryan and Father Bill Byrne, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and a member of the Potomac Community Resources, Inc. Board of Directors, attend a barbeque to support the organization.

peutic, recreational, social and respite care programs for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental differences.

"We're a tiny organization, but this is an example of people in Potomac seeing a need and taking action," said Riley. "Our roots in Potomac are deep."

One of the founding parents was Larry Ryan, whose daughter Laura

is an active PCR member who attends yoga classes and movie and pizza night activities. "Some of her best friends are members of PCR," said Ryan, widower of Gen Ryan, PCR co-founder for whom the annual barbeque is named. "It is comforting to me that she has dear friends who she can spend time with."

Cathy Pope remembers the day she took her 25-year-old daughter, Heather Dressman, to PCR's Tricia Sullivan Respite Care Program. She had hoped her search for an outlet for her daughter would end with this program, where members spend an afternoon participating in activities running the gamut from art and music to pet therapy and massage therapy. The day didn't go as planned.

"Heather started smacking her head with her hand when we got there," said Pope, who was reduced to tears at this difficult beginning. "I cried and thought, 'Now I don't have another organization for her.' There are very few that accept people with special needs."

When Pope returned the following week to give the respite care program another try, her angst about whether her daughter would adjust to the group was met with compassion and her hesitation greeted with empathy. The staff and volunteers who run the respite care program embraced Heather.

"Everyone there was welcoming and very skilled at taking care of the people. eather is not toilet trained, but the counselors don't

Get Involved

To join, donate, volunteer or get more information, visit <http://pcr-inc.org/>

mind changing her," said Pope. "This gives Heather an opportunity to enjoy fun things that everyone else can enjoy. It also gives me a chance to run some errands."

PCR volunteers such as Molly Shriver of Potomac who became involved with the group through her school, Connelly School of the Holy Child, say they gain as much from the PCR participants as they give.

"The members are always so positive and they bring out the best of the Holy Child students," said Shriver, who was a member of the Holy Child class of 2016 and PCR's Outstanding Youth Volunteer 2016. "They're always in such a great mood, bringing our spirits up."

Shriver and other Holy Child volunteers host activities such as movie nights, pizza nights and themed dances and parties where PCR members, including those in wheelchairs, can participate fully.

"Since the dance floor is really popular, we try to make sure everyone comes out for at least one song," said Shriver. "If they are shy or can't hear or can't physically move, we try to get them on the dance floor and move their wheelchair back and forth."

Parents such as Pope say that PCR can be life-altering for their children. "I love that they can experience some of the same kinds of things that others their age can do," she said. "And it's a nice way to see the smiles on their faces."

Those attending Potomac Community Resource's annual barbeque enjoyed animals from Squeals on Wheels.



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11202 MARWOOD HILL DR	6	...	7	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,930,000	Detached	0.80	20854		
8917 ABBEY TER	6	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.26	20854		
8200 KINGSGATE RD	5	...	5	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	1.35	20854		
9 POTOMAC SCHOOL CT	6	...	7	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,685,000	Detached	2.00	20854		
10814 NANTUCKET TER	6	...	5	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,550,000	Detached	0.92	20854		
10308 CONISTON CT	5	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.77	20854		
10012 MEYER POINT TER	4	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,375,000	Detached	0.41	20854		
9228 CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT	5	...	5	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,328,750	Detached	0.92	20854		
9326 SPRINKLEWOOD LN	6	...	4	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,325,000	Detached	0.29	20854		
11840 BEEKMAN PL	6	...	4	...	3	POTOMAC	\$1,310,000	Detached	0.94	20854		
8809 BELMART RD	4	...	3	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,305,000	Detached	5.11	20854		
7824 STABLE WAY	6	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,235,000	Detached	0.18	20854		
10513 DEMOCRACY LN	5	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.37	20854		
7401 RIVER FALLS DR	6	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,225,001	Detached	0.35	20854		
9540 PERSIMMON TREE RD	8	...	5	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,220,000	Detached	0.76	20854		
11305 SKIPWITH LN	6	...	6	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,215,000	Detached	3.16	20854		
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7608 LAUREL LEAF DR	6	...	5	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,187,600	Detached	0.34	20854		
8224 WINDSOR VIEW TER	5	...	3	...	2	POTOMAC	\$1,165,000	Detached	0.48	20854		
5 SELINE CT	4	...	4	...	1	POTOMAC	\$1,055,000	Detached	0.30	20854		
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ONGOING

Exhibit: "Words Symphony I."

Through Aug. 31 at E9 Gallery, 10116 Lloyd Road, Potomac. View a collection of Persian calligraphy by artist Bahman Panahi. Free. Visit www.exhibit9gallery.com for more.

Call for Project Proposals. Through Sept. 6, midnight. F.E.A.S.T. at VisArts 2016 (Funding Emerging Art with Sustainable Tactics) is a bridge between artists and the community. Artists, thinkers, and organizations are invited to submit proposals for funding up to \$1,000. Project proposals will address the theme of "Future Framers: Envisioning Rockville in 2040." Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

Photoworks: "Earth, Water, and Air." Through Sept. 25, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Photoworks Gallery – Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Three artists, Leslie Kiefer, Rebecca Clews, and Caroline Minchew, explore the elements via photography. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Canal Boat Excursions. April-Oct., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Go on a 19th-century mule-drawn canal boat excursion.

Hear tales of what life was like for the families who lived and worked on the canal. Tickets are \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Call 301-767-3714 for more.

Accepting Submissions: Bethesda Songwriting Contest. Through Nov. 4. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces the third annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards. The adjudicated competition is seeking the best, up-and-coming, local songwriters and will award one talented songwriter a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Visit www.bethesda.org to apply.

Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Listen to employees read children's stories. Free. Visit www.storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

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.

Thang Ta. Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. \$25. Visit www.dancesidra.org.

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.

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy

Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by dancing. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Contra and Square Dance. Fridays and Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contra and Square dances are taught, no partner necessary. Lessons at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music at 7:30. \$13 for nonmembers, \$10 for FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art

form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. Visit www.pgip.org for more.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too).

Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Great Decisions. 12:30-2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. On the eve of the international organization's 70th birthday, the United Nations stands at a crossroads. This year marks a halfway point in the organization's global effort to eradicate poverty, hunger and discrimination, as well as ensure justice and dignity for all peoples. But as the UN's 193 member states look back at the success of the millennium development goals, they also must assess their needs for its sustainable development goals — a new series of benchmarks, which are set to expire in 2030. With the appointment of the ninth secretary-general in the near future as well, the next U.S. president is bound to have quite a lot on his or her plate going into office. Free. Email potomacfol@gmail.com with "Great Decisions" in the subject line.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Labor Day Open House. 12-4 p.m. at Glen Echo Park – Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Meet Photoworks faculty as they present "Signature Images" from

their portfolio of work. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SATURDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 3-5

Labor Day Art Show. 12-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom – Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Find art of various media as well as some children's work. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Labor Day Parade. 1 p.m. in the streets of Olde Towne Gaithersburg. Celebrate Labor Day with performances, antique cars, marching bands, and more. Free. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/labor-day-parade.

Irish Music and Dance Showcase. 1-6 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Attend two days of Irish music and dance presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

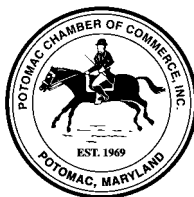
SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

My Gym Open House. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at My Gym, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Learn about classes available for children age 3 months-10 years. Free. Visit www.mygym.com/potomac for more.

Potomac Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Runs most months. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html.

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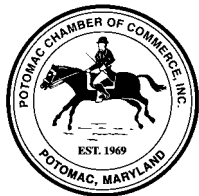
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Centennial Campfire. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at C&O Canal's Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Sing songs and listen to stories from across America's National Parks as well as night-time-themed canal stories. Free. Great Falls Tavern historic area has an entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Parks Half Marathon. 7-10 a.m. Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Showcases Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Registration is \$67 until Aug. and \$73 Sept. 1-9. Visit www.mcrrc.org.

Carnival of Chocolates. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. This year's event will include chocolate tastings from local chocolatiers, a children's fun run (100 yard dash), live music, games, and two children's story times. Proceeds benefit The Dwelling Place, a non-profit dedicated to homeless families. Free to attend. Visit www.tdp-inc.org.

All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast Fundraiser. 1-5 p.m. at 5020 Battery Lane. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association will hold a crab feast fundraiser – all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, and rolls, along with beer and soda. Tickets cost \$45 per person in advance (or \$50 after Sept. 5). Call 301-442-4136.

Dixieland Jazz Jam Session. 3-6 p.m. at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Bring an instrument and sit in with the Conservatory Classic Jazz Band during the first set. Or just drop in to listen to classic jazz, Dixieland, and swing. Tickets are \$10, free for students and musicians. Contact 301-762-3323, or prjc.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Case Remodeling Seminar. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Case Bethesda Design Studio, 4701 Sangamore Road, Bethesda. Case Design/Remodeling experts will help participants gain insight into the latest trends and different levels of kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as project timeframes and budgeting. Free. Visit www.casedesign.com for more.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue Fall Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine. Find DEFHR alumni horses returning to compete in the Rescue Makeover competition, food, music, vendors,



Tandoori Nights serves Indian cuisine at a previous festival.

Taste of Bethesda Returns Oct. 1

Taste of Bethesda returns on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and will bring 50 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, downtown Bethesda's food and music festival celebrates 27 years of diverse cuisine offered by Bethesda's local restaurant community. Admission to Taste of Bethesda is free. Tickets will be sold on-site to "taste" different foods; tickets are \$5 for four tickets and a serving costs one to four tickets. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

and more. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Visit www.defhr.org for more.

Park After Dark. 6 p.m. at C&O Canal National Historical Park – Great Falls Tavern, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Attendees enjoy live music, food, libations, live and silent auction items, a campfire and more. This year is the National Park Service's 100th year. Take a look back at the past 100 years, and a look forward towards the Park's future. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.parkafterdark.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

Brian Ganz. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic kicks off its 12th anniversary at The Music Center at Strathmore with renditions of some of Ludwig van Beethoven's most popular works, led by Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski, featuring Brian Ganz on the piano. Tickets are \$28-88. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rockville Town

Center, 30 Maryland Ave., Rockville. This walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit www.afsp.org for more.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-3:30 p.m. workshop, 3:30-6 p.m. dance at Glen Echo Park – Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Some Assembly will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.waltztimedances.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Mixing smoking slide guitar boogies and raw-boned shuffles with the deepest slow-burners, Lil' Ed Williams and his Blues Imperials – bassist (and Ed's half-brother) James "Pookie" Young, guitarist Mike Garrett and drummer Kelly Littleton – deliver emotional blues. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Back to School Bash. 4-6 p.m. at Scotland Neighborhood Community Center, 7700 Scotland Drive, Potomac. Games, prizes, music and food. Free. Call 301-983-4455.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 23-25

Saints Peter & Paul Annual Bazaar. 4-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 12-7 p.m. Sunday at Saints Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac. Free to attend. Visit www.peterpaulpotomac.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Cabin John Kids Run. 9-10 a.m. at Cabin John Regional Park. Sunday, Sept. 15. A mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Free for runners 18 and under. See www.mcrrc.org.

Then & Wow 2016. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo Park's annual celebration of the park's past and present. Magicians, carousel rides, arcade games, face painting, mini golf, exhibits, tours and more. Free. See www.glenechopark.org.

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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BACK TO SCHOOL

Carderock Cub, Balloons and Smiles

Students welcomed back for their first day of school.



The Carderock Cub waves to students arriving by bus on Monday, Aug. 29, the first day of school.



Cecilia, 5th grader Catalina and Leopoldo Sposato.



Levi Zeitlin and
Jordan Axelrod

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Sidney Ostrow,
Carderock Cub,
and Lucas
Bloomberg



Ready for First Day

More than 159,000 students were expected to attend classes at Montgomery County Public Schools on the first day, including one new school, Hallie Wells Middle School in Clarksburg; a newly revitalized and expanded school, Farquhar Middle School in Olney; and two schools with additions including Julius West Middle School in Rockville and Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda.

MCPS will have more than 1,100 new educators at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Montgomery County Board of Education



Kindergarten teacher Julie McDonald with Mollie Miller.

will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13. For agendas, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/meetings/>.

The board includes Michael Durso, president; Dr. Judith Docca, vice president; members Christopher Barclay, Philip Kauffman, Patricia O'Neill, Jill Ortman-Fouse, Rebecca Smondrowski, and Eric Guerri, student member. Office of the Board can be reached at 301-279-3617.



Abby, Carderock Cub, and Anna Mattick outside Carderock Springs Elementary School.

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A Passing Reference



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, a week ago in fact, Stuart Grief, a fellow non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV patient/survivor, died from his disease. Stuart succumbed to his cancer less than two years after his late fall, 2014 diagnosis. My wife, Dina and I first met him — and his wife, Amy, in late April 2015, at LUNGeVity's (the nation's largest private foundation dedicated to lung cancer research, outreach, etc.; www.LUNGeVity.org) HOPE Summit, a conference for lung cancer survivors, caregivers and medical professionals, held annually in Rosslyn, Va. At that time, six months post diagnosis, Stuart said he was "N.E.D.," which means "no evidence of disease," the first time I had ever heard that acronym. We spent a few hours together for dinner at a local restaurant one night (Old Angler's Inn, actually), enough to exchange pleasantries and email addresses. Other than that one evening, our association went no further. However, Stuart and his wife lived in Needham, Ma., the same town/suburb of Boston where my best friend, Cary, and his wife, Mindy live. Given certain circumstances, I thought there might be a foundation for a friendship between the four of them so I encouraged all parties to make a connection, which they did, and over the next/last 15 months they saw each other socially and spoke regularly on the phone.

Though the Griefs and Louries were not in touch directly, we did receive Amy's email updates on Stu's treatment/health status, and of course Cary updated me as well. Hardly were we in the inner circle. We were mostly on the outside looking in. Nevertheless, I was involved, emotionally, and certainly could appreciate and understand all that Stuart and Amy were enduring. When you're a member of the club (cancer patient/survivor/caregiver), you, (at least I do), draw strength/gain hope from survivorship stories and unfortunately feel weakened/compromised by deaths and disappointments. When I received Cary's email last Saturday about Stuart's death, including a scanned copy of his obituary from the Boston Globe, immediately, I questioned out loud, rhetorically, its reality and promptly called Cary. After a brief conversation, as I caught him in the middle of something, it was all confirmed. We agreed to speak later in the day at a mutually convenient time and so I hung up the phone. Then I walked from my home office to the den to tell Dina that Stuart had died. I could barely get the words out before I started crying.

It was a blow to be sure. It was as if part of me had also died. I felt sad and oddly enough, somewhat at greater risk than before I had received the news. I hardly knew Stuart, and other than the lung cancer connection, there was no other substance to our relationship. However, as cancer patients, we are all connected; we are living the same life, fearing the same uncontrollable outcomes and juggling the same emotions; and what effects one of us, good or bad, effects all of us. Hearing about another cancer's patient's death is the worst possible news — other than our own discouraging news, that we can imagine.

But when you actually see it, hear it — and ultimately believe it ('it' being a cancer death), the reality of your own mortality/health circumstances come crashing down; at least it did for me. I got my bearings soon enough and thankfully, for me, life has gone on. Still, I feel as if something is missing from my life. And even though Stuart and I never spoke after our initial time together, I felt as if he was part of my support system and I his. Not a key part, but in the conversation nonetheless — and most definitely in the club. Stuart will be missed, but never forgotten.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Maryland Athletics Picks Potomac Pizza

Potomac Pizza, a group of locally owned pizza restaurants, has been named the “Proud Pizza Partner” of the University of Maryland Athletics. Potomac Pizza will be opening its fifth restaurant located in Southern Management’s The Hotel at the University of Maryland in College Park which will be slated for opening in the spring or summer of 2017.

The Hotel at the University of Maryland will feature four restaurants and an Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa. In addition to Potomac Pizza, other restaurant options at the hotel include The Old Maryland Grille, Mike Isabella’s Kapnos Taverna and Bagels ‘n Grinds.

“We’re a Maryland company that believes in supporting our communities,” said Adam Greenberg, Potomac Pizzas’ president. “This relationship with Maryland Athletics will give us the opportunity to support the University of Maryland and the College Park community while offering our quality pizza to Terp fans at both football and basketball games during the upcoming 2016-2017 season and a full menu of homemade dishes at our restaurant in The Hotel at the University of Maryland.”

Since 1978, Potomac Pizza offers N.Y. Style Pizza with a full menu including appetizers, salads, sandwiches and pasta dishes including homemade dough and sauce made fresh daily. Visit www.potomacpizza.com.

County Extends ‘Senior Sneakers’ Hours

To better serve participants in the Senior Sneakers program, Montgomery County Recreation will extend access to Community Recreation Center gyms during all weekday hours at each center, while keeping the \$50 annual program fee. The new hours go into effect Sept. 1. Previously, the Senior Sneaker hours were 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Not all seniors have their days free. Many are still employed and others may care for their grandchildren or other family during the day,” Montgomery County Recreation Director Gabe Albornoz said. “One should not have to choose between keeping fit and taking care of daytime responsibilities.”

Montgomery County Recreation’s Senior Sneaker program helps adults age 55 and older have access to quality exercise/weight rooms Monday through Friday. The program is available at nearly every Community Recreation Center. For more information, visit ActiveMONTGOMERY.org or call 240-777-4952 for further details.

Support Potomac Library

The Friends of the Library Potomac Chapter supports the Potomac Community Library by raising funds through its book sales and donations from members. It provides funding for programs for children, and for adult programs like Great Decisions and Author Talks. It gives money for the upkeep and beautification of the library grounds in conjunction with the Potomac Village Garden Club. It funds purchases for upgrades to the interior of the library such as tables and chairs, shelving, lighting and new carpeting.

The Friends of the Library Potomac Chapter has made it possible for the library to purchase additional books and subscriptions for magazines and databases. This is the 25th anniversary of the group which has raised more than \$250,000 for the library.

If interested in joining or in finding more informa-

tion, email potomacfol@gmail.com.

Holiday Schedule

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County Liquor stores – all Country liquor stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All stores with Monday deliveries will get their morning deliveries at the normal time.

Recreation – Bethesda, Germantown, Western County, Wheaton/Glenmont and MLK outdoor aquatic facilities will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Olney Indoor Swim Center will be open normal hours; all other indoor aquatic facilities, as well as the Long Branch and Upper County outdoor pools, will be closed. Administrative offices, senior centers and community centers are closed.

Montgomery Parks - For operating schedule, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Will operate on a Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection. Collection provided one day later for remainder of the week. (Last collection is Saturday). More information available at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays/>

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices – closed

State offices and courts – closed.

Focused on Workforce

WorkSource Montgomery, Inc., the workforce development resource for Montgomery County businesses and job seekers, released its draft Local Area Workforce Plan, which is now available online for public review and comment (visit <http://worksourcemontergomy.com/about/wioa-local-plan/>), through Sept. 15. The plan is to be finalized for final submission to the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing Regulation by Sept. 30, in accordance with the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Key elements of the Montgomery County WIOA Local Area Workforce Plan include:

❖ A snapshot of regional economic conditions, including key industries dominating the workforce landscape in Montgomery County; background on the skills needs of local employers; a look at the local talent pool; and a summary of workforce development, and education and training activities.

❖ An analysis of Montgomery County’s efforts to align the local workforce development system and to ensure better coordination between workforce development and economic development initiatives and programs.

WorkSource Montgomery, Inc. was established as part of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett’s economic development plan with the goal to promote job training and placement for county workers and meet the workforce needs of county employers.

For more information about WorkSource Montgomery and its services, visit www.worksourcemontgomery.com.

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speakers, health screenings, informative resources, technology education, and entertainment for older adults and their families. Free. Call 301-949-9766 or visit www.theBeaconNewspapers.com/50-expos.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Rabies Vaccine Clinic. 8-10:30 a.m. at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood. The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center will hold rabies vaccination clinics through September. The vaccinations are free with the purchase of a Montgomery County Pet License. Maryland law requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets over the age of 4 months be continuously vaccinated against rabies. Also by law and beginning at that age, all dogs and cats must have a Montgomery County Pet License. Bring proof of previous rabies vaccinations. All dogs must be leashed and cats and ferrets must be in carriers or otherwise contained. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

Aging in Place. 7-9 p.m. Potomac Community Village hosts an open-to-all program on “National Policies to Promote Aging in Place,” a look at new federal legislation, with aging-in-place expert and Potomac resident Louis Tenenbaum. Free. Contact Joan Kahn at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or 240-221-1370. Visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org for more.

JULY-SEPTEMBER

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. During the 2016 growing season Montgomery County Master Gardeners will answer gardening questions at walk-In Plant Clinics located around the County. Bring full and intact plant and insect samples, garden problems and questions and get free answers.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

The Mediterranean Diet. 7-9 p.m. Potomac Community village hosts open-to-all programon “The Mediterranean Diet and its Benefits,” with cookbook author Amy Riolo. Free. Contact Joan Kahn at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or 240-221-1370. Visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 28-30

Camp Erin is one of the largest national bereavement programs for youth grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Hospice Caring is joining a network of 46 Camp Erin locations enabling the organization to serve a larger number of campers in a wider age-range. This session is exclusive to teens (ages 13-17). The program is free and the application is available at www.hospicecaring.org/camp-erin.html.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Alzheimer’s Association’s Memory Cafes offer a fun and relaxed way for people living with early-stage memory loss to get connected with one another through social events that promote interaction and companionship. The memory cafe in Rockville (4860 Boiling Brook Parkway) operates the third Wednesday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 240-428-1342 or lvajpeyi@alz.org.

Suicide Grief Support Group. At JSSA, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. This ongoing bereavement support group is for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This group meets every first and third Monday. No charge. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call 301-816-2708.

Because I Love You is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting parents of troubled children of any age. The group helps parents deal with drugs, runaways, truancy, verbal abuse, physical abuse, curfew violations and other misbehavior, as well as help parents deal with themselves, to manage and live their own lives without obsessing over their child’s behavior. The group meets 7:30-9:30 every Thursday at Bethesda United Methodist Church Room 209, 8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Visit www.becauseiloveyou.org, email hbrite1@netzero.com or call 301-530-3597.

Adult Bereavement Groups. Dates and times vary depending on group members. Hospice Care, 518 S. Fredrick Ave., Gaithersburg. Peer driven support groups in those in need of support. Free. Contact Penny Gladhill at 301-990-8904, or Pennyg@hospicecaring.org.

ONGOING

The Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) has launched a new online training program for common ownership community board members. Visit www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/CCOC-Training.

Montgomery Parks is launching a new registration system, ActiveMONTGOMERY. The new system replaces ParkPASS and RecWeb, the two separate registration systems currently used by Montgomery Parks and Montgomery County Recreation, respectively. ActiveMontgomery provides one location, with just one username and password, for people to register for classes from either organization. Visit www.ActiveMontgomery.org.

ChildLink is a free County service provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, Early Childhood Services, which provides information, resources and referrals to residents with young children. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/childlink.

Reservations for **Carderock Picnic Pavilion and Marsden Tract Group Campsites** are now available online. Visit www.recreation.gov.

Dana Lee Varkis, of Potomac, graduated from Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) with a doctorate in international family and community studies.

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