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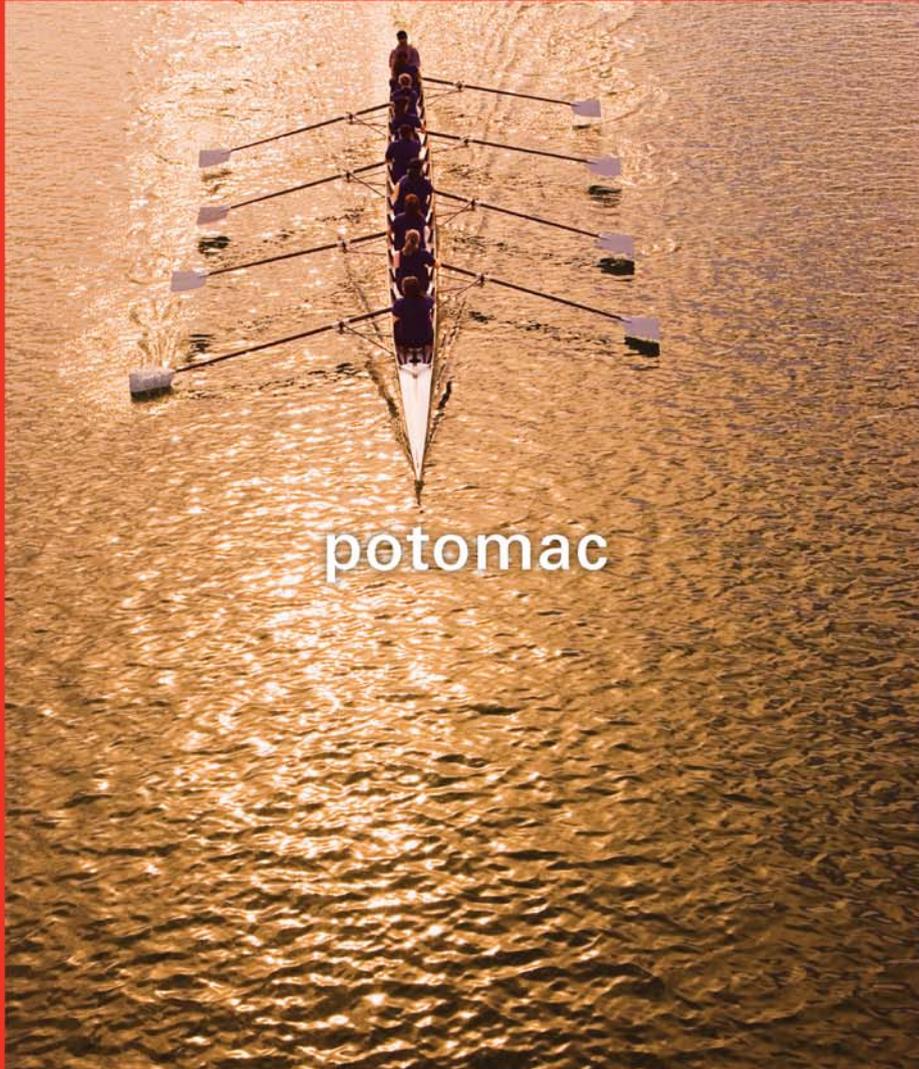
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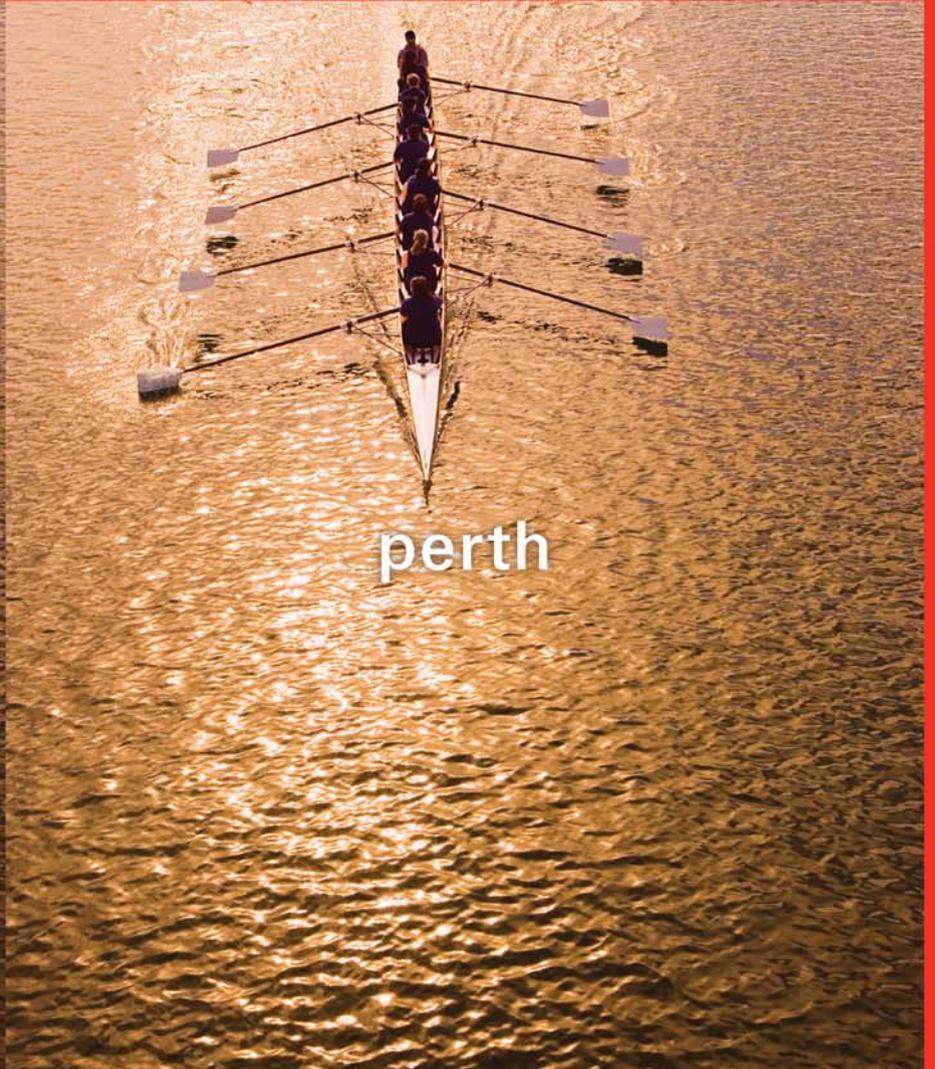
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Take House Tour for Many Reasons

Four-home event will raise more than \$50,000 for people in need.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

“Let’s say it,” said Laurel Bahar, co-chair of the 55th Annual Potomac Country House Tour. “Some people ... have knockouts.”

This weekend, Saturday, Oct. 2 and Sunday, Oct. 3, up to 1,000 people are expected to visit four “knockout” homes during this annual Potomac tradition.

St. Francis Episcopal Church originally conceived the tour in 1956 as a fund-raising effort to

help the parish, but for more than 20 years the proceeds have supported the church’s charity outreach programs.

More than 40 organizations will benefit from the tour, which raises \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually, said Carol Jarvis, a 22-year parishioner who has worked on the event throughout that time.

“People like ideas for what they can change in their own houses.”

— Carol Jarvis

The first house was chosen last December. “It takes an additional year to find the right mix,” she said.

Featured on this year’s tour is an Avenel mansion that fronts 10 acres of bird

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This Natelli-built home in Avenel is featured on St. Francis Episcopal Church’s Potomac Country House Tour Oct. 2-3.



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This contemporary home known as Jigsaw is the residence of architect David Jameson.

Why This Matters

Along with allowing a glimpse into some of Potomac’s most exquisite homes, the Potomac Country House Tour provides funding for dozens of local charities.

For more than 20 years, the house tour has been the major fundraising effort in St. Francis Episcopal Church’s outreach programs, benefiting more than 40 local charities.

St. Francis conducted the first

tour in 1956 as a fundraising effort to help the parish in its day-to-day operations.

The Ivymount School in Potomac received the first Potomac Country House Tour donation to a charity, and St. Francis continues to donate to Ivymount annually.

— KEN MOORE

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This elegant River Falls townhouse is featured on the Potomac Country House Tour, Oct. 2-3.



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This family colonial off River Road includes a conservatory, English garden and carriage house.

Race To Fund Childhood Brain Tumor Research

Superheroes’ fund-raiser takes off Oct. 3.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Nineteen years ago, Jeanne and James Young’s 3-year-old child, Bryan, had been diagnosed with a brain tumor that was pressing against his optic nerve. The treatment was chemotherapy. Although it saved his life, the treatment caused him to progressively lose his vision and became bilaterally legally blind. However, today at age 22, he is a Montgomery College student, a certified first responder and interested in a healthcare or nutrition career.

Matthew Grossman was diagnosed when he was 13 with a rare mixed germ cell brain tumor. His in-

tensive year of treatment included chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and stem cell transplant. Because of the treatment, Matthew lost his hearing, but he now hears with a cochlear implant. He is a graduate of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville and will be attending Clark University this fall. He was just invited to join the Clark University a cappella choir.

These are two treatment success stories — but too often a pediatric brain tumor is deadly. Bryan’s mom Jeanne Young and Matthew’s mom Jaime Banks are co-chairing the Superheroes 5K Run/Walk/Fun Run to raise funds as well as awareness of the shortage of funds dedicated to brain tumor research. This research is needed to study new treatments as well as the causes of childhood brain tumors.

“There are more than 120 different types of childhood brain tumors. Effective treatment is very com-

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PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

Co-chairs of the Superheroes Race Jeanne Young and Jaime Banks

Event Will Raise More Than \$50,000 for Charities

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preserve, a renovated family colonial off River Road designed for entertaining, a River Falls town home, and a striking, award-winning contemporary.

On the tour, people enjoy the style and decorating detail of the homes. "People like ideas for what

they can change in their own houses," said Jarvis. "It's also interesting to note what people bring along when they downsize."

THE JIGSAW, the most unusual house on the tour, is featured in the book "21st Century Houses: The World's Best," and September's issue of "Architectural

Digest."

David Jameson, an Alexandria architect and owner of the house, has won numerous international and local awards.

"Fundamental to the conception of the house is the notion of reflectivity, rendering unclear the boundaries between inside and outside," according to Jameson on

his website, www.davidjamesonarchitect.com.

Jerry and Julie Gilbert have been members of St. Francis and supported the house tour for many years. "This year we were flattered to be asked to show our home on the tour," said Julie Gilbert.

The Gilberts moved to their townhouse from a much larger home in Potomac Falls, and touring their home offers a window on one couple's downsizing.

Asking homeowners if they would be willing to open and showcase their homes to hundreds of people is done "gracefully and gently," said Bahar.

"People have a variety of reasons why they have their house on the tour," she said. Many of those reasons are altruistic; people want to help raise money for the organizations the tour helps support.

REPRESENTATIVES from many of the organizations that benefit from the tour came to St. Francis this past Sunday to tell the congregation about what they do. Outreach Sunday "revs up the motivation" of the entire congregation, said Bahar, to sell more tickets and spread the word before the event.

"The more money we raise, the more we give away," said Carol Tuter, co-chair of the event.

Two committees, the Vestry outreach and women's outreach, work on distributing funds. "These committees do their homework to make sure that the non-profits are actively using their donations to help," said Jarvis.

While 1,000 people are expected to tour the houses on the tour, 1,064 people in Montgomery County are currently homeless. And 25 percent of children in Montgomery County Public Schools are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced fee lunches.

During these economic times, events like the house tour are critical to nonprofits, which help community members in need.

"We are always looking for more resources and we do need community supports," said Julie Maltzman, deputy director for programs with the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

Last year, the coalition worked with more than 120 families through various programs. Fourteen high school seniors, recently homeless, graduated, and 10 are now in college receiving scholarships, Maltzman said.

"The common denominator to almost all people who are home-

less is poverty," said Maltzman, adding that a family with two parents earning minimum wage would need each parent to work two full-time jobs to afford to rent a \$1,200 apartment.

Mercy Clinic, started by a group of Potomac residents, is a volunteer organization providing healthcare to uninsured, low-income residents.

Others beneficiaries have a wide range of missions, from CASA, which provides advocates for children involved in court action, to nonprofits

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— Carol Tuter, co-chair

that provide food for families struggling to put meals on the table. One group provides mentoring to teenage mothers, another provides for veterans being treated at Walter Reed. (See sidebar.)

MORE THAN 300 volunteers from the church — and their friends — help with the event, which includes a four-course lunch at the church each day, more than 20 boutiques, a dessert bar, and an online auction that will run until Oct. 10.

All proceeds from all events help the charities.

"At this point, I'm completely in awe of the way the whole thing evolves and operates. ... People really put their hearts into it, they really do," said Tuter, co-chair of the event.

And the icing on the cake?

The dessert bar at the church, open both days of the event, will feature boiled chocolate fudge icing on a 10-layer Smith Island Cake, the official cake of Maryland.

The cake was originally designed for fishermen, who worked on the sea for days at a time, said Jarvis.

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by **Michael Matese**

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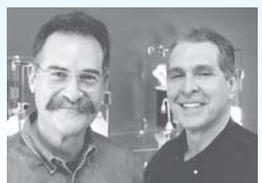
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Holy Child To Host Tiger Trot 5K

The Holy Child community is revving up for its first road race, the Tiger Trot 5K on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 8 a.m.

Runners will be in six divisions, from under 18 to 60-plus. The course will wind up Bradley Boulevard towards Avenel, turn right on Persimmon Tree, circle into Bronson, and back again.

The 1K fun run/walk, commencing immediately after the runners head out, will circle the campus, and welcomes families with children of all ages. (All the kids in the walk will earn mini-medals.)

Title sponsors include DMG Securities and Kathie and Mike Wil-

liams, as well as numerous other local companies and individuals, Arent-Fox, Michael Matese, Coakley Williams Construction, Roy Rogers Restaurants, Drink More Water, Trader Joe's, Brooklyn Deli, Bethesda Bagels, Pacers Running Stores.

Part of the proceeds will benefit the National Foundation for Cancer Research, www.nfcr.org. The Tiger Trot will finish up a Blue/Gold weekend at the school, with numerous alumnae events and the Blue/Gold games and barbecue on Saturday afternoon. For more information, see www.holychild.org.

Bezu Chef Takes Tournament Title

Dennis Friedman, executive chef and owner of Bezu, 9812 Falls Road, a French-Asian fusion restaurant, was named Mason Dixon Master Chef at the finals of the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Monday, Sept. 13.

At the culmination of the 16-week tournament that began in May, Friedman showed off his skills with a crispy dorade with fresh made fettuccini, lemon soy beurre blanc (Italian/Asian



Friedman

fusions), venison, bacon veal jus with a cinnamon essence (Italian/French fusion) and pineapple and ricotta sushi brulee (Hawaiian regional/French fusion).

Friedman won a prize package that includes a trip to Las Vegas, a Wisconsin Cheese Making Experience with sponsor Emmi Roth Kase and the official Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Championship Jacket, plaque, and gold medal.

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Race To Fund Childhood Brain Tumor Research

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plicated,” Jaime Banks said. “Brain cancer research is woefully underfunded compared to other types of cancer. Only 3 cents out of every dollar for cancer research goes to children’s cancer and therefore, brain tumor research gets a very small percentage of public funding. The public is largely unaware of the magnitude of this disease.”

“Brain tumors are the deadliest form of children’s cancer and the leading disease killer of children under 19,” said Jeanne Young, founder of the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation (CBTF). “Nine new cases are diagnosed each day. Each year, brain tumors are identified in 3,400 children. Although 69 percent of children survive their initial diagnosis, the survival rate for some forms of brain cancer is below 20 percent. And because brain tumors are located at the control center for thought, emotion and movement, their effects on a child’s physical and cognitive abilities are often devastating. Survivors are typically left with lifelong disabilities, such as hearing or vision loss, cognitive impairment, decreased motor skills and hormone deficiencies.”

The Superheroes 5K Run/Walk/Fun Run will be held Oct. 3 at the Meadowbrook Park-Candy Cane City located in Rock Creek

Park at 7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Sponsored by The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, this family-friendly 5K run/walk and one-half mile Kids’ Run is on a flat paved trail. Strollers and pets are welcome. The 5K race will begin at 9 a.m. and the Kids’ Run at 9:15 a.m. Registration fees are \$25 for age 15 and older, \$15 for age 14 and younger. All participants who are pre-registered will receive a Superheroes T-shirt. Runners, walkers, and families should register at www.active.com by Sept. 30. Registrations on race day will be from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (\$5 late fee/no T-shirt guaranteed). Cash prizes will be awarded to the top male and female runners, and certificates will be given to the top three runners in each age category. A raffle will be part of the post-race festivities and will include gift certificates from California Tortilla, Ben and Jerry’s, Fitness Resource and car washes from The Lube Center. Food will be provided by Breads Unlimited, Honest Tea, Dole, Drink More, Chevy Chase Supermarket and Norman’s Farm Market.

“Last year we had 300 racers,” said co-chair Jaime Banks, “We already have 300 registered and more signing up daily. We have 15 teams — Team Superman and Team Supergirl-Jordan are our largest. Some of our sponsors are Accurate Printing, Bela

Bethesda Salon, Charles H. Cooper, DDS, GYMR Public Relations, Hot 99.5, MIX 107.3, National Speech/Language Therapy Center, WASH FM and Shoe Train.”

Potomac residents Dr. Roger Packer, director of The Brain Institute at Children’s National Medical Center, and Dr. Aziza Shad, chairman of Pediatric Oncology at Georgetown University, will be attending the race and the festivities. Parker is a founding member and chairman of the CBTF Scientific Advisory Committee and Shad is a CBTF board member.

Jeanne Young helped found the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation after her son’s diagnosis. Besides raising funds for research and public awareness, CBTF provides ombudsmen to assist families with everything from insurance coverage to educational issues. It also offers advice, counseling and information to families who need resources and emotional support. Addition-

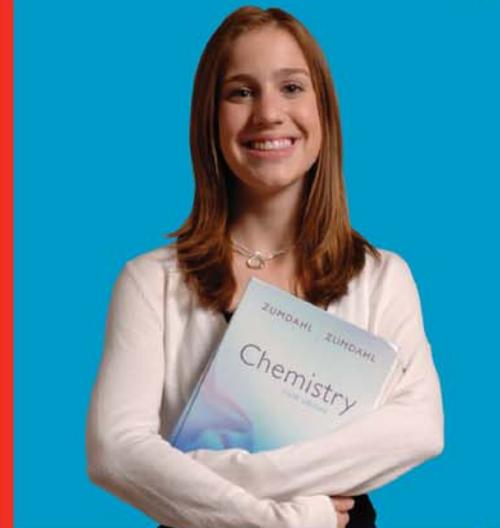
ally, the organization publishes newsletters and sponsors a website for information about developments in treatment. This all-volunteer organization also advocates and lobbies for government research funding. Since 1994, CBTF has awarded over \$1.5 million in pediatric brain tumor research grants.

Jaime Banks started a blog after her son was diagnosed. She wanted to locate and consult with other parents whose child had the same type of rare brain tumor that Matthew had. She has connected with 40 to 50 children who have the same diagnoses.

Both co-chairs have the same goal for the fund-raiser: “We hope everyone will realize what superheroes these kids are, and will make a special effort to come out to support the cause of pediatric brain tumor research.”



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Club Friday registration is now taking place! This popular program for youth in grades 3rd through 6th, will begin on Friday, Oct. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. The \$65 registration must be received by Sept. 10 to be eligible for membership. Club Friday is entering its 21st year providing fun activities including DJs, crafts, bingo, movies, lobby games, sports and a full snack bar every Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. through April 15. Registration forms are available at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd. (be sure to bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope to attach to your registration). Call 240-777-6960.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 29

Chelsey Green and the Green Project. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org

Specialty Tea: International Tea. 1 p.m. \$26 reservations. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Features international food and live music from around the world. Artists are from the Empowered Women International Organization. Call 301-581-5108.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 30

Rachel Franklin Quartet. 7:30 p.m. \$28 tickets (Stars \$25.0). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Classical and jazz pianist Rachel Franklin kicks off a creative conversation that explores the deep links between these genres. Sponsored by Asbury Methodist Village. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$28. At the Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra conducted by Marin Alsop, with violinist Stefan Jackiw. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. At the Back Room of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 1

Contra Dance. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$9. Beginner lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Called dance by Gwyn Williams to live music with the Toad Mamas from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: fndcontra@yahoo.com.

Kids At Play: 2010 Gala Auction & Fundraiser. 7 to 11 p.m. Join Adventure Theatre and celebrate the 59th season of award-winning children's theatre productions, education programs and community engagement. Hosted by Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr. Timothy P. Shriver will be presented with its annual Spirit of Adventure Award. Tickets are now available. For ticket and sponsorship information, contact AT Development Director Janet Butler Berry at 301-634-2262 or jberry@adventuretheatre.org. Visit www.adventuretheatre.org. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

SATURDAY/OCT. 2

Taste of Bethesda. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food and music festival featuring 50 restaurants and four stages of entertainment, as well as a children's area. At Norfolk, Fairmont, St. Elmo,



Beth Hollender (Allison Hawley) and Gert Franklyn (Jung Weil) are part of a vacation gone awry in Neil Simon's "California Suite," presented by Rockville Little Theatre at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Oct. 1-10.

OCT. 1-10

"California Suite." Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adults; \$14/seniors and students. Produced by Peter Caress and Elaine Hoover, directed by Laurie T. Freed and Patrick Miller, and featuring Leta Hall, Ken Kemp, Jeff McDermott, Mandy Keating, Alyssa Sanders, John Van Eck, Susan Geisel, Skylar Sanders, Allison Hawley, David Dieudonné and Jung Weil. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Call the box office at 240-314-8690 or online at www.ticketleap.com.

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C&O Canal Family Reunion. 3 to 4:30 p.m. For those who would like to share their canal heritage or learn more about the people who worked during canal operations. At Cushwa Basin, during the Harvest Hoedown at Williamsport's Byron Park, in Williamsport, Md. Call 301-582-0813.

Composer-Vocalist Lisa Bielawa. 4 p.m. Free. Suggested donation of \$20. World Premiere of "Double Duet" by the Washington Saxophone Quartet. At River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Visit www.wsaxq.com.

"Rescue Day" Open House. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Fire and rescue squad activities for all ages, including fire trucks, tours of the station, live demonstrations of medical and rescue equipment, free kids' fire hats, moonbounce, a helicopter, and more. Held in conjunction with the Taste of Bethesda, the food festival held just blocks away. At Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane (at Old Georgetown Road), Bethesda. Visit www.bccrs.org. info@bccrs.org. Call 301-652-0077.

Children's Historic Home Tour. 10:30 a.m. Free. At the Mansion at Strathmore. For ages 5 and up. This special guided tour tells the stories of the Mansion at Strathmore and gives an overview of its architectural features. Call 301-581-5109 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Ledisi. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29-\$69. At the Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Ledisi performs hits from her Grammy nominated albums "Turn Me Loose" and "Lost and Found." Call 301-581-51000 or visit www.strathmore.org.

OCT. 2-3

Potomac Country House Tour & Vendor Boutiques. Tour four spectacular homes: Bethesda architect, David Jameson's contemporary home is featured in Architectural Digest,

Sept. issue; Avenel mansion; renovated colonial with English garden; and River Falls townhome. Shop with fabulous vendors and enjoy a lunch and the Maryland Sweets Café, featuring Smith Island Cake, gourmet lunch and 20 new vendors. This 55th annual event benefits local and national charities. All profit (last year over \$50,000) was given to more than 30 charities. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. Home tour tickets are \$25/advance; \$30/door. Call 301-365-2055 or visit www.potomaccountryhousetour.org.

Greek It Up. Wine tasting, food and music. Saturday from noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday noon to 7 p.m. A Greek Ouzeri specializes in serving a wide range of "mezethes," little plates of food that accompany Ouzo, wine and other spirits. Souvlakia, Biftegia, Paidakia, Loukaniko, Greek Fries, Salads, Cheeses; Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight is live Greek music and dancing, featuring Zephyros; \$25 donation. At the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint George. At 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-469-7990.

SUNDAY/OCT. 3

Tiger Trot. Holy Child's 5K race and 1K fun run/walk at 9029 Bradley Blvd in Potomac. 5K starts at 8 a.m. and 1K starts at 8:10 a.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the National Foundation for Cancer Research. For more information and race registration, go to www.holychild.org and click on Tiger Trot.

Potomac Horse Center Open House and North Potomac Community Day. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. A fun-filled day for families with hayrides, free horse and pony rides for children, barn tours and horseback riding demonstrations, personalized horseshoes, moon bounce and more. At the Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac. Call 301-208-0200 or visit www.PotomacHorse.com.

DC Dance Challenge and Showcase. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. For dancers that want to have a good time touring, partying, performing, competing and,

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**Date: Saturday and Sunday
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Event sponsored by the women of St. Francis

ENTERTAINMENT

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most of all, dancing. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Call 703-798-1071 or 703-200-4520.

Contra and Square Dance. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$12/ nonmembers; \$9/members. Lesson at 7 p.m.; called dance by Old Sledge from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Contact: fsgw.org

Mushroom Walk. 9 - 10:30 a.m. Free. Take a walk along the C&O Canal to learn about mushrooms with mushroom enthusiast Buddy Kilpatrick. Buddy has been studying, picking, and eating wild edible mushrooms and fungi for more than 20 years. At the River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr., Cabin John.

Open Door Reading. 2 p.m. Free. Visiting poet Ron Slate reads from The Great Wave. He is joined by Sandra Beasley, who reads from I Was the Jukebox: Poems. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Visit www.writer.org or call 301-654-8664.

Gulf Coast Relief Run 5K & Fun Run. 8:30 a.m. Fun Run; 9 a.m. for 5K. Fees: 5K is \$30-\$35 on race day; Fun Run is \$15-\$20 on race day. At Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. Contact Jim Shovlin, the Winston Churchill Business Manager at James_Shovlin@mcpsmd.org or 301-469-1210.

Superheroes 5k Walk/Run/Kids' Run. Sponsored by the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation to benefit pediatric brain tumor research; 9 a.m. is the 5k race start; 9:15 a.m. is the kids' run; on-site registration opens at 7:30 a.m.; \$30 for age 15 and older; \$15 ages 14 and under. Meadowbrook Park/Candy Cane City, 7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Call

Jeanne Young at 301-515-2900 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/superherowalkrun>.

MONDAY/OCT. 4

Mollie O'Brien and Rich Moore. 7:30 p.m. CD Release party. Tickets are \$15/advance; \$20/door. At IMT at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Jazz Choir. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$175 tuition for eight classes (Stars \$157.50). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Howard University professor and Afro Blue jazz choir arranger/director Connaitre Miller brings a new offering in Strathmore's expanding jazz class series. The class will cover ear-training and solo singing. Series concludes with a concert of songs learned in class. Choral experience suggested. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 5

Psychiatrist Talk. 7 p.m. Free. Dr. Fred Hallowell, nationally recognized author, will address family health, stress management and ADD. At St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road, Potomac. Go to www.saes.org.

Afternoon Tea. 1 p.m. \$21 reservations. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Flutist Susan Bour and guitarist Phil Bour performing. Call 301-581-5194 or visit www.strathmore.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 6

Specialty Tea: Chari-Tea. 1 p.m. \$26 reservations. At the Mansion at Strathmore. The Strathmore Tea Room honors several tea ladies, volunteers and patrons who are breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer survivor and musician Meg Baker performing on the

harp and piano. Call 301-581-5108.
Matt Wigler, jazz and blues piano. 7:30 p.m. \$12 tickets (Stars \$10.80). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Wigler, a 16-year-old pianist and composer who fell in love with jazz and blues at age eight, has played festivals and venues throughout the U.S. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 7

Our Lady of Mercy School Open House. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tour classrooms, meet teachers and administrators, observe curriculum. Visit the library/media center, art studio, computer lab, gymnasium, TV studio and more. At 9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. Call 301-365-4477 or schooloffice@olom.org. www.olom.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m. DJ Mike Marcotte & Guests will play a variety of styles. At the Back Room of Glen Echo Park. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Paul Galbraith, classical guitar. 7:30 p.m. \$28 tickets (Stars \$25.50). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Galbraith explores the music of Bach, Haydn and other classical composers. Part of the Strathmore Guitar Festival. Sponsored by Asbury Methodist Village. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra: Superpops Gotta Dance. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$28. At the Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Conductor Jack Everly, along with dozens of dancers, explores the vast spectrum of movement and music. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THEATER



Actors from Lyngo Theatre perform in "Egg and Spoon," playing Oct. 12-30 at Imagination Stage in Bethesda.

OCT. 12-30

"Egg and Spoon." 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. By Patrick Lynch and Marcello Chiarenza of Lyngo Theatre. For ages 1-5. Cost is \$10/person; \$5/lap babies under 12 months. In "Egg and Spoon," children will take a journey with Percy and Mary, Mary Quite Contrary as they meet Birdie in his egg and help his new friends tend their garden. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or call 301-280-1660.

TOTALLY TINY TOTS

The Puppet Co. Playhouse will be holding its very first Tiny Tots Festival, "Totally Tiny Tots," with productions for the very young. Totally Tiny Tots runs from now through Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5/adults and children. Reservations strongly recommended: 301-634-5380.

Show Date & Title:

- ❖ Sept. 29 - Old McDonald's Farm;
- ❖ Oct. 2 - Old McDonald's Farm;
- ❖ Oct. 3 - Magic Toyshop;
- ❖ Oct. 6 & 9 - Animal Crackers;
- ❖ Oct. 10 - Bunny Business.

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The Potomac Chamber of Commerce needs your help in its search for nominees for the following categories:

**Citizen of the Year
Businessperson of the Year
Youth of the Year**

I bet YOU know who one of these deserving individuals could be!
THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2010

These awards are given annually by the Potomac Chamber of commerce and the winners will be featured in the Potomac Day Parade on October 23rd. They will also be presented with plaques at the Awards Banquet in November.

This year's Awards Committee consists of Fred Goldman, Attorney at Law; Andrea Alderdice, W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors and Jennifer Matheson, Resturant Zone, Inc.

Rules for nominations are as follows: The Businessperson and his or her company must work or do business in Potomac and be a member of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce; The Citizen of the Year can be a private individual or organization in the 20854 zip code area that has benefited the community; and the Youth of the Year must reside or go to school in the 20854 zip code area.

Please mail or fax your entries to the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2010. The committee and the Chamber's Board of Directors will vote on the nominees on or about October 6.

Please visit www.Potomacchamber.org for further guidelines or call the Chamber directly.

Thank you!

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH OCT. 2

Passing Visions. Paintings by Pat Silbert and New Work by Gallery Artists. The paintings contain images from nature that echo ancient traditional religious art forms from Italy, Ladakh, and Tibet. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441. Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 6 p.m. Contact Pat Silbert pasilbert@verizon.net 301-652-6794.



OCT. 1-31

Paintings by Robinwyn Lewis. As Resident Artist in the Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park, Ms. Lewis will bring her Chautauqua sensibilities and display her art and greet visitors five days a week — Wednesday and Thursday from 10 to 3 p.m., Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 7 p.m. A public reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m., and an artist's talk will take place Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 2 p.m. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Boulevard. Visit www.robinwyn.com.

OCT. 2-3

Artist Reagan Lake. Presents her most recent paintings, "Man and Machine," at the Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The hours are Saturday noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist is Saturday, Oct. 2 from 6-8 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

OCT. 2-24

Contemporary Designs in Glass. Glassworks Presents: "Contemporary Designs in Glass." Featuring blown

OCT. 9-10

"Out of the Ordinary" by Artist Cyndy Manke. Will introduce her first collection of mixed media works. The show is Oct. 9-10 from noon to 5 p.m. Artist's reception is Saturday from 5-7 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo.

glass artwork by Paul Swartwood, Mark Hill, and Kevin Lurie. Opening Reception is Saturday, Oct. 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. In the Popcorn Gallery. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2222 or visit glenechoglassworks.com.

OCT. 3-31

Four Vibrant Visions. Free admission. Artists David Cochran, Gavin Glakas, Donna Golden, and Matthew Johnston. Meet the artist's reception is Sunday, Oct. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Museum hours are Sundays 10-4:30 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner

Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

OCT. 5-NOV. 6

Western Landscape: Abstraction Squared. Paintings by Mina Oka Hanig and New Work by Gallery Artists. Hanig's paintings consist of small squares, creating a mosaic-like effect, establishing unexpected visual rhythms. Reception is Friday, Oct. 8 from 6-9 p.m. At the Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 6 p.m. Call 301-951-9441 or visit waverlystreetgallery.com.

OCT. 16-17

Paintings by Marie Riccio. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Marie Riccio. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 17

Coffee & Critique. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A monthly Sunday morning photo jam session at Photoworks studio. Bring photos to a morning critique led by a Photoworks faculty member. Enjoy the comradery of your peers, along with coffee and bagels and a lively discussion of your images. In the Photoworks Studio. Call 301-634-2274 or visit glenechophotoworks.org.

OCT. 23 - 24

Paintings by Arnie Casavant. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Arnie Casavant. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

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55th Annual Potomac Country House Tour

Originally conceived as a fundraising effort to help the parish, the first Potomac Country House took place in 1956. For more than 20 years, proceeds have supported the church's outreach programs. (See sidebar.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 2 AND SUNDAY, OCT. 3

- ❖ Tour the four houses from noon to 5 p.m. Maps are inside the brochures, which are the tickets to the homes.
- ❖ Visit and shop at 20 boutiques at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ❖ Eat a four-course lunch at the church from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., both days.
- ❖ Enjoy the dessert bar in the church's Maryland Sweets Cafe until 5 p.m. both days, featuring Maryland's State Cake, the Homemade Smith Island Cake.

OCT. 1 - OCT. 10

Bid in this year's online auction, to be held Oct. 1 through Oct. 10. Auction items may be viewed on-line. See the Auction

tab at www.potomaccountryhousetour.org
Auction items include: a signed book by Annie Liebowitz, a week in the Outer Banks, interior design services, landscape design services, an elegant dinner for 12, tickets to the Wizards, Capitals and U.S. Open at Congressional Country Club, brunch at Normandie Farm, time at a beach condo in Costa Rica, Strathmore music tickets, family portrait sessions and more.

Tickets

Tickets are available to purchase at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, 20854. Call 301-365-2055. Tickets, \$25 in advance or \$30 on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3, are also available for purchase at the following Potomac locations.

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Ferrell's Specialty Gift Shop, Potomac Promenade Shopping Center, 9812 Falls Road, 301-299-3183
Flora's Feathered Nest, 12211 River Road, 301-765-0003
Full of Beans, 10144 River Road, 301-983-6569
Good Earth Garden Market, 11650 Falls Road, 301-765-0224
See www.potomaccountryhousetour.org

Why This House Tour Matters

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Here are some of the organizations that will receive support from the house tour this year:

- ❖ **CASA**, www.casaforchildren.org
(Court Approved Special Advocates for Children)
"CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children. Judges appoint CASA volunteers to represent the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Each year, more than 780,000 children experience foster care in this country. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home."
- ❖ **The Children's Inn at NIH**, www.childrensinn.org
"The Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health is a residential 'place like home' for sick children and their families. Children come from across the country and around the world to stay together with their families in The Inn's healing environment while receiving groundbreaking medical treatments at the NIH."
- ❖ **Families Foremost Center**, www.mhamc.org/html/pages/services/
"The Center's mission is to promote healthy family functioning and child development, encouraging participants to complete their educational goals, acquire job skills, maintain good health and mental health practices and develop positive parenting skills. ... The Center's services include parent education and support, infant/toddler care, parent-child activity groups, health care education, adult education and employment readiness and home visiting."
- ❖ **Fisher House, Walter Reed Army Medical Center**, www.fisherhouse.org
"The Fisher House program supports America's military in time of need. Because members of the military and their families must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates 'comfort homes,' built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times."
- ❖ **Friends in Action**, www.iworksmc.org/p-family-services.html
"Founded by Interfaith Works (formerly Community Ministry of Montgomery County) in 1986, Friends In Action recruits and trains a network of people from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. Volunteer mentoring teams are linked for one year in a supportive relationship to a needy family in their community. The goal of the program is to help the family identify their strengths and develop attainable and manageable goals that guide them toward financial independence and personal well being."
- ❖ **The Ivymount School**, www.ivymount.org
"Ivymount's integrated approach to learning includes educational programs and therapeutic services for over 200 students annually, ages 4-21, from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area with serious developmental delays, learning disabilities, communication disorders, autism, and/or multiple disabilities."
- ❖ **Manna Food Center**, www.mannafood.org
"Manna Food Center strives to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Manna Food Center is the main food bank in Montgomery County. Manna has distributed more than 33 million pounds of food to more than 2.1 million individuals in our

community. ...

"Manna feeds about 3,300 families each month at 14 locations throughout the county. Manna also provides food through an agency distribution program at no charge to 37 Montgomery County soup kitchens, food pantries, group homes and emergency shelters."

- ❖ **Mercy Health Clinic**, www.mercyhealthclinic.org
"Mercy Health Clinic is a free, community-based volunteer organization providing quality healthcare to uninsured, low-income residents of Montgomery County."

"The clinic, located in Gaithersburg, depends on the expertise of volunteers, healthcare professionals and support from community partners to provide quality care to those in need. The Clinic is staffed with medical professionals including family practice physicians, cardiologists, endocrinologists, nurse practitioners, nurse assistants, translators and behavioral health counselors."

- ❖ **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless**, www.mcch.net

"The Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, a community-based nonprofit organization, is a leading provider of permanent and transitional housing, emergency shelter and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness. The Coalition is also an umbrella membership organization serving the provider network in Montgomery County through advocacy efforts, program coordination and educational activities. The Coalition spearheads a collaborative effort to implement a 10-year plan to end homelessness."

- ❖ **Montgomery Hospice Foundation, Casey House**, www.montgomeryhospice.org

"Montgomery Hospice's team of doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, spiritual counselors, social workers, certified nursing assistants, bereavement counselors and volunteers work with patients and families to provide quality end-of-life care at home, in extended care facilities and at Casey House, the Hospice's acute care facility."

- ❖ **National Center for Children and Families**, www.nccf-cares.org

NCCF's residential programs, including the Green Tree Shelter and the Betty Ann Krahnke Center, serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence, and vulnerable adolescents.

- ❖ **Seabury Resources for Aging**, www.seaburyresources.org
(formerly Episcopal Senior Ministries)

"Seabury Resources for Aging's mission is to provide personalized, affordable services and housing options to help older adults in the Metropolitan area live with independence and dignity."

- ❖ **Shepherd's Table**, www.shepherdstable.org

For 27 years, Shepherd's Table has served a dinner meal seven nights a week in Silver Spring. Since 1983, they have served over 1,076,000 meals to hungry people.

- ❖ **SOME** (So Others Might Eat), www.some.org
SOME has been serving the homeless and poor in the Metropolitan area for 40 years, providing daily meals and programs that break the cycle of homelessness.

- ❖ **WUMCO HELP**
(Western Upper Montgomery County Help)
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Vikings Overcome 2-0 Deficit Against Bulldogs

Rosenthal, Benz each record 14 kills for Whitman volleyball team.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

After a convincing win in game three, the Whitman volleyball team, attempting to dig itself out of a 2-0 hole against Churchill, sent an attack toward the baseline to start the fourth set. Realizing the ball was about to sail out, a Churchill back-row player attempted to move out of the way, only to be struck on the head.

The play resulted in a point for Whitman. It was also a sign of things to come for Churchill.

Whitman turned an energetic effort in game three into a 3-2 (21-25, 20-25, 25-12, 25-22, 15-12) come-from-behind victory over Churchill on Sept. 23 at WCHS. After dropping the first two games, Whitman jumped out to a 17-2 lead in game three and maintained momentum throughout.

With every successful attack and each Churchill mistake, Whitman gained confidence. Alex Rosenthal smashed kills to the gym floor and led the Vikings in post-point celebration. Catherine Benz dominated in stretches — both hitting and serving. Head coach Meryl Wagman smiled from the bench as the Vikings battled back.

"I am extremely proud of how my team refused to give up," Wagman wrote in an e-mail. "It's mentally and physically tough to come back to win after being down by two games. They showed perseverance, heart, and most of all, endurance throughout the game. We have been working on conditioning since the beginning of the season and this is where it pays off. Now we need to focus on starting off strong from the beginning."

On Sept. 10, Whitman started strong against Northwood, winning the first two games. However, the Vikings started to fall apart and needed five games to beat the pesky Gladiators. Two weeks later, it was Whitman on the wrong end of an early deficit, but the Vikings enjoyed the emotional comeback.

"Our coach told us we were a better team than how we were playing," Rosenthal said. "We were making our own errors. We just stepped it up. We knew we could play. ... When we got up [17-2 in game three], we were creaming them. It was awesome."

Rosenthal and Benz each finished with 14 kills. In game three, Benz recorded three consecutive kills to put the Vikings ahead 17-2. In game four, she recorded three straight aces to give Whitman an early lead.

Paulina Levy finished with eight kills and three blocks for Whitman and Vera Ivezic had eight kills and two blocks. Ivezic said the key to coming from behind is balancing emotions.

"Remain calm, have the confidence and find your Zen zone" are keys to overcoming a deficit, Ivezic said. "At the same time, have the aggression and know you can win."

Churchill continued to battle after losing its early advantage, building leads of 6-2 and 13-10 in game five, but the Bulldogs committed five consecutive errors to end the contest.

"I think Whitman was pretty fired up," Churchill head coach Amanda Mafinejad said. "I think we probably relaxed a little bit or got a little overly confident."

Kristie Moy finished with eight kills for Churchill and Morgan Messner added six. Clara Sze totaled seven aces.

The victory improved Whitman to 3-2. The Vikings will travel to face Northwest at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 30.

The loss dropped Churchill to 2-3. The Bulldogs will host Gaithersburg at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 30.



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Whitman's Paulina Levy, left, hits against the block of Churchill's Wendy Zhao during a Sept. 23 match at WCHS. Whitman came from behind to win, 3-2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Whitman Football Blows Out B-CC

The Whitman football team celebrated homecoming with a 44-7 victory over Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Sept. 24. The Vikings led 23-0 at halftime and cruised to victory.

Whitman totaled more than 300 yards of offense. Eight different Vikings recorded at least one carry and seven caught at least one pass. Val Djidotor led the way on the ground, carrying 19 times for 57 yards and two touchdowns. Rico Djidotor caught two passes for 41 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Henry Kuhn completed 11 of 19 passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively, Whitman is allowing 8.3 points per contest, with only Quince Orchard (12) reaching double digits against the Vikings.

The victory improved Whitman's



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Whitman receiver Michael Flack is wrapped up by Bethesda-Chevy Chase defenders. Flack caught two passes for 21 yards and snagged an interception.

record to 3-1. The Vikings will travel to face Blair at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 1. Whitman's next home game is Oct. 15 against Gaithersburg.

Churchill Improves to 2-2

The Churchill football team defeated Richard Montgomery 24-0 on Sept. 24 for its second consecutive shutout victory. The Churchill defense, led by coordinator and former NFL defensive back Willie Williams, has not allowed a point since losing 34-0 to Seneca Valley on Sept. 10.

Against Richard Montgomery, Ryan Tubbs finished with a team-high nine tackles for Churchill. Bret Sickels and Sam Edens each recorded seven tackles. Sickels, Larry Cheung and Nadim Elhage each finished with a sack and Bo Miller snagged an interception.

Offensively, three different Bulldogs scored a rushing touchdown and the team totaled 218 yards on the ground. Marcus Brown led the way with 132 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries. Curtis Kamara

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5Qs Churchill junior defender Jackie Lambergman

Q: What are some misconceptions people have about soccer?

A: I think a lot of times people think it's only offense. But there's a quote: "Offense wins games, defense wins championships." Every player counts.

Q: Have you always been a defender?

A: I was a forward and midfielder combination and I made the switch in middle school.

Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you've traveled?

A: Hawaii.

Q: Who is your favorite



music artist?

A: Eminem. This year he is an inspiration.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to hang out with my friends. I also play basketball.

— JON ROETMAN

SCHOOLS

Summer Lovin'

BY DANIELLE COLLINS
THE ALMANAC

Ahh, the lazy days of summer, a time when students kick back, read a good book, and work on their tans. The true beauty of summer vacation is that it is a time of infinite possibilities. Some head to the beach, some hold internships, and others retreat to their sofa for some good old-fashioned television. No matter how you spend it, summer is a time of adventure, a time of new experiences, and a time to unwind from the hectic school year. Unfortunately, those days seem far behind us as we acclimate to the daily grind of early mornings, late night homework, and the start of fall weather. But looking back on vacations, camps, and sports, one thing is certain: the students at Churchill have had quite busy summers.

AT CHURCHILL

Many students take advantage of activities around the Washington D.C. area, from art museums to Capital Hill politics. For senior Josh Rosefelt, summer has included a visit "to the Smithsonian National Art Gallery where I saw George Lucas' and Steven Spielberg's collection of Norman

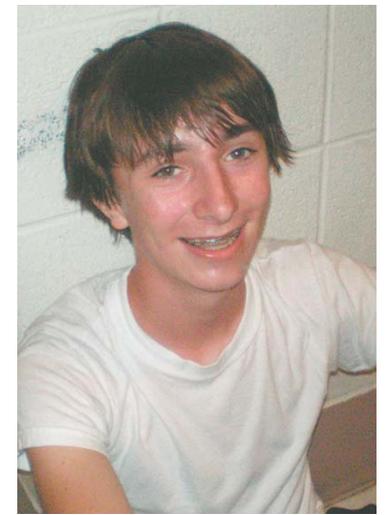
Rockwell paintings. I also hiked the Billy Goat trail a few times. During the summer, I try to enjoy all the opportunities that living in this location gives us, and I love to take advantage of them as much as possible."

Senior Molly Shutt started off her summer with a very interesting internship experience, working "as a Democratic United States Senate Page sponsored by Harry Reid." She recalled, "On a day-to-day basis, I sat on the Senate Floor and copied amendments and delivered documents to people around the Senate. In the Senate, there is a 'no-technology' rule that makes it necessary for the Pages to transport information and documents by hand. It was very cool because a lot of people working on Capital Hill were Pages, and it was great to better understand the legislative and political process."

Senior Emily Shapiro spent the summer focusing on scientific research. "I started the summer at a two-week camp at Mount Saint Mary's University as a continuation of the molecular biology class I took this past year. I went with my classmates and took classes with college professors during the program.



Molly and Caroline Shutt



Andrew Crutchfield

We did multiple labs focusing on inflammation stimuli affecting eukaryotic cells. I then went to Johns Hopkins University every day for an internship to work with college professors in a biology context, making a cDNA library for duckweed. It will be published on an international science website. Even though the commute to Baltimore every day was long, it was an amazing learning experience that really taught me a lot and prepared me for a possible future in science."

While both Josh and Molly explored summer possibilities in Washington D.C. and Emily worked in science summer programs, other students headed to different areas for vacations and sleepaway camps. Genny Austin, a junior, went to Yosemite National Park with her family this summer. "We hiked almost 50 miles. We also tried something called 'Half Dome' where we climbed

around waterfalls and had to pull ourselves up the mountain on a harness at the final ascent. It was both really scary and really exhilarating at the same time." Freshman Caroline Shutt had a great time for a month at a sleepaway camp in Vermont. "It was so much fun seeing my friends and counselors for yet another summer. The camp has a lot of spirit and I always have a great time with my cabin and activities. I tried many new sports like gymnastics and waterskiing. After camp, I went to Bethany Beach for a week with my family and friends. It was nice to relax before the school year started again."

Freshman Andrew Crutchfield "went on vacation to a beach in Rhode Island. I went swimming a lot and went surfing. Summer was nice because I had a lot of time to re

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I can't write individually to all you Kenny-column-responders, to express my gratitude for your cards, letters, e-mails, thoughts, prayers, inclusion on Mass cards, offers of assistance and general well-wishes, let me take this opportunity – and space, to do so – right now!

Of all the hundreds of columns I have written over the past nearly 13 years of doing so, none of them has resonated with and motivated my readers as much as my "cancer columns" (as I call them). The reaction to them has been overwhelming, and empowering – for me. What I feel from that response is difficult to articulate, exactly. It's a kind of strength, a courage I've gained to fight this battle, and a belief that this strength comes, in some way, from the many readers who have shared their own cancer experiences with me or who have shared the experiences of others with whom they are close – many of whom unfortunately have fought similar battles to the ones I've written about.

Not that I started writing these "cancer columns" because I thought they would serve some greater good. Hardly. I started writing them because doing so came naturally to me, and because I was consumed by the subject matter; joking about cancer or attempting to lighten up the incredibly heavy load I was unexpectedly carrying, seemed to help put one emotional foot in front of the other. As I was told numerous times: "Kenny, it's all about you now." And so, these columns were/are just another response to this oft-repeated advisory.

So these columns have been and are about me – and cancer. But, from what I'm reading and hearing from you readers, they are so much more. They are about connecting with people, offering hope and sharing. And in that sharing, it's like we're all going on a journey together. And it's that togetherness – and journey, that is mattering more and more every day, as I continue to receive your correspondence.

I have to admit though, this whole cancer-patient experience has been unbelievable. People have been so amazing to me. The vibe I feel from friends, acquaintances, family, co-workers, readers and health care professionals, has consistently been above and beyond the call of anyone's duty. Far exceeding any kind of dream – wild or otherwise, I might have had when this cancer diagnosis/prognosis first reared its extremely ugly head back in February 2009.

When I started chemotherapy in early March 2009, I was given a rather grim prognosis: 13 months to two years. Moreover, I was not given much reason to hope. At the initial "Team Lourie" meeting with my oncologist, it was quite clear what I was told, stunning in fact: "Maybe you should take that vacation you've always dreamed of." Still, I didn't know what to expect exactly. Nineteen months later, to the extent I have beaten the odds, (as frequently discussed with my oncologist) and outlived my diagnosis, it is in large measure a result of the connection I feel to you readers. When people you don't know or have never met, offer the kind of warmth and encouragement you all have, its effect is almost beyond words, even though I've tried (I'm a writer, after all; I can't help myself).

In the epic mini-series, "Lonesome Dove," at the end of part three, as Augustus McCray (Robert Duvall) said, while he lay dying in a doctor's office in Culver City, to his long time partner, Woodrow Call (Tommy Lee Jones): "It's been a hell of a ride, Woodrow."

It sure has. Thank you all for your kindness and concern.

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Getting Ready for St. Raphael Golf Classic

BY COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

This year the 2nd annual Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic will take place on Oct. 25 at Manor Country Club in Rockville. The classic will be hosted by renowned PGA Tour Caddie Mike "Fluff" Cowan. The event will feature not only a golf tournament but also a golf clinic with Cowan. Cowan has been with the PGA tour for 35 years and has caddied for golfers such as Peter Jacobsen, Tiger Woods, Michelle Wie and this year's tour champion, Jim Furyk.

As for hosting a tournament Cowan said, "It makes me happy and I love to participate. The volunteers organize an amazing event to benefit the school. The tournament helps to raise money and that is a great thing in my mind."

All of the proceeds of the tournament will be directed to the St. Raphael Building Fund in Fr. Bill Finch's honor, who had died last year on Holy Thursday from a heart attack. He founded St. Raphael School in 2006.

Each year the school adds a grade and this year it has expanded to fifth grade. This new building will house the new Parish library and St. Raphael School, while providing more meeting space for local organizations and charities.

Chairman of the tournament Michael Rose encourages golfers to register to play in the classic. "They will be playing on a beautiful fall day on a championship course at Manor Country Club.



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Students of St. Raphael School and Cub Scout Pack #53 sell baked goods to raise money to sponsor a hole at the 2nd annual Father Bill Finch Memorial Golf Classic. Back row, from left, are Nicholas DeLeon, Rowena DeLeon, Jennifer Cowan, Chris Beall, Leland Hannapel and Emily Hannapel; front row are Anthony DeLeon, Bobbie Cowan, Sean Healy, and Charlie Durst.

The golf clinic with Fluff Cowan, one of the most popular, well known and fun caddies on the PGA tour. Players can ask questions on how to improve their swing and practice their game with Fluff."

For golfers and non-golfers there will be an evening dinner with live music by the St. Raphael youth band, an awards ceremony and raffles. Rose added, "The evening reception will not only be a fundraiser but a celebration for everyone to remember Father Bill. The education building for our community is a shining story in the Catholic Church. During a time when many Catholic schools are closing in the country, our parish is building and growing."

The students and the Cub Scout

troops also raised money for their new school building; they held a bake sale and raised enough money to sponsor a hole at the tournament.

When asked what he is most looking forward to about the new school, second grader Anthony DeLeon is "excited to see the new classrooms; especially the science lab."

At the time of last year's tournament the building had not yet begun. Currently the basement foundation is set and the first floor work has begun. Tom Sullivan of the building committee reports that "the design by DeLizzio Architects utilizes environmentally friendly and healthy technologies. It is very exciting for the current

Q&A with Mike "Fluff" Cowan

You have been on the PGA Tour for 35 years. What is it like to travel to the different courses?

Well, it sounds glamorous. Travel is part of what you need to do to do what I do. It is harder with having a family. I have a wife and little girl now. I still enjoy the golf so much and I love what I do.

Which is your favorite course?

It is hard to pick just one. I would say of the ones we regularly play on tour my top 3 would be Colonial Country Club in Forth Worth, Riviera in LA and Harbour Town in Hilton Head.

What is the most memorable thing that happened on tour for you?

There are too many memorable moments.

Why host the St. Raphael Golf Classic?

For the kids.

What is the course at Manor Country Club like?

The course at Manor is very fun to play and certainly challenging. I have played there many times; it is a really fine golf course.



Fluff Cowan caddied his first PGA tournament in 1976 and since has become one of the world's most well-known caddies; 2010 marks Fluff's 35th year caddying on tour.

What are your hopes for the day?

Good weather. Good turnout. That everyone enjoys themselves has a good time and spends their money freely.

What tips can you give to golfers to improve their game?

Swing easy and accept the extra distance.

Students Recall Summer, Look Ahead

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lax, so I played video games, watched television, and finished all my summer homework."

Even as Churchill students ventured around the country for their summer plans, Churchill spirit stayed alive and well during the summer months as athletic teams began preparing for the fall season. Aaron Bartko, a senior, says "I spent a lot of the summer getting ready for Churchill soccer season this year. We had lots of practices and conditioning, and it was

"I attended the soccer activities to support the team even though I couldn't fully participate."

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from soccer, I also served as a camp counselor for the Montgomery County Recreation Department."

Senior Julia Bell showed us that even through obstacles, team spirit always prevails. Julia said, "I play on the Churchill soccer team and,

unfortunately, I broke my back playing sports this summer. But I still went to all the Churchill soccer events and helped the soccer coach at a two-week prep camp. I attended the soccer activities to support the team even though I couldn't fully participate."

As for the commencement of school, most students have mixed reactions, both hopeful for the new year and wistful for the summer days they've left behind.

Genny Austin is feeling "bittersweet about starting my junior year because I love summer, but I'm excited about all the classes I'm

students to witness the construction of a new school. It has been a great learning experience and the builders, Whiting-Turner, have done a terrific job to have a safe environment while still providing an easily visible construction site that allows the children to learn about the construction process. They are excited to see their school being built from the ground up."

The principal of St. Raphael School, Teri Dwyer feels "last

year's golf tournament came together perfectly. The venue, the players, the weather, the food were all top shelf. This year, the word is out. Our committee is making sure that it is going to be a day to remember. Fluff is coming off a big win and our new building is very real-steel, concrete, and bricks."

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rushed 11 times for 48 yards and a touchdown and quarterback Lansana Keita rushed eight times for 31 yards and a score. Keita completed 3 of 7 passes for 35 yards in his second start of the season.

Injuries and instability at the quarterback position contributed to a 0-2 start for the Bulldogs, who were outscored 76-0 by Gaithersburg and Seneca Valley. Since then, Keita has returned to the team after spending time away for family reasons and the Bulldogs defeated Walter Johnson (7-0) and Richard Montgomery.

Churchill will travel to face Northwest at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 1.

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