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Lauren Raffensperger is immersed in apples as Bullis students prepare Thanksgiving food for needy families.

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Farm Supporters Deliver Petitions to Leggett

But county will go ahead with next steps to convert farm to private soccer fields.

BY ROBBIE HAMMER
THE ALMANAC

About two-dozen people accompanied Potomac organic farmer Nick Maravell last Wednesday, Nov. 16 to deliver petitions signed by more than 48,000 people to County Executive Ike Leggett (D).

The petitions ask Leggett to save the farm. Maravell has farmed 20 acres on Brickyard Road in Potomac for more than 30 years as an organic seed farm. The property, designated as a future school site, is owned by the Board of Education and had been leased to Maravell. The county is now leasing the property from the school board, and is seeking a contractor to build and operate four soccer fields on Brickyard Road site.

Maravell's license from the county to use the property will expire Dec. 31, 2011. Maravell is a national expert on organic farming, who was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to the National Organic Standards Board.

The county asserts that there is a shortage of soccer fields in Montgomery County, and this action is needed to address that issue.

In addition to supporters of local food and organic farms, neighbors and umbrella citizens groups have cried foul over the proposal.

"People have been outraged that there was no public discussion," said Naomi Bloch, a Potomac resident who helped deliver the petitions. Bloch and other supporters of the farm have asked the county to create an education center with the existing farm. "With support of Leave No Child Inside by Montgomery County schools, this is the perfect opportunity for them to open



Sylvia Diss of Potomac shows her support for Nick's Organic Farm while attending a protest on Tuesday morning, Nov. 15, in Rockville.

an education center."

Maravell said he and others had a "short and civil" meeting with the county executive on Wednesday that gave them hope for compromise.

But Patrick Lacefield, county spokesperson, said nothing has changed.

"The county is moving ahead as planned," Lacefield said. "The farmer ... has a license agreement that expires Dec. 31. Since he is suing the county there is no possibility of extension."

Lacefield added that the request for proposal (RFP) to develop the site would likely be released next week. Montgomery Soccer Inc. along with several soccer clubs are likely bidders.

Local homeowners associations, civic associations and residents first heard about the proposal in early March, 2011, when the Montgomery County Public Schools notified Maravell that his lease of the future middle school site, would not be renewed because the schools planned to lease the land to the county for a public-private partnership for soccer fields.



Nick Maravell of Nick's Organic Farm, on the right, and Sara Shor, campaign organizer for Nick's Organic Farm, deliver 50,000 signatures to Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett. "We have had overwhelming public support and there continues to be support from the public everyday."

Later, residents discovered that the county executive's office began communicating with the school board and meeting with officials of MSI in 2009 to discuss the proposal. But nearby residents and the farmer were kept in the dark for nearly more two years.

The Brickyard Coalition, an umbrella organization of civic groups and private citi-

zens opposing the soccer complex, includes West Montgomery County Citizens Association, the Civic Association of River Falls and the Brickyard Road Citizens' Association.

Lacefield, the county spokesman, was also unimpressed by the petitions. "A quick look showed that only about 2,500 of the 49,000 names were from Montgomery County," he said.

Beverly Champeau and Tricia Tice, both of Potomac, protest outside of the Montgomery County Executives office on Wednesday morning, Nov. 16, to voice their support for Nick's Organic Farm. Nick Maravell has farmed 20 acres on Brickyard Road as an organic farm for 31 years, but now the county has been silent on renewing his lease. An avid supporter of the farm, Naomi Bloch, said "people have been outraged that there was no public discussion when it came for the county executive office to decide not to renew his lease. With support of the Leave No Child Inside by Montgomery County schools, this is the perfect opportunity for them to open an education center on this site, but this conversation was never allowed to take place, that is all we are asking for."



To protest the possible closure of Nick's Organic Farm in Potomac, more than 20 area residents attended a protest outside of the Montgomery County Executives office on Nov. 15.

Cooking Up Food for Needy Families

Bullis School bakes pies and packs baskets.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

What does it take to produce 150 yummy pies? Eighteen boxes of brown sugar, 9 pounds of butter, 30 pounds of flour and sugar, 6 large baskets of locally grown Granny Smith apples — and 80 dedicated Bullis students who created the pies from scratch.

The students cut and cored the apples, immersed themselves up to their elbows in the apple/cinnamon/nutmeg/butter mixture, kneaded and rolled the pastry dough for the crust, created the lattice — and very carefully placed the pies in the ovens. The aroma filled the kitchen — and the students felt pleased with themselves that they contributed to Montgomery County's needy families for the finale of a complete Thanksgiving dinner. The Bullis School community provided 74 fully-stocked gift baskets and 150 home-baked pies.

The wrapped gift baskets contain everything for Thanksgiving dinner for a family of five or more. Traditional Thanksgiving fare such as sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, a supermarket gift card for the turkey — even an aluminum turkey pan, holiday candles, Thanksgiving table decorations and a disposable camera were collected to stuff a large laundry basket.

Bullis School is paired with local families through Interfaith Works and Montgomery Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC). For 15 years, Bullis has provided baskets and supported these agencies in their county-wide effort to provide holiday meals to hundreds of families throughout Montgomery County. Stephanie Semones, spe-



Zhou Bei and Dixi Wu display pies ready for baking.

cial events coordinator for HOC is grateful for the Bullis School's assistance, "Bullis does a wonderful service for our families," she said. "Their baskets are so well thought out — some of the moms break down in tears when they receive the beautiful basket. The presentation is just spectacular and the fact that every part of the basket can be used — even the cellophane wrap, ribbons and the storage/laundry baskets makes a meaningful Thanksgiving for our families. They are so appreciative.

"These baskets will be delivered to families who have the lowest income in the county on Tuesday, Nov. 22. They are so moved when they receive a fresh-baked pie and a gift card for a fresh turkey too. It makes Thanksgiving possible for many families who would not have it if it weren't for generous organizations like the Bullis School. Nobody does it better than Bullis."

Students in the lower school cut out turkeys and wrote "Believe" on them — and



Kristina Frye totes the apples for the pies

then added what they believe in, such as "pride, honesty, peace, fairness, forgiveness and friendship." These messages and homemade cards were also placed in the gift baskets.

Bullis students are in the middle of finals, and found the project a welcome relief from studying. "This is therapeutic," said Cami Baruch.

CeMaia Wise said: "I love it. It makes me feel really good, knowing I'm providing for someone else."

Danny Nilsen added: "I feel like I am making a direct impact in the community — and we get to see the results right away."

Bullis Head of School, Dr. Gerald Boorman commends the students and their parents. "The sense of community shown here by the students and their parents to give back to their community is a thrill to me. It is a total school-wide effort and I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful community."

Three Days, Two Counties, Two Charged

Potomac burglary suspects charged in Fairfax.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Crimes committed in Great Falls, Va. helped Montgomery County detectives make arrests for two Potomac home burglaries, according to Montgomery County police reports. One residence in the 9800 block of Potomac Manors Drive and one in the 11200 block of River View Drive were burglarized on Nov. 5.

Montgomery County police detectives and crime analysts had noticed a "burglary trend emerging" in the Potomac area back in September, according to Montgomery County Police reports. "The burglaries appeared to have similar characteristics, to include the type of property that was stolen and the fact that force was used to enter the homes."

When police identified Demar Anthony Brown, 27, as a possible suspect, they shared the information with neighboring jurisdictions, including Fairfax County police.

On Nov. 9, Fairfax police arrested Brown and Jonathan A. Mulatu, 20 of Baltimore, for burglarizing a home in the 9300 block of Fitz Folly Drive in Great Falls around 7:23 p.m. the night before. Each was charged with burglary and grand larceny and Brown was additionally charged with eluding police, possession of burglarious tools and wearing a mask in certain places prohibited, according to Fairfax County Police reports.

Neighborhood email groups have been discussing burglaries in the area for weeks.

"If you have a burglar alarm, arrange for it to sound outside as well as inside. ... If the alarm goes off outside, then neighbors and others pay attention and the robbers need to leave immediately," one resident suggested.

Residents discussed other Potomac burglaries via email as well, including some where the burglars broke into walls and carried away safes and other specific valuables, according to the neighborhood emails.

WORKING WITH Fairfax County detectives, Montgomery County detectives determined that the two men were responsible for "at least two burglaries in Potomac."

Brown will be represented by a public defender at his bond hearing currently scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21, according to Fairfax County General District Court records. His preliminary hearing is currently scheduled for Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. in Fairfax County General District Court.

Mulatu's preliminary hearing is also
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Chef Nick Palermo Debuts at Old Angler's Inn

Creating new dishes.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The ambience, hospitality and setting are the same — but Old Angler's Inn has added a new chef, Nick Palermo. He has updated the menu, adding a wealth of new creative fish, meat, pasta and salad dishes — and made certain that the prices reflect good value for quality food. The lounge and bar areas have also been renovated for better access and seating — adding to the romantic one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

Even though Palermo is only 30 years old, he has extensive experience and training. After graduation from Syracuse University and the Culinary Institute of America in New York City, he trained at the Five Star-Five Diamond Kingsmill resort in Williamsburg, Va. Next, he moved to the prestigious 2941 Restaurant in Falls Church,

Va. Then he took a brief hiatus, training in Switzerland and then in Nashville, Tenn., learning the techniques of European cuisine and the nuances of Southern cooking. His last position was at CityZen Restaurant in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington D.C., working and training with renowned chef Eric Ziebold.

But the flavors of his dishes and his creativity are his own. "I change the menu every three or four days, depending on the fresh meats and fish that we are able to purchase. If fresh coho salmon is delivered, then I pair specific ingredients to that region of the country. This week we will feature a truffled Amish fried chicken with smashed rutabaga and swiss chard, short ribs with pumpkin puree, wild mushrooms and baby spinach and mussel fettuccini. We will also have fresh venison this weekend which I cook in a 'sous-vide' method — sealed in an air-tight bag under water for at least 72 hours. It cooks the meat to ex-

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Chef Nick Palermo

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Creating One-of-a-Kind Wood Handcrafts

Richard Webster carves post-retirement life.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

A gift from Richard Webster's wife Judy changed his life — commencing a satisfying career as an artisan who creates hand-crafted wood bowls, tables, toys, benches and more. Ten years ago, she gave him a series of classes from the Woodworker's Club in Rockville. Since he would be retiring in a few years from his career as a professional musician with the National Symphony Orchestra, she knew he would want a new avocation.

Webster started working with wood by repairing and maintaining his more than 200-year-old Italian Bass Violin. "I learned the importance of craftsmanship, using the right materials and how wood is a living organism," he said.

Six years ago, when he retired, Webster decided to start Webster Woodworks in the basement of his Potomac home. He was excited about his new creative venture. "I spent my entire life practicing and performing music — certainly a career I loved — but it left little time for hobbies or other interests." Webster studied music at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. and began his career playing with the Air Force Strolling Strings. Besides playing with the NSO, he also taught jazz history at Georgetown University and lectured extensively on American music at the Smithsonian Institution.

Webster's home is filled with his hand-crafted creations. His bowls are art masterpieces and many of them are inset with turquoise and metals. On tables and wall-hangings, he incorporates many traditional quilt-



Judy and Richard Webster

ing block patterns into his work, using numerous colors and types of wood to enhance the patterns. He assimilates Japanese design principles to bring out the natural form. Webster often leaves the original bark on his pieces if it works with the construction. Each piece is unusual and one-of-a-kind.

"In my furniture making and woodworking, I try to let the wood suggest the design, giving it form, color and natural beauty," he said.



Webster explains how he makes a bowl: "I begin with a log, cut it in half and draw a circle on the top. I turn it with a band saw and then it is waxed to seal the wood. If it is allowed to dry out, the wood will break. Then

I dig it out by hand to one-inch thickness and put it in a bag for six months to cure the wood. After that time, I turn the wood on a lathe, creating the form of the bowl. Every time I create a bowl, I am always surprised and thrilled by the beauty of the natural markings in the wood. Every piece is different — and very special."



Richard Webster starts the process with a log.

His wood comes from around the world as well as from his neighbors who save pieces for him.

He has many pieces in his home that are for sale, but most of his work is custom ordered. Usually his clients have an idea about the size and function of the piece they would like him to design and make or they bring in a picture of what they would like. They study the samples of wood and the designs in his showroom. The client and Webster work together to develop the design, finish, stone, metal or wood inlay patterns and to choose the wood that the piece will be created from. Webster then begins making the piece and sends photos to the client during the process. The end result is a distinctive unusual piece that is one-of-a-kind.

Webster's work can be viewed on his website <http://web.mac.com/gtjazz> or at his home by appointment. E-mail him at gtjazz@comcast.net or call him at 301-251-1605.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Christmas With Aaron Neville. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$55. Grammy winner Aaron Neville and his quintet perform holiday classics with R&B and funk grooves, New Orleans-style, with a solo opening performance by pianist Allen Toussaint. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. For tickets, www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

DEC. 9 AND 10

A Christmas Carol. 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Hope Garden Ballet Theater. The performance will run two evenings, Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10, with a curtain time of 6:30 p.m. The lobby will open at 5:45 p.m. for Will Call and ticket sales. Tickets prices are \$10/adults, \$7/student (17 and younger) and seniors (over 65). At Poolesville High School. Visit www.hgcbt.com or send an email to hgcbt.tickets@gmail.com.

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Victorian Greeting Card Workshops. 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Free. Craft your own Victorian-era holiday greeting card in the style Miss Barton used to send to her friends. At Clara Barton National Historic Site, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo. Reservations required. Call 301-320-1410.

DEC. 1 AND 2

Landon Greens Sale and Holiday Boutique. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. A huge selection of high quality greens to decorate inside and outside your home. The Holiday Boutique offers children's gifts, designer clothing, jewelry, specialty foods and home and garden accessories. Also, bake sale and café. Tour Landon's Farmhouse decked out in its holiday finest. At Landon School, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. Email azalea_admin@landon.net or call Robyn Porter at 703-963-0142.

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Bethesda's Free Winter Concert. 8 p.m. Free. Featured groups include: American University Gospel Choir, Gospel group; Capital Blend, A cappella group; The Capital Hearings, A cappella group; Vox Pop DC, A cappella group. Hosted by Bethesda Urban Partnership. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Call 301-215-6660.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Bazaar and Silent Auction. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antiques, toys, clothing, books, rugs, jewelry, art, housewares, baby equipment, sporting goods, teen boutique, food, and more! Silent Auction 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road (at Whittier Blvd.) in Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400 or visit www.ruuuc.org/bazaar.

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For the Holidays



Patricia Morgan with Simply Pawesome sells her wares at the holiday gift show at Presbyterian Church Nov. 12.



Barbara Ioakim, left, and Bessie Ioakim at the holiday gift show.

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Old Angler's Inn has a new chef and renovated bar and lounge area.

New Chef at Old Angler's

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actly the right medium rare temperature."

Palermo is delighted to be chosen as the Old Angler's Inn head chef. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to have my own kitchen. Working with the owners, Mark and Sara Reges has been a pleasure. We all want to keep the quality but also accommodate our customers by offering a variety of choices and prices that will fit every budget."

Jeff Thompson of Bethesda said, "There is no better place in the D.C. area during the holidays than Old Angler's Inn. The convenient location, cozy, snug feeling when you

enter, and welcoming informality make me feel as if I am in a European setting — but it's just a few minutes from my home. The addition of Nick Palermo has made the dining experience a delightful, exciting adventure."

Old Angler's Inn is featuring monthly all-inclusive wine dinners and a Holiday Shopping Luncheon on Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. They offer casual fare for hikers just off the C&O canal, daily Happy Hours from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and 4:30 till closing on Fridays. They have an extensive wine list and the menu features daily specials as well as traditional fare.

Suspects Charged

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scheduled for Dec. 21, 2011 even though his Nov. 9 arraignment was continued, or rescheduled.

Both are currently in the custody of Fairfax County. Montgomery County police have placed detainers on both suspects for its cases, according to Montgomery County police.

Montgomery County detectives "will continue to explore the probable involvement of Brown and Mulatu in other burglaries in the county," according to Montgomery County Police.

Another neighbor-to-neighbor tip via email: "You should look into cell phone back up to your alarm, which means that if the burglars cut your phone line, a cell phone will still dial out for help."

BUSINESS NOTES

The Puppet Co. named **Erin Gifford** as director of communications and Development, a new position within the company. Gifford, formerly the Puppet Co.'s public relations manager and house manager, was promoted after being with the company for just over one year.

Neil King of Potomac, founder of King Chiropractic, recently addressed the incoming class of the War College at Fort Lesley McNair, in Washington, D.C. King's lecture, on optimum performance and injury prevention, was attended by more than 650 students that are starting the graduate programs offered by National Defense University and The International College of the Armed Forces, that make up the War College. The War College offers advanced de-

grees to top military and State Department personnel.

Gary D. Lloyd, owner of Lloyd-Meurer Portrait Studio of Potomac Village, has announced after nearly 20 years in the same location in the Potomac Promenade on Falls Road the studio has moved to a new location, The Semmes Building at 10220 River Road Suite #4.

Lloyd began his photographic studies in Potomac at Winston Churchill High School (Class of 1971.) He continued to study with portrait photographers in New York, Norway, Denmark, England, New Zealand, and here in Washington, D.C. He has also studied Classic Portraiture in galleries and museums everywhere he has traveled around the world. Contact the studio 301-299-4334.

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Children's Almanac

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 9.

During the last week of each year, The Almanac devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Almanac is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

EDITORIAL

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories and photographs.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or on CD. Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location.

Please provide the submissions no later than Friday, Dec. 9.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings, paintings, photographs of 2-D and 3-D artwork that have been digitally photographed or scanned as .jpeg files.

❖ Short stories, poetry, essays, class-wide prompt writings.

❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

We welcome contributions from families, public and private schools, individuals and home schoolers.

Email submissions for the Potomac Almanac to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

To send CDs of artwork or CDs of typed submissions, mark them clearly by school and/or hometown and mail the CD to Children's Almanac, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Kurspahic Takes over As Editor of Four More Papers

Kemal Kurspahic, longtime Connection managing editor, has taken the helm of the Springfield Connection, Burke Connection, Fairfax Connection and Fairfax Station/Lorton/Clifton Connection. He adds these responsibilities to his editing of the Vienna/Oakton Connection, McLean Connection, Great Falls Connection, Reston Connection and Oak Hill/Herndon Connection.

Kurspahic, who has won some of the most prestigious international awards as well as many awards for local news coverage, focuses on a well-honed local mission with a lean team of reporters, photographers and freelancers, as well as editorial assistant Amna Rehmatulla.

Kurspahic was among the 50 World Press

Freedom Heroes named more than a decade ago, honored again in Vienna, Austria in September, 2010.

In December 1988, Kemal Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first editor of that paper not appointed by the Communist Party. Then after the communists were ousted, Kurspahic maintained editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties who wished to control the press.

During the siege of Sarajevo, with snipers' bullets flying, shelling which destroyed the paper's building, no electricity and very little newsprint, Kurspahic guided the paper's multi-ethnic staff in a nuclear bomb shelter, publishing the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information. Often its pages were filled with lists of the dead.

A U.S. citizen since 2001, Kurspahic is the author of several books, including "As Long as Sarajevo Exists" and "Prime Time Crime." He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute for Peace and also worked for the United Nations.

Questions? Comments? Story ideas? You can reach Kurspahic at Kemal@connectionnewspapers.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unilateral Approach

To the Editor:

The county executive has made several assertions in support of his plans to have soccer fields built on the Brickyard Middle School site that do not stand up to close scrutiny when the facts are laid out. We will examine just two of these assertions to show just how far off base he is.

The County Executive and his staff have claimed that the terms of the 2002 Potomac Master Plan support their unilateral decision to attempt to have soccer fields built on the Brickyard Middle School site. This is simply not true, and if the County Executive is successful in making this end run around the Master Plan, then no county master plan is safe from being circumvented by the county.

The 2001 draft master plan considered the Brickyard site for a recreation park with unlighted ball fields if it were ever declared surplus, but a "recreation park" is intended for sites with 50-plus acres which can support intensive recreational development. The local community provided a significant amount of testimony in 2001 pointing out that this 20-acre site

is not appropriate for recreational park status because it is on a narrow local road in the middle of a quiet community with no access to public transportation. Subsequently, the final approved and adopted 2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan recognized these facts, and replaced the draft language by stating "All school sites not otherwise recommended in this Plan for environmental conservation should be considered for other public uses, including park land, if they are declared as surplus." The plan goes on to note that Brickyard could be developed as a local park with ball fields, and that the appropriate use should be determined based on an evaluation of other uses identified in the plan.

It is important to note that the term "local park" has a very specific meaning in Montgomery County — it is defined as a mixed use park serving local needs, that could include multiple elements such as a play ground, open fields, basketball and/or tennis courts, ball field, nature trail and picnic facilities, but is not intended to support only multiple ball fields.

The Master Plan clearly contemplates an evaluation process to determine the best use of the Brickyard site, and that this evaluation would be done if the site is

declared surplus. The BOE has not declared Brickyard to be surplus. The County Executive has sidestepped the terms of the master plan by leasing the site from the Board of Education, and unilaterally deciding that soccer fields are the best use. This is just plain wrong, and makes a sham of the entire master plan process.

The second assertion made in support of building soccer fields is that there is a need for more soccer fields in Potomac. But according to the data shown on page 10 of the 2005 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan which the County Executive references in support of his soccer field proposal, which report can be found at montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkPlanning/Projects/LPPRP/L_P_P_R_P_2_0_0_5/LPPRP_Executive_Summary.pdf, the truth is quite different. According to this data, there are actually an excess of 4.1 youth soccer fields in Potomac, and a need for 4.6 adult fields. Without an understanding of the underlying field inventory it is hard to understand why surplus youth fields could not be redeveloped into adult sized fields, or why fields are not being developed in existing available Potomac public recreational areas. This should certainly be more cost

effective and easily accomplished than building new fields where none have ever existed and where the local community has not been clamoring for fields.

The questions surrounding field needs and availability and community park preferences are exactly the kinds of issues that would be explored if this property were to be declared surplus. We continue to urge the County Executive to cease his unilateral approach to this potential development, and initiate a public, transparent process to determine the best use of this property that is consistent with the needs and desires of the local community.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Gift of Heritage Connecting local customers with foreign craftsmen.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE ALMANAC

Shopping on the World Stage

A perfect gift should have meaning behind it, a presence that connects people in significant ways. For a perfect gift that has a story, consider the global products offered by the Potomac-based AdamAlexis.

AdamAlexis, under the parent company Unique Global Designs, LLC., delivers handcrafted products that reflect the cultural heritage of the countries they come from. They include silk shirts from Thailand, as well as leather goods from Mexico and Nicaragua.

Sharron and Bruce Levine, longtime Potomac residents and founders of AdamAlexis, note that the gift of global heritage has a special meaning in terms of bridging cultures.

"The products are absolutely beautiful, done by people, handmade and rare," said Sharron Levine. "When the opportunity comes to show a person's skill, it shows a side of humanity that is mostly lost with technology."

Sharron and Bruce Levine will have a post during the Washington Hebrew Holiday Boutique sale at the Bindeman Center, Dec. 4-6. For a complete look at all of their offerings visit adamalexis.com.

The leather tote bags from Mexico, for instance, are cut, carved and dyed by hand. Rather than sending the orders to China for mass production through automation or sweatshop labor, Sharron and Bruce Levine want to support the specific skill-set of different cultures.

"We want to expose the customer base with something unique," said Bruce Levine. "It takes years to develop the skills, and there is a real danger that those skills won't be around in 20 years."

The companies who supply Sharron and Bruce Levine are often just a handful of workers, and their continued employment is

based on the success of the global supply chain that includes Potomac.

AdamAlexis first began operating in March of 2011, and is the result of a lifetime of personal experiences. Sharron Levine had purchased several handbags during a previous trip to Mexico, which sparked an interest in many of the people she met.

The interest in silks from Thailand was based off another trip the family had taken, and as the company grows Sharron and Bruce Levine hope to include crafts from all of the countries they have visited.

"I see a bag and instantly think of the people who made it," said Sharron Levine. "I look at them as pieces of art, not just handbags."



The most popular item from AdamAlexis is known as The Claire, a leather tote from Mexico.



Mexican artists work on The Claire, a leather tote that will eventually be sold to boutique outlets in the U.S.



The process of creating The Claire is extensive and requires a specific skill set. While the world focuses on high technology, there is a risk the traditional skills will be lost in the coming decades.



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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Right Questions to Ask A Realtor

1. How long have you been in the business? Experience is key when hiring a Realtor, especially in a highly specialized market. Contacts made through the years are invaluable and can cut time on the market. Is the Realtor you want experienced enough?

2. What's your best marketing plan for my needs? In other words, how will you sell my home? Will there be a multi-prong approach and are there other methods, such as word of mouth, you'll use?

3. Do you have references? Ask former clients/customers what the Realtor was like, how they handled details and how their team worked together? Nothing will sell a house faster than a coordinated effort by a team.

4. What haven't I asked you that I need to know? There will always be questions and how your future Realtor answers them will tell you a lot. You always want a Realtor who hears you, addresses your concerns and deals head on with any questions you may have.

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HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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DEC. 3 AND 4

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Reservoir Road and MacArthur Blvd.

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Holiday Craft Show. 1 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center. At 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John, Md. Call Leslie Barden at 301-365-1311, email: leslie.barden@comcast.net, or visit www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org.

MONDAY/DEC. 5

Christmas Show. Featuring Al Petteway, Amy White and Robin Bullock. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance/ \$25/door. At IMT Rockville, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611

ENTERTAINMENT

NOV. 25, 26, 27

“Music Man.” Tickets are \$20/\$18. With 20 percent off prepaid groups of 10. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Presented by the Potomac Theatre Company. At the Blair Center for the Arts at Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-8571 for reservations.

TUESDAY/NOV. 22

Musician Johnsmith. 8 p.m. With special guest Natalie York and Chuck Brodsky. At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org. Contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

FRIDAY/NOV. 25

The Beatles’ Abbey Road. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28 to \$38. The Beatles’ album Abbey Road will be recreated note-for-note by the musicians of Classic Albums Live at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 26

Swingin’ Side of Duke Ellington. 9 p.m. to midnight. The Tom Cunningham Orchestra performs. Beginner’s dance lesson at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15/adults; \$8/children. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

NOV. 26, 27, DEC. 3, 4

Victorian Greeting Card Workshops. 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Free. Craft your own Victorian-era holiday greeting card in the style Miss Barton used to send to her friends. At Clara Barton National Historic Site, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo. Reservations required. Call 301-320-1410.

SUNDAY/NOV. 27

“The New Epiphany.” 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Free. Nick Page, a composer, song leader, and conductor, will perform at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Page’s “Comic Book Opera” premiered at Lincoln Center in New York City in June. His “New Epiphany Revival Show” premiered at the Unitarian Universalist Association’s 2011 General Assembly in Charlotte, NC. Page’s website: <http://www.nickmusic.com/>. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road (at Whittier) in Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400 or www.rruuc.org

MONDAY/NOV. 28

Potomac Pizza Fundraiser. Potomac Pizza in the Potomac Promenade will donate 20 percent of its profits from 4 to 9 p.m. to the Friends of the Library.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Portrait of a Woman: Seven Dimensions of the Feminine Mystique. 10 to 11 a.m. Inspiration to Empower the Modern Woman, from Mystical Jewish Texts, taught by Chana Kaplan. At Chabad’s Potomac Village location. Visit www.villagechabad.org or call 301-983-1485 or email info@chabadofthevillage.org.

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

Musician Jenny Lin. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Part of Celebrating American Composers at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

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

Open House. 9 to 11 a.m. Chat with teachers, students, parents, and administrators as well as take a tour of the school. At Norwood School, 8821 River Road in Bethesda. Visit www.norwoodschool.org.

DEC. 1 AND 2

Landon Greens Sale and Holiday Boutique. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. A huge selection of high quality greens to decorate inside and outside your home. The Holiday Boutique offers children’s gifts, designer clothing, jewelry, specialty foods and home and garden accessories. Also, bake sale and café. Tour Landon’s Farmhouse decked out in its holiday



Aaron Neville

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Christmas With Aaron Neville. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$55. Grammy winner Aaron Neville and his quintet perform holiday classics with R&B and funk grooves, New Orleans-style, with a solo opening performance by pianist Allen Toussaint. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. For tickets, www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

finest. At Landon School, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. Email azalea_admin@landon.net or call Robyn Porter at 703-963-0142.

DEC. 2-4 AND 9-10

“Blast 23: Believe.” Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Features 200 student singers, dancers, musicians and technicians. Winston Churchill. This is a switch from the usual April production. For tickets, go to www.wchsmusic.com or the Bish Auditorium, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac.

DEC. 2, 3 AND 4

Montgomery Potters Show & Sale. Huge selection of functional and decorative handmade pottery by more than 30 local potters. Friday, Dec. 2 from 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. At Garret Park Town Hall, 10814 Kenilworth Ave., Garret Park. Visit www.MontgomeryPotters.org

DEC. 2 TO 11

“The Nutcracker.” Presented by the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre. Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1 and 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1 and 5 p.m. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Tickets: call 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac. In advance: \$17 for groups of 10 or more, \$18 for senior citizens, \$20 individual. At the Door: \$22 (if available). Call 301-762-1757 or visit www.mbt舞蹈.org

DEC. 2 TO 18

“Puss in Boots.” Tickets are \$20/adults; \$12/children under 12. Evening performances Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 7 p.m.; matinees Saturday, Dec. 10 and 17; Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 2 p.m. At Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington. Visit www.britishplayers.org or call 301-875-8544.

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Margolin’s VizzTone Blues Revue. Slow Blues lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom 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.

Bethesda’s Free Winter Concert. 8 p.m. Free. Featured groups include: American University Gospel Choir, Gospel group; Capital Blend, A cappella group; The Capital Hearings, A cappella group; Vox Pop DC, A cappella group. Hosted by Bethesda Urban Partnership. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Call 301-215-6660.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to

midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Seth Walker. Slow blues lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Bazaar and Silent Auction. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antiques, toys, clothing, books, rugs, jewelry, art, housewares, baby equipment, sporting goods, teen boutique, food, and more! Silent Auction 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road (at Whittier Blvd.) in Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400 or visit www.rruuc.org/bazaar.

Frostbite Hike, 10:30 a.m. Meet at Great Falls Tavern, at end of Falls Road and MacArthur Blvd. Visit five vistas along the canal. Contact Carl Linden at 301-461-2071 or Pat White at 301-977-5628 or hikemaster@candocanal.org. Founded in 2007, the C&O Canal Trust is the official nonprofit partner of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Its mission is to work in partnership with the National Park Service to protect, restore, and promote the C&O Canal. See www.canaltrust.org/trust/

Bethesda’s Winter Wonderland.

1 to 4 p.m. A live ice sculpting presentation will transform blocks of ice into wintry works of art followed by choral performances from local school groups. Garret Park Elementary School, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seneca Valley High School, Watkins Mill High School and the Academy of the Holy Cross will delight the crowd with holiday music. At Veteran’s Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, Bethesda. Call 301-215-6660.

DEC. 3 AND 4

Holiday Craft Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Montgomery County Recreation will hold its annual juried craft show, “Holiday Happening,” with more than 60 artists and crafters. At the Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville. Call 240-777-6922.

Glen Echo Potters Holiday Sale. Hundreds of pots, art pieces and functional pottery with more than 50 potters exhibiting. Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At The Lab School of Washington, 4759 Reservoir Road, at the split of Reservoir Road and MacArthur Blvd.

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Pianist Jeffery Watson. 3 p.m. Performing Chopin, Liszt, and Schumann. Sponsored by the Washington Conservatory of Music, the concert will be performed at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, One Westmoreland Circle, at Massachusetts and Western Avenues.

“Russia, Yesterday and Tomorrow.” 10:25 a.m. E. Wayne Merry will analyze recent economic and political changes in Russia from a historical perspective and explain their implications for the future. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in the Fireside Room. E, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400 or visit www.rruuc.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. No lesson. With the band Glenn Crytzer and His Syncopators. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park. Call Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Waltz Dancing. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band Avant Gardeners. Introductory waltz workshop 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing 3:30 to 6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

Holiday Craft Show. 1 to 5 p.m. Jewelry, beads, fiber arts, soaps, Christmas items, wood crafts, prints, metalwork, ceramics, glass, oils, watercolors, photography, books and more. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center. At 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John, Md. Call Leslie Barden at 301-365-1311, email: leslie.barden@comcast.net, or visit www.friendsofclarabartoncommunitycenter.org.

Benefit Concert. Cocktails 6 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Featuring the Billy Joel-Elton John Face



SATURDAY/DEC. 3

“Madeline and the Bad Hat.” 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7/adults; \$6/seniors, students and children. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Call 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

2 Face Tribute Show. At the Woodmont Country Club, 1201 Rockville Pike, Rockville. For tickets, call or email Lesley Schrier at JSSA, 301-610-8342 or lschrier@jssa.org. Visit www.jssa.org.

C&O Canal Trust Board Meeting at Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave., 1 p.m. Founded in 2007, the C&O Canal Trust is the official nonprofit partner of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Its mission is to work in partnership with the National Park Service to protect, restore, and promote the C&O Canal. See www.canaltrust.org/trust/

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Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour. With special guests Rick Braun, Jonathan Butler and Candy Dulfer. Featuring 18 holiday songs. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

TUESDAY/DEC. 6

Chinese Language Book Club, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 6 p.m. In Chinese. “Enjoy Your Golden Years” by Ayako Sono. Ask for book at the Circulation Desk. 2 hours. No registration required. Call 240-777-0690 or see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>



SATURDAY/DEC. 3

The Great Zucchini Children’s Show. 10 a.m. Admission is \$8. Will present a special benefit performance fundraiser for A Message of Hope Cancer Fund Inc. At Potomac Elementary School, 10311 River Road, Potomac. Visit www.amessageofhopepcf.org.

FINE ARTS



NOW THROUGH DEC. 5

FotoWeek. The Photo Slam Exhibition. Featuring Stephen Carroll, Victoria Porter and Michael Borek. Saturdays 1-4 p.m.; Sundays and Mondays 1-8 p.m. At Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 30

From Forge to Form: Modern Ironwork and the 78th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature. Simultaneous exhibitions feature 700 pieces of art. From Forge to Form will illustrate the evolution of blacksmithing from a utilitarian trade to a growing artistic medium, featuring 32 pieces of ironwork, totaling 3,500 pounds, by Virginia-based artists Frederic Crist and Nol Putnam. The juried Fine Art in Miniature exhibition features 667 meticulously painted, sculpted, carved and crafted micro-works from 252 artists. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

JAN. 3 TO FEB. 4

Faces. Paintings by Shari Hookman Berger and New Work by Gallery Artists. Artist's reception is Friday, Jan. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. At Waverly

Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Visit waverlystreetgallery.com.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 26

Abstract and Real, or Not. Free. Abstract wall art by Felisa Federman, Amy Kincaid and Julia Latein-Kimmig; knitted silver necklaces by Nancy Pollack; metal shoes and hats by Joyce Zipperer. At Gallery Har Shalom, Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-7087.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 3

"Time and Place." Paintings by Robert LeMar. At the Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441 or www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 30

Plen Air Painting by Shelley Lowenstein. Named Artist-in-Residence for the month of November at Glen Echo's Chautauqua Stone Tower. Artist reception is Saturday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. At 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 9

Gallery B Exhibit: NYC Now. Features new artworks by nationally renowned, New York based, contemporary artists Margaret Bowland, Kenichi Hoshine, Choichun Leung, Jules Arthur and Jason Sho Green. At Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

NOV. 25, 26, 27

"Open Roads." Recent paintings by Lynn Lewis. Lynn Lewis' paintings are acrylic and watercolor drive-by impressions of views from rural roads and highways in Maryland, D.C., Ohio, and New England. A reception with the artist is Saturday, Nov. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Yellow Barn

Gallery, Glen Echo Park. Call 301-371-5593.

DEC. 1 TO 31

Artistic Flair. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paintings, decorative tables, jewelry. Come to Glen Echo Park for an exhibition of large semi-abstract paintings, watercolors and art inspired pieces by local artists, Jan Rowland and Mariana Kastrinakis. Contact mkastrin@gmail.com or jan_rowland@yahoo.com, the Yellow Barn Gallery at 1-301-371-5593 or the National Park Service, Glen Echo at 1-301-492-6229.

DEC. 6 TO 31

Holiday Show. All-member multi-media show. Jewelry, pottery and wearable art; paintings, prints and photos; sculpture and mobiles - all will be presented by Waverly Street Gallery members in their holiday show. Reception is Friday, Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

JAN. 3 TO FEB. 4

Memories. Ceramics and Mixed Media by Karin Abromaitis and New Work by Gallery Artists. Reception is Friday, Jan. 13, from 6-9 p.m. Meet the Artist reception is Saturday afternoons Jan. 14 and 21, from 12-2 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441 or www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

FINE ARTS



NOV. 25 TO DEC. 31

"The Nutcracker." Presented by the Puppet Co. Tickets are \$10/ adults and children. Show Times are Thursdays & Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Exceptions: Nov. 25 and Dec. 26 - 31, performances at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 50 minutes. Call 301-634-5380 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 31

"Tiny Tots @ 10." 10 a.m. "Tiny Tots @ 10" is designed for young children ages 0-4. The program features master puppeteer Bob Brown. The lights stay on, the doors stay open, and everyone has a great time! Tickets are \$5. All individuals must have a ticket, including babes-in-arms. Running time is 30 minutes. Email: c.piper@thepuppetco.org or visit www.thepuppetco.org. For reservations, call 301-634-5380.

- ❖ Nov. 26 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"
- ❖ Nov. 27 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"
- ❖ Dec. 3 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"
- ❖ Dec. 10 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"
- ❖ Dec. 11 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"
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- ❖ Dec. 17 — "Nutcracker Fantasy"

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Every year between Christmas and New Year's, The Potomac Almanac turns its pages over to the contributions of local students. We are seeking artwork, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories and reflections. We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are home schooled.

E-mail to: almanac@connectionnews.com, or mail (.jpg and text files on disc only) by Nov. 30, to 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please be sure to include the student's name, age, grade, school and town of residence along with each submission. For information, call 703-778-9410.

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Things To Do Before Turkey's Served

Or after the belly is full ...

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Thanksgiving Day dawns, the turkey goes into the oven, the side dishes are prepared and ready — and what happens now? Do you and your family just hang around the house, watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and then football, football — and more football? Is everyone bored, waiting for the turkey to roast and all the side dishes to be done — the meal you worked on for hours that is devoured in 20 minutes — and then what?

Here are some alternatives to the traditional Thanksgiving Day. These include ideas to get the couch potatoes off the sofa, options for enjoying the beauty of a fall day with your family, and some new traditions for those of you whose families may not live nearby or because a change in your family structure makes you want to forge new traditions. These activities are close to Potomac, easy to do before or after your turkey dinner, and will make wonderful memories for everyone who is included in your adventure — and that's what it should be — a Thanksgiving Day adventure.

1. Take a hike on Sugarloaf Mountain — a fun activity before or after you gobble the gobbler.

View breathtaking scenery, build up a healthy appetite for your turkey feast, or wear off the dinner you just consumed. The exhilarating hikes vary from half a mile to 5 miles — some are easy and very family friendly, some are more difficult. There are rocks to climb on, trails to follow and something for every member of the family at Sugarloaf. For trail maps and more information, go to www.sugarloafmd.com. Directions: From Potomac, go north on River Road to Seneca Road (MD 112). Turn right onto Seneca Road, then left onto Darnestown Road (MD 28). Go 11 miles until you come to a slight right onto Dickenson RD (still MD 28). Go 1.2 miles and then turn right onto Mt. Ephraim Road. Stay straight to head onto Sugarloaf Mountain Road. Turn left onto Comus Road. The Comus Inn is on the corner, and an excellent view of the mountain can be seen from their north parking lot. Turn right onto State Road 95 and drive 4.2 miles to the Stronghold entrance "plaza." The route to the mountain is clearly marked by road signs.

2. Run the Turkey Chase at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA.

Get your family up early to run the Turkey Chase. Every Thanksgiving for the past 25 years, thousands

of runners have gathered in Bethesda to run in the Turkey Chase in support of the YMCA's Youth and Family Services, YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. The 10K Race, 2 mile Fun Run and 50 Meter Kid's Run will start at 8:30 a.m. Go to www.turkeychase.org for information about registration and fees. 9401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, 301-440-1854. After the race, feel free to indulge.

3. Did you know the Smithsonian Museums are open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day?

If the weather on Thanksgiving is less than perfect, pile the family into the car and visit an almost empty Smithsonian museum. The IMAX films are fantastic and the family can view everything from a live tarantula feeding to renowned artists at the National Gallery of Art. Ride the flight simulators at the Air and Space Museum, make cornhusk dolls at the American Indian Museum or visit the Discovery Room at the Natural History Museum. For more information, go to www.smithsonianinstitution.org

4. The National Zoo is open — and happening.

The animals are awaiting company on Thanksgiving Day. (They most likely don't eat turkey to celebrate Thanksgiving.) Your entire group will enjoy watching the orangutan crossing or the Amazon fish feeding at 11 a.m., meeting the Great Ape keeper or hearing a talk about sloth bears at 11:30 a.m. or watching a spider and octopus eat at 2 p.m. Check it out at www.nationalzoo.si.org

5. Volunteer to help with Thanksgiving meals to the

needy.

Lots of organizations need help on Thanksgiving Day with preparing and serving meals to the needy. Contact the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at www.montgomeryserves.org. Your family can take a turkey dinner to a needy family, collect canned goods, visit a senior who is lonely or donate a Thanksgiving Gift Basket.

6. Take a peaceful walk down the C&O Canal Towpath.

Even if the weather is chilly, bundle everyone up and take an enjoyable walk either before or after dinner down the C&O Canal towpath. This is a wonderful way to enjoy one another while getting some healthy exercise and observing the fall colors and the wildlife. Enjoy nature at its finest.

7. Choose a family film and head to the movies.

Movies are open all day, but never crowded. After that big meal, a movie is a relaxing way to spend family time together.

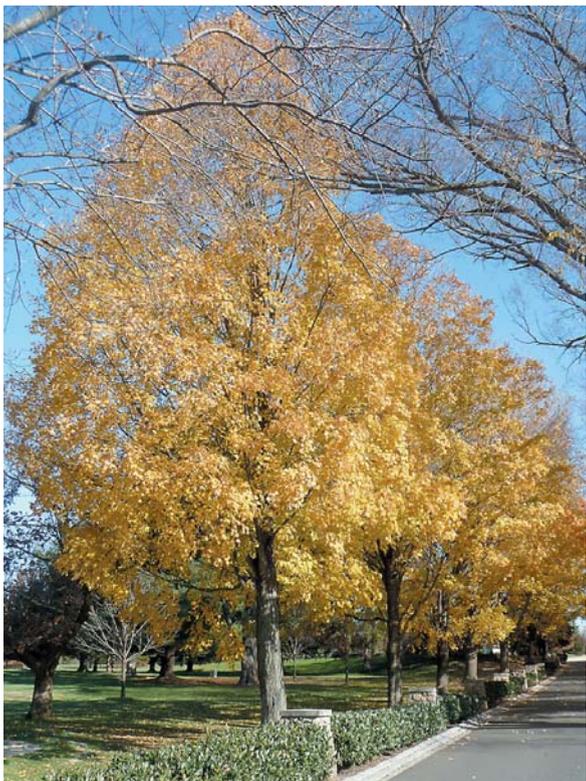


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Churchill Boys in Search of Sustained Success

Last season, Bulldogs won first division title in more than 30 years.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

The Churchill boys basketball program experienced a resurgence last season. Now the Bulldogs will try to show they're no one-hit wonder.

Churchill's 2010-11 resume includes 18 victories, a 13-game win streak and the Bulldogs' first division title in more than three decades — accomplishments achieved with just three seniors. The Bulldogs reached the 4A West Region semifinals, where they lost to eventual champion Magruder.

“It's much easier to have a good season than it is to have a day-in-and-day-out great program.”

— Churchill head boys basketball coach Matt Miller

Eight months later, Churchill enters the 2011-12 campaign with an experienced group of athletes and a roster with six players listed at 6 feet 3 or taller. The Bulldogs have shown they can play winning basketball. Now they face the challenge of maintaining success while proving last season was no fluke.

“It's much easier to have a good sea-



Churchill senior Thomas Geenen is a key returning athlete from a 2010-11 Bulldogs team that won the program's first division title in more than 30 years.



Churchill senior Christian Bonaparte enters his third season as a point guard.

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son than it is to have a day-in-and-day-out great program,” fourth-year Churchill head coach Matt Miller said. “Year in and year out you see teams like Magruder and Springbrook always there, whether they

have a state championship team or not, they're there.”

One Bulldog who will play a significant role in whether Churchill achieves similar success is 6-foot-1 senior Christian

Bonaparte, who enters his third season playing the point guard position. Miller moved Bonaparte from shooting guard to the point as a sophomore, allowing him to learn be

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Lansana Keita, seen against Seneca Valley on Sept. 23, and the Churchill football team ended the season with a loss to Quince Orchard in the 4A West Region final on Nov. 18.

Churchill Football Finishes Region Runner-Up in 2011

The Churchill football team fell just short of adding “region champion” to its 2011 resume.

The Bulldogs lost to Quince Orchard 23-21 in the 4A West Region championship game on Nov. 18 at QOHS. Churchill held a one-point lead in the fourth quarter but lost on a late field goal. Churchill finished the season with a 10-2 record, a 4A South Division title and the No. 15 ranking in the Washington Post's top 20. Quince Orchard is ranked No. 3.

Against the undefeated Cougars, Churchill quarterback Lansana Keita accounted for 224 yards of offense and three touchdowns. He completed 9 of 16 passes for 194 yards and a touchdown, and rushed 18 times for 30 yards and two scores. Keita finished the season with more than 2,000

combined passing and rushing yards.

Curtis Kamara carried 18 times for 107 yards and Dominique Williams had three receptions for 55 yards. Six Bulldogs each caught one pass, including Quan Gill's 28-yard touchdown reception.

Kamara ended the year with more than 1,200 rushing yards.

Defensively, Bret Sickels led Churchill with 10 tackles. Vinny Montgillion finished with seven tackles and Malik Harris and Williams each had six. Sam Edens, Jacob Suissa and Sickels each had one sack and Harris forced a fumble.

Sickels finished with 122 tackles on the season and

After opening the season with wins against Kennedy, Whitman and Bethesda-Chevy Chase by a combined score of 108-14, Churchill lost to Seneca Valley 32-6 on Sept. 23. The Bulldogs responded with seven consecutive victories, including a 24-6 win against Gaithersburg in the region semifinals on Nov. 11.

Churchill is 22-10 in three seasons under head coach Joe Allen, including two seven-game win streaks.

Churchill's Arthur-Williams Signs with UNC-Greensboro

Sarafina Arthur-Williams began her Churchill basketball career as a talented but unpolished freshman who was “scared” of her surroundings. She will end her Bulldog playing days as a dominant senior and Division I signee.

Arthur-Williams on Nov. 11 signed a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. The Spartans play in the Southern Conference, along with Wofford, Appala

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Looking for Sustained Success

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hind standout Jake Eskin.
“I expect him to pick up the scoring load,” Miller said. “I anticipate he’s going to be much more comfortable with the basketball. I think he’s been pretty good at handling pressure and attacking defenses. I want him to be more of a threat. He’s always been solid on defense with us and I’d like to see him start attacking more.”

Now a second-year starter, Bonaparte is ready to show his improvement.

“I’m real excited right now,” he said. “Everything that I learned from point guard Jake Eskin — Will Lewis taught me some stuff — now I get to put all that together and it’s my year.”

Six-foot-6 forward Thomas Geenen is another senior leader. Last season, Geenen was the only non-senior among Churchill’s four captains. Miller said he wants Geenen, like Bonaparte, to become a more aggressive scorer.

“He’s always been very good at making plays and doing all the little things,” Miller said. “Now we’ve got to get him to do the things that everybody loves to do.”

Senior guard/forward Sam Edens (6’3”) and junior guard Dominique Williams (6’1”) are also expected to be key contributors. Senior center Louis Rothstein (6’4”) and senior forwards Quan Gill (6’4”) and Kyle Edwards (6’5”) will be impact players in

the post.

Senior guard George Nichols (6’1”), juniors Bryant Wheatley (6’3”) forward) and Hugues Massala (5’10”) guard) and sophomores Allen Njumbe (6’1”) guard) and Matt Moshyedi (5’9”) guard) will compete for playing time.

Churchill will open the season on the road against Damascus on Dec. 6. The Bulldogs’ first home game will be Dec. 9 against Sherwood. Churchill will compete in the 4A South Division, along with Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Richard Montgomery, Walter Johnson, Whitman and Wootton.

The 2011 Bobby Miller Bulldog Classic will be held Dec. 27-28 and include Takoma Academy, Shaler Area High School (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and The Heights School.

After winning a division title last year, Churchill figures to have a target on its back.

“We all know that right now,” Bonaparte said, “so that’s motivating us to go even harder at practice because we know teams are going to come for us now, especially some teams we beat last year.”

Are the Bulldogs up to the task?

“You have to embrace that challenge because you know you’re going to get every team’s best effort each night,” Geenen said. “We’ve just got to embrace that and take it head on because if don’t, if you’re not ready, you come out flat, those teams are going to jump on us.”

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chian State, College of Charleston and others.

“I just liked how it was really homey and I felt like I was part of the team already when I was there,” Arthur-Williams said. “The coaches are really nice, the players are really nice and they welcomed me really well.”

Arthur-Williams, a 6-foot-1 post, said she was “scared” as a freshman, due in part to working with a group of seniors who were just as tall as she. However, Arthur-Williams said the experience taught her how to carry herself as she got older.

Arthur-Williams’ on-court production also matured over the years. She has turned into a double-double machine for the Bulldogs, using her size and skill to wreak havoc in the paint.

“As a freshman, when Sarafina entered, she showed a lot of potential, but her ability and her skill set has completely transformed in the past three years,” third-year Churchill head coach Kate McMahon said. “As far as this season goes, the difference is going to be that she has added some range to her game and a little bit of ball-handling skills, so she’s really becoming that all-around player that we’ve worked toward the whole time. ...

“She was very athletic [in the past], but she was still raw. She had the basics of basketball, but her post moves are beautiful to

watch now. Before, raw is a good word. They were a little raw.”

— JON ROETMAN

Soccer Team Needs Players

The Potomac Soccer Girls U11 WAGS team is looking for players to fill out its roster. The team practices locally.

Contact Coach Theo Botchway at tbotchway@verizon.net or Uzma Ahmad, team manager, at 717-903-9022 for more information.

Churchill’s Sarafina Arthur-Williams, seen during her junior season, signed a letter of intent to play with UNC-Greensboro.



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Let's Talk Turkey



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths. One-hundred, sixty-thousand people, approximately, succumb to its ravages every year. More people die from lung cancer than from breast, prostate and colon cancer COMBINED. Eighty-five percent of those diagnosed with lung cancer die within five years. Fifteen-percent of lung cancer patients are non-smokers (yours truly). Men and women are diagnosed in equal numbers. Smoking rates among young people have not been affected by these facts, unfortunately. The message – or its delivery, is not getting through to this population, for some reason. (This information provided by Dr. Wallace Akerley, Professor of Medical Oncology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City; recently he and I participated, along with a second stage IV lung cancer survivor, in a Satellite Media Tour (several media interviews from one location) sponsored by Genentech/Astellas as part of Lung Cancer Awareness month: November 2011.

When asked, Dr. Akerley explained the cruel irony as to why lung cancer has not garnered the kind of publicity that breast, prostate and colon cancer – and their survivors have; his answer was succinct: "Death." There are simply not enough survivors to advocate for it. To advocate, you sort of have to be alive, and there's not exactly an abundance of lung cancer survivors able to do so. As strength is so often found in numbers, so too is weakness often found when those same numbers are shrinking. Lung cancer's deadline is its own worst enemy, if you know what I mean, to provide the necessary elements to raise awareness – and money, to fight and ultimately defeat this insidious disease.

However, in the last decade or so research has yielded insights into how cancer cells grow. Genetic mutations in cancer cells have also been discovered which have led to targeted therapies – such as Tarceva and Avastin as an example, that can attack the tumor itself – directly, or that alternatively, can attack the blood vessels feeding the tumor, thereby cutting off its blood supply. When targeting the tumors in this manner, there's less damage (make that side-effects) to the patient and greater damage/effect on the cancer/tumor. John, the other stage IV lung cancer patient and I are living proof. Nevertheless, lung cancer patients – like myself, still face a rather unenviable future with few guarantees. Every day brings hope however, that more research, clinical studies, gene therapy, whatever else, will yield new and different strategies to help cancer patients/survivors, survive.

As for preventing lung cancer in the first place, Dr. Akerley answered that it is possible: "Stop smoking. Eighty-five percent of those diagnosed with lung cancer are smokers. The second leading cause of lung cancer is exposure to Radon Gas, so have your homes checked." There's also a confirmed link between exposure to asbestos and lung cancer.

Enough cancer talk. It's Thanksgiving and I'm hungry, and thankful as well for all I've been given. I am alive and reasonably well, having survived stage IV lung cancer for nearly three years; after originally receiving a "13-month-to-two-year prognosis" by my oncologist. Now would someone please pass the gravy? Thanks.

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

WUSA-9'S Topper Shutt Entertains Rotary Club

When will be area's first snowfall?

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

“We should have two big snowstorms this winter, the usual amount of snow — 22 inches a year is the average for this area — and average temperatures overall,” predicts Topper Shutt. “However, long range forecasts are nearly impossible. I can guess and announce that we will have our first snowfall on Dec. 5, only because we’ve had our first snowfall on Dec. 5 three times in the 30 years — but it is only a guess.”

Shutt, chief meteorologist for WUSA-9 spoke candidly about his career, his predictions and the weather to the Potomac Rotary Club on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Normandie Farms Restaurant.

Shutt grew up in Silver Spring and graduated from the Landon School and Trinity College in Connecticut. As a child, he was always fascinated by the science of weather. At age 8, he built a weather station in his backyard, and made weather predictions by the age of 10. After graduation from college, he was hired by the brand-new CNN TV Station in Atlanta. He hung around the weather forecasters until he got his first break in weather reporting as a substitute weather anchor on March 7, 1984. He then moved to Knoxville, Tenn. for a full-time weather anchor position and studied meteorology at the University of Tennessee. Then he relocated to Greensboro, N.C. to serve as a weather anchor and complete his studies at the University of North Carolina



Topper Shutt with Rotary Club of Potomac President Matthew Brock.

Greensboro. In 1988, he returned to D.C. to work at WFMY, sister station to WUSA and began supplying weather predictions. He’s worked at WUSA-9 since that time.

“People always talk about climate change and how our climate is different than it used to be,” said Shutt. “We have the same amount of snow and very hot days as we have always had. Our annual snowfall is actually bigger than Chicago or Minneapolis.”

During the big snowstorm in January 2010, Shutt stayed at the station, sleeping in a sleeping bag in his office because he could not get back and forth to his home. He did not return home until Super Bowl Sunday.

He shared the story of the La Plata tornado in 2002 when he pre-empted “60 Minutes” with tornado warnings for La Plata and surrounding areas. Before he left that evening, he had 1,000 e-mails complaining

about the interruption — and a displeased boss. However, when the tornado came through, it was the second strongest tornado recorded on the East Coast — and five people died, 800 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed and there was \$100 million dollars of damage. Shutt said, “If severe weather is on its way, I will interrupt any program to protect a life and property.”

“It’s nearly impossible to miss a major snowfall any more with the technology we have today,” said Shutt. “We might miss by an inch or two, but not by a lot. I started the ‘Bread-o-meter’ for snowfalls to tell residents how quickly to get to the store. On a scale of 1 – 10, should you “run for your life, is it a legitimate snowfall or is it just a nuisance snow. People seem to like that as a guide to how quickly they should leave their job and hurry home — or make a run on the grocery store.”



Potomac Rotarians Linda and Howard Lerch attend lunch meeting with daughter Diana Wolfson and “soon-to-be Rotarians” grandsons Rock and Duke Wolfson.

He ended with a Thanksgiving Day forecast: “It will be a little cool on Thanksgiving, but perfect weather for being outside and deep frying my turkey.”

The Rotary Club of Potomac meets weekly at Normandie Farm Restaurant. The internationally known service organization whose motto is “Service Above Self” performs club, community and international service activities. The eradication of polio has been their number one goal for many years. They also provide dictionaries for every third grade student in Montgomery County Public Schools. The group will deliver turkeys and Thanksgiving Baskets for needy residents this week.

New members are welcome in the Rotary Club of Potomac. For more information, contact the Rotary Club of Potomac at potomacrotary@gmail.com or Guy Semmes at guy@hopkinsandporter.com.



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Falling Leaves

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Yard trim decals can be ordered through the county. Decals are not needed for every container, but make sure the containers closest to the street are labeled, with the decal facing the roadway. See montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling

The county also helps residents start their own compost system, providing free, easy-to-assemble compost bins. Compost bins may be picked up at loca-

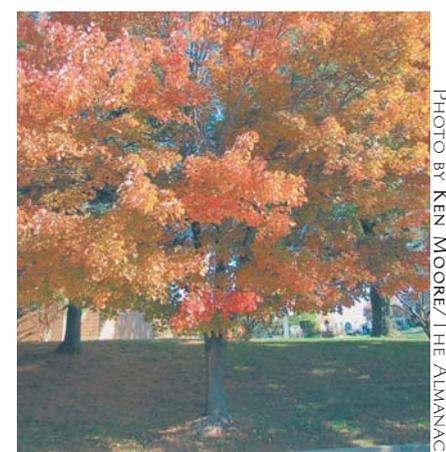


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Trees at the Village Post Office turned a vibrant red earlier this week.

tions including Whole Foods Market, 5629 River Road; Bethesda Green, 4825 Cordell Avenue, Suite 200; Audubon Sanctuary Shop, Woodend Nature Center, 8940 Jones Mill Road; Executive Office Building, Division of Solid Waste Services, 101 Monroe Street, 6th floor.

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