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Churchill running back Ryan Quinn rushed for 138 yards and threw a touchdown pass in Friday's victory over Wootton. The Bulldogs improved to 7-0 on the season.



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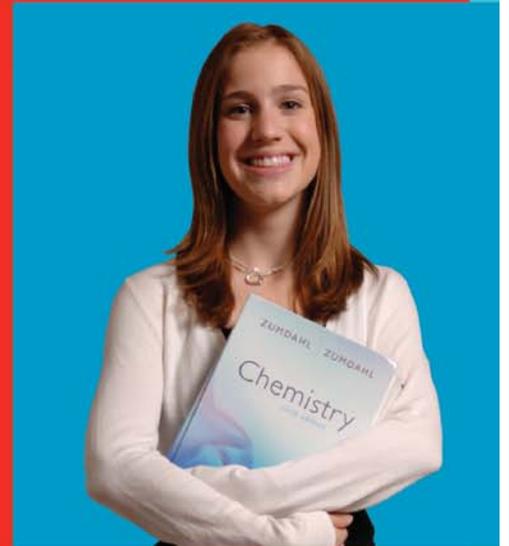




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## Widening the Circle of Hope

Grass roots organization looks to end poverty.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE ALMANAC

The two women sifted through a shelf of mismatched pots, mugs, and various other kitchen appliances. They stopped, arriving at a baking dish.

"She bakes a lot," the first said.

"I sure do," said the other, who proceeded to claim the dish as her own.

On a gray and drizzly Saturday morning, the pair of 26-year-olds found the comforts of home in the corner of a two-story warehouse. Former victims of domestic violence, the women were placed in a temporary and transitional apartment with nothing but walls. To furnish their residence, they relied on the generosity of A Wider Circle — a nonprofit organization with the greater goal of ending poverty.

The day was a success for the pair, who walked away with a bed, couch and plenty of accessories to keep them baking. For these clients, and the estimated 175 others each month, home furnishings from A Wider



PHOTO BY ANSLEY LABARRE/THE ALMANAC

**First-time volunteers Elijah Anderson, left, and Karla Reznikov assemble Mary Kate Carey's donated twin bed. Carey says she donates to A Wider Circle because the grass roots organization enables her to see the immediate benefit of her action to help those in need.**

Circle are available for the cost of a phone call.

"There's enough stuff around," said Executive Director Mark Bergel. "No one

should live in squalor."

Bergel founded the organization eight years ago, opening his warehouse in Silver Spring six days a week and urging everyone and anyone to get involved. Bergel says A Wider Circle runs on the generosity of the surrounding community, noting more than 350 families from Potomac have donated to his grass roots organization.

"It's a comprehensive approach

to help people stay out of homelessness," said donor Mary Kate Carey, as she watched two volunteers piece together the white frame on her daughter's former twin bed. "It's not just money and a bowl of soup, it's a long-term solution."

Carey came to the warehouse with

**"The biggest difference is that some who used to donate are now calling for help."**

**— Mark Bergel, Executive Director, A Wider Circle**

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## Old Angler's Hooks Funds for Children's Hospital

Reges family hosts annual event.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE ALMANAC

It was over two years ago when Sara and Mark Reges stood at the side of a hospital bed in fear of losing their youngest son. Eight-year-old Charles was critically injured after being hit by a car at

the intersection of Counselman and River Road, and was subsequently placed on life support while doctors at Children's Hospital monitored the swelling of his brain.

During the process, Charles was removed from life support on nine separate occasions for a CAT scan to measure the extent of the damage. Sara Reges, who built her career nursing at Sibley Memorial Hospital, recognized the danger of the circumstances. While her son's life was jeopardized without the results of the CAT scans, it also forced removal from the very machines that

were keeping him alive.

As Charles made a full recovery after four months of hospitalization, Sara Reges began researching outlets to prevent the conundrum their situation had presented. The result was a fundraiser at the Old Angler's Inn, owned by the Reges family, to raise money for a portable CAT scan to provide children with tests results at their bedside. Held in October of 2007, the event hosted over 600 guests and raised more than a quarter million dollars in a single night.

"It's my charity of choice," said Sara

Reges, "because they saved my son."

This fall, the family is continuing their fund-raising mission for Children's by hosting their second fundraiser on Oct. 23. The Oktoberfest Celebration will be held at their restaurant with a live auction of 10 luxury items that include several vacations, live music and dancing, and food stands around the property hosting a menu sponsored by 11 prominent local chefs and catering companies in what Sara Reges describes as the

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## Police Arrest Local Teenagers for May 10 Homicide

Body had been found on Bells Mill path.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE ALMANAC

Two Potomac teenagers were arrested last Wednesday, Oct. 14, for the homicide of Ali Reza Zare. Zare was found on the 8300 block of Bells Mill Road on the morning of May 10 by a jogger who discovered the body on a neighborhood path.

Zare, 57-years-old, lived on Apricot Lane in Gaithersburg. The autopsy revealed he died from blunt force injury to the back of

his head- evidence detectives believe is consistent with homicide.

Detectives charged Emily Drew Geller, 18 years old of the 8300 block of Larkmeade Terrace and a 15-year-old boy with the homicide. Melanie Brenner, a spokeswoman for the Montgomery County Police Department, said the motive will not be officially announced before the case goes to trial.

Evidence was found linking Geller to



Emily Geller

Zare's body was first discovered, the detectives did not want to narrow the investigation into a homicide and exclude the possi-

bility of alternative causes of death. Zare's blue Subaru, discovered later in the day on May 10 abandoned on Bradley Boulevard. After executing a search warrant on May 21, police discovered Zare's personal affects in the bedroom of the 15 year old, also linking him to the case.

It was not until Wednesday's charges that the information on the homicide was made public. Brenner says when

ability of alternative causes of death.

"Originally when the victim was found, as with most unattended deaths we investigate, we weren't sure what exactly happened to [Zare]," said Brenner, although she noted the detectives had their suspicions but did not want to release information that would later be deemed incorrect.

Brenner said the detectives worked diligently to gather necessary evidence to link the suspects to the victim. A bond review hearing for Gellar was held last Thursday and the 15 year old on Tuesday; both will be charged as adults on account of first-degree murder and robbery.

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In rehearsal: Alex Garretson, Devin Goodman, teacher/director Adam Graham. Gavin Kramar and Felipe Coimbra.

## 'You Can't Take It with You'

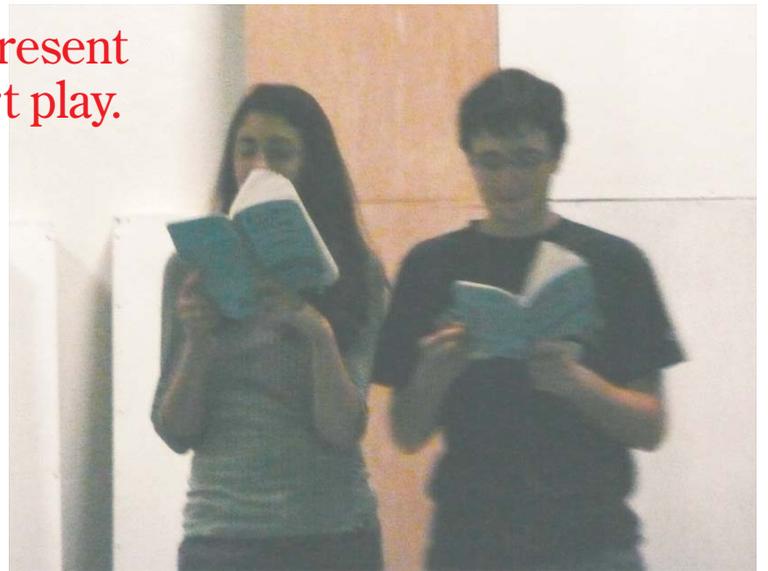
Wootton High to present Kauffman and Hart play.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

In the words of Grandpa Martin Vanderhoff: "Maybe it'll stop you trying to be so desperate about making more money than you can ever use? You can't take it with you, Mr. Kirby. So what good is it? As near as I can see, the only thing you can take with you is the love of your friends." These words from "You Can't Take It With You" summarize the message of this Pulitzer Prize winning comedic play by George S. Kauffman and Moss Hart. Drama students at Thomas S. Wootton High School will stage the play on Nov. 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Adam Graham, Wootton drama teacher and director of the play, chose this play because "this is a superior script and it will give the actors a wonderful opportunity to shine. I auditioned 90 - 100 students and could only select 19 for this play. We have an excellent cast with very talented actors. In my selection process, I was looking for the relationship student characters have with one another. Team-work both on and off-stage is very important. The students must work together and think of themselves as a support for one another."

The lead role of Grandpa Martin Vanderhoff will be played by senior Alex Garretson, an experi-



Devin Goodman and Helena Farhi.

### Tickets

"You Can't Take It With You" will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 5, Friday, Nov. 6 and Sat. Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from the Wootton Box Office Nov. 2-4 from 3-6 p.m. and two hours before show times. Call 301-279-8581. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

enced Wootton actor who previously appeared in "Sweeney Todd," "My Favorite Year," "Grease" and "Beauty and the Beast." He is both an actor and singer and currently studies voice with Dr. Harry Dunston. Alex is also a member of the American Center for Puccini Studies where he studies opera.

Alice Sycamore, the female lead, will be played by junior Helena Farhi. Helena has been studying since she was six at the Musical Theater Center in Rockville where

she performs in "Singular Sensations," a pre-professional ensemble which has performed at the White House, Disney World and in the Soviet Union. Helena has also been a presence in Wootton Theater, appearing in "Honk" and "My Favorite Year."

Other members of the cast are Mikaela Katz, Sam Hendel, Felipe Coimbra, Divya Mouli, Andre Silva, Lauren Fagan, Claire Mauro, Rocco Nunzio, Rachel Goldberger, Bryan Fitzpatrick,

Mitchell Myers, Gavin Kramar, Faith Nelson, Daniel Hamberg, Joseph Horowitz, Devin Goodman and Kevin Goldberg.

This plot weaves Grandpa's message to "do what you want before it's too late" with the inevitable clash of lifestyles and class. The

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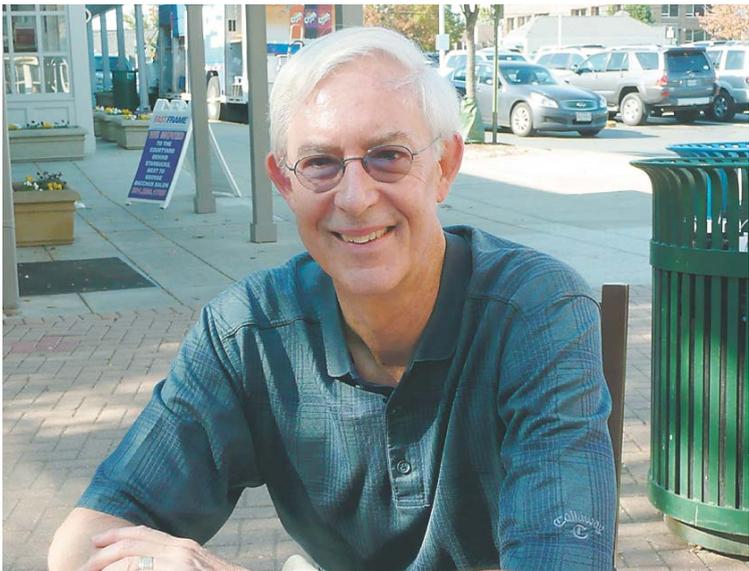
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# PEOPLE



Jim Sneed

## Sneed Named to Literacy Council

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Six years ago, Jim Sneed of Potomac began looking for a way to make a difference in his community. He found the Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) and, after attending the orientation and the two day training workshop, he volunteered to do one-on-one tutoring with two motivated female students, one from Korea and one from Japan.

Their husbands were research scientists at NIH and they had children attending school in Montgomery County. They were both excited and eager to learn to read, write and converse in English. They studied, practiced and worked hard, thus gradually gaining the English skills they were seeking. Currently, Sneed is tutoring a young woman from China who sells advertising. Prior to retirement, Sneed was a partner in the law firm of McDermott, Will and Emery for over 20 years, practicing antitrust and trade regulation law. Now, as the newly appointed director-at-large for training for the Literacy Council, he has turned his energies to training and advising, yet he still finds time to

### To Volunteer

To become a tutor: Register any weekday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 301-610-0030 or email [info@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:info@literacycouncilmcmd.org). Obtain information and the dates of training from the Web site at [www.literacycouncilmcmd.org](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org)

Volunteers are also needed for fundraising, general office work or assisting with specific activities during the year. Donations are always welcome also.

tutor adults and children as well.

**THE LITERACY COUNCIL** of Montgomery County was founded in 1963 to provide free tutoring to adults in reading, writing and basic conversational English. Since then, the limited- English speaking population has grown exponentially and the needs have expanded greatly. The rationale for helping them improve their English skills is simple: those who have strong literacy skills have higher incomes, improved job potential, become better citizens, and are significantly more capable of parenting their child learners. According to the LCMC, "Literacy enables an individual to reach his or her full potential as a parent, employee, and community member."

Sneed's role on the LCMC Board is to oversee the volunteer training. The 12-hour trainings are held on two successive Saturdays throughout the year.

"We have excellent training materials and volunteers are well prepared to tutor when they leave the training. Volunteers are matched up with students according to schedule, availability, and location and tutor preferences. A volunteer is asked to tutor two times a week for one hour each time, although this is flexible, depending on the amount of time a tutor can devote. Sessions are usually held in a mutually convenient place such as a place of employment, a library, or other public place."

"There are very few requirements for volunteers," Sneed continued.

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Aly Baltrus knits.



A stranger in the tavern tries to buy drinks with confederate money.

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Musicians in the tavern.



Dancing in the Great Falls Tavern.

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Annual Forum.** 7 p.m. The Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC). This year's theme is "Building Sustainable Communities." At the Executive Office Building, cafeteria, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville. Free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested. Go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccoc](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccoc). Call 240-777-3636.

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## FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**Cyber-Bullying — Bullying in the Digital Age: What Professionals Need to Know.** 8:30-12:30 p.m. Speaker Patricia Walton Agatston, Ph.D. will speak on the differences between traditional bullying and cyber bullying. At Johns Hopkins University-Montgomery County Campus, 9605 Medical Center Drive, Room 121, Rockville. Email: [youthworkers@yahoo.com](mailto:youthworkers@yahoo.com) or call 240-777-4323.

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## MONDAY/OCT. 26

**Beth Shalom Book Club.** 8 p.m. Will be reviewing Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. At Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, Conference Room, 11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Email Tanya Lampert [alamp9608@yahoo.com](mailto:alamp9608@yahoo.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 29

**Preschool Open House.** Tour the building, observe classes in progress, meet the director. At Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-7087, ext. 244. Email: [llaor@harshalom.org](mailto:llaor@harshalom.org)

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by **Michael Matese**

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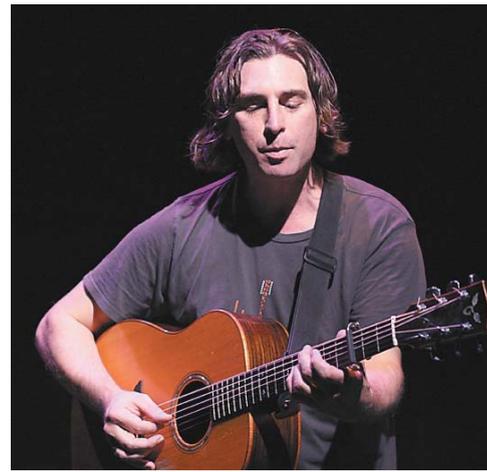


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## CALENDAR



Dave Potts



Joe Crookston

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**Folk Singers Perform.** Joe Crookston and Dave Potts play at 8 p.m. at Branded '72 (formerly O'Brien's BBQ), 387 E. Gude Drive in Rockville. \$18 general, \$15 members. Contact: David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301-275-7459 or log onto www.focusmusic.org.

To have community events listed free in The Potomac Almanac, send e-mail to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call 703-778-9412.

### ONGOING

**The Bethesda Farmers Market** will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

### NOW THROUGH NOV. 8

**Go, Dog. Go!** The production brings to life the delightful, colorful world of dogs through juggling, rhythmic music, and dance. Tickets can be purchased through the box office by calling 301-634-2270 or online at <http://www.adventuretheatre.org>. Tickets are \$12 for children 12 and under and \$15 for adults. Children under the age of 1 are free. At Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, in the historic Glen Echo Park.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 21

**Orquestra de Sao Paulo.** 8 p.m. Percussion Soloist Glennie Performs James MacMillan's Popular "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel." The program also features Camargo Guarnieri's "Encantamento" and "3 Danças Brasileiras para Orquestra," as well as Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 2. Tickets are \$21-\$55. At the Music Center at Strathmore. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**One Maryland One Book.** 1 p.m. A statewide reading program designed to encourage the shared experience of reading and discussing the same pre-selected book. The work chosen for 2009 is James McBride's "Song Yet Sung," set on Maryland's Eastern Shore in the 1850s. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Call 240-777-0690.

**Author Michael Scott.** 4:30 p.m. Author of "Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel" series. Suitable for ages 12-18. Will speak at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road. Call 240-777-0970.

**Preschool Fair.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about more than 30 neighborhood schools. Admission is free. Presented by the MOMS Club of Potomac. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Blues Dance.** 8:15-11:30 p.m. \$8 admission. Rotating DJs and

instructors. Beginner workshop from 8:15 to 9 p.m. Dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. In the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: [info@capitalblues.org](mailto:info@capitalblues.org).

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$9 admission. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance to live music from 8:30-11:30 p.m. This week Susan Taylor calls to Raise the Roof. In the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: [fndcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:fndcontra@yahoo.com).

**Swingin' the Blues.** 8 p.m. - Midnight. \$14 admission. Choice of two different pre-dance workshops and social dancing until midnight. Choose the West Coast Swing lesson with ken Roesel or a slow Blues lesson with Mike and Donna from 8-9 p.m. Dancing follows with the Melanie Mason Band. Email: [dbarker@glenchopark.org](mailto:dbarker@glenchopark.org). At the Bumper Car Pavilion of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Super Fiesta Latina Party.** 8:15 p.m. - Midnight. \$15 admission. The dance is hosted by Fabio and Jennifer Bonini with a lesson from 8:15-9 p.m. for Salsa beginners followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: [Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com](mailto:Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**"Your Show of Shows."** 6:30 p.m. \$20/adults, \$12/children. Annual theater event followed by choir presentation, with host Dave Edwards. In the Parish Center at Potomac United Methodist Church. For reservations, call Charlotte Pascoe at 301-509-1510.

**Slow Blues and Swing Dancing.** \$14 admission. Dance workshops 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Featuring the Melanie Mason Band. At the Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. E-mail or call Donna Barker at [dbarker@glenchopark.org](mailto:dbarker@glenchopark.org) or 301-634-2223, call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to [www.DanceDC.com](http://www.DanceDC.com).

**Evening with Literary Magazine Reverso.** 7:30 p.m. Readers include Hernán Bravo Varela, Alejandro Tarrab, Dwayne Betts, Sandra Beasley, and Carlos Lopez de Alba (editor of Reverso). Free and Open to the Public. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. For details, call 301-654-8664 or visit [www.writer.org](http://www.writer.org).

**Croydon CREEP.** 6-8 p.m. \$1 at the door. Children under 2 are free. At the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville. Call 240-314-8770.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 24

#### Community Service Day.

Be a part of making Ivymount School green. Help to clean and green the area so the school can landscape and install horticultural facilities to begin its new vocational program. Contact Gloria Arnold at 301-652-4900 or go to <https://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/montgomery-county/> or [GloriaArnold@ivymount.org](mailto:GloriaArnold@ivymount.org) 301-652-4900

#### The Johnson's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Forest.

7-10 p.m. Free admission. Refreshments will be available and candy will be scattered throughout the haunted trails. Accepting donations to these charities: Stop Breast cancer Coalition, the Winston Churchill Boster Club and National Autism Walk. At 11930 Cragwood Way, Potomac. Call 301-299-9164.

**Potomac Day.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. A parade, Halloween fun, scarecrow making and pumpkin decorating, money machine, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, giant tricycle races, a petting zoo, grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, and a Reggae band. In the Potomac Place Shopping Center, located in Potomac Village on Falls and River Roads.

**Potomac Community Day.** 12:30 p.m. Potomac Library celebrates The Village of Potomac's annual Community Day. Performance of the Kaydee Puppets of "The Princess and the Pea" and "Rapunzel." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. At 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Call 240-777-0690.

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Imagination Stage.** 6:30 p.m. Silent auction, one-hour performance of an original musical show, and a buffet supper. The Gala, titled "Once Upon a Time...Into the Future" is Imagination Stage's only fund-raising event of the year. First Lady Michelle Obama is the honorary chair. For more information about the Gala, visit [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org).

**Community Emergency Preparedness Fair.** Noon-5 p.m. Saturday. Learn from our county's rescue organizations (Red Cross, Homeland Security & many more) how to prepare for emergencies. Topics: Shelter-in-place & emergency evacuation plans, 72 hr survival kits, storing food & water, child fingerprinting, swine flu & more. Moonbounce & obstacle course for children. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11700 Falls Road, Potomac. Free. Call 301-717-1663 or [www.EmergencyFair.com](http://www.EmergencyFair.com).

**Swing Dance.** 8 p.m. to midnight. \$15 admission. With the 16-piece Tom Cunningham Orchestra. Beginning swing lesson at 8 p.m. followed by the band from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 25

**Halloween Happening.** 1-3 p.m. Free. A children's costume parade with prizes awarded in three age categories: under 5, 5-8, and 8-and over. Following the parade at 1 p.m., carnival games, Halloween crafts, and Bingo until 3 p.m. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 240-777-6960.

**Annual Halloween Dance.** 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sponsored by CAC of Washington, D.C., an organization of 250 single Catholics in the area. At the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring. Admission is \$20 (\$15 if you come in costume). Contact Michael Coogan at

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# CALENDAR



**OCT. 16-NOV. 20**

**“Toyland.”** The Puppet Co. Playhouse specializes in live puppet theater. This adaptation of Victor Herbert’s musical fantasy includes such familiar pieces as “Toyland” and “March of the Toys.” 40 minutes. Age recommendation: PreK – Grade 4. Performances on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 :00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets, \$10; group rates available. Call 301-634-5380 or visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

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301-916-6336.

**Afternoon with William Littlejohn and Jehanne Dubrow.** 2 p.m. Novelist William Littlejohn reads from Calvin and Jehanne Dubrow reads from her new collection of poems, *From the Fever-World*. At The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Free and Open to the Public. For details, call 301-654-8664 or visit [www.writer.org](http://www.writer.org).

**Scorish American Kirkin’ of the Tartan.** 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the tradition of bringing clan tartans to the church for blessing. Marching and bagpipes. At Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac. Call Dan Dowd at 301-299-3853.

**All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast.** 1-5 p.m. Fund-raiser for B-CC Rescue Squad. All-you-can-eat crabs, sides, beer, and soft drinks. Purchase tickets in advance. \$40/person. For tickets, call 301-977-6634 or go to [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org). Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane (at Old Georgetown Road) Bethesda.

**Sunday Blues.** 7-11 p.m. \$12 dance only, \$17/lesson and dance. Live music by Big Boy Little Band. For dancers who want to learn more about slow blues dancing, Mike Marcotte and Donna Barker offer a blues lesson from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This optional, 1-1/2 hour workshop offers footwork, moves and lead/follow techniques for dancing to slow, blues tunes. Email: [dbarker@glenechopark.org](mailto:dbarker@glenechopark.org). At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Ballroom Tea Dance.** 3-6 p.m. \$12 admission. Dancers will enjoy foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha-cha, rumba, swing and more. A basic dance lesson at 3 p.m. followed by dancing from 3:30-6 p.m. Email: [dave@hotsociety.net](mailto:dave@hotsociety.net). At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7-10:30 p.m. \$12 admission. Traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and couples dances. Newcomers lesson is at 7 p.m. followed by called dances with Gwyn Williams to the Toad Mamas from 7:30-10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion of Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**MONDAY/OCT. 26**

**Blue Moon Cowgirls CD Release “I Love You Honey.”** 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15/advance, \$20/door. At IMT/Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org).

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**Dystonia Golf and Tennis Classic and Banquet.** Dystonia is a neurological disorder that causes muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily. Tournament held at Kenwood Golf and Country Club. 11 a.m. Golf Registration. 12 p.m. Golf Tournament. 1 p.m. Tennis Registration. 2 p.m. Tennis Tournament. 5 p.m. Awards Reception. 6 p.m. Banquet. Registration is \$250/ golfer, \$1,000/foursome. For details, go to [www.dystoniagolfclassic.org](http://www.dystoniagolfclassic.org).

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28**

**Folk Singers Perform.** Joe Crookston and Dave Potts play at 8 p.m. At Branded ’72 (formerly O’Brien’s BBQ), 387 E. Gude Drive in Rockville. \$18 general, \$15 members. Contact: David at [focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net), 301-275-7459 or log onto [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

**“Honey, I Wrecked the Kids!”** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Parenting presentation by author, psychotherapist and parenting expert Alyson Schafer. At the Blair Family Center for the Arts, Howard Auditorium, Bullis School, 10601 Falls Rd., Potomac. Tickets are \$25 (\$45/couple) and may be reserved by calling PEP at 301-929-8824. Visit [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**THURSDAY/OCT. 29**

**Blues Dance.** 8:15-11:30 p.m. \$8 admission. Beginner’s workshop 8:15 - 9 p.m. with dancing from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Email: [info@capitalblues.org](mailto:info@capitalblues.org). At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**FRIDAY/OCT. 30**

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 -11:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance to live music with the band Contranella from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This is the annual Halloween Costume Dance and also a fund-raiser for Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: [findcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:findcontra@yahoo.com)

**Super Fiesta Latina Party.** 8:15 p.m. to midnight. \$15 admission. The dance is hosted by Fabio and Jennifer Bonini. Lesson from 8:15 - 9 p.m. for Salsa beginners and up. The lesson is followed by dancing from 9 p.m. - midnight with teacher and DJ Fabio Bonini playing the best of Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Reggaeton and more! At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

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## The Johnson's

# 13th Annual HAUNTED FOREST

We are sorry the trail was closed on opening night due to mother nature's handiwork. We will be open this Saturday night as scheduled and for a command performance on Halloween night.

Also, a special "shout out" to Sam Lerner at The Potomac Deli and the Bob Sickles family and "Kids After Hours" for their support and generosity over the years.

Come Families One and All!  
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SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 17TH AND 24TH FROM 7 TO 10PM

**What** Join the Johnson Family for the 13th Annual Haunted Forest. Refreshments will be available and candy will be scattered throughout the haunted trails.

There is no admission charge. However we gladly accept donations for charity and want to thank all our co-workers, friends and neighbors for their incredible generosity over the years. This year, we will be splitting the funds and giving donations to Stop Breast Cancer Coalition, the Winston Churchill Booster Club and National Autism Walk. You may send your donations directly through the links below. Please attribute your donation to "The Johnson's Annual Haunted Forest."

[www.stopbreastcancer.org](http://www.stopbreastcancer.org)      <http://churchillboosters.org/Links.aspx>  
[www.NationalAutismWalk.org](http://www.NationalAutismWalk.org)

**When** Saturday, October 24th, 7 to 10pm (Rain Date: Saturday, October 31)

**Where** 11930 Cragwood Way, Potomac, MD 20854. For door-to-door directions, visit Google Maps or Yahoo Maps.

**Directions** From Beltway 495, exit River Rd. - west, right on Lake Potomac Dr., right on Cragwood Way

If you have any questions, please let me know.

301.299.9164

Paul Johnson

The Johnson Family would like to thank the many volunteers and families who have helped to make "the forest" a huge success, including: Barrett; Beaugard; Berney; Boyland; Bowis; Brothers; Brundred; Caulk; Crutchfield/Day; Cullen; Feldstein; Fonger; Goss; Green; Gritz;; Hougen; Laurance; Patterson; Pereles; Pingho; Plummer; Raker; Rodman; Settlage; Sickels; Spivak; Tahbaz; Thomas; Thaker; Weissman; and Yaworske families. A special thanks also goes to Sam Lerner and the Potomac Village Deli.

## NEWS

# 'You Can't Take It with You'

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Sycamores desire fun and friends, while the greedy Kirbys are only interested in earning more and more money. Alice Sycamore is the only normal one in her zany family. She is a stenographer who falls in love with her boss, Tony Kirby, the vice president of

a powerful company. When Tony proposes to her, she feels it is mandatory to introduce her family to the snobbish Kirbys. However, Tony decides to visit Alice with his parents the day before the scheduled meeting. And, of course, chaos ensues.

Rehearsals are in progress and going well, according to Graham.

# Sneed Named to Literacy Council

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"One must have the ability to speak, write and read English and be able to make a one-year commitment. The tutor needs to be flexible and patient. However, no prior teaching experience is necessary."

**THERE IS ALWAYS** a waiting list for the Literacy Council programs, which include ESOL classes, English for Daily Living Classes, Conversation classes and one-on-one tutoring. There is no charge for any of these services and books are provided for free. Students have different goals: one may want to learn English to advance in the job while others may want to gain citizenship. Some students wish to pass a driver's test, while others want to better communicate with their children's teachers or to be able to help their child with homework.

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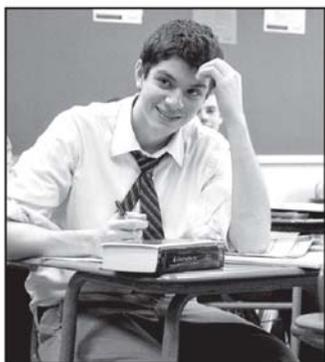
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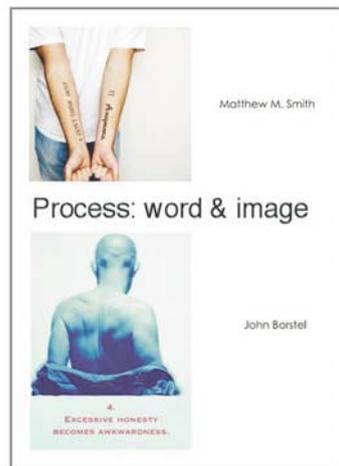
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**Charlie Brown** is a 4-month-old male DSH kitten. This Charlie Brown is a very playful, handsome and certainly isn't a loser like his cartoon namesake. He was rescued from the wild and has become a loving, people-friendly kitty with the help of his foster mom. Charlie is all kitten and should be a great for any kind of adopter.



**Tess**

**Tess** is a 9-year-old female Collie mix. Tess was rescued from a shelter and given the treatment she needed to overcome illnesses contracted at the shelter. She is a tranquil, housebroken dog that ignores cats, accepts friendly dogs and likes car rides. Tess would be the girl for you if you want a quiet, easy-going companion.



**FINE ARTS**

**NOW THROUGH NOV. 15**

**Process: Word and Image, a photography exhibit.** Works by John Borstel and Matthew M. Smith. Mark Power, Photoworks faculty member, serves as curator. Each artist employs a range of strategies to synthesize image with text. Discussion by the artists on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. Open Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays and Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. or by appointment. At Photoworks Gallery, located on the first floor of the Arcade Building, in historic Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo. Visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

**NOW THROUGH OCT. 26**

**"American Slices" at the Ratner Museum.** With Eileen Crowe, Nancy Heindl, Mat Klos, Shanthi Chandra-Sekar and Melissa Lauren Tritto. Hours are Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. At The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

**NOW THROUGH NOV. 1**

**Blown Glass Exhibition.** Featuring blown glass by resident artist Paul Swartwood in Glen Echo Park's Glassworks studio. The exhibition, in the Park's Popcorn Gallery, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and by special arrangement. [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or 301-634-2222 or 301-634-2222.

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# Widening the Circle of Hope

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Bergel says the contributions keep his organization growing, having already surpassed his total number of 2008 clients in August of this year. A Montgomery County resident for 25 years, Bergel estimates one half of his clients live in the county, and the other half are from surrounding areas including the District. It is his hope to reach a broader base of clients as he wages war

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against poverty, but Bergel also knows he sees an influx based on the recent economic crisis. He says the demands on his organization have tripled since the recession's downturn and many of his recent clients have been factors of "new poverty" — the result of jobs loss and home evictions.

"The biggest difference," Bergel said, "is that some who used to donate are now calling for help."

As is a common theme for nonprofits in the current economic client, A Wider Circle is enduring the toughest of times. Bergel says the domino effect from the cost cuts within supporting foundations has made it difficult for A Wider Circle to secure the same funds as previous years.

"We have to scratch and claw for funds," Bergel said. He fears the approaching winter, knowing the region will continue to be hit hard by the lack of economic resources and saying more people will be literally left in the cold.

Bergel is taking matters into his own hands, and A Wider Circle will be hosting its annual fundraiser, better known as the World's Largest Indoor Picnic. The event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center in Potomac. Bergel says he hopes families will enjoy the afternoon while taking a stance against poverty.

Bergel's office feeds on his optimism. The age of his staff averages at 20 years old, answering the 200 daily phone calls and fulfilling the goals of the organization named after an Albert Einstein quote. Bergel says a major obstacle is convincing people they can become involved in the smallest ways, whether it's making one donation or spending an afternoon volunteering.

**ANNE THOMPSON** began volunteering for the organization two days each week after finding Bergel's mission contagious. Thompson now represents A Wider Circle on Potomac's Chamber of Commerce, and says she is working to increase awareness of the prevalence of poverty in Montgomery County.

"What's going to end poverty, if we can be so presumptuous, is changing people's mind about poverty," Thompson said.

She and Bergel recognize their biggest challenges are yet to come, but have witnessed the benefit of what they attribute to outward community compassion. Whether it is the distribution of toilet paper or the recycling of a baking dish, they have seen the immediate impact of their organization on the lives of both those who give and receive.

"You do what you can," said Bergel.

# Event To Support Children's Hospital

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"tastes of the town." The goal of this year's fundraiser is to raise the remaining \$400,000 needed for the completion of the new Diabetic Care Complex at Children's.

The Reges family hopes to make the event an annual occurrence at the Old Angler's Inn, believing success is derived from the selection of a specific cause as their guests realize they are donating to direct beneficiaries like the Diabetic Care Complex. Mark and Sara Reges plan to address a different need at Children's each year, and hope the hospital in Washington D.C. will become the national hub for youth medical care.

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# Open House For Firehouse



Thomas Pilkington, 3 years old, of Potomac.



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Fire Department members Mark Livingstone, Ana Soule, and Ed Tenney participate in Saturday's open house.



Ya'ara Goldman makes cotton candy for the open house visitors.



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Gavin Chesen, 6 years old, from Potomac.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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On one level, the commercials are image-branding Novartis as a pharmaceutical company that cares, one that doesn't necessarily let the cost of the medication/inability of a patient to pay, prevent that patient from receiving potentially life-saving medication. Their sensitivity – and generosity – knows no bounds, or at least that's part of the message.

The other part of the message, which most resonates with me (a currently-under-treatment cancer patient), is that the "experimental" medication (cost issues aside), at least as they relate to the radio spots I've heard: the grandmother who, due to the medication Novartis has generously provided has now lived six or seven years to see two new grandchildren (after receiving a grim prognosis initially); and the college student who, a few hours after attending a class, is told by his doctors that he has cancer and approximately two and a half years to live, a revelation he characterizes as "surreal," a description with which I'm intimately familiar and in total agreement (although, if truth be told, as accurate a description as "surreal" is to describe one's feelings after receiving a diagnosis of this severity/seriousness, it really doesn't begin to detail the layers of emotional bedrock that are torn apart when receiving this kind of news) saved their lives and/or at a minimum, gave them years and quality of life they had not anticipated. They lived, and are alive to share their, I-survived-cancer success stories.

And who doesn't want to hear success stories, especially anyone battling to overcome major health problems. If nothing else, hope always lives. Now whether it's realistic for cancer patients to damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead; for my money/attitude/perspective, it sure beats the alternative. So yes, I'm hopeful. One day, I want to be on a radio/television commercial testifying to the unexpected success of a medication that shrunk my tumors and/or prevented their movement/metastasis and then there I am, 10 years later, alive and well, and living the dream: cancer free and healthy – and fortunate – enough to have seen the Boston Red Sox win two more World Series Championships; (totaling four so far in this century), one each for my father, mother, brother and myself. Is that too much to ask? Hopefully not.

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

# Quinn, Kantor, Risk Keep Churchill Undefeated

**Bulldogs beat Wootton, avenge last year's season-ending loss.**

BY JARED WASSERMAN  
THE ALMANAC

Costly red zone turnovers and the explosive Churchill rushing trio of seniors Ryan Quinn, Alex Kantor, and Matt Risk proved too much for the upset-minded Wootton Patriots to overcome, as the Bulldogs improved to 7-0 with a 31-21 victory Friday.

Churchill head coach Joe Allen emphasized his talented backfield as an integral part of the team's success.

"They're very important. With [Kantor] playing both ways and Quinn being a talented runner, we build our offense around them," Allen said. "We also have great players at other positions and have expanded our offense to utilize more than just two players. Matt Risk has stepped up, Marcus Brown has stepped up, our receivers are solid. We're a well-rounded team now and that's basically why we're having the success."

The soggy and muddied field worked in the favor of Churchill's run-oriented offense, as the Bulldogs gashed Wootton's defense on the ground for much of the night. However, it was not their featured running backs' legs that provided the game's most electrifying play, but his arm.

Midway through the third quarter, Quinn took a pitch off the right side, and as the defense con-



**Churchill quarterback Alex Kantor rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown during the Bulldogs' victory over Wootton on Friday. Churchill improved to 7-0.**

verged, he fired a deep pass to senior wide receiver Brandon Swepson for a 63-yard touchdown.

"Everyone bit on the fake," Wootton senior cornerback Gordie Gold said. "It looked like it was gonna be a run because they'd been running all day. We weren't expecting that play."

**QUINN FINISHED** with 138 rushing yards. Kantor rushed for

100 yards and a touchdown and Risk totaled 60 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Wootton's offense had success moving the ball into scoring position throughout the game, running more draw plays and utilizing its bevy of receiving targets. Senior wide receiver Mark Kennedy led the Patriots with five catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

However, as senior quarterback Alex Kelly moved the offense in-



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**Quarterback Alex Kelly and the Wootton offense moved the ball, but twice came up empty inside the Churchill 20-yard line.**

side Churchill's 20-yard line, the Patriots left points on the field not once, but twice.

On a drive that would have extended its slim lead, Wootton muffed a handoff exchange in the second quarter. Then, Kantor intercepted Kelly's pass late in the fourth quarter, as the trailing Patriots attempted to draw within one possession of the Bulldogs.

"Obviously the red zone turnovers hurt us this week," Kelly said. "The team had a lot of momentum moving the ball down the field and it shifted completely as soon as we made those mistakes."

"[The takeaways] were very important, but we were up 23-7, then 30-14, so I felt as though we had command of that game," Allen said. "We made a mistake on special teams and then a mistake in pass coverage. ... A lot of these teams we've gotten ahead on and settled in, but we always shoot ourselves in the foot. The good thing about our kids is that they have a lot of resolve."

**KANTOR SET** the tone for the game with an early 38-yard touchdown run. As the pocket collapsed around him, Kantor dashed to the

left sideline and outraced the Patriot secondary to give Churchill a 6-0 advantage with 9:32 left in the first quarter.

On Wootton's ensuing possession, a long touchdown strike from Kelly to Kennedy gave the Patriots their only lead of the game at 7-6 with 6:09 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Patriots fell to 2-5 after squandering scoring chances that could have handed their undefeated rivals their first loss of the season.

"The focus for the rest of the season will no doubt be to make other teams beat us and not beat ourselves," Kelly said.

While Churchill's perfect season remains intact, bragging rights return to the Bulldogs following a home loss that sent the Patriots to the playoffs for the first time in 17 years last season.

"It felt great," Kantor said. "We needed to get this win, not only for revenge from last season, but to make sure we made it to the playoffs [this season]."

Kantor But did that crushing defeat provide extra motivation?

"Oh, definitely," Allen said.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Whitman Football Improves to 6-1

Whitman's Larry Kline scored on a 14-yard run within the final two minutes of Friday's game against Gaithersburg, propelling the Vikings to a 12-7 come-from-behind victory.

Whitman running back Kevin Cecala rushed 24 times for 107 yards. His first quarter touchdown gave the Vikings a 6-0 lead.

Quarterback Henry Kuhn completed 9 of 18 passes for 105 yards, and receiver Michael Flack caught five passes for 79 yards.

The win improved Whitman's record to 6-1. The Vikings host Springbrook on Friday, before closing the regular season with road games against Seneca Valley and Churchill.

### Churchill Girls Soccer Wins

The Churchill girls soccer team shut out Sherwood, 4-0, on Monday.

The Bulldogs travel to take on Wootton at 7 p.m. today. Wootton lost to Quince Orchard, 2-0, on Monday.

### Bullis Football Drops to 2-4

The Bullis football team lost to St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, 20-7, on Saturday.

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