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Churchill Brings 'Auntie Mame' To the Stage

Performances begin this Friday.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The madcap adventures of eccentric bohemian Mame Dennis will come to life this weekend when Winston Churchill High School Drama Department presents "Auntie Mame." The play is based on Patrick Dennis' 1955 novel which tells the real-life adventures of his aunt and spans the Great Depression through World War II. As a Broadway play, "Mame" captured three Tony awards in 1966 as well as the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1958.

"As audience members, we rejoice in Auntie Mame's hilarious antics," said director Scott Courlander. "In some ways, Auntie Mame is the person many of us would like to be. We want to be free of our inhibitions, but we find ourselves regulated by so much in life that we can't fully express ourselves or let ourselves live in the moment. The play is extremely funny and clever, and we embrace the message it contains."

Courlander and Tech Director Matt Albright are both new to Winston Churchill High School — and pleased to be working

together on this production. Courlander studied acting in New York at the New Actor's Workshop with Mike Nichols and performed in productions at the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theater. He is a 2002 Wootton High School graduate. Albright is the new choral teacher at WCHS and will be instrumental in the production of BLAST 2014.

"Auntie Mame" is the story of wealthy socialite, Mame whose life is suddenly interrupted when her deceased brother's 10-year-old son is entrusted to her care. Mame tries to raise her nephew to enjoy life to the fullest but also to maintain his values even though the seduction of the rich life and the "upper crust" are easy to succumb to.

The play stars WCHS students Hope Kean as Mame, Madeleine Jacobson as Young Patrick and Austin Abdun-Nabi as Patrick when he is grown. Jackie Spang is the stage manager.

"Auntie Mame" will run from Friday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 17. Show times are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. All tickets are \$10 at the door.

Hope Kean as Auntie Mame and Lauren Matcha as Vera Charles.



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Holy Child's Mayfield Market Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Event funds technology advances in Holy Child's classrooms.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Get ready for the Mayfield Market's shopping extravaganza — better than ever as the Connelly School of the Holy Child celebrates the 10th anniversary of its holiday bazaar. More than 70 vendors will be displaying their wares, including personalized clothing, accessories and stationery, hostess gifts for the holidays, distinctive jewelry, handmade ceramic pieces, men's clothing, cashmere hats and scarves, handbags, children's gifts and clothing, original art work and more.

The 10th Annual "Mayfield Market" at Holy Child will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The school is located at 9209 Bradley Blvd., Potomac.

Holy Child alumna Jennifer Kress founded the Mayfield Market 10 years ago. She said, "Ten years ago, I had my own company called Monkey Business and I used to sell at bazaars. I suggested to HC

Director of Development and alum, Susi Montes de Oca that we hold our own. We started very small, and, as the word has spread, we have grown each year. Vendors come back year after year because they know that customers return again and again. I send out the applications in May, and we are filled by July. I'm fortunate that Rachel MacDonald has co-chaired with me for the past six years. It's a great weekend for everyone at Holy Child."

"This year is our best selection of vendors," Kress continued. "We have local artists, potters, hand-made wood furniture and much more. We have a lot of new vendors — and we also have many alums who are thrilled to be included in the Mayfield Market. Because we have so many dedicated volunteers, we are now like a well-oiled machine and everything runs very smoothly."

Montes de Oca confirmed that this is a huge Holy Child weekend: "We have over 75 parent and student volunteers each day. Dads will direct our customers about where to park and moms and daughters will greet you at the door and sell you delicious homemade treats from the Tiger Bakery or direct you to the various vendors."

In addition to the vendors, the Holy Child "Always Chic Boutique" is an upscale sale where one can find gently-used home décor, clothing, bags and more.

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Event co-chairs Rachel McDonald (left) and Jennifer Kress help publicize Mayfield Market in front of the Connelly School of the Holy Child.

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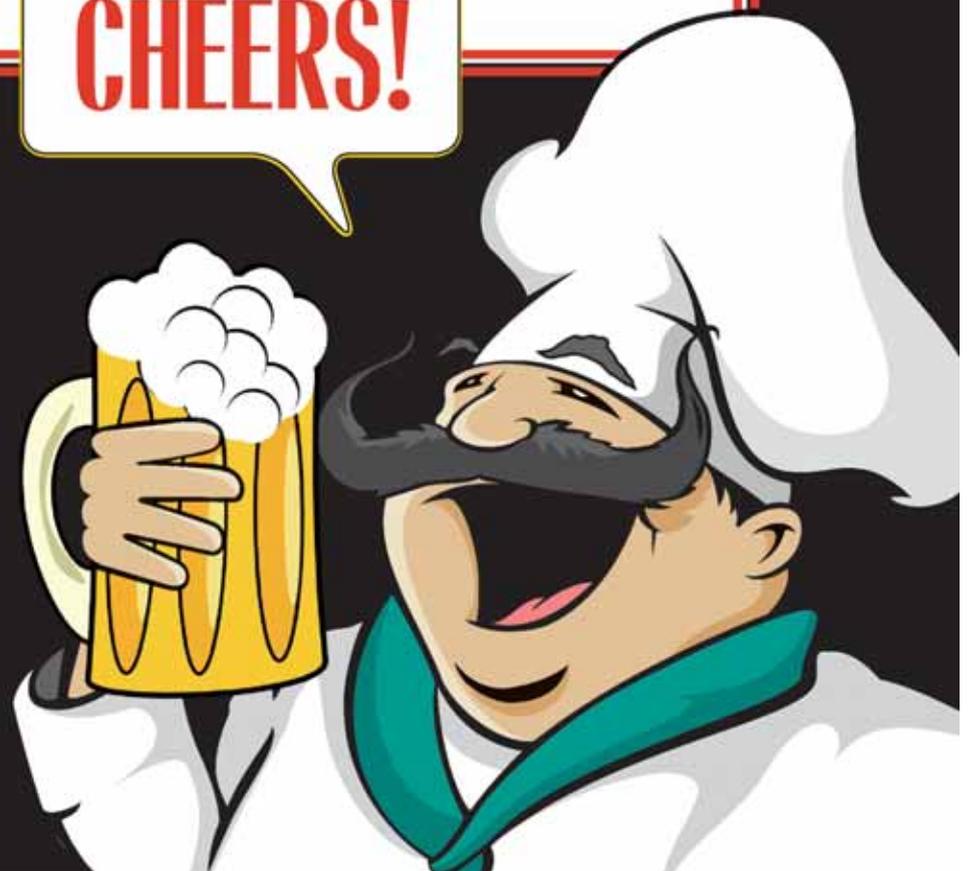
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FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Open House. 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal School in Rockville. Tour the campus, meet members of the community and learn more about the learning environment. Free. Visit www.CESRockville.org or 301-424-6550.

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Health Talk. 2-4 p.m. "For Better or Worse: Braving the Dementia Storm Together." Free. RSVP to nicole.mcmonigle@arden-courts.com or 301-980-2656.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4

Drop-In Discussion about Grief and Healing. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Anyone who is mourning the death of a loved one. Free. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

Gala. 6:30 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive. BBYO Northern



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Firefighters Think Pink

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue joined the national campaign for the third year in an effort to raise awareness about the cause and money for cancer research and programs. This year's campaign by Montgomery County Fire and Rescue has raised \$12,000 in proceeds to be donated to The Susan G. Komen Foundation and The Red Devils charity, a Maryland-based breast cancer organization whose mission is to fund services that improve the quality of life for Maryland breast cancer patients and their families. Visit the web pages of both charitable organizations by visiting ww5.komen.org and www.the-red-devils.org for more information about the organizations.

Region East's D.C. and Northern Virginia councils will honor Rachel S. Kronowitz, Mark Plotkin and Nelson Migdal. To register visit bbyo.org/dcgala or 301-348-3784.

Get a Handle on Grief. Males can get help grieving in a session led by male facilitators. Free. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Second session on Dec. 17. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

THURSDAY/DEC. 12

Bereavement Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard St. Learn how to balance sorrow and celebration while grieving. Free. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

FRIDAY/DEC. 13

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Bereavement Workshop. 1-2:30 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard St. Learn how to balance sorrow and celebration while grieving. Free. Registration required, 301-921-4400.

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Connect-A-Ride offers low-priced transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores and more for low-income, disabled residents 50 and over. Contact the Jewish Council for the Aging at 301-738-3252.

Beginner's Yoga Classes at Village Yoga as well as Beginner's Gentle Flow class throughout week. 10154 River Road. For more information call 301-299-1948 or visit www.villageyogayogi.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 10



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Appointed to State Commission

Potomac resident Sachchida N. Gupta, P.E., principal and owner of SNG Engineering, Inc., 344 Main St., was recently appointed by the governor to serve a four-year term as a commissioner on the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. Gupta has been leading SNG Engineering, Inc. an architectural and engineering design-build firm for the last 18 years in the Kentlands. Over his 40-plus year career, he has worked on award-winning projects worldwide and in the local community.

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Potomac Designer Creates Dream Home

Bethesda homeowner finally has the home she always wanted.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When Ellen Katz purchased her Bethesda home in the early 1990s, she saw it as a diamond in the rough. It had potential: the charm of a mid-20th century home perched on a wooded hill. But in Katz's eyes, the home had flaws.

"The main part of the house was built in 1940 and someone had put an addition on prior to our buying," said Katz. "It was chopped up and looked like someone had parked a trailer next to this beautiful old house."

Not long after moving in, Katz renovated the home, but the changes weren't satisfying. "My house faces west and the kitchen that we had done didn't have windows," she said. "I could see from my dining room the woods and this beautiful river, and for years I fantasized about adding windows to expand the view."

Finally, Katz decided to renovate the home once more, but this time she enlisted the help of Potomac-based interior designer Sharon Kleinman.

In addition to picturesque vistas, Katz wanted contemporary, clean lines and an open floor plan to accommodate her large family of children and grandchildren who visit frequently.

"This project was a traditional home where we were doing a renovation to open up the space to take advantage of the property," said Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman. "The client's aesthetic is modern, but the house is traditional. The



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHARON KLEINMAN

Potomac designer Sharon Kleinman kept patterns to a minimum but used textures to create this contemporary yet warm kitchen.

art that they'd collected is modern. The furniture was modern. My challenge was to marry a contemporary aesthetic with a traditional home."

Kleinman worked with Bethesda-based Mark Kramer of Kramer Architects to create a free-flowing floor plan. "We opened up all of the spaces," said Kleinman. "When you walk through the door there is a surprisingly modern interior. The living space is almost like being in a New York loft. The kitchen opens up to a family room and when they entertain or have family visit, they have one big open space."

Katz even added an elevator. "I can drive into my garage and take the elevator to the

first floor, which is our primary living space," she said. "The second floor is space for my children and grandchildren when they visit."

AT THE START OF THE PROJECT, Katz wanted white walls on which to display her collection of modern art, which includes pieces with bold, assertive colors. Kleinman, however, had another idea. "I didn't want the home to be cold looking," she said. "I suggested neutral colors for the wall, so the art would stand out." Kleinman chose soft, subtle shades of green, beige and brown.

Katz, who enjoys cooking and takes it seriously, wanted to build a kitchen that

matched her culinary passion. A colossal island stands in the middle of the kitchen surrounded by a Thermador stove and warming drawers, a Viking indoor grill, two dishwashers, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and two freezer drawers. The countertops are made of leathered granite, which lacks the smooth, shiny appearance of its traditional counterpart.

"We kept pattern to a minimum but used textures," said Kleinman. "She wanted clean lines in the kitchen and stainless steel appliances. I wanted to warm it up, which I did by adding a stone backsplash. We took

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Potomac designer Sharon Kleinman chose paint in neutral colors to complement the bold tones of her client's modern art collection.



When homeowner Ellen Katz remodeled her Bethesda home, she wanted an open floor plan. "I feel like I am surrounded by trees and nature," said Katz. "I get to watch the most incredible sunsets and I love it."

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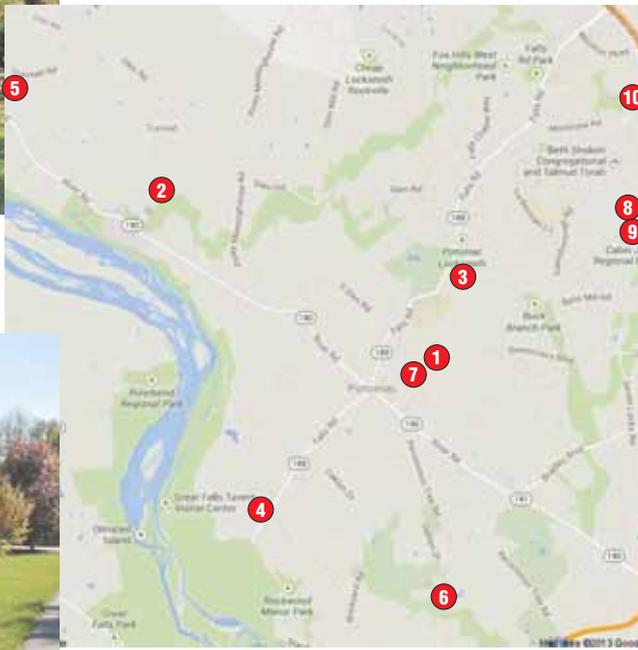
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Choosing Art Local designers offer tips on how to banish blank walls.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon, Va., home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, Va., said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what to like," said Sharon Kleinman, of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with two opposing styles such as antique and modern. The key, she says, is in details such as framing. "If you have a traditional interior with antique furniture," she said, "I would have no problem taking a Picasso and putting it in a very ornate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREYHUNT INTERIORS

Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors in Chantilly, Va., suggests homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention and base their décor around it.

yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complimentary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention. "If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said. "For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle sconces or whatever is special to you."

Potomac Dream Home Takes Shape

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up her old floors and put down reclaimed walnut wood flooring. The effect was stunning."

Custom maple wood cabinetry by Montgomery Kitchen and Bath completed the room and paired with the stainless steel to maintain the sleek, contemporary visage. Donna Ralston-Latham, a certified licensed designer for Montgomery Kitchen and Bath in Gaithersburg says maple is a popular choice for

cabinetry. "The wood takes stain and paint nicely, which make it great to work with," she said

The renovation also added an abundance of windows, which Kleinman framed with wood panels. "Sharon transformed the windows by almost creating a shadow box," said Katz.

After 20 years and two renovations, Katz finally has the home that she envisioned. "I feel like I am surrounded by trees and nature," she said. "I get to watch the most incredible sunsets and I love it."

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Glassworks. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Glassworks is the area's first glass school. Classes are taught year-round for both new and advanced students. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2280 or visit www.innervisionglassworks.com.

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Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The Puppet Co. presents a program designed for children up to age 4. The shows are 30 minutes long, the lights stay on and the doors stay open. \$5/person. Reservations strongly encouraged. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380 for dates.

Theater Performance. See "Peter and the Wolf" on Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The show runs through Nov. 22 and is appropriate for children in grades PreK-6. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380 for tickets.

Theater Performance. Through Nov. 24, see "From Here to There" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. and are appropriate for children age 2-5. Tickets are \$10-12 with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or 301-280-1660 for tickets.

Theater Performance. See "The Nutcracker" in the Puppet Co. Playhouse at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Runs Nov. 29 through Dec. 29. \$10. There will be special ticket pricing on Dec. 7, 8. For those two nights, tickets will be \$3. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Theater Performance. See "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Christmas celebrations are just around the corner and Shirley the Partridge has got some problems to solve. The French Hens are arguing, the six geese have flown to Florida for the winter and worst of all, someone has stolen the five golden rings. The performance runs Nov. 15-Dec. 30. Tickets can be purchased at www.adventuretheatr-mtc.org or 301-634-2270.

Holiday Art Show and Sale. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is hosting exhibitors that will sell glass, ceramics, photography, crafts and more. The sale runs Nov. 29-Jan. 5. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Dec. 20. Located in the Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222.

CLASSES

Sculpture. Work with a live model and create a study each class at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Classes run Nov. 30-Dec. 21. Visit www.visartscenter.org or 301-315-8200 to register.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Potomac Cuddleups. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. For children up to 11 months with caregiver. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit www.capitalblues.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 14-17

Annual Museums Shop Around. Shop for jewelry, art, ornaments, scarves and more from more than 20 area museums and organizations such as National Geographic Store, National Building Museum and more. Located in the Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike. Visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Theater Performance. See "Romeo and Juliet" performed by Thomas S. Wootton High School, set in the fictional town of Verona, Md., as the Civil War is fought. 7:30 p.m. at the high school. \$5/student; \$10/adult. Visit schooltix.org/wootton or buy at the school's box office.

Author Talk. Amy Tan will talk about her life and writing at 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. \$30-\$60. Visit www.strathmore.org or 301-581-5100.

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org.

Balboa DJ Dance. 8:30-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Lessons from 8:30-9 p.m., dancing starts at 9 p.m. \$10. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Theater Performance. See "Romeo and Juliet" performed by Thomas S. Wootton High School, set in the fictional town of Verona, Md., as the Civil War is fought. 7:30 p.m. at the high school. \$5/student; \$10/adult. Visit schooltix.org/wootton or buy at the school's box office.

Parents' Swing Dance. 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Families can swing dance together. \$8/adult; children 13 and under free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Live music by the Craig Gildner Big Band. Lessons from 8-9 p.m., included in admission. \$16. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Bazaar. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse, 6314 Bannockburn Drive, Bethesda. Bannockburn Nursery School will sell clothing, toys, furniture, jewelry and more. A bake sale will also be held. E-mail bannockburnnursery@gmail.com for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Film Screening. 10 a.m. at Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. \$15 includes post-screening discussion, coffee and bagels. Watch "Amour." Visit cinemaartbethesda.org or 301-365-3679.

Theater Performance. See "Romeo and Juliet" performed by Thomas S. Wootton High School, set in the fictional town of Verona, Md., as the Civil War is fought. 2 p.m. at the high school. \$5/student; \$10/adult. Visit schooltix.org/wootton or buy at the school's box office.

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Beth Sholom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road. Dr. Itzhak Brook will discuss "In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War." Free. Visit bethsholom.org for more.

English Country Dance. 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$10. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Dance to live music by Rhapsody. \$10. Visit www.waltzimedances.org for more.

Argentine Tango. 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/with lesson; \$10/dance only. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Dance du Jour provides music. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark

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Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Alan Reid and Rob van Sante perform. \$20/advance; \$25/door; students with ID - \$15/advance; \$20/door. Visit www.imtfolk.org or 301-960-3655 for tickets.

NOV. 20-JAN. 10

Theater Performance. See "Lyle the Crocodile" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Showtimes Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. and are appropriate for children age 4-12. ASL interpreted performance on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m., and a sensory-friendly performance on Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Tickets start at \$12. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or 301-280-1660 for tickets.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. For children 3-5 years. Free. Visit

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. James Steel presents "Fine Art in the Digital Age." Visit <http://glenechophotoworks.org/> for tickets.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Walt Whitman High School auditorium, 7100 Whittier Blvd., Bethesda. See "Miss Saigon." The show may not be suitable for children under 13. \$10-\$20 at whitmandrama.ticketleap.com or email whitmandramatickets@gmail.com. Tickets are also on sale on show nights starting at 5:30 p.m. Visit whitmandrama.com.

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit www.capitalblues.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Browse handcrafted work such as jewelry, furniture, home accessories, metal and more. Watch displays, purchase gourmet foods or enjoy entertainment. Over 400 artisans will attend. \$8/adult online or \$10 at the door and is good for all three days; children under 12 free. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com for more.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Walt Whitman High School auditorium, 7100 Whittier Blvd., Bethesda. See "Miss Saigon." The show may not be suitable for children under 13. \$10-\$20 at whitmandrama.ticketleap.com or email whitmandramatickets@gmail.com. Tickets are also on sale on show nights starting at 5:30 p.m. Visit whitmandrama.com.

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 -11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Gallimaufry provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

Super Art Fight Night. Doors open at 8 p.m., starts at 9 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. \$15/person. Enjoy a mix of live art, over-the-top characters and storylines and more. Visit SuperArtFight.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Browse handcrafted work such as jewelry, furniture, home accessories, metal and more. Watch displays, purchase gourmet foods or enjoy entertainment. Over

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250 artisans will attend. \$8/adult online or \$10 at the door and is good for all three days; children under 12 free. Visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com for more.

Holiday Shopping Bazaar. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Holy Child, 9029 Bradley Blvd. Browse more than 70 vendors selling personalized clothing, handmade ceramic pieces and more. Visit www.holychild.org or 301-365-0955.

Artist Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Photoworks Studio, Glen Echo Park Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Artists can get information on how to have a successful fine arts career, from pricing, resume, shows and more. Bring a lunch. Drinks and desserts provided. \$90. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2226 to register.

Digital Collage Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Photoworks Studio, Glen Echo Park Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Learn how to do layering and collaging on your photos. \$175. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2226 to register.

Art Exhibit. Noon-8 p.m., with a reception from 4-7 p.m. at Glen Echo's Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Audrey Farnsworth and Bonny Sydnor will present more than 50 of their works, focusing on Maryland's colorful vistas, in "All About Color." Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Opening Reception. 4-8 p.m. Exhibit9, 10116 Lloyd Road, presents "Painting-Calligraphy," a collection of modern and traditional Persian calligraphy by Sina Goudarzi, Nematolah Nouri, Hossein Norouzi, Nahid Navab and Soraya Vahabzadeh. Visit exhibit9gallery.com for more.

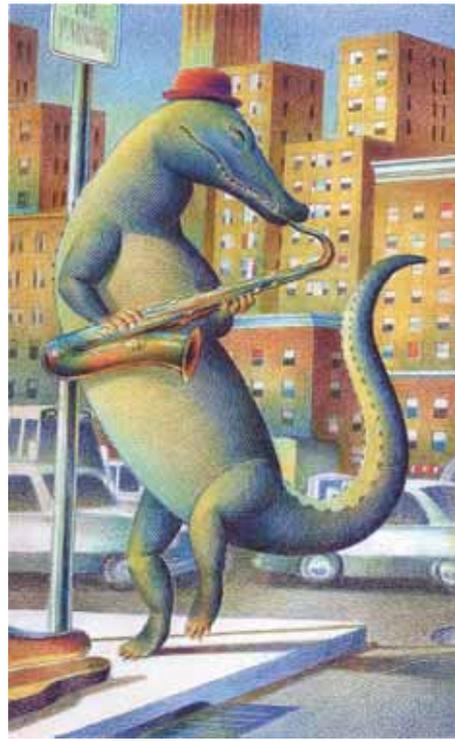
Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Walt Whitman High School auditorium, 7100 Whittier Blvd., Bethesda. See "Miss Saigon." The show may not be suitable for children under 13. \$10/student; \$15/adult; \$20/reserved seating. Visit whitmandrama.ticketleap.com or e-mail whitmandramatickets@gmail.com for tickets. Tickets are also on sale on show nights starting at 5:30 p.m. Visit whitmandrama.com for more.

Swing Dance Anniversary. 8 p.m.-midnight in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Tom Cunningham Orchestra is celebrating 30 years of music and dance at Glen Echo Park. Lesson starts at 8 p.m., dancing at 9 p.m. \$15. Visit www.tomcunningham.com for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Browse handcrafted work such as jewelry, furniture, home accessories, metal and more. Watch displays, purchase gourmet foods or enjoy entertainment. Over 250 artisans will attend. \$8/adult online or \$10 at the door and is good for all three days; children under 12 free. Visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com for more.

Holiday Shopping Bazaar. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Holy Child, 9029 Bradley Blvd. Browse more than 70 vendors selling personalized clothing, handmade ceramic pieces and more.



Lyle Moves In

"Lyle the Crocodile," the musical story of an extraordinary crocodile that can tap dance, perform household chores, and rescue cats from burning buildings, runs in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre Nov. 20 through Jan. 10, 2014. Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Special opportunities include: \$10 preview tickets, Nov. 23 at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.; ASL interpreted performance, Dec. 8, 4 p.m.; and a sensory-friendly performance, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. Best for ages 4-12, tickets start at \$12, and may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660. Group rates are available.

Imagination Stage is located at 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda. Visit www.imaginationstage.org.

Visit www.holychild.org or 301-365-0955.

Art Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at Glen Echo's Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Audrey Farnsworth and Bonny Sydnor will present more than 50 of their works, focusing on Maryland's colorful vistas, in "All About Color." Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance. 3-6 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300

MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. All ages welcome. \$15. Music by Jesse Lege and Bayou Brew. Visit www.dancingbythebayou.com.

Argentine Tango. 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/person; \$10/dance only. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Contra Dance. 7 p.m. lessons start; 7:30-10:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300

MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Dead Sea Squirrels provides music. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Jim Malcolm performs. \$18/advance; \$22/door; students with ID - \$14/advance; \$18/door. Visit www.imtfolk.org or 301-960-3655 for tickets.

THURSDAY/NOV. 28

Turkey Chase. 8:30 a.m. start for the 10K, 8:50 a.m. for the 2-mile run/walk and 9:35 a.m. start for the tot trot. Begins at 9401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Proceeds benefit the YMCA Youth and Family Services. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/31st-annual-turkey-chase-registration-5378356810 to register or www.turkeychase.com/ for information.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30-11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Elixir provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

Contra Techno Dance. 11:35 p.m.-1:30 a.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The Friday Night Dancers and FSGW will sponsor a "techno" dance with DJ Improper. \$7/door; \$5/member. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

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Holy Child's Mayfield Market Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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This year, they will also feature prom dresses and evening wear. Luncheon options will be provided by the Go Fish, ThatSalata and Maui Wowi food trucks.

Barb Brodie, owner of Potomac's barbi b, Unique Accessories and Gifts said, "We are happy to be a

part of the Mayfield Market because we love supporting the community where we live. Every year, Jen and Rachel run a first-class event and do a great job of incorporating the vendors with the volunteers to present an event that is truly appreciated by the Potomac community."

The long-term vendors will be

recognized as making a major contribution to 10 successful years. Some of these vendors are: barbi b, Bow's Etc, Patricia Lynch, Life's a Beach, Sam Barry, The Surrey Two, Deco Jewelry, The Fine Swine, Name Droppers, Alexandra Beth, Carol Dyer Art and Preppy Pink Pony.

There will also be many first-

time vendors including Abija Blue, Untucked, Pearly Vine, Baker Bloom, Ann Walker Design, Sparkle-n-Bloom, Iris Grundler Art, All About U, Anna Banana Jewelry, Coco, Glam Gal, Beijo Bags, Julie Vos, Waterwoods, Facets and Zermatt Outerwear.

Alumnae have also played a large part of this event and many

sell their wares at Mayfield Market. Some of the alumnae vendors are: The Fine Swine, Name Droppers, Preppy Pink Pony, The Complete Party, Carol Dyer Art and Life's a Beach.

The proceeds of Mayfield Market will go to technology enhancements in the classrooms at Holy Child.



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The Hope Chest sells donated items to raise funds for Hope Connections for Cancer Support.

Hope Chest Features 'Crafters for a Cure'

Hope Connections for Cancer Support, the local nonprofit organization whose mission is to help people with cancer and their loved ones deal with the emotional and physical impact of the disease, has expanded its fundraising efforts with The Hope Chest, an on-site "thrifty treasures" store that features the work of local "Crafters for a Cure" designers.

Created and staffed entirely by volunteers, The Hope Chest sells a variety of donated items including new or gently-used clothes, shoes, jewelry, artwork and giftware. All proceeds help fund the services and programs provided free-of-charge by Hope Connections.

In addition to selling donated items, The Hope Chest also features hand-made jewelry from local designers "Crafters for a Cure." The CFC group is made up of six women from Montgomery County who have all been affected by cancer, either physically or emotionally.

In an effort to raise cancer awareness and support, the

crafters donate all profits made from the sale of their items directly to Hope Connections.

The Hope Chest, located inside Hope Connections for Cancer Support, is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Items must be in good condition, clean and in-season.

Hope Connections for Cancer Support (Beaumont House at 9650 Rockville Pike) opened in March 2007 in Bethesda and has had more than 40,000 visits to its "home" for people affected by cancer to participate in support groups, educational workshops, mind/body classes and community programs.

The organization has a 19-member working board and a 17-member Medical Advisory Board comprised of oncologists and other medical professionals from local hospitals and private practice who contribute their personal expertise and that of their colleagues through various education programs. For more information, visit www.hopeconnectionsforcancer.org.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Helpful Hints To "Going Green"

"Green" renovation is a trend that engineers, constructors and designers are encountering more and more each day. Going green is not only an ecologically aware choice, but it is also one that is becoming economically sound, with many green renovations providing tax deductions and reduced energy costs, offsetting or negating the cost of their installation in immediate terms—and proving priceless over time, as green renovations reduce the harm of civilization on nature and ecology. Even luxury homes are going green, trying to help the environment and shaking off the image of wasteful opulence that has dogged this niche market for years. Gone are the days of the gold-plated toothbrush holder—welcome to the new world of eco-friendly, green luxury! Here are just a few of the many handy tips to help you turn your home green!

- Optimize your water heater - If you don't have one already, put an insulating jacket around your water heater. Consider turning the water temperature down to 120 degrees. It saves money and will prevent scalding.
- Plant a Tree - Shade trees can significantly lower your cooling costs up to 25%. The right landscaping will also make your home more comfortable and provide habitats for birds.
- Have a Blower Door Test - A blower door test will uncover hidden holes and cracks that are a main source of energy loss in your home. Hire a certified Home Energy Rater and the inspection will pay for itself.
- Use Low VOC products - After painting, the volatile organic compound level can be 1,000 times the healthy normal level. When choosing the paint color with your decorator, look for the Green Seal.
- Check Insulation - Make sure there are no areas in your attic floor with inadequate insulation. Insulation is your best defense against heat and cooling loss. Even a small area with limited, damaged or no insulation can significantly decrease the effectiveness of the area's insulation.

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It Wasn't Fun While It Lasted



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But it was only a week, and I was able to leave under my own power, assisted by a wheelchair, which is of course standard procedure when leaving a hospital after an admission, so it wasn't a total loss. It was three months ago today, Friday, August 2nd that I was "ambulated" to Holy Cross Hospital where I spent the beginning of my seven, first-ever nights in a hospital; pretty fortunate track record for someone my age. Now, however, with a terminal cancer diagnosis, the tables may have slightly turned (you think?) and hospital admissions may not be so few and far between. Hopefully not, but appointments with oncologists in chemotherapy infusion centers while being I.V.-injected with cancer-fighting drugs have a way of cutting all other extraneous interruptions to the quick. When that needle goes in, the light definitely goes on: pay attention, your life is officially at stake.

Oddly though, this three-month anniversary seemed to grab my attention/focus more than my usual 27th-of-the-month anniversary - of my original diagnosis, always does. The 27th is the anniversary (some anniversary) of when I first met my oncologist and received confirmation that I had a malignant growth in my lungs that had metastasized and when I was given my 13-month to two-year prognosis. That was four years and eight months ago, I'm proud to say. And as such, I note it every month. Not exactly another "notch on my lipstick case" but an acknowledgment nonetheless of how well I've done and how lucky I am. With the help of friends, family and health care professionals, I have survived, mostly even thrived, under these most unfortunate of circumstances. But I digress.

The point of this column was/is that this most recent hospital anniversary completely overshadowed/took mental precedence over my still-being-alive-nearly-five-years-later anniversary on the 27th, which rarely happens. In fact, I completely forgot about it; didn't even note it on the calendar or mention it to my wife, Dina or my brother, Richard - which I always do. It wasn't until a few days later that I realized I had not made my usual reinforcing mention of my status still being quo. Unusual, in that a terminal diagnosis tends to stick with you and occupy lots of mental space, so forgetting about the circumstances that are likely shortening your presumptive, normal life expectancy is perplexing. These circumstances would seem to be a front and center, dominant part of your day that you NEVER forget.

But I did. And I don't know if that's healthy, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of enlightenment, naiveté, delusions of a grander future, mental gymnastics, compartmentalization at work or just plain forgetfulness; as in, even for a cancer patients: life can still be normal. Or maybe, after four and a half years, this whole cancer thing has become sort of ho-hum. Not exactly passé, but certainly familiar and part of my daily routine. But a hospital stay, that was different, that was traumatic, that was scary. The cancer used to be scary. But I've been there and have done that for a while now. I had not been previously hospitalized, however. That may have been when my circumstances again reared their ugly, realistic head. Just another reminder that I didn't really need.

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Wootton Volleyball Beats Churchill In Region Final

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The Wootton volleyball team beat Churchill in the 4A West region championship match. Wootton was the top seed from Section I and Churchill was the top seed in Section II.

Wootton will take on Severna Park in the state semifinals at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum.

Whitman Girls' Soccer to Play In State Final

The Whitman girls' soccer team will face

Catonsville in the Maryland Class 4A state championship match at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at UMBC Stadium.

Whitman beat South River 1-0 in the state semifinals and beat Wootton 3-0 in the state championship game.

Wootton Boys' XC Places 3rd, Whitman 4th

Led by an eighth-place individual finish from senior Urgy Eado, the Wootton boys' cross country team finished third at the Class 4A state meet.

Eado finished with a time of 16:17.1.

The Patriots finished with a score of 139. Severna Park won the event (38) and Dulaney finished runner-up (114). Whitman, led by a fourth-place finish by junior Evan Woods, was fourth (152).

Woods recorded a time of 16:06.8.

Severna Park senior Ryan Forsyth won the event with a time of 15:41.3.

Wootton Field Hockey Finishes State Runner-Up

The Wootton field hockey team lost to Severna Park 4-1 in the Maryland Class 4A state championship game on Nov. 9.

It was the only loss Wootton suffered all season as the Patriots finished 17-1.

Wootton Girls' XC 4th, Churchill 5th At States

The Wootton girls' cross country meet fin-

ished with a score of 158 and Churchill was close behind with 162 to place fourth and fifth, respectively, at the Class 4A state meet.

Grace Dellapa, a sophomore, was Wootton's top-finisher, placing 10th with a time of 19:43.2. Churchill freshman Julia Reicin finished 13th with a time of 19:51.6

Centennial's Shreya Nalubola won the event with a time of 18:41.1.

Football Season Concludes

Bullis, Whitman, Wootton and Churchill concluded their respective football seasons last week.

Bullis defeated Georgetown Prep 35-7 on Nov. 8, finishing the season on a nine-game winning streak with a 9-1 record.

Whitman defeated Blair 17-13 on Nov. 8 and finished with a 7-3 record, narrowly missing the playoffs.

Whitman senior Zac Morton carried 31 times for 116 yards and a touchdown against Blair. In 10 games, he carried 247 times for 1,499 yards and 16 touchdowns, scoring at least one rushing touchdown in all but one game.

Wootton dropped its regular-season finale to Quince Orchard 40-0 on Nov. 8 and finished with a 5-5 record.

Churchill lost to Damascus 29-0 on Nov. 8 and finished 1-9.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Guinevere A. Johnson, the daughter of George and Barbra R. Johnson of Potomac, has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at West Virginia University.

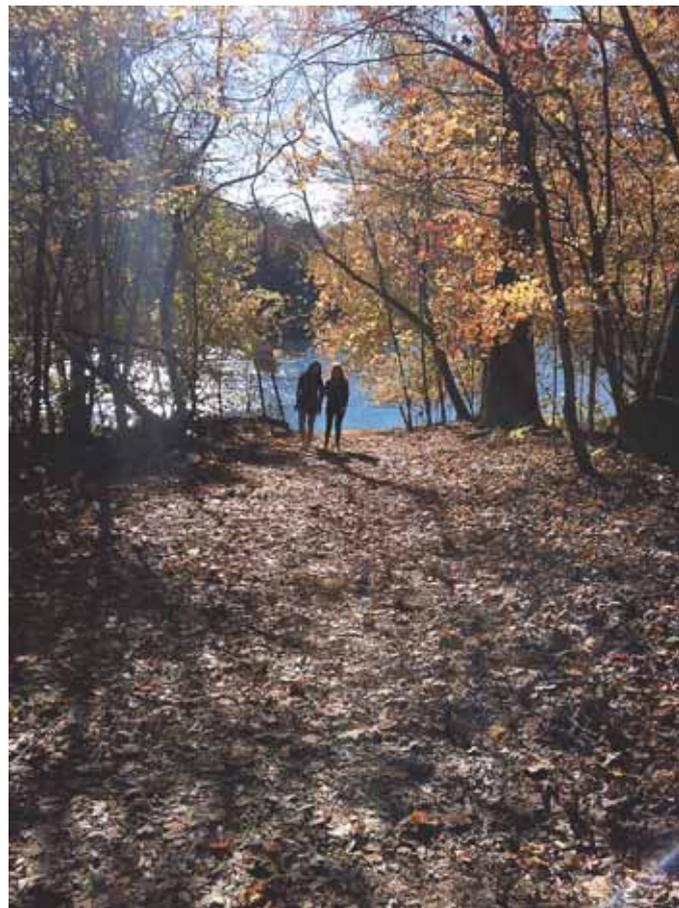
Gabriella Chen has been admitted to Carleton College as a member of the class of 2017. She is the daughter of Sun Chen and Lydia Natal. Chen is a graduate of Holton Arms School.

Madeline Ulanow has been named to the dean's list at Carleton College. Madeline is the daughter of Leslie Ulanow and Lori Schor. Ulanow, a member of the class of 2015 at Carleton, attended Winston Churchill High School.

Caroline M. Dove has enrolled at Colby College. She is a graduate of Potomac School and the daughter of Robert and Nancy Katherine Dove of Potomac.

John D. Sears has enrolled at Colby College. He is a graduate of Landon School and the son of Edward and Laurie Sears of Potomac.

Each fall, as part of its education program, the National Philharmonic sponsors a concerto competition for high school musicians. Violinist **Celine Nakpil** was one of the winners. The winners will appear at the Music Center at Strathmore with the National Philharmonic, conducted by Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski, in one of the seven performances for nearly 15,000 2nd grade students from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) on Nov. 19-22. Celine, a junior at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, will perform the fifth movement of Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnol* on Nov. 21 and at the final show on Nov. 22. Celine, who was a winner of the Philharmonic's Concerto Competition last year, also remembers attending one of the inaugural Philharmonic student concerts as a 2nd grader. Celine has been a winner of the Music Teacher National Association Competition and has received awards in the US Army Young Artist Competition, the WPAS Federal Memorial Competition and the Asian American Music Society Competition. Visit nationalphilharmonic.org.



Enjoying the Potomac

Danielle Anderson and Elissa Kim of Potomac walk to the river on Nov. 3.



Brandon Anderson of Potomac kayaks on the river.

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Building on a tradition of showcasing Jewish women's leadership, Jewish Women International has named women leaders from Potomac among their 2013 Women to Watch.

An attorney who specializes in the field of assisted reproductive technologies through her law practice, ARTparenting, **Meryl Rosenberg**, is being honored for her contributions through activism, philanthropy and leadership to various Jewish and women's causes. She is also Jewish Women International's Sondra D. Bender Community Leadership Honoree. She has served in numerous leadership roles for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and other organizations. Pas-

sonate about Jewish education and social justice, she is the Federation Vice President for Leadership and Volunteer Development and previously served as Federation Vice President for Women's Philanthropy and chair of the governance committee of the Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation. In June, she completed a term as president of the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning.

The national director of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, and director of its Washington, D.C. office, **Lisa Eisen**, is being honored for her commitment to initiatives that empower young Jews to embrace the joy of Judaism, build inclusive Jewish communities, support Israel and repair the world.

Maryland CASA (Court Appointed Special Advo-

cate) Association has elected **Sandra-Lynn Berson** to its board of directors. Berson, who earned a bachelor's and honors degrees from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, has volunteered with CASA for two years. Active in the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse and Har Shalom Congregation, she resides in Potomac with her husband, Wayne. The couple has three children in college.

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