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# NEWS

## The Potomac Women's Republican Club, Jean Roesser Scholarship 2019 Winner

BY RITA BECK AND MARY FAIRBANKS

**T**he Potomac Women's Republican Club (PWRC), in recognition of its 60<sup>th</sup> year serving their community, established the Potomac Women's Republican Club - Jean Roesser Scholarship. Jean Roesser (1930-2017) was a longtime resident of Potomac and represented Potomac in both the Maryland House of Delegates (1987 to 1995) and the Maryland Senate (1995 to 2003). She served as Secretary of Aging for the State of Maryland from 2003-2007. Roesser was a founding member of the Arts Council, Montgomery County, a member of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. She served as delegate to the Republican Party National Convention in 1996 and as an alternate delegate in 1992. She served as vice-president of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and president of the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women. She was a member of the Potomac Women's Republican Club.

Each year this scholarship is awarded to a local area, college-bound high school student. The winner of the 2019 Award of

\$1,000, is Thomas S. Wootton High School senior, Abigail Russ. Abigail's excellent writing and research were evident in her essay which was chosen out of many submitted. Participants were asked to respond in 400 to 600 words to the following prompt: Who do you think had a great impact on the colonists' successful struggle and fight for freedom from the British in the Revolutionary War and why?

Abigail will be attending the University of Maryland, majoring in Journalism.

We congratulate Abigail on her outstanding winning essay and wish her the best of luck in her educational endeavors at the University of Maryland. Go Terps!

### Abigail's Winning Essay:

In 1776, the English colonists were split on the question of separation from the mother country. With the publication of Common Sense, Thomas Paine not only inspired an uprising against the English monarchy, but also inspired a new idea of personal independence and freedom that are distinctly American.

Common Sense drove public sentiment toward revolution. Thomas Paine argued that government is a necessary evil in order to maintain security, and that hereditary monarchy is an insult to the governed. In the 1770s, colonists were angry with the Crown and Parliament for newly imposed taxes and restrictions on the colonies without representation. However, he believed that the cause should not be based solely on the argument of taxation, but on the ideas of freedom and independence. He stood against American slavery, both as serfs to the king and Africans in the fields. His ideas are echoed in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence that governments derive their authority by the consent of the governed.

During the difficult opening battles of the Revolutionary War, Thomas Paine continued to inspire the young nation. Even before the American people declared independence, armed conflict had begun. The American patriots were facing the strongest military force in the world. Paine published a series of articles, collectively called the The American Crisis, which rallied public opinion to the side of the patriots. In the December 1776 article Paine wrote,

Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and to repulse it.

In the same article Paine wrote his most famous quote, "These are the times that try men's souls." George Washington ordered his soldiers to read Paine's article in order to inspire them to victory at Valley Forge.

Thomas Paine was neither a great student nor a great soldier, but he was a great writer. His simple writing style reverberated with the colonists. Paine's battle cry motivated the country, swayed sentiments against the British crown, and kept up the hopes of a young nation. He had a huge impact on our struggle for freedom and helped shape the freedoms we love today. Paine understood the integral role that journalists have in disseminating truthful information in order to help citizens make informed decisions. He continues to be an important figure, inspiring my love of journalism. Our school newspaper, "The Common Sense," which I am on the editorial board of, is named after his historically significant pamphlet, and honors his place as a founder of this great country.

## Fix Planned for George Washington Parkway

**T**he National Park Service (NPS) is preparing to begin construction on a long-term repair of the sinkhole near Dead Run on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Following extensive assessments of the area and of drainage infrastructure that is deep underground, engineers have determined that the NPS needs to replace a 60-year-old brick drainage structure and rehabilitate the pipes leading to that structure.

"We are working with the Federal Highway Administration to fully address the sinkhole and reopen both northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway," Superintendent Charles Cuvelier said. "At this point we are finalizing construction plans for a long-term fix. Once construction on the long-term fix begins, it is anticipated to take approximately 10 weeks."

Since the sinkhole opened in mid-May, engineers and work crews have:

- ❖ Excavated the sinkhole area and back-filled it using flowable fill (a specialized type of concrete).

- ❖ Stabilized the road bed with polyurethane grout injection.

- ❖ Repaved the left northbound lane following stabilization to reopen it to traffic.



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM

**Traffic backs up on the George Washington Parkway northbound to merge around a sinkhole on May 21. When the NPS initially stabilized the sinkhole in mid-May, it was 10-feet deep, 30-feet long and 20-feet wide. Construction will continue through most of the summer.**

- ❖ Performed extensive assessments to understand the extent of the issue, which included inspecting deep drainage pipes' with a robotic camera.

- ❖ Reinforced a brick drainage structure that was failing.

- ❖ Monitored the area daily for changes in road conditions (none have been observed).

- ❖ Worked with multiple NPS & Federal Highway Administration engineers to design a long-term fix.

- ❖ Consulted with a variety of construction contractors to ensure work crews will be able to successfully fix the issue at appropriate cost.

When the NPS initially stabilized the sinkhole in mid-May, it was 10-feet deep, 30-feet long and 20-feet wide. The temporary stabilization is allowing vehicles to safely travel in the left lane. Drivers in the area should expect to see active construction and workers near the road.

In order to protect workers and allow drivers time to react to the changed lane configuration in the area, the NPS has lowered the speed limit to 40 miles per hour. Drivers need to slow down for their safety and for the safety of construction personnel.



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# Family-friendly Baseball Experience at Bethesda Big Train

Entering their 21st season, Big Train offers a traditional, small town baseball atmosphere.

BY ALEX HAMER  
THE ALMANAC

For Bruce Adams, Big Train has always been about more than baseball.

Just before the summer of 1994, Adams was asked to coach his son Hugh's recreational baseball team. Having just completed his second term on the Montgomery County Council, Adams was aware of the county's financial struggles at the time, but was still shocked by the condition of the fields the team played on.

"I had no idea how bad the fields were," Adams said, "I was really embarrassed actually."

During the summer of 1995, Adams and his wife Peggy Engel set off with their two kids to see 85 different baseball games in 82 different stadiums for a book Adams and Engel were writing, "Baseball Vacations: Great Family Trips to Minor League and Classic Major League Ballparks Across America." The book is still available on Amazon.

Adams was particularly inspired by the Cape Cod and Shenandoah Valley summer collegiate baseball leagues, giving him the idea to start a nonprofit collegiate baseball team in Montgomery County.

"So it wasn't just like 'Hey we need a summer college baseball team,'" Adams said, "It was like, we need to raise money to fix up fields for kids."

Co-founded in 1998 by Adams and local businessman John Ourisman, Bethesda Big Train play in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. The team has won eight league championships, including championships in each of the last three seasons.

Just like in Adams' original vision, Big Train is active in giving back to the local community.

Currently, Big Train and their parent company BCC Baseball work together on the "Adopt-A-Field" program, where they put around \$250,000 a year into maintaining 16 local fields and parks, general manager David Schneider said. At each home game, they highlight a nonprofit of the night, giving them 100 free tickets, a stand to pass out promotional material and an opportunity to throw the first pitch and address the crowd pregame.

"For me, Big Train is all about the community. One thing we like to say is the fans are the owners," Schneider said. "What's the Big Train experience? It's coming to a game, seeing all your friends that come to the games, chatting with the new staff, watching some good baseball and just enjoying your time out at the park."



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Shirley Povich Field

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While Bruce Adams can still be found at almost every home game and doing whatever needs to be done around the stadium at other times.



General manager David Schneider, one of two full time employees at Big Train, handles much of the day-to-day operation

At Shirley Povich Field, Big Train's 750-seat stadium, the goal is to create a family-friendly atmosphere that provides entertainment for all ages. Tickets cost \$9 for an adult, \$5 for kids, while children ages 5 and under are admitted for free.

"We try and run a minor league style atmosphere, but really focus on the family-friendly side," assistant general manager Chris Rogers said. "We have in between inning activities, tug of war, mascot race, trivia, t-shirt toss, they'll go on the field and play musical chairs with our mascots."

Big Train's picnic pavilion hosts a lot of parties, ranging from birthday parties to corporate outings. Kids from these parties are given the opportunity to run onto the field with the players pregame and stand with them during the national anthem, Rogers said.

For residents in Montgomery County, Big Train represents a closer, cheaper and more intimate atmosphere than going to a Washington Nationals or Frederick Keys game, Schneider said. When Adams went on his aforementioned summer baseball tour, after conducting

an interview at Damaschke Field in Oneonta, NY, he noticed his son had been talking to several of the players, something that never would happen at a major league game, but could be replicated at Big Train.

"One of the beauties of all this is that kids have access to the [Big Train] players," Adams said.

Big Train manager Sal Colangelo has been with the team for all 21 of their seasons, having spent the past 15 as manager. Sal Colangelo and Big Train rely mainly on collegiate players out of state, with many of their players coming from the University of San Francisco, St. Mary's College (CA) and Florida Atlantic University. To house their out of state players, Big Train relies on their network of about 20 host families.

Through the years, Big Train has seen over 150 of their players play professionally, including 10 former players that were selected in this year's MLB draft. Among their MLB alumni are Brian Dozier (Washington Nationals) and Hunter Renfroe (San Diego Padres), both of whom are scheduled to appear at a Big Train game this summer.

An amazing 41 percent of the 379 Big Train alumni who have finished their college careers have gone on to play professional baseball, according to the 20th Anniversary brochure last year. Summer college baseball is a gateway to the major leagues.

For more information on Bethesda Big Train, their entertainment schedule and directions to Shirley Povich Field, head to [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).



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M.A. Mahoney of Madeira School, left, believes that during the summer, students can develop a lifetime of reading pleasure.

## Cooking, Counting, Drama

And other fun ways to preserve skills during the summer.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

During the summer, Glenda Hernández Baca and her children can be found in the kitchen measuring and mixing, stirring and sautéing. They cook together as a family, but what the children don't realize however, is that their mother is helping them maintain their math and reading skills.

"You can do math no matter what you are doing, and cooking is also a great way to do math," said Hernández Baca, Ph.D. of the School of Education at Montgomery College. "My kids love to cook with me and they help me with the recipes. We engage in reading, organizing and sorting, and discussing and analyzing fractions and conversions. They are doing so much learning but they do not know it."

Without regular practice, a student's academic skills dwindle during the summer break. The key to preventing that reversal, say educators, is finding creative ways to make learning fun while maintaining the light-hearted and carefree nature of vacations, camps and trips to the pool.

"The more students practice their academic skills in the summer, the more prepared they will be for the next school year and the less review and relearn-

ing they will need to do," said Hernández Baca. "It is a great way to promote and model of A culture of learning and growing, no matter the season."

For students who don't enjoy reading, opening a book during the summer can feel torturous. Infuse reading with drama, suggests Ana Lado, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Pick ... books with lots of dialogue and either lots of active verbs or actionable scenes," she said. "You and the child read the parts as dramatically as you can together ... totally exaggerating the spoken parts as well as the actions as much as possible."

"Have them make a video with their favorite scenes in a book," continued Lado. "It forces them to read for scenes that have drama and to reread as they rehearse. It gives them a goal and making a film is a concrete goal. As they read through the book looking for drama and action let them put a sticky note on each good page they find."

In fact, infusing reading with drama can change the mindset of a child who doesn't enjoy reading. "Some students will benefit if they watch a movie version of a classic text like something by Jane Austen, for example, while they are reading it," M.A. Mahoney, Dean of Academics and Faculty at the Madeira School in McLean, Va.

"This approach is sometimes the gateway to a lifetime of reading pleasure of an author."

Providing incentives is a strategy that Lado has experienced with her son during visits to her local pool. "At the 30 minutes of swim break, another parent hired my son to read easy books to her child that

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— Glenda Hernández Baca, PhD of the School of Education at Montgomery College

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# Cooking, Counting, Drama

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were below my son's reading level," she said. "My son was in upper elementary grades, and he read to a kindergartner. The books were easy for him so he had fun and learned to ask the younger kids a few questions about what they liked about the book."

For children who have challenges or difficulties reading, Hernández Baca suggests choosing short passages that allow them to explore a subject that piques their curiosity. "Consider cutting out an article or something shorter about an interest they have such as a band, music [or] sports, she said. "This helps to make the learning a lot more manageable and less intimidating for them. You can also take a longer article and cut it into smaller pieces or enlarge the font so again, psychologically, it does not feel as demanding for the child."

Everyday conversations can lead to math, science and language learning opportunities. "Often, children will make comments about something they are curious about such as how something grows or why the sky is changing colors, Hernández Baca said. "Maximize that opportunity and tell them what great questions they have and look up information. You could even make it a library trip to learn together. This is a wonderful way to show and model that we as parents, are always learning, too."

Even a short car ride or setting money goals can help support math skills, says Hernández Baca. "Talk about how much money a certain toy costs and how much they would need to purchase it. Have them come up with different equations that would help them reach that goal and talk about it. ...

"You can do math no matter what you are doing," she continued. "For example, in the car you can count how many trucks you see or how many blue cars."

Another way to practice math is to engage children in predictions and estimates, says Hernández Baca. "Asking 'How long do you think it will take us to get there?' or 'How many steps does it take to walk to the car or to the house?' You can then break it down and ask questions such as, 'Why do

you think mommy had to take fewer steps?' or 'How many miles an hour would we have to go if we needed to reduce the trip time to get here?'

A family vacation can provide an opportunity to practice language and writing. "Keep a vacation journal by printing out your child's favorite photos and have them write about them," said Carly Flanigan, Lower School Learning Specialist at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va

When parents model a positive attitude toward reading, a child might find it more pleasurable "Have a family book club [and] meet once a month at everyone's favorite restaurant," said Flanigan "Make connections about books you and your child read or listen to. Ask questions about characters, setting and action in the plot ... Model your own connections that you have made to books [or] have your child read one of your favorite books that you love."

"Read aloud no matter the age of the child," said Elizabeth McConnel, Lower School Learning Specialist, also at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. "Make this a fun family event. Utilize different genres of text including magazines for your child's reading. Use audio books, Audible, or podcasts."

Current events can provide fodder for mental stimulation. "I always encourage students and families to read an editorial daily from a news source, and then to discuss it at a family meal," said Mahoney. "This builds reading comprehension skills, civil discourse skills, and increases familiarity with essay construction, not to mention making meal time more lively."

No matter the method, parents must be consistent and intentional about prioritizing and setting summer learning goals for their children, advises Hernández Baca. "For example, plan on doing some reading, writing and math regularly and daily," she said. "Your kids do not need to know your structure or plan, but it will help you stay consistent with activities that specifically target learning in reading, writing, math, science or anything else."

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# New Student Board at Potomac Community Center

Last September, the Friends Advisory Board of the Potomac Community Center added an adjunct student group to support the present programs and brainstorm new activities for the Community Center on Falls Road. In their first several months this group of eight talented and enthusiastic high school students have generously shared their time and energy with our Center. It is hoped that this experience will promote understanding of policy and procedure in government, as well as gaining a greater awareness of group dynamics and interaction at the workplace. As these students take on responsibility and dedicate themselves to service, they will become leaders on the college campus and in the community.

It is clear that their support has added to the success of the Center and the dynamics of our weekly Club Friday events. Under the direction of Student Advisory Board members Luke Sumberg and Adam Horowitz, and with the help of other student members, they operate the Club Friday snack bar. They served over 4,000 Club Friday members during the 20 weeks of this year's program.

Beth Coffman, Assistant Director for Potomac Community Center, is leading Student Advisory Board members



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**Top row: Beth Coffman, Assistant Director of Potomac Community Center; Luke Sumberg; Peter Selikowitz, Director of Potomac Community Center; Adam Horowitz; Andrew Chan. Bottom row: Sydney Rodman; Macafie Bobo; Abbey Zheng, Julia Greenberg, Jordyn Reicin**

Julia Greenberg and Abbey Zheng in the development of a Facebook presence. Residents can now easily keep

track of Potomac Community Center's calendar of events and even add their own input.

The remarkable annual Lunar New Year Celebration that attracted a capacity crowd has become a Community Center event that brings families together to enjoy an enriched cultural tradition. Peter Selikowitz, Center Director, publicly recognized and thanked the student "Friends" for playing a critical volunteer role in the success of the event.

Penny Heltzer, a long-time Advisory Board member, selected students based on previous volunteer and work experience. She focused on qualities that demonstrated their perceptive and compassionate interaction with children and adults in challenging situations. We are fortunate that each member of our student group is caring, creative and determined to help make our programs successful. The Friends Advisory Board is very proud of the Student Advisory initiative and plans to open positions as our current students graduate. If you are a high school student who wishes to be considered for selection to continue this tradition or have questions about the Student Advisory Board or the Friends Advisory Board to the Potomac Community Center, please contact either Penny Heltzer at [acentmo@gmail.com](mailto:acentmo@gmail.com) or Friends Advisory Board President Pam Yerg at [jeyclan@verizon.net](mailto:jeyclan@verizon.net).

## Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo to Close for Repairs

Visit the Carousel now because the carousel will be closed for construction from July through September. It will reopen in Spring 2020.

The historic Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo is open only until the end of June this year because it will close for construction for major repairs that begin in July.

The historic Dentzel carousel has operated in Glen Echo Park since 1921.

Installed at Glen Echo Park in 1921, the canopy and the carved figures were made by the Dentzel Carousel Company of Germantown, Pennsylvania. It is a classic example of hand woodcarving popular during the early 1900s. From 1983 through 2003, the carousel was fully restored – including each animal. The carousel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Carousel at Glen Echo is open until the end of June, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The cost is \$1.25 per ride; all riders must purchase a ticket. Payment by cash is preferred, but please note that there is no ATM onsite at the Park. *Payment by credit card is now also accepted in the Carousel ticket booth with a \$5 minimum charge for credit card sales.*

In 2019 the carousel will have a shortened season due to major repairs that will begin in July. It will close at the end of June and re-open in spring 2020.



**Christian and James Lowe on Carousel Day at Glen Echo. Ride it in May and June because in 2019, the carousel will be closed for construction from July through September. It will reopen in Spring 2020.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Bicycle Pump Track.** Through June 26, open dawn-dusk in Elm Street Park, Bethesda. Adults and children can take turns on the track to learn how to ride on a pump track or to simply fine tune their bicycle skills. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

### Summer Read and Learn Begins.

This year's theme for The Montgomery County Public Libraries' (MCPL) 2019 Summer Read and Learn Program is "A Universe of Stories," encouraging children of all ages to dream big, believe in themselves, and create their own stories. Children from newborn to 12 years old and teens, 13-17 years of age, are invited to sign up online or at any branch. Participants who read and/or take part in fun learning activities can earn prizes (while supplies last); vouchers to a Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) bookstore; or raffle entries. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/)

## THURSDAY/JUNE 20

**Feed Your Senses.** 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. The teen 4-H Royal Court will share a story, songs, a simple craft, and information about the Annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair; possibly even have a chance to meet a farm animal. Designed for families with children ages 3-8, families with children of all ages are welcome. A summertime program for children and families. Free. Call 240-777-0690.

**Thursday Night Concerts: The Back Pages Band (60s/70s Tribute).** 7 p.m. at Veterans Plaza, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. The concert series returns with a full line-up, featuring touring artists and local favorites. From Motown to rock to Oldies, the popular summer concert series has music for everyone. No concert July 4. Free. [www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series](http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series) or call 240-777-0311.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 21

**Family Fun Party.** 6-7 p.m. at My Gym Potomac, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Let's Celebrate Summer. Fun games, activities and a summer treat for kids. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Visit [www.mygym.com/potomac/events](http://www.mygym.com/potomac/events) or call 301-983-5300.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 22

**Suds & Soles 5K.** 7:30 p.m. at Rockville Town Center. The Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up to present the Suds & Soles 5K. The 5K course on neighborhood roads begins and ends in Rockville Town Center. The race is open to adults, youth and children, and, new this year, features a tiered pricing structure. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles) to register.

**"A Night of 1000 Laughs."** 8 p.m. at Cissel-Saxon American Legion Post 41, 8110 Fenton St. (the blue awning off Fenton Street Parking Lot), Silver Spring. This special edition of Stand-Up Silver Spring, called "A Night of 1000 Laughs," features Reese Waters, Katherine Jessup and Liz Barlow. A portion of every ticket price will go to A Wider Circle, as part of their major June fundraiser. \$16-\$22. Visit [www.improbablecomedy.com](http://www.improbablecomedy.com).



## Heritage Days 2019

Join Heritage Montgomery in celebrating the 22nd annual Heritage Days with a weekend packed with fun, family-friendly, free events all across the county. Visit 38 parks, museums, and historic sites all open with free admission highlighting local history, culture, and outdoor recreation. Explore historic houses, schools, churches, railroad stations, banks, and mills. See an 1899 observatory, trolleys and trains, unique farms, art exhibits, archaeology sites, and community museums; or stop by the grand opening of a newly restored 1830 C&O Canal lockhouse. Learn about African American and Quaker history, environmental conservation efforts, farming and farm history, Native American culture, and discover more stories of local history and culture than you've ever imagined. And enjoy live music, games and crafts, children's activities, storytelling, live animals, food and drink, and more. Saturday-Sunday, June 29-30, noon-4 p.m. at 40 sites throughout Montgomery County. Visit [www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 23

**Memoir-Writing Workshop.** 1-5 p.m. at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Writer/editor Gina Roitman will explore beginning the writing process, review different ways to tell stories, and do writing exercises. \$30 in advance, \$36 at the door. call 301-580-2215. [www.genafterdc.com](http://www.genafterdc.com)

**Bob Sima at Focus Rockville.** 7:30 p.m. at Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road Rockville. Bob Sima has the gift of creating music that defines, recalls, heals and inspires everyday life. He is accompanied by Shannon Plummer. Tickets are \$18 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets](http://www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets) and for members, \$20 at the door.

## MONDAY/JUNE 24

**Blast Off to Reading.** 11 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. An interactive musical performance connected to the 2019 summer reading theme of "A Universe of Stories," featuring songs about space, reading and books. The program will get everyone involved through singing, movement, lyrics-on-the-spot, sign language and visual aspects such as puppets. Free. Call 240-777-0690.

**Learn Basic Knitting.** 4:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Knitting is a great way to relax and spend your time. Bring your own needlecrafts or use our limited supplies. For ages 8 and up. All skill levels welcome! Meets once a month. No registration required. Call 240-777-0694.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 27

**Thursday Night Concerts: Josh**



## Live Music at Focus Rockville

Bob Sima has the gift of creating music that defines, recalls, heals and inspires everyday life. He is accompanied by Shannon Plummer. Sunday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. at Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road Rockville. Tickets are \$18 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets](http://www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets) and for members, \$20 at the door.

**Christina (Rockabilly).** 7 p.m. at Veterans Plaza, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. The concert series returns with a full line-up, featuring touring artists and local favorites. No concert July 4. Free. Visit [www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series](http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series) or call 240-

777-0311.

**Potomac Community Village Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road, Potomac. Program features former Washington Post journalist Bob Levey, sharing the highlights of his 36 years at The Post, 23 of them

examining life in the nation's capital in "Bob Levey's Washington." Members and guests welcome. For information, to volunteer or get volunteer help, call 240-221-1370 or visit [www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org](http://www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 29

**SummerFest & Independence Day Fireworks.** 5-11:30 p.m. at Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, Gaithersburg. Celebrate America's independence at SummerFest, Gaithersburg's illuminating summer festival on the grounds of Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm. The free event with live music and food leads to spectacular fireworks and SummerGlo After Party. Visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/special-events/summerfest](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/special-events/summerfest) or call 301-258-6350.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 29-30

**Heritage Days 2019.** Noon-4 p.m. at 40 sites throughout Montgomery County. Join Heritage Montgomery in celebrating the 22nd annual Heritage Days with a weekend packed with fun, family-friendly, free events all across the county. Visit 38 parks, museums, and historic sites all open with free admission highlighting local history, culture, and outdoor recreation. Explore historic houses, schools, churches, railroad stations, banks, and mills. See an 1899 observatory, trolleys and trains, unique farms, art exhibits, archaeology sites, and community museums; or stop by the grand opening of a newly restored 1830 C&O Canal lockhouse. Learn about African American and Quaker history, environmental conservation efforts, farming and farm history, Native American culture, and discover more stories of local history and culture than you've ever imagined. And enjoy live music, games and crafts, children's activities, storytelling, live animals, food and drink, and more. Visit [www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/).

## THURSDAY/JULY 4

**19th Annual Autism Speaks 5K.** 8-10 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Start the Fourth of July holiday at the 19th Annual Autism Speaks 5K Run - 1 Mile Walk. Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support. Learn more and register at [www.AutismSpeaks5k.org](http://www.AutismSpeaks5k.org).

**Rockville's Independence Day Celebration.** 7 p.m. at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Rockville's Independence Day Celebration is celebrating its fifth year at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in King Farm. The evening kicks off with live music by The Nighthawks, followed by remarks from the Mayor and Council, the National Anthem with the fireworks beginning at 9:15. Bring a blanket or chairs for great viewing from the park. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/663/Independence-Day](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/663/Independence-Day) for more.

## FRIDAY/JULY 5

**Casual Concerts at Glen Echo.** 7:30 p.m. at Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Bethesda. Haskell Small, piano, with a family program featuring original compositions including "Haunted Child." Each concert date will correspond with an Art Walk in the Park, an evening of open studios and artist talks organized by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Admission is free, and donations are welcome at the door. Visit [washingtonconservatory.org](http://washingtonconservatory.org) or call 301-634-2250.



# Meander County Heritage June 29-30

Each year, Heritage Montgomery hosts Heritage Days on the last weekend of June. Sponsored by Heritage Montgomery since 2004, this free festival highlights historic, cultural, and outdoor recreation sites offering special programs including exhibits & demonstrations, live music, activities for children, and more. Heritage Days is the perfect chance to enjoy many small sites that are not regularly open to the public. [www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/)

## HERITAGE DAYS 2019

Both June 29 & 30 – 12 noon to 4pm

Join Heritage Montgomery in celebrating the 22nd annual Heritage Days with a weekend packed with fun, family-friendly, free events all across the county.

Explore historic houses, schools, churches, railroad stations, banks, and mills. See an 1899 observatory, trolleys and trains, unusual farms, art exhibits, archaeology sites, and community museums; or stop by the grand opening of a newly restored 1830 C&O Canal lockhouse.

Learn about African American and Quaker history, environmental conservation efforts, farming and farm history, Native American culture. And all the while, enjoy live music, games and crafts, children's activities, storytelling, live animals, food and drink.

All the details and a map can be found in our Heritage Days 2019 brochure. <https://www.heritagemontgomery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HD19-brochure-for-web.pdf>

If you would like more information, or to request a copy of the brochure in the mail, please email us at [info@heritagemontgomery.org](mailto:info@heritagemontgomery.org) or call 301-515-0753.

## Program Changes for Heritage Days

See [www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days/)

Sandy Spring Museum will be open on Saturday, June 29 and NOT Sunday, due to a scheduling conflict.

Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station – A walking tour to the historic spring after which Silver Spring was named will be led by Silver Spring Historical Society president, Jerry McCoy. The tour will begin and end at the historic railroad station; 10am to 12 noon.

## Sample Heritage Days Tours

For details on each location, click on the Heritage Days 2019 Brochure link <https://www.heritagemontgomery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HD19-brochure-for-web.pdf>

## PARK DISCOVERIES

Woodend Nature Sanctuary – home to the Audubon Naturalist Society, Chevy Chase (Sat.) Thomas Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton (Sat. & Sun.)

Glen Echo Park along the C&O Canal, Glen Echo (Sun.)

Woodlawn Museum at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park, Sandy Spring (Sat. & Sun.)

Hyattstown Mill Arts Project in Little Bennett Regional Park, Clarksburg (Sat. & Sun.)

Button Farm Living History Center in Seneca Creek State Park, Germantown (Sat. & Sun.)

Grusendorf 1855 Log House in Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg (Sat.)

Black Rock Mill in Seneca State Creek Park, Darnestown – open house for new interpretive panels at the remains of the 1815 mill (Sun.)

Izaak Walton League Conservation, Poolesville – a wealth of outdoor activities (Sat. & Sun.)

Swains Lockhouse in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, Potomac – grand opening of newly rehabilitated early-1900s lockhouse (Sat.)

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## ROCKVILLE / GAITHERSBURG

Beall-Dawson House, Rockville – (Sat. & Sun.)

Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville – performance by Native American dancers and drummers (Sat.)

Gaithersburg Community Museum, Gaithersburg (Sat.)

Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory,



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## Clarksburg 1909 2-Room Schoolhouse.

Gaithersburg celebrates its 120th birthday (Sun.)

## HISTORY ON THE RAILS

National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville (Sat. & Sun.)

Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, Silver Spring – hands-on activities at this 1945 RR station (Sat.)

Gaithersburg Community Museum, Gaithersburg – in an 1884 railroad complex (Sat.)

Germantown Bank, Germantown – with walking tours of this early-1900s railroad town (Sat.)

## FARMING & MILLS

Thomas Mill, Brookeville – archaeology of historic Brookeville (Sat.)

Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, Clarksburg – Sugarloaf Revisited art exhibit celebrates HMAP's 20th anniversary (Sat. & Sun.)

Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood (Sat.)

Button Farm Living History Center, Germantown (Sat. & Sun.)

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds (Sat.)

Black Rock Mill, Darnestown (Sun.)

Rocklands Farm Winery, Poolesville (Sat. & Sun.)

Soleado Lavender Farm, Dickerson (Sat. & Sun.)

Smithville School Museum, Silver Spring – 1920s Rosenwald school for African American students (Sat.)

Clarksburg Schoolhouse, Clarksburg (Sat.)

Boyds Negro School, Boyds (Sat.)

Seneca Schoolhouse Museum, Poolesville (Sat. & Sun.) – experience an 1880s school day

## AFRICAN AMERICAN and QUAKER HISTORY

Thomas Harper Cabin, Wheaton (Sat. & Sun.)

Smithville School Museum, Silver Spring (Sat.)

Woodlawn Museum, Sandy Spring (Sat. & Sun.)

Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House, Sandy Spring (Sat.)

Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Sandy Spring (Sat.)

Brookeville Academy, Brookeville (Sat. & Sun.)

Oakley Cabin African American Museum & Park, Olney (Sat.)

Boyds Negro School, Boyds (Sat.)

Button Farm Living History Center, Germantown (Sat. & Sun.)

St. Paul Community Church, Poolesville (Sat.)

Warren Historic Site, Dickerson (Sat.)

## AROUND THE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE

Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, Clarksburg (Sat. & Sun.)

Soleado Lavender Farm, Dickerson (Sat. & Sun.)

White's Ferry, Dickerson (Sat. & Sun.)

Sculpture Garden at Alden Farm, Beallsville (Sat. & Sun.)

John Poole House, Poolesville (Sat. & Sun.)

Old Town Hall Bank Museum, Poolesville (Sat. & Sun.)

Rocklands Farm Winery, Poolesville (Sat. & Sun.)

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### Obituary

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**Molly Kathleen Keller Cline.** of Potomac, MD, passed away in Mitchellville, MD on January 17, 2019, from complications due to dementia.

Molly was born September 3, 1930, in Elyria, OH. The 2nd daughter and youngest child of Louis (Louie) Conrad Keller and Margaret (Peg) Holcombe Keller. Molly grew up in Elyria and then Findlay, OH. She attended the public education system in Findlay, OH, where her father was an educator and Vice Principal at Findlay High School plus serving as the basketball and swim coach.

Molly graduated from Findlay High School in 1948 and Oberlin College in 1952, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Molly married James (Jim) Edward Cline, Ph.D., on July 14, 1956 at the First Methodist Church in Findlay, OH. Together they raised four children.

Jim and Molly moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1957. Molly enjoyed the outdoor activities Idaho had to offer with her growing family. Molly enjoyed an active social life in Idaho Falls with many close friends. In addition, she was actively involved in the political arena with the campaigns for Governor Cecil Andrus and Senator Frank Church. At the request of Governor Andrus, she served on the Idaho Commission for the Arts in the early 1970s.

The Clines moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 1974. They lived in Potomac, MD where Molly was a member of the Smithsonian Institution and supporter of the National Symphony. Molly enjoyed the springtime in the DC area, often visiting the National Arboretum and other beautiful gardens in the area.

Molly was an avid reader and read to her growing children. The most memorable to her children are the Winnie the Pooh series by A. A. Milne and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz series by L. Frank Baum. This instilled the love of reading to her children.

In 2013, Molly and Jim moved from their home of almost 30 years to Collington, a retirement community in Mitchellville, MD.

Molly is survived by her four children, Katharine Kay (Michael Lee) of San Diego, CA; Christopher Abbott of Salt Lake City, UT; Elizabeth Jane (Ronald Hinds) of Elizabeth, CO; and Edward Arthur (Mei Li) of Campbell, CA, three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Molly was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barbara Keller Becker; and her husband of almost 60 years, Jim Cline.

Molly is having her ashes placed in the Westwood Cemetery in Oberlin, OH

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# A Few Weeks Off, Finally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After a second successful week of navigating government and private sector websites, I have reached the promised, albeit familiar land: only worrying about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Oh well. What else is new?

Nothing much thankfully so I can continue to try and live the Vulcan philosophy: "Live long and prosper." (Although, I could never manipulate my fingers to support the greeting. My wife, Dina, can however, with ease but she's not a logical person.)

I have to be a logical person.

If I am to endure the ups and downs and all-around of a "terminal" cancer diagnosis, I have to think as unemotionally as possible about any news or assessments I may receive.

Cancer is too insidious to give it any help from the "diagnossee." Moreover, from what anecdotal evidence exists, providing cancer as inhospitable an environment as possible is said to help.

And aside from maintaining a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, keeping cancer things – good or bad, in some kind of perspective/context, is a trek worth taking. One should be reminded of the never-say-die mantra of the 1978 NBA World Champion Washington Bullets: "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

In addition, all us cancer survivors should remember the famous words of Bluto (John Belushi) from 1980's "Animal House" when he implored his fellow Delta Fraternity brothers: "What? Over? Did you say over? Nothing is over until we decide it is. Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no! ..."

And not that cancer survivors can control our disease any more than the Germans can control this mistaken narrative, funny and famous though it is, but we have to try and laugh – and joke, because it sure beats the alternative. Control? 'Hell no!'

And now that I've completed the arduous and tedious – for me – tasks of the last two weeks, I feel as if I've taken back some control.

Cancer, schmancer.

I've survived the multi-step process required of the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Health Connection, Social Security/Medicare, and the future provider of my Supplemental Medical insurance all within two weeks. Besides me, and anybody who knows me: Who says I can't step my way through this morass of websites, user names, passwords, mouse clicks and keystrokes? But I did. Somehow. An amazing miracle if there ever was one.

Now life can return to abnormal. But it's an 'abnormal' with which I'm totally familiar.

After 10-plus years of it, as Col. Sherman Potter of M\*A\*S\*H said to Major Margaret Houlihan upon her early return to the 4077th from her honeymoon hearing her awkwardly describe a mishap in the shower: "There's nothing new under the sun, Major."

For a long-time cancer survivor, there's nothing new, really. One's life is likely to be more of the same, only different. And I can live with same – or the different – because after a decade, I've been there and pretty much done that.

Now I can add: succeeded in navigating websites "heretofore" (quoting Ben Affleck from 1997's "Good Will Hunting") thought impossible to do. No more do I have to worry about what I need to do, but rather I can bask in the glow of what I've done.

As I finish this column, I realize this is what us cancer patients need to do: reinforce our positives (successes) and minimize our negatives (failures). As many of us attempt to take all this cancer stuff in stride, the truth of it is we're often teetering and tottering on a very fine line. A 'line' to quote the late Ken Beatrice, on which "you wouldn't want to live."

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