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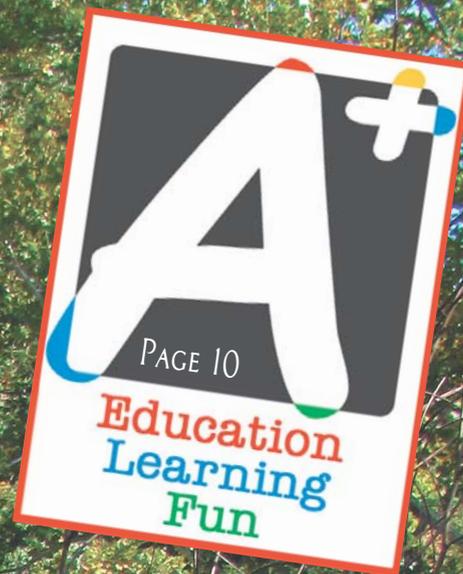
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Beyond Its Bookshelves

Catching up with trends, Potomac library offers more than books.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE ALMANAC



Potomac Library

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"All it takes is an internet connection and a library card," said Lindsay Hundt, chief librarian for the Potomac Library. "Anyone can access the 34,000 public domain eBooks on their own, and thousands more are currently available through the digital library system."

Residents can access the collection of eBooks through the Montgomery County Digital Library Consortium located under the E-Library section off the Potomac homepage.

Most eReaders require downloading the Overdrive

software package to operate. Directions are readily available on the library website through tutorial videos, and librarians are on call to answer questions 24 hours a day via the online "ask a librarian" live chat.

"Many people will be reading on a screen rather than pages in the future, and we're going to do our best with the resources we have to meet that demand," said librarian Mimi Bolotin.

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Angler's Breach

125-foot gap in towpath near Old Angler's Inn to be repaired by end of next year.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Angler's Breach is a 125-foot gap in the C&O Canal towpath created when torrential rains from 2008 Tropical Storm Hannah ripped through the historic towpath.

Last week, the National Park Service awarded a \$3.36 million contract to a Massachusetts company to repair the breach near Old Angler's Inn.

The project will restore the towpath and improve safety to visitors and minimize the potential for additional breaches to occur, according to National Park Service Superintendent Kevin Brandt.

The park service's non-profit partner, The C&O Canal Trust, donated \$100,000 to the project.

"If it hadn't been for our donors rallying their support immediately after the breach, this project would not have been competitive and eligible for public funding," said Matthew Logan, president of the C&O Canal Trust.

The non-profit was founded in 2007 to partner with the park service to "protect, restore and promote the C&O Canal." (See www.canaltrust.org)

Repairs are scheduled to begin in late fall and be completed in the late fall of 2012.

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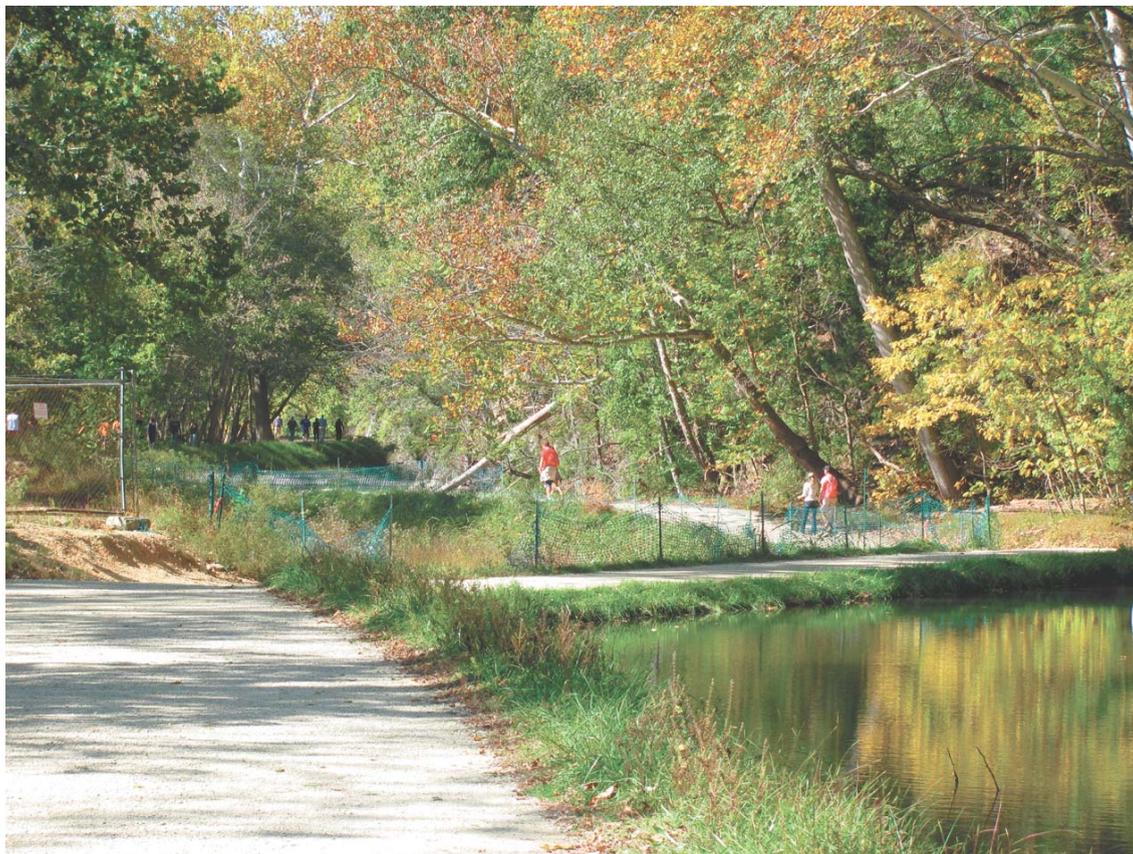
temporary bypass was installed to allow visitors to detour around the damaged path. But the bypass blocks the flow of water for seven and one-half miles downstream and has been susceptible to high water levels and floods. The planned repair will be designed to resist the pressures and erosion of future storms and floods, according to the park service.

Upon completion the canal will hold water once again. "This area is a gateway to the popular Widewater area of the canal as well as a necessary link to return water to the seven mile stretch of the canal downstream," said Brandt.

The Maryland Highway Transportation Enhancement Program supplied \$1.1 million.

The National Park Service will supply construction funding.

Logan credited U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D), U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D), and Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner (D-1). "Each of these officials care for the park and worked hard to see that the repairs were funded," he said.



A 2008 tropical storm ripped a 125-foot gap in the C&O Canal towpath. The towpath had to be rerouted, and miles of the canal has been without water since. A new project will repair the breach.

PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE ALMANAC

A \$3.6 million project will restore the towpath and protect against future floods.



Coalition Works on Strategies To Block Brickyard Soccer

County reviewing comments, likely to release request for proposal for soccer fields in 4-to-6 weeks.

At the West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting on Oct. 12, members of the Brickyard Road Coalition outlined their strategy to stop a county plan for a private company to build and operate soccer fields on 20 acres on Brickyard Road.

Dennis Kelleher called the plan a "scheme to give public land to a private corporation."

"There is only one purpose for the secrecy — to be sure the community had no knowledge or input into the decision," Kelleher said.

The 20-acre site, technically a future school site, has been leased to an organic farmer, Nick Maravell, for more than 30

years. Neighbors, homeowners associations and Maravell all first learned of the plans to develop private soccer fields on the site in March, 2011 when Montgomery County Public Schools notified the farmer that his lease would not be renewed. At that time, County Executive Ike Leggett's staff said that the decision was already made to develop soccer fields on the site.

Records show that Leggett met with representatives of Montgomery Soccer Inc. and that Leggett's staff met with the Board of Education about the site beginning in 2008.

Representatives from the County Executive's staff said that no additional public input was required because the

Potomac Master Plan states that if this site is not needed for schools, it could be used for a local park, including ballfields.

Several members of West Montgomery County Citizens Association who served on the committee that drafted the Potomac Master Plan vigorously disputed that interpretation at its meeting last week.

"We never envisioned that this site would be used for anything but a school without being surplussed," said Ginny Barnes of WMCCA. The process of "surplussing" a future school site would require public notice and extensive public comment to identify the best use for the property, Barnes said. "West Montgomery is involved in this because we feel that the Master Plan is being severely violated, and this would be a precedent."

The Brickyard Coalition, which includes support from the Civic Association of River Falls, the Brickyard Road Citizens Association and West Montgomery, has retained

More

Montgomery County: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/DGS/DBDC/soccer.asp>
Brickyard Road Coalition: Brickyardcoalition.org
Nick's Organic Farm: www.savenicksorganicfarm.org

attorneys, said Curt Uhre, and more than 400 people filed notice with the county of their plan to sue to stop the project within the 180-day window required.

Meanwhile, Montgomery County is likely to issue a "request for proposal" in four-to-six weeks, said Jim Stiles, assistant director of the Division of Building Design and Construction for the county. Right now county officials are reviewing public comments as they develop the request for proposal.

— MARY KIMM

Demolishing Hoover

Construction at Herbert Hoover to continue until 2013-1014 school year.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Construction to Herbert Hoover Middle School began in June, and the new school is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 1, 2013, according to Montgomery County Public Schools.

"We will return to our official location and to a brand new building for the start of the 2013-1014 school year," said Principal Billie-Jean Bensen, in a letter to parents and students this past summer.

The modernized school, designed by Moseley Architects, will accommodate 1,020 students, with core spaces designed for future expansion to 1200 students, according to Moseley's website.

In the meantime, Hoover students and staff are attending school at Tilden Middle School location at 6300 Tilden Lane in North Bethesda.

The project began with a feasibility study conducted in the fall of 2008, and a consensus workshop was held on Sept. 17, 2008 to listen to parents, staff and community members and their ideas for the project.

The preliminary construction cost estimate is approximately \$39 million, according to Montgomery County Public Schools documents.

Oak Contracting LLC will complete the modernization on a guaranteed price contract, according to Montgomery County Public Schools documents.

SEVEN LOCKS Elementary is scheduled to be finished in January 2012. Students are currently at 7000 Radnor Road in Bethesda.

Enrollment at Potomac Elementary School is projected to exceed capacity throughout the six-year CIP period. Beginning in August 2010, the School Board approved boundary changes that reassigned some students to Seven Locks Elementary, according to the school system. Capacity will be added as part of the Seven Locks Elementary School modernization project to accommodate the Potomac Elementary School students.

Beverly Farms Elementary modernization is planned to be completed in January 2013. During construction, the school will be housed at North Lake Center, 15101 Bauer Drive in Rockville.

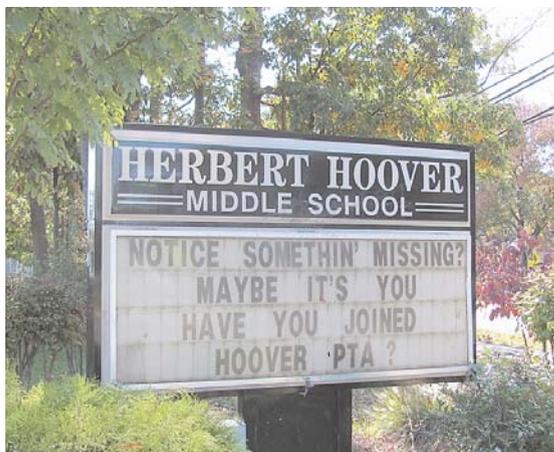
Wayside Elementary modernization project is scheduled to have a completion date of August 2016.

In order for all projects to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in the school system's capital improvement plan, according to the school system.



Workers are demolishing the "old" Herbert Hoover Middle School building, along with clearing some large trees and pavement. Students are attending school at the Tilden Middle School location.

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"Notice something missing?" Possibly the school itself, and many of the larger trees on the site.



The sign says: "Forest Retention Area: Machinery, dumping, material storage and site disturbance prohibited! ... Trees for your Future."

A Place To Hang Out with Friends on Friday

Music, crafts, basketball and games attract youths to Club Friday.

BY COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

TGIF! That what many youths in Potomac were thinking last Friday night. It was the opening of Club Friday at the Potomac Community Center, celebrating its 20th year of offering fun activities for children in grades 3 through 6.

Parents can drop off their children from 7-9 p.m. for a night of fun with their friends. Activities include basketball, billiards, Bingo, a DJ dancing, games, ping-pong, floor hockey, indoor soccer, crafts and a movie room.

Cooper Adams enjoys going "because all my friends come to Club Friday and we play basketball/dodge ball and go to the DJ room."

His mother, Jeanne Adams said, "We love

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From left: Emma Chen, Jenna Kupferchmid, Anna Kronthal and Elizabeth Kronthal meet at the Potomac Community Center for the first Club Friday of the year.



Cyrus Khaldati enjoys "chilling and having no homework;" Gabe Antrif's favorite things to do are "pool and the dance room," and Jovan Kouakou was going to Club Friday for the first time and having fun playing pool.

LETTERS

Apology Owed to Swim Club

To the Editor:

We wish to respond on behalf of the Potomac Swim and Recreation Association to an article written by the president of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA) that appeared in your Oct. 5 issue ("Mushrooms Thrive in Darkness . . . Democracy Does Not"). In that article, WMCCA acknowledges that it is participating in a "legal action" seeking to reopen a nearly two-year-old Circuit Court decision permitting our Swim Club to build a seasonal tennis bubble on our property. WMCCA says that it and the neighbors affected by the project did not participate in the Circuit Court case because they received no notice about it.

The facts, however, say otherwise. In 2009, our Swim Club sought Circuit Court review of a Board of Appeals decision regarding the tennis bubble. Circuit Court records confirm that the Board of Appeals sent notice of the Circuit Court case to neighbors and to WMCCA. Although not legally required to do so, our lawyer sent a duplicate copy of the Board's notice by certified mail to WMCCA and the same neighbors who now claim they did not receive notice from anyone. Our lawyer did this to ensure that all interested parties were fully informed about the pending Circuit Court case and had every chance to participate. Nobody — neither WMCCA nor the neighbors — chose to do so.

Our Swim Club's members include a few hundred families, most of whom live in our community. We went beyond the call of duty to ensure that neighbors interested in the case were notified. Neighbors and WMCCA, who chose not to participate in the Circuit Court case, may be disappointed by the result. But WMCCA's complaint that "none of the citizens most affected were notified" is simply untrue. And the statement that "sunshine and transparency" were "sorely lacking" is a careless accusation contradicted by fact.

WMCCA owes the public the truth. And WMCCA owes the Potomac Swim and Recreation Club an apology.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by
Michael Matese

Swimming Pool Trends

Summer time brings thoughts of lounging by, around, and in the pool as well as thoughts about how to improve the ambiance of the area.

One of the latest trends in pools has something to do with the pool, but not all. If you're getting ready to market your house, and you want to spruce up the pool area, one of the biggest things this year is using paving stones for decking material. According to the professionals, paving stones can out perform, out last and out shine mortar set stones, grass, wood, concrete and brick in durability, strength and flexibility.

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OPINION

What You Need to Know about Lyme Disease

BY KRISTIN YAMAMOTO, M.D.

How many times have I wished as patients left my office with their prescription of doxycycline, that we viewed Lyme Disease as a public health issue, not a bad luck tick bite? Although I can diagnose it, treat it and walk patients through the varied painful and disabling symptoms, I am powerless to protect my patients from this modern-day plague. I can tell patients to avoid high grasses and build deer fences but given the sheer numbers of deer and their lack of natural predators, these public health measures are fairly ineffective.

Deer ticks are small and difficult to see. Quite a few patients see dog ticks, but often patients will never see the deer tick that feeds on their skin for hours infecting them with borrelia burgdorferi (not to mention Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis). 10-20 percent of patients, even after appropriate treatment, are plagued by persistent symptoms of lyme, chronic head and neck pain, migraine, joint pain. Borrelia can infect the heart causing permanent heart damage, even with treatment. I remember a patient from my time at Hopkins, a young woman only in her 20s, who had to have a pacemaker placed due to lethal heart block from Lyme Disease.

COMMENTARY

Not infrequently there is no rash, the famous bull's eye lesion. Furthermore, ECM (erythema chronicum migrans) may not be the only rash associated with Lyme. Some patients either never exhibit ECM/bull's eye or have a rash not classically associated with Lyme. Three years ago a patient of mine showed up in the office with a large swollen red knee. The patient had no tick bite and had no rash. At this stage of Lyme disease, the patient probably had already been infected for a year.

Another patient came to the office with a bulging eye ball, a usual manifestation of a brain tumor or meningitis. This patient had Lyme Disease and required a month of intravenous antibiotics to kill the borrelia living in the brain. Finally, a recent patient had taken a year's worth of antibiotics and spent thousands of dollars treating supposed "chronic Lyme Disease." She, in fact, had another disease, Sjogren's, but the fear of Lyme and its disability and the pervasiveness of the disease in our geographic area has spawned a "witch hunt" of sorts that always seems to put Lyme at the center of any clinical investigation or treatment of chronic illness, often to the detriment of the patient.

Recently, the Western Blot test for Lyme has improved diagnosis, but the disease is still protean in its manifestations; if Lyme isn't sus-

pected, it isn't found. It is unfortunate that it is both an underdiagnosed and overdiagnosed disease. I do not feel it inappropriate when patients of mine come in for their annual physical that they also request their "annual Western Blot" for Lyme Disease. We live in an endemic area. It is easy to contract Lyme Disease and think it was "just a bad flu", thus missing the diagnosis entirely but continuing to harbor the Borrelia in your body.

In composing this article, I found "Managing Urban Deer in Connecticut. A Guide for Residents and Communities". It is available on the internet website for Connecticut state government at www.ct.gov/dep. It is thorough, scientifically sound and quite informative.

We need to stop this disease before it permanently maims more people. This problem needs to be managed as a public health issue. Our greatest gains in the improvement in life-expectancy and disease reduction have not come from million dollar pharmaceuticals, but from simple and often low cost public health measures aimed at destroying vectors and transmission. It is worth seriously thinking about this approach in our local efforts to control Lyme Disease.

The author is an internist in private practice, former Hopkins Osler Chief Resident in Internal Medicine, and a Potomac resident.

Basketball in the Maryland Mountains

BY MICHAEL C. ONDECK

Every summer, hundreds of local grade school and high school basketball players travel into the Maryland mountains to improve their basketball skills at the Coach Wootten Overnight Basketball Camp. The camp is known as one of the best teaching camps for basketball skills in the country. It is led by Coach Morgan Wootten, who holds the most wins as head coach in the history of basketball on any level, with his son Joe Wootten, head coach at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va. It is held on the campus of Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Md., for several one-week sessions each summer. The camp consists of five days and four nights of intensive basketball instruction, coaching, and games, for 13 hours each day.

Legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden once stated, "Basketball teams are made in the winter. Basketball players are made in the summer." Many Washington, D.C. area players go to the Coach Wootten Basketball Camp as the critical part of their preparation in the summer offseason for their winter Varsity, Junior Varsity, AAU, and grade school teams. That is one of the main reasons Coach Wootten started the camp in 1961. Coach Wootten said, "Lots of players asked for a way to continue to play organized basketball outside of the regular season." Such offseason preparation has made the difference between starting on the court and sitting on the bench for many local players.



Michael C. Ondeck

The goal of the camp is to teach the game of basketball, and just as importantly, to show players how the skills of basketball translate into successful skills for all aspects of life: teamwork, consistency, character, and motivation. Coach Wootten said, "Players have to have their priorities in the proper order. What makes basketball work, makes life work."

The components of the camp include sessions on fundamentals, contests, guest speakers, and games. The drills on fundamentals teach the core skills of basketball. The basics include shooting, rebounding, defense, passing, taking charges, setting picks, and moving without the ball. During the sessions on fundamentals, coaches first demonstrate the topic with in-depth explanations, and then the players

break into small groups with coaches to practice the fundamentals. The camp also includes talks by guest speakers, including former Maryland star and current Memphis Grizzly player Greivis Vasquez, as well as past speakers Duke Basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski and NBA star Grant Hill.

The camp had its 50-year anniversary this year, and it is going stronger than ever. What makes the camp so distinctive is what they call the Wootten Difference: time spent on the fundamentals, having the coaches onsite 24 hours each day, and the camp's 50-year track record. Coach Wootten sums it up as "great staff, great coaches, who really love the camp."

The camp uses the college facilities at Frostburg State University. Players eat in the student dining hall and provide glowing reports on the food. Housing during the camp is in the college dorms, which are modern and air-conditioned. On all levels, the camp provides an excellent experience for players to prepare for their regular season teams.

As the winter basketball season rapidly approaches, players are gearing up for team try-outs. The players who prepared in the off-season by attending the Coach Wootten Overnight Basketball Camp have made a big investment in themselves that will pay big dividends for their teams. As Coach Wootten said, "Practice does not make perfect: perfect practice makes perfect."

Michael C. Ondeck attended the Coach Wootten Overnight Basketball Camp in the summer of 2011, and currently is in eighth grade at Our Lady of Mercy School in Potomac.

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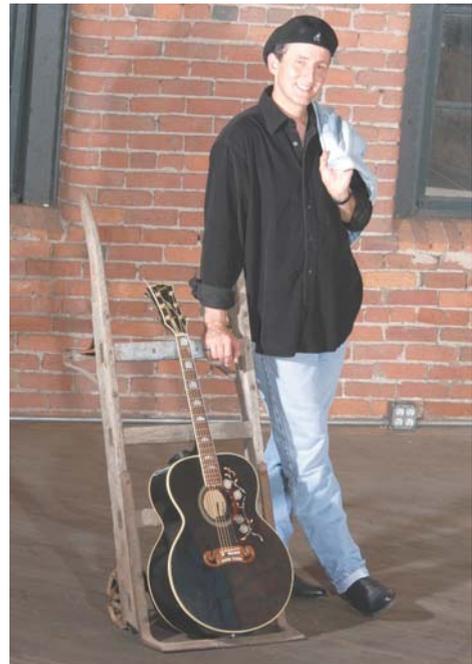
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State Cappella (Choir) of Russia. 7 p.m. With Valeri Polyansky, Artistic Director & Chief



TUESDAY/OCT. 25

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Conductor. Capella's program will include such master pieces as Bortnyansky Concerto, Tchaikovsky Liturgy, Rachmaninoff Vespers, Schnittke Concerto, Western classics, and Russian Folk Songs. At Saint Peter & Saint Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac. Tickets are \$35; VIP \$60. For tickets, call 888-431-4792, or 631-838-5658.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 20

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

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Musician Hugh Cornwell. 8 p.m. Former frontman for the Stranglers. Tickets are \$15/regular; \$13/seniors, students. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Call 240-567-5301.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Tamar Korn. Slow Blues lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, e-mail info@CapitalBlues.org, or visit www.CapitalBlues.org.

OCT. 21 TO 23

Heavenly Harvest. Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Harvest market, gifts, baked goods, pumpkins, handicrafts, food, kids' activities (Saturday only), flu shots, casual portraits. At Faith United Methodist Church, 6810 Montrose Road, Rockville.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Potomac Day. Parade, 10:30 a.m., Potomac Village and Potomac Place Shopping Center. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free children's games, moonbounce, mechanical bull, interactive games, fingerprinting and photo IDs for children, backpack giveaways, scarecrow making, pumpkin carving, sidewalk sale, and more. Potomac Place is at Falls and River Roads in Potomac. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Potomac Day Children's Parade

9:15 a.m. Meet at the Potomac Library dressed as your favorite fictional character and receive a free children's book. Sponsored by the Potomac Chapter of the Friends of the Library. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac.

Potomac Day Special Storytime. 2 p.m. Learn basic ASL through tales of falling leaves, squirrels, pumpkins and more. Signing storyteller Kathy MacMillan leads stories and songs that teach about communicating with our hands and eyes. All ages. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac.

Flag Collection. Boy Scout Troop 773 is collecting used and old flags during Potomac Day. The Boy Scouts of America are one of the few groups that are certified by the United States Congress to dispose of U.S. flags that are no longer suitable for use. They will honorably dispose of the flags during a retirement ceremony where the flags will be burned while the Troop stands at attention. If you have a flag that is torn, tatter, dirty or generally no longer appropriate to fly, you can bring it to Potomac



SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Thomas Edison. 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7/adults; \$6/seniors. He will recreate some of his most famous experiments and share real-life lessons that can be used in our everyday life. Recommended for ages 5 and up. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Call at 240-567-5301.

Day and drop it off with the Boy Scouts. Look for the Scouts in full uniform at in the parking lot of Potomac Promenade. Troop 773 meets on Tuesday evening at the Potomac United Methodist Church at River and Falls Roads at 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Boy Scouts are a youth organization committed to service and leadership development in boys in middle and high school. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Schleckser, Scoutmaster, Troop 773 at 301-299-2917.

Tom Cunningham Orchestra. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15/adults; \$8/children 5-13. Beginners' dance lesson at 8 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

Pit Bull Awareness Day. Noon to 5 p.m. Meet the Wonderbulls. MCHS volunteers will introduce shelter visitors to selected pit bull-

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Potomac Day: Saturday, Oct. 22

By Ken Moore



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It's time for Potomac's annual Potomac Day parade, this Saturday. The community usually gathers around 10 a.m. in order to see the entire parade, which is scheduled to kick-off around 10:30 a.m. Beware: road closures around the village will occur around 9:30 a.m.

Lining Up for the Parade

Potomac Day is this Saturday, Oct. 22, in Potomac Village, kicking off with the annual Potomac Day Parade up River Road to Falls Road at 10:30 a.m.

Each year, the parade features hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations and elected officials.

The children's fair follows after the parade with free amusement rides, music and many other activities.

Many other activities are scheduled including a Clas-



The Potomac Day Parade features as many as 1,000 community participants.

sic Car Show and an extensive business fair and food from around Potomac from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The day is sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. Call the chamber at 301-299-2170.

The parade will also honor Potomac's Youth of the Year Julianne Pearson from Connelly School of the Holy Child; Citizen of the Year Nicki Bunting; and Business Person of the Year Steve Kirstein, of BOWA. This year's charity is Autism Speaks. The People of the Year have a special place in the parade, often on the top of the back seat of convertibles.

Each will also be honored at an awards dinner at Normandie Farm on Nov. 10, where the Potomac Day charity will also receive a donation from the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit www.potomacchamber.org.



Potomac Day Activities at Potomac Place

Potomac Place Shopping Center will offer fun and educational activities for free during Potomac Day, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located at the intersection of Falls and River Roads in Potomac, the shopping center with the Safeway will be offering mechanical bull rides for children and adults, interactive activities and games, a climbing wall, fingerprinting and photo IDs by the Montgomery County Police Explorers.

"There's a petting zoo, a DJ, sidewalk sales and giveaways," said Arlene Elling, event coordinator for Potomac Place.

The first 100 flu shots are given for free at the Rite Aide, she said.

There will be a moonbounce, face painting and balloon twisting as well as scarecrow making and pumpkin decorating.

Backpacks will be handed out by Churchill High School while supplies last. Food vendors will be set up in the courtyard area, which is decorated for Halloween.



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type dogs available for adoption. At the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 14645 Rothgeb Dr., Rockville. Visit www.mchumane.org, or call 240-773-5960 option 4.

Music of the English Renaissance. 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15/\$10. With the Renaissance Singers with Peter Phillips, guest conductor. At Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-365-2850.

Woolly Bears, Woodend Sanctuary Headquarters, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 10-11 a.m. Woolly bears are small fuzzy caterpillars that spend the fall preparing to hibernate for the winter. Learn about their life as a caterpillar and as an adult Isabella Tiger moth. All ages welcome, but geared to children four to eight, accompanied by adult. \$5 nonmembers, free for members, no charge for adults. Class limited to

12 children. Registration required. Call 301-652-9188 or see www.audubonnaturalist.org.

OCT. 22 AND 23

Cajun and Zydeco Music and Dance

Festival. Saturday, Oct. 22 from noon to midnight; Sunday, Oct. 23 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 for the entire weekend; \$65 for full day; \$35 for evenings. The featured Louisiana bands will include Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band, Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas, Curley Taylor and Zydeco Trouble, Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic, and Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp. The bands performance schedule and tickets can be found at www.dancingbythebayou.com. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Synagogues in Hungary Lecture. 7 p.m.

Lecture by architectural historian Rudolf Klein. At the Magen David Sephardic Congregation, 11215 Woodglen Drive, Rockville. Contact Andrea: 301-770-6818 or office@magendavidsephardic.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 25

Annual Diwali Celebration. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a holiday observed between mid-October and mid-November by people of Indian and South Asian heritage worldwide. Held at the Executive Office Building, Terrace Level Cafeteria, 101 Monroe St., Rockville.

Preschool Fair. 10 a.m. to noon. Come learn more about local preschools at the 14th Annual Preschool Fair sponsored by the MOMS Club of Potomac. More than 30 preschools from the Potomac, Rockville, Bethesda, Chevy Chase and surrounding areas will be represented. Held at

the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Admission is free and children are welcome. Email momspotomac@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution. 8 p.m. Acclaimed food writer Michael Pollan discusses nutrition and food consumption. First part of the Speaker Series. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

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

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Matching Children to Right Preschool

Potomac Preschool Fair offers one-stop school shopping for parents.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

One of the hardest choices that parents of young children face is deciding which preschool is best for their child. A local organization is sponsoring a one-stop shopping event to help parents navigate the maze of educational options.

The MOMS Club of Potomac is sponsoring its 14th annual preschool fair at the Potomac Community Center on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Representatives from more than 40 schools in Potomac, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Rockville, Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas will be available to answer questions from parents.

"The MOMS Club of Potomac sponsors this event as a service to the community," said Jennifer

Nordin, Preschool Fair Chair, MOMS Club of Potomac. "It's a great way to learn about a lot of schools at once and narrow down the choices to find the best fit for your child."

Educational experts believe that asking the right questions is vital to the decision-making process. "How much time do the children spend outside? How much hands-on learning do the children have? How many times a week do they get art? Those are all important questions. Little [children] need to be using their hands," said Lindsay A. White, M.A., educational consultant, with The School Counseling Group in Washington, D.C.

Finding out the school's policy on potty training is important for parents of children who are not yet toilet-trained. White says other key issues are how the school handles conflict, and how the school helps children adjust to a

new environment.

"It is also important to know how the school starts the morning routine," said White. "What is the school's daily routine? How does the school communicate with parents, and how much time does [the school] expect the parents to be at school?"

The preschool fair is free and open to the public.

The MOMS Club of Potomac is an organization that offers a support network for those who choose to stay at home full-time or part-time. The group is part of the MOMS Club International, a non-profit charity dedicated to helping mothers who choose to stay at home with their children.

Schools scheduled to attend the fair include:

- Academy Child Development Center—Cold Spring
- Apple Montessori School
- Bannockburn Nursery School



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Potomac is sponsoring its 14th annual preschool fair to help parents of young children navigate the maze of educational options. The club offers a support network for parents who choose to stay at home full-time or part-time.

- The Barnesville School
- The Barrie School
- Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center
- B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School
- Bradley Hills Presbyterian Nursery School

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The Boys' JV Soccer Team showed its colors in support of Churchill's Pink Homecoming Week activities during the home game vs. BCC on Oct. 11. The boys laced their cleats with pink ribbons, played their match with a regulation pink soccer ball and raised \$175 in a raffle for that pink game ball — all to support the National Foundation for Cancer Research. The boys also continued their undefeated winning streak, beating BCC 4-2.

Preschool Fair Offers One-Stop Shopping

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Bryant University has admitted **Alex Friedlander**, a Management student, of Potomac, to the Class of 2015.

Rachel Hubshman of Potomac has earned placement on the Dean's List at the Berklee College of Music for the summer semester of the 2011 academic year.

Joseph Ottenstein of Potomac, a student at Syracuse University, is a member of the University's prestigious "University 100" student group. University 100 is a highly selective group of student volunteers who work directly with the Chancellor's Office and the Office of Admissions and serve as ambassadors of Syracuse University. Members represent the 'best and the brightest' of the student body and are selected based on outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement.

- Glenbrook Cooperative Nursery School
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- Potomac Glen Day School
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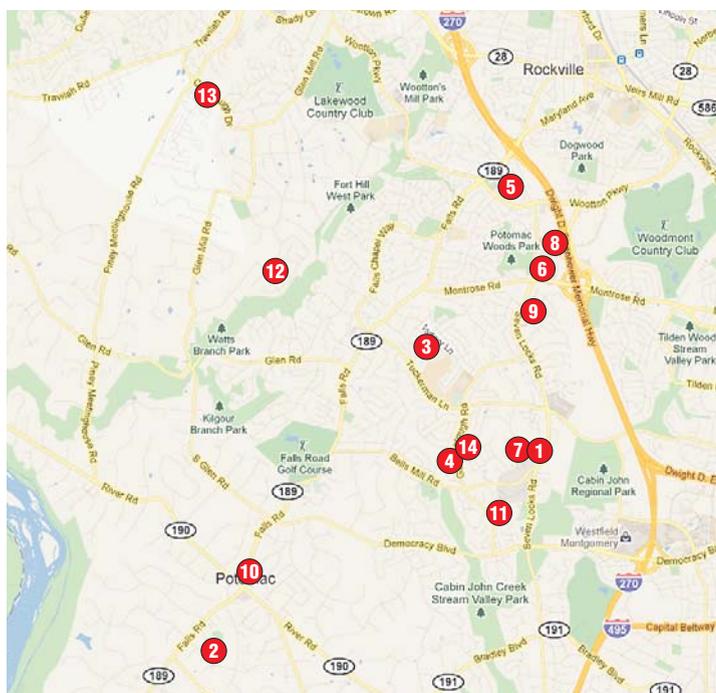
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From left: Elizabeth Hough, Elaine Birnbum, Taylor Saughter, Atoosa Zarpak and Helen Bezuneh enjoy the arts and crafts room at Club Friday.

A Place To Be on Friday

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it as parents because it gives the kids a place to have a great time with their friends in a safe environment and we get to go to a movie.”

Sondra Edward feels that Club Friday “is cool and fun and makes the kids feel included and that something special is going on in the community.”

Jenna Kupferchmid said, “It’s really cool and I can’t wait until Friday; it’s really exciting.” Her friend Emma Chen agrees and “likes it because it is fun being out with all of your friends.” Her mother Jodi Chen agrees: “Emma gets to hang out with her friends and test her independence a bit. This is her girls’ night out.”

Anna Kronthal likes Club Friday because “you’re with friends and get to hang out after school. One of my favorite places is the art room.” Elizabeth Kronthal likes Fridays because “you get to see friends and it is like a party; you get to have fun.”

Schuyler Johns thinks Club Friday is “fun because you get to meet new people and every Friday you get to have a big party.” Her mother Lynn Johns “loves that it is parent supervised.”

Parent volunteer Wiley Adams feels “there is a lot of energy in this place. The staff was ready to go at

6:15 and are keeping things in line. There has been no fighting and all the kids seem really well behaved.”

Gigi Gonzalez, director of Club Friday, thinks the program is important “so all the kids can have fun on a Friday night.”

Art room parent volunteer Rachel Silber said, “I like to have fun activities for my kids to go to and hang out.”

At Club Friday Elizabeth Hough likes to dance around, eat and have fun at activities like Bingo “and watch movies and hang out with my friends.”

Elaine Birnbum likes “to hang out with my friends for the weekend.”

Taylor Saughter likes “to go meet my friends for the weekend without a lot of planning. I like to do the art and Bingo.” Atoosa Zarpak “likes a place where I can go after school without adults and have fun with friends and just be you.”

Helen Bezuneh enjoys Club Friday because there are “lots of different activities and snacks and you can hang out with your friends and get to be yourself.”

The Potomac Community Center is located at 11315 Falls Road, in Potomac. Phone is 240-777-6960.

OBITUARY

Jeb Howard

Jeb Howard, 82, of New Bern, N.C., formerly of Potomac, Md. and Matunuck, R.I., died Monday, Oct. 10t 2011 at 2:01 p.m. at his residence.

He was a graduate of Yale University, class of 1950, and University of Virginia Law School, class of 1957. After graduating from Yale, he served four years in the Air Force stationed in Washington, D.C. with the Office of Strategic Intelligence.

He was a retired attorney from the firm Betts, Clogg, and Murdoch in Rockville, Md. He was an

avid reader, with a keen interest in history, enjoyed playing chess, and loved dogs.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patsy Howard, and three daughters: Charmian Fletcher of Flint Hill, Va.; Galen McGovern of Wakefield, R.I.; and Kristin Howard of Ashland, Oregon. He was pre-deceased by his son, Bruce Howard. He is also survived by his nephew, Byron Howard of McLean, Va.; and by six grandchildren: Andrew Fletcher of Fla.; Dana Fletcher of Va.; Michael, Matthew, and Daniel McGovern of R.I.; and Samuel Howard of Del.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I continue to live beyond my original prognosis: "13 months to two years," my treatment has evolved, matured you might say. The timing and frequency of lab work, chemotherapy, CT Scans, Bone Scans and Brain MRIs, along with follow-up appointments with my oncologist (always post-scan to discuss results), have all been adjusted to compensate for the extremely favorable fact that (A) I have outlived the original prognosis – by a significant amount of time and (B) Due to the additional fact that there have been no "randomized trials" to actually quantify and develop treatment protocols based on such favorable results, not anecdotal-type opinions for survivors like me (lucky to have lived for as long as I have), how to treat/proceed is not exactly crystal clear. As such, my doctor is as concerned with not creating a problem as he is with treating the one (stage IV lung cancer) that we know about. Minimizing my exposure to harmful radiation (the scans) as an example, is as much a consideration as is the taxing of my kidneys as they filter out both the chemotherapy infusion I receive monthly and the miscellaneous drugs I'm prescribed to treat the not-unexpected side effects. Living this long, oddly enough, presents its own complications.

Nevertheless, when your oncologist e-mails you the following post-scan message: "CT looks good, all stable," it is as I've said repeatedly: "News I can live with." But for how long? (I always wonder.) However encouraging this kind of positive news is, I can't help thinking it's still a matter of time. Moreover, the salesman in me rationalizes: it's simply getting closer to a negative (bad) result ("each 'no' you receive is one step closer to a 'yes'" is the adage). As exciting and stress-reducing as it is to learn that your cancer has not progressed (moved, enlarged), I feel, as serious as the underlying problem is: stage IV lung cancer, the increasing inevitability that the next scan has to indicate change – for the worse.

Still, it's not like I completely ignore or dismiss the results. Hardly. I embrace them with all my emotional strength. But I can't help "introspecting" – in this context, anyway: why me? Who am I to not suffer the same fate as so many others similarly diagnosed who have preceded me? Stage IV lung cancer is not curable, as my oncologist advised way back when, at the initial Team Lourie meeting: "I can treat you, but I can't cure you." More disturbing words you'll likely never hear. In effect, being told that your life is ending, somewhat prematurely – given my overall health and age: 54, and the additional fact that there was no significant family history to consider and moreover, that both my parents lived into their mid-eighties.

But life has gone on, 31 months and counting, in spite of the original prognosis. And the longer I live – and continue to be grateful for this gift of life I have miraculously received, the closer I sense that I'm falling victim to this terrible disease. After all, lung cancer is said to be terminal: you get diagnosed, you die. Just because I've survived this long doesn't ever cause me to forget my circumstances or doubt the seriousness of my underlying diagnosis. Continuing to receive positive news is wonderfully uplifting. But there are no guarantees here. Actually, there are two guarantees: death and taxes. Taxes I can live with but death I can't. And scans don't cure.

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Bullis Running Back Jones Dominating Opponents

Senior has rushed for more than 1,500 yards in 2011.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Bullis head football coach Pat Cilento paced along the sideline and voiced displeasure regarding his team's performance in the second quarter of Saturday's homecoming game against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

After a fast start, the Bulldogs' miscues mounted. A lost fumble here. A dropped pass there. Cilento called the team "unorganized" during a rant. But with less than one minute remaining in the opening half, running back Kevin Jones made sure Bullis entered the locker room on a positive note.

Facing first-and-10 on the Bulldogs 11-yard line, Jones raced 89 yards for his fourth touchdown of the afternoon as Bullis cruised to a 39-0 victory on Oct. 15. Cilento said he was looking for Jones to set up a last-minute scoring drive, but No. 2 took matters into his own hands.

"We were trying to give ourselves some room to score," Cilento said of Jones' 89-yard run. "We were going to go in the hurry-up offense if we got a big play on first down and then he just took it to the house. He's a very special back."

"Special" is one way to describe Jones' senior season. According to stats on the Washington Post's Web site, Jones leads the Washington, D.C. metro area with 1,542 rushing yards. His 21 rushing touchdowns are second behind the 23 scored by Old Mill's Rob Chesson. Jones has rushed for more than 200 yards in a game four times this season, including a 319-yard effort against Potomac School on Sept. 16.



Bullis running back Kevin Jones has rushed for more than 1,500 yards this season, helping the Bulldogs to a 6-1 record.

Jones is major reason the Bulldogs are 6-1 and have won their last five.

"He's unbelievable," Cilento said. "... His vision and his first two steps are really incredible."

Against St. Stephen's, Jones carried 18 times for 218 yards and three touchdowns, and caught one pass for 16 yards and another score. He touched the ball just once in the second half.

"Without a doubt," Bullis quarterback Kylor Bellistri said, "any play, [Jones] can break it long."

Jones credited the Bulldogs offensive line for setting the tone for a successful ground game. Rashaad Wise is the center, Sam Thomas starts at left tackle, Leigh Ulica is the left guard, Ivan Aggrey starts at right tackle and Daniel Zolet and Nick Fisher have seen time at right guard.

"It's clear that most teams see that we can run the ball and so I just think that our of-



Bullis quarterback Kylor Bellistri threw three touchdown passes against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Oct. 15.

fensive line feeds off that," Jones said. "They know that it starts with them and I just finish the play."

Jones, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a junior, has yet to commit to a college. At 5 feet 7 and 165 pounds, the senior said time in the weight room has helped him improve, though he wants to build on his 225-pound bench-press max.

"I'm a lightweight," Jones joked. "I've been working on it, though."

While Jones dominated on the ground, Bellistri had a strong day through the air against St. Stephen's, passing for 153 yards and three touchdowns.

"Kylor's a great quarterback and he can make plays," Cilento said. "He can read defenses well and he's quick and he's elusive as a runner. One or two times he probably should have been sacked and he stepped up in the pocket and made a play."

Bullis' lone second half touchdown came



Chris Aust, right, and the Bullis defense shut out St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Oct. 15.

in the third quarter, when Bellistri threw deep to receiver Nick Fields, who made a leaping grab before racing into the end zone for a 77-yard score. Fields finished with two receptions for 106 yards.

"I looked the first time," Bellistri said, "and [Fields' defender] was on him a little tight and he wasn't looking all the way so I pumped it — I almost dropped it, actually — and his guy [drifted] toward the middle and I just put it up for him. I know he'll make a play."

Kevin Gentzel caught a 27-yard touchdown pass for the Bulldogs.

Defensively, Bullis posted its second shut-out in its last three games.

The Bulldogs will host St. Albans at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21.

Ossola's Goal Salvages Tie for Churchill

Bulldogs lose head coach, not game against undefeated WJ.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

After a scoreless first half with few opportunities at either end, the Churchill and Walter Johnson boys soccer teams packed enough excitement into a three-minute stretch to last the remainder of Monday evening's matchup between two of the top teams in Montgomery County.

Walter Johnson's Timothy Forline scored in the 60th minute, Churchill head coach Arnold Tarzy was ejected moments later for arguing with an official, and Bulldog captain Eric Ossola responded with a goal in the 63rd minute. After order was restored,

the Bulldogs and Wildcats finished in a 1-1 tie on Oct. 17 at Churchill High School.

"I'm pretty satisfied with it," Ossola said. "I just wish we could have gotten the win."

Churchill entered the game having lost its last two. Ranked No. 9 in the Washington Post's top 10, the Bulldogs were in danger of losing again when Forline broke a scoreless tie. The WJ midfielder found the back of the net after Churchill goalkeeper Eli Lorenzi had the ball bounce off his hands.

Tarzy was irate with the referees, arguing Forline illegally kicked the ball out of Lorenzi's grasp. Tarzy's reaction led to his ejection, leaving assistant coach Akinola Lake in charge. By rule, Tarzy will not be able to coach in Churchill's Oct. 20 game against Wootton.

"I needed to take the focus off the referee," Tarzy said, explaining why he attempted to get thrown out of the game.

The Bulldogs, suddenly trailing and with-

out their head coach, could have fallen apart, but Churchill instead responded by tying the score. Ossola let fly from long distance in the 63rd minute and the ball ricocheted off the WJ goalkeeper and into the net.

"I saw the ball in space and no one around and I just thought I'd go for it," Ossola said. "It never hurts to shoot."

Churchill's record moved to 8-2-1. Tarzy said he was pleased with the way the Bulldogs played against the now 11-0-1 Wildcats, ranked No. 2 in the Post, but he wasn't satisfied with a tie.

"Heck no. No way," Tarzy said. "We should have won that game."

Tarzy said center midfielder Barth Mouafo played well against WJ. J.J. Van Der Merwe leads the Bulldogs with seven goals this season and Tarzy called Lorenzi the best goalkeeper in the county.

Churchill will travel to face Wootton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20.



Churchill captain Eric Ossola scored the game-tying goal against Walter Johnson on Monday.



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