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## News

# Event To Benefit First Tee

# Program teaches golf and life skills.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

olf fans may one day see the name Brittany Campbell of Silver Spring on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour. The 13-year-old middle-school student shot the longest drive of all the female golfers in her competition last year. Golf has become her passion since she started in The First Tee program with free lessons at Sligo Creek Golf Course four years ago. "I'm trying to get into college on a scholarship," she said. "But I still play to have fun ... that's my goal."

The First Tee of Montgomery County is part of an international program which gives local children ages 8 - 18 the opportunity to learn the game of golf at one of five facilities in Montgomery County: Needwood, Northwest, Laytonsville and Sligo Creek golf courses and at Olney Golf Park. Not only do the youth learn the skills required for golf, they are also taught the importance of nine "life skills" — honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. PGA-certified coaches teach the young golfers the essentials of the game



Trina Hope, Kathleen O'Hare and Noreen Marcus at last year's The First Tee luncheon at TPC Avenel.

while volunteer assistants help the young athletes develop their skills.

"The First Tee of Montgomery County reaches more and more children every season," said Laura Sildon, executive director of the Montgomery County chapter. "Our goal is to expand the program as much as we can among students and community members

June 29 will be the fifth time that 200 women golfers will come together for a luncheon to support The First Tee of Montgomery County. This year's event, held for the first time at Manor Country Club, will feature ABC 7 News Anchor Leon Harris as the SEE SUPPORTING. PAGE 8



# News

# KEEN Celebrates 23 Years with Sports Festival

## Benefitting athletes and volunteers.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

ids Enjoying Exercise Now (KEEN) holds a special place in the hearts of many young adults with disabilities, their volunteer coaches, family members and supporters. On Sunday, June 7, KEEN participants from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia made it around the bases, jumped for volleyballs, cheered as their teammates made it through the obstacle course and played on the playground at the KEEN Sports Festival at Avenel Park.

KEEN athletes, paired one-to-one with volunteer coaches, participated in an afternoon of activities and games that ended with a giant "tug-of-war" for everybody as well as medals for all the KEEN athletes. The number of athletes with their coaches was more than 400.

Dara Baylinson's 15-year-old son has participated in the festival for eight years. She said, "My son loves running around, the obstacle course, the playground - and particularly the pizza provided by Potomac Pizza. He is not very verbal, but the last two Sundays he has asked to go to KEEN - and he has never said that before in the entire eight years." Baylinson is impressed by the program and the enjoyment her son gets every week from attending the sports and music programs. She also enjoys the free time that she gains while her child is in the KEEN program. "It is a wonderful respite to have a couple of hours to take care of errands or to chat with a friend," she said.



Volunteers teamed up with KEEN athletes for events such as tug-of-war, obstacle course challenges, kick ball, and volleyball on June 7 at Avenel

KEEN Greater DC's mission is to provide opportunities for children with any type of disability to participate fully in exercise and recreational activities in the community at no charge to their families.

Director Beata Okulska said, "KEEN has grown from five children in a local gym in 1992 to more than 400 young people with dis-

than 49 monthly sessions which include program until they are 25."



Adam Durham, U.S. track runner shakes hands with a student athlete.

swimming, gymbased sports, fitness, bowling, tennis and music. Each month, KEEN Greater matches a trained volunteer coach with an athlete, enabling every child, even those with significant disabilities, to play, exercise, socialize, and to be part of a team in

abilities. We offer 26 programs and more their community. Youth can stay in the KEEN

Okulska shared some of the quotes from last year's parent survey. One parent commented, "It's a sense of belonging. My son is non-verbal but he shows every sign (clapping, babbling and general enthusiasm) of loving his time at KEEN. He's excited to get there and get busy. Another said, "KEEN is great. My son looks forward to going each week. The volunteers are the best and are so energetic. They truly enjoy what they are doing. Thank you KEEN."

One of the benefits of KEEN is that the children — and the volunteers all benefit. The program breaks down barriers and changes perceptions of values in life and the meaning of success. At the festival, the abilities of the athletes are recognized and the youths can participate in whatever activity they would like. They don't have to win because everyone is a winner, and but they have the opportunity to do their best at whatever they choose to do.

According to Okulska, many volunteers change their career choices after they work with the children. "They decide to change their major to special education, physical, occupational or speech therapy, or may decide to become a physician or to do research on disabilities. It's exciting to see the growth and change in perspectives of our volun-

Sponsors for the festival included Potomac Pizza, Kids After Hours, Drink More Water, Walgreens, Giant Foods and many other community members. Some of the volunteers were provided by Rotoract/ Rotary Clubs, U.S. Air Force, Neiman Marcus of Tysons Corner, D.C. United Foundation coaches, and special guests Adam Durham, U.S. track runner, and Nick Sundberg, Redskins long snapper.

# Providing Friends for Those with Developmental Challenges

# Friendship Circle hosts awards dinner.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

hree children climbed onto the stage at the Friendship Circle Awards Dinner — and rocked the house, filling the room with joy and laughter as they told the crowd why they loved their "friends-at-home" buddies. Sarah said, "I love to play soccer with her."

Miriam said, "My best buddy likes to talk about the Capitals with me. I love hockey." Joseph says he likes to do homework and play games with his best buddy. All three children expressed the love they have for their buddy and that their buddy is their best friend and loves them too.

Established eight years ago by Chana Kaplan and her husband Rabbi Mendel Kaplan, The Friendship Circle serves families with developmentally-challenged children, teens and young adults. With more

than 200 volunteers, the program provides social and Judaic opportunities as well as a much-needed two-hour break for parents of these children. Kaplan is the rabbi at the Chabad House at Potomac Village. Many of the volunteers who were honored at the awards dinner are from Potomac.

"The Glow of Friendship" was the theme of the Friendship Circle's Appreciation Dinner for all volunteers, participants and families. It was held at the Jewish Community Center on May 12. More than 200 people attended the event which included a raffle, silent auction, buffet dinner and video in which many of the volunteers spoke and some of the participants with special-needs and their families shared their appreciation for the program. The new Teen Board was inducted and spoke. Awards and gifts of flashlights and baseball caps were given to all the youths who were befriended — and then all the youths and their friends came up on stage as a group.

"The Friendship Circle is a win-win," said founder Chana Kaplan. "I don't know who benefits more — the children or the volunteers. Everyone is dedicated to their buddy. It has touched their lives and led to changes in career-planning and college majors for many of the teen volunteers.'

The Friendship Circle offers the "Friendsat-Home" program in which volunteers are matched with a child and visits him or her once a week. They become friends who have fun together and share special times. They often remain life-long buddies. These friendships are invaluable for the special needs child and for their families.

Another program that The Friendship Circle has adopted is a group program for all ages that meets every Sunday for two hours. Some of their programs include a Torah Circle and a Teen Scene. The purpose is to provide a Judaic activity as well as a social activity. Forty volunteers provide oneon-one support for the youths who have a different activity every week. They might learn yoga, cooking, or sports skills — many activities that they have never before had the opportunity to experience.

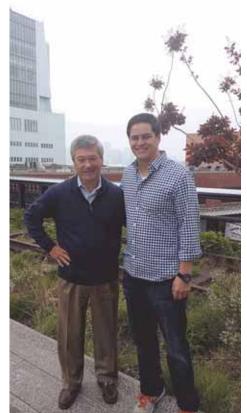
One of the activities of The Friendship Circle is a monthly Birthday Club. Organized and managed by youths who are preparing for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, the Birthday Club is geared for younger children who are often excluded from birthday parties and don't have one of their own because they have not been able to form friendships. The Birthday Club provides these youths with monthly birthday party that might include a moon-bounce, arts and crafts, bowling or a special activity. The birthdays of the month are highlighted at each party." Parent Joe Usher said, "The Birthday Club has made a tremendous difference in the life of our son. It's so important to learn to give and receive."

The Friendship Circle also has a Young Adults Division that holds monthly events and gives young adults with special needs a chance to socialize with college-age individuals and young professionals while participating in outings, such as glass arts, wood-working and visiting places of inter-

To learn more about The Friendship Circle, to volunteer or to donate, see www.fcmd.com.

# Me & My Dad

Reader submissions for the Almanac's Father's Day photo gallery. More photos on pages 5 and 11.



Dr. George Bolen and son John Bolen enjoy the High Line in New York City.



**Potomac residents Timothy** Lawrence, Heather Lawrence, Olivia Lawrence (3), and Leighton Lawrence (9 months) on Easter 2015 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.



**At Montgomery County 4A West Basketball Regional Championship** in 2014 (Whitman High School vs. Clarksburg High School): Dad, Steven DePollar, was an assistant coach to son Kyle DePollar and this win took the team to States at **Xfinity Center.** 



Erik Estrada and Eli Estrada-White (age 3) blowing bubbles at home on the first warm day of spring.



Anne Cadell Killeen with her father, Hank Cadell, on her wedding day at Congressional Country Club, June 1988.



Jack, Patrick and Jay Killeen before Jack left for Australia in January 2015.



Saturday morning snuggles: David (daddy) and Max Silverman. Max is roughly 6 months old. His daddy spends every Saturday morning cuddled up with him. More often than not, Max falls asleep wrapped in his daddy's arms. This time, they both fell asleep.







The Razak Family: Jennifer Weiss, Michael Razak, Bo and Andy Razak, **Matthew Razak** and Ashley Otremba holding Asher **Hudson Razak.** 

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# ME & MY DAD



Remmie Butchko (center) of Potomac with Charlie and Emilie at a recent visit to New York's Central Park.



Sean (12), Edward and Declan Healy (9) enjoy a Father's Day breakfast at their school.



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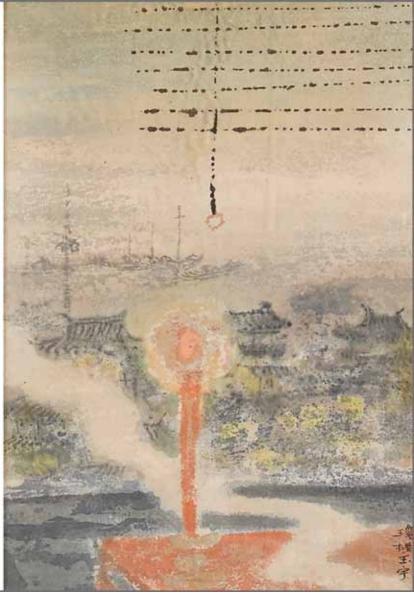
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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#### **ONGOING**

- Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda Listen to employees read modern and classic children's stories. Free. Visit www.storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.
- Adult Single Night. Saturdays, 9 p.m. at at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Find a DJ, open dance floor, and other singles. No cover charge. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.
- "Informal Expressions." Through June 28, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Arts Barn Gallery, 311 Kent Square Road. Find Paintings by Michelle Izquierdo, Raya Salman and Jae Shin and figurative metal sculpture by Craig Higgins. Free. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.
- "The Wedding Singer." Through June 28 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at The Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Watch the comedy set in the mid-1980s about a wedding singer who is left at the altar and tries to ruin the weddings of other's. Tickets are \$22, \$12 for children 14 and under. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.
- "Flying V Fights: Heroes & Monsters." Through June 28 at various times at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. Flying V Theatre presents a play full of choreographed fight scenes and other feats. Tickets are \$15-25. Visit www.flyingvthreatre.com for more.
- "A Selection of Artists." Through June 29 at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Seventeen resident Washington ArtWorks artists will display their work featuring a wide range of media including mosaics, pastels, photography, encaustics, fibers, and more. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.
- "Drawing Upon Experience." Through June 29 at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. ArtWorks Aid showcases the work of military veterans. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.
- "Constructions and Meditations." Through June 30 during gallery hours at Artists and Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Artist Tory Cowles' exhibit is based in abstract expressionism. Free. Visit www.artistsandmakersstudios.com
- "Dreams of Speed...Supercharged." Through July 4, Tuesday-Saturday 12-6 p.m. at The Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Tom Kenyon works with collage and block prints to create images interpretting car culture. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.
- "Sharpened." Through July 5 during gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artist Greg Braun explores a fascination with custom motorcycles through drawing, video and sculpture. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.
- "Hidden District." Through July 12, Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Photo essay by Steven Marks based on his interpretation of the District of Columbia. Admission is free. Visit
- www.glenechophotoworks.org.
  "These Mirrors are Not Boxes." Through July 12, Gallery hours at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Six local women display their art based on the complexities of contemporary identity. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.
- **Creative Crafts Council 30th Biennial** Exhibit. Through July 26, during gallery hours at The Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, The Creative Crafts Council presents an exhibit of useful art. Free. Visit www.creativecraftscouncil.org.
- The Bethesda Big Train. Through August. Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The collegiate league baseball team The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball. Visit www.bigtrain.org for more.

- Friday Night Live. Fridays through Sept. 4, 6:30-9 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. Find diverse music each week. Local restaurants will be selling food outdoors. Free. Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com for a full
- Nando's Spicy Saturday Nights. 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturdays through Sept. 26 at Fountain Square Plaza. Local bands perform. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com.
- Yoga on the Plaza. 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through Sept. 30 at Fountain Square Plaza Take a mixed-level vinyasa flow yoga class from Grace Yoga instructors. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com.
- Butterfly Exhibit. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily from July 1 to Oct. 25 at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallen Ave., Wheaton. Free.
- Visitwww.montgomeryparks.org for more. Art Walk in the Park. First Fridays through October. 6-8 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy pottery, calligraphy, glass work, and much
- more. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more. **Paint Night.** 5:30-8 p.m. on first and second Mondays of the month through December at Sweet Frog, 100 Lexington Drive, Silver Spring. Spiritual Unicorn art sponsors a night of painting. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. Visit www.spiritualunicornart.com.
- VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class. at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit
- www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas **Thang Ta.** Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. The cost is \$25. Visit www.dancesidra.org.
- Live Music & Dancing. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery's Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. Call 301-983-8838 or visit www.popovers.com for more.
- Chocolate Factory Tours. Fridays and Saturdays, 2-5:45 p.m. at SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier, 360 Main St., Gaithersburg. Take a short tour of The Truffle Factory facilities. Free. Visit www.spagnvola.com.
- Glen Echo Park Films. Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park's history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free, Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.
- SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit
- www.silverworksglenechopark.com. Art Glass Center at Glen Echo. All day Wednesdays; Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Ongoing exhibitions feature work of Resident Artists Christine Hekimian, Sue Hill, Michele Rubin, Sherry Selevan, Bev and Zayde Sleph and Janet Wittenberg. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry are for sale. Classes are taught yearround for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit
- www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org for more. **Glen Echo Pottery.** Through December, Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 p.m. Glen Echo Pottery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Gallery shows the work of 29 individual potters and instructors at Glen Echo Pottery. Wheelthrowing demonstrations are offered most Saturdays and Sundays, noon-2 p.m. Children are welcome. Visit www.glenechopottery.co.
- Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com for more.
- **Acoustic Open Mic**. Wednesdays, 7-11 p.m. at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane. Everyone welcome to perform. Wine bottles are 50 percent off. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.
- Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park. The Bethesda Urban Partnership produces concerts each summer with a diverse offering of music. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org.
- **Silver Spring Summer Concert Series.** Thursdays, 7 p.m., June 18-August 6 at Veterans Plaza. Find R&B, Funk, Zydeco and more. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountmd.gov.



### Heritage Days Weekend

Montgomery County will celebrate local history with musical performances, history and nature hikes, art exhibits, re-enactments, games & crafts, refreshments and more, June 27-28 Ticket prices will vary based on the event. Visit www.heritagemontgomery.org for more.



### **CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

- **Registration Open.** The spring issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs features a variety of classes and programs designed to help participants stay active and have fun, including aquatics, sports therapeutic recreation services and active adult senior programming. Registration is available online, by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, or by fax at 240-777-6818. Visit
- www.montgomery countymd.gov/rec.VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, offers a variety of camp sessions for spring and summer. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.
- \* **Summer Camps**One-week and two-week sessions offered through
  Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Before care and extended care is available.
- Young Artists. One-week sessions that nurture the budding talents of students with ageappropriate visual art projects in an assortment of media (ages 5-6).
- Artistic Adventures. Two-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).
- Art Quest. One-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).
- Lola's Lab. June 29-July 2 or Aug. 17-21. A performance art camp where imagination flows through interactive stories, expressive arts, and fantasy (ages 5-10).
- \* Teen Camps
- One-week half-day sessions offered July 6-31, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; 12:15-3:15 p.m.
- Teen Art Institute. Teens explore fused glass, painting and drawing. Camp will be held at VisArts (ages 13-18).
- Teen Art Institute. This ceramic class gives teens the opportunity to explore clay in depth with handbuilding and the wheel. Camp will be held in the art ceramic at Richard Montgomery High School (ages 13-18).
- **2015 Musical Theatre Intensive Summer**
- Camp. For actors, dancers and singers ages 13-18. The program will run for two weeks from July 12-25 at the Sandy Spring Friends School in Sandy Spring, Md. Campers can participate in daytime or overnight camp. The daytime camp will feature students in a final showcase the last Friday of camp. Students who participate in the overnight intensive camp will take part in a full production of the musical "Once on this Island!" Visit www.youngartistsamerica.org for more.
- Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Art activities for parents and children. Activities change

- weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Vist www.glenechopark.org.
- Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St, Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics for a list of class dates, times.
- Summer Fun Centers. June 22-July 31. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at various locations. Summer Fun Centers are for children 5-12. Children will participate in crafts, sports, drama and more. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

### MID JUNE-JULY

Sunflowers at McKee Beshers. Approximately 30 acres of sunflowers have been planted in four fields in the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area in Poolesville. When the flowers bloom, they become a major attraction. Admission to McKee Beshers is free. Visit www.dnr2.maryland.gov.

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JUNE 17-18

Gregory Porter Concert. Doors open at 6 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Grammy-winning singer/songwriter/ entertainer plays two-day set. \$50-90. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com for more.

### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 17-21

AFI DOCS Film Festival. Various times at various locations throughout D.C. and Maryland. The American Film Institute (AFI) Silver Theatre and Cultural Center located in Silver Spring will host its annual documentary film festival. This year, attendees will find "First and 17," a documentary about the top-ranked high school football player who was pursued by more than 90 colleges, and "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution," among dozens of other full-length and short films. Tickets are \$12 for regular screenings, and \$10 for weekday matinees. Passes allowing entrance to all films are also available starting at \$200. Visit www.afi.com/afidocs for

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Bridal Trunk Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Love Couture Bridal, 12500 B Park Potomac Ave., Potomac. Watters bridal will showcase pieces from its fall 2015 collections. Free to attend. Visit

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-28

"'Til Death Do Us Part" and "War of the Stars" Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at Silver Spring Black Box Theater, 620 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring. Inclusive Theatre Company ArtStream provides

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acting and theatre classes to people with physical or learning disabilities.
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Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door. Visit www.art-stream.org.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 19

The Iguanas Concert. 6 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Based out of New Orleans for the past couple of decades, The Iguanas define a sound of Americana that crosses cultures, styles, languages and more. Tickets are \$20. Visit

www.bethesdabluesjazz.com. **Tori Kelly.** 8 p.m. at The Fillmore,
8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring.
Former YouTube star and American
Idol competitor will perform. Tickets
start at \$30. Visit

www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Black Masala. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave.,
Bethesda. Eclectic local band performs music inspired by big band and Eastern European music. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.villainandsaint.com for more.

Daily Show writer Matt Koff. 9 p.m. VisArts 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Matt Koff, Emmy-nominated writer from the Daily Show, will headline this comedy show. Ticket: \$20. Visit https://www.facebook.com/events/621038377996770/ for more.

AFI Doc Outdoor Screening. 9 p.m. at Fountain Plaza. The annual AFI Docs Film Festival will sponsor an outdoor screening of "Ride, Rise, Roar," a peek inside the life of musician David Byrne. Free. Visit www.afi.com/afidocs for more.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Ladies First Breakfast. 9 a.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. The Ladies First Breakfast is a familyoriented event to open discussion about breast cancer. Find a full buffet, live entertainment, games and discussions. Tickets are \$40. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

Gilly's Birthday Bash. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at Gilly's Craft Beer & Fine Wine, 2009 Chapman Ave., Rockville. Gilly's celebrates seven years with live music, all-day happy hours, specials and more. Free to attend. Visit www.gillyscbfw.com.

Silver Spring Blues Festival. 10 a.m. at Fountain Plaza. Find two stages for entertainment, food and shopping. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com/

Tour of the Rocklands Farm Winery. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rocklands Farm, 14525 Montevideo Road, Poolesville. Dawson's Market in Rockville is partnering with Rocklands Farm for a tasting trip to the vineyard. Tickets are \$30 for individuals and \$55 for couples. Tickets include the trip and from the farm, tasting fees and a boxed lunch. Call 240.428.1386 to sign up

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Art Songs Recital. 5 p.m. at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 7611 Clarendon Road, Bethesda. The Bethesda Summer Music Festival promotes opera and musical theater for young local singers. Attend a performance. There is a \$20 suggested donation. Visit www.aamsopera.com/bsmf.

Summer Solstice Sunset Stroll.
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fletcher's Cove,
4940 Canal Road, NW, Washington
D.C. The Potomac Conservancy of
Silver Spring will partner with the
Center for Spirituality in Nature for a
casual walk in the park to celebrate
the longest day of the year and the
official start of summer. Free. Visit
www.potomac.org.

Opera to Pop Concert. 7:30 p.m. at
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 7611
Clarendon Road, Bethesda. The
Bethesda Summer Music Festiva
promotes opera and musical theater
for young local singers. Attend a
performance of opera songs and
modern music. There is a \$20
suggested donation. Visit

www.aamsopera.com/bsmf for more. **Janiva Magness.** 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Janiva Magness mixes the essentials of roots, rock and soul music. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.bethesdabluesiazz.com.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 20, 27 AND JULY 11 Still Life Painting in Oils

Workshop. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Visarts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Students will learn the fundamentals of oil painting from instructor Eric Westbrook. Tuition is \$150. www.visartsrockville.org.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Drawing Marathon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on the roof at Visarts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artists of all skill levels are invited to a day of free drawing. Many models will be doing a variety of poses. Artists must bring their own supplies. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Visit www visartsatrockville org.

www.visartsatrockville.org.

"Color Him Father." 11 a.m. at
Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper
Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda.
Celebrate Father's Day with Motown
Music and a buffet. Tickets are \$25
for students and seniors. Regular
admission is \$45. Visit
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Poetry and Prose Open Mic. 2 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. A reception will follow the reading. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

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Father's Day with Leonard,
Coleman and Blunt. 5:30 p.m. at
Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719
Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Three
former lead singers from "The
Temptations," "The Platters," and
"The Drifters" have come together to
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Against Me! 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road., Silver Spring. Popular punk rock band performs. Tickets are \$30. Visit Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com for tickets

#### **MONDAY/JUNE 22**

An Evening with Angela Hill. 5:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Vocalist Angela Hill leads two Gospel choirs in the Washington Metropolitan area that excels at singing Gospel, Blues, Jazz, Country and R&B. \$5. Visit www.bethesdabluesiazz.com.

"The Tribe" Screening With Q&A.
7:15 p.m. at AFI Silver Screen
Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver
Spring. "The Tribe," set in a
Ukrainian school for the deaf, was
filmed entirely in sign language and
does not use subtitles. Filmmaker
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### JUNE 24-AUG. 14

"The Parent Trap." Various times at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Twins raised separately by divorced parents meet at summer camp and trade places. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.imaginationstage.org for more.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

The Babys Concert. 5:30 p.m. at
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are back together after a 30something year hiatus. The British
group became popular in the late
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Rockville Seniors Inc. Mix & Mingle. 5-7 p.m. at Dawson's Market, 225 N Washington St., Rockville. Free snacks and discounted wine and beer. Visit www.dawsonsmarket.com.

The Dramatics featuring LJ
Reynolds. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
at Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719
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Dramatics perform with L.J.
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Paddle the Potomac. 6-8 p.m. at Key Bridge Boathouse, 3500 Water St., NW, Washington D.C. Celebrate Great Outdoors Week with the Potomac Conservancy group of Silver Spring by paddling along the Potomac. Free. Visit www.potomac.org.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir. 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. A 150-year-old 360-piece choir performs. Tickets are \$25-85. Visit www.strathmore.org.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 26

The Platters in Concert. 8 p.m. at
Bethesda Blues and Jazz, 7719
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Platters are comprised of founder and
naming member Herb Reed, Tony
Williams, Paul Robi, Zola Taylor and
David Lynch. \$30. Visit
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### JUNE 26-JULY 12

"Impossible! A Happenstance Circus." Various times at The Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda. This show is an homage to classic circus characters and images from the 1930s and 1940s. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students. Visit www.roundhousetheatre.org for more.

# LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

# The Privacy of the Client

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# News

## **Spring** Horse **Trials**

Tracey Bienemann on Geoni at the spring horse trials hosted by the Seneca Valley Pony Club on Saturday, June 13, at **Bittersweet** Field in Poolesville.



**Katie Wherley on Sir Percival** 

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# Supporting First Tee

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emcee, Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) President Laurel Richie as the keynote speaker, raffle and auction prizes and an 18-hole golf outing. The course was recently renovated by Arthur Hills and named one of the top five renovations by Golf Magazine.

"The First Tee is excited for the new venue at Manor Country Club. Its members have always been supportive of The First Tee and on top of that, it is a terrific course to play,"

The day will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the opportunity to bid on silent auction items that include a dinner for four at Old Angler's Inn in Potomac, a crab cake dinner for four from The Market at River Falls, a short-game clinic at Bethesda Country Club with teaching pro Patrick Bedingfield, foursomes of Golf at Trump National, Lansdowne Golf Resort and the 1757 Golf Club, spa packages and stay and play Tournament Players Club packages.

Keynote speaker Laurel Richie, a Shaker Heights, Ohio native who graduated from Dartmouth College, has always been about promoting women and encouraging them to become leaders. After serving as senior vice president and marketing executive for the Girl Scouts of America for three years, she accepted the position of president of the WNBA. As the first female president of a major sports league, she has been responsible for increasing the league's visibility and

sponsorships. She attributes much of her success to her father who told her, "Things always work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out."

Richie is the first black president of any major sports league. She was the first black woman to serve on the board of Ogilvy and Mather, and has been the recipient of the YMCA's Black Achiever's Award and Ebony Magazine's Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications. She was also named one of the 25 Influential Black Women in Business by The Network Jour-

Sildon said, "Laurel Richie's tenure at the WNBA has embodied the positive values we promote including outreach, inclusion and excellence in women's sports. I know her keynote message will be outstanding."

After the speaker, the raffle drawings and the silent auction winner announcements as well as the live auction winners, the golf will begin as the women drive out to their holes for the shot-gun start.

To learn more about The First Tee of Montgomery County, to donate, volunteer or recommend a child for the program, go to www.thefirstteemcmd.org. One can also register for The First Tee 5th Annual Luncheon and Golf Outing at http:// www.thefirstteemcmd.org/. The cost for the luncheon and golf is \$250, for the luncheon without golf is \$100. The First Tee can also use gently used golf equipment and clothing for the children. For more information about The First Tee, call 240-447-4646.

# Muslim Foundation Honors Volunteers at Annual Cookout

# Year-round effort helps families throughout county.

**Claudia Sarnoff on Callan** 

Quinto

By Susan Belford The Almanac

any residents aren't aware of the scope of the problem of hunger in Montgomery County. However, the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) understands and confronts the challenge of the hunger of the less fortunate by its food collections of non-perishable goods for Manna.

Mark Foraker, director of development and communications for Manna Food, said, "We are proud to have the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation as partners in ending hunger in Montgomery County. Their efforts collected more than 19,000 pounds of food that will help address hunger in our community." MCMF food collections were located at 12 local Giant Food Stores. They provided volunteers to collect the food all day Saturday and Sunday for two weekends.

On May 3, MCMF held its annual community cookout at Black Hill Regional Park with several hundred people attending. As the culminating event for MCMF's 2015 Food Drive, this gathering was designed to thank the volunteers whose work were essential to the food drive and all of MCMF's work throughout the year. Volunteers were awarded a certificate of appreciation from MCMF for their efforts in helping families across Montgomery County.

A number of public officials attended the picnic including state Del. Aruna Miller of District 15; Montgomery County Councilmembers Nancy Floreen, Roger Berliner and Sydney Katz; Montgomery County Council President George Leventhal; the Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, interfaith liaison with the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnership; and many other community leaders who acknowledged the importance of the work being done by MCMF and how it is making a difference in the county. Leventhal said, "MCMF exemplifies the Muslim principles of Zakat (charity ) and Sadaqa (good deeds that please God). I deeply appreciate MCMF's participation in Montgomery County's vigorous charitable enterprise."

Kaseman praised the work of the MCMF: "On behalf of our county executive, I commend the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation for all you are doing everyday that makes our county a better place for everyone to call home. I have been bragging about you because of your reputation for raising and delivering food where it is most needed. (Yesterday at a National Conference on Peace and Justice in Washington an advocate for the hungry in Baltimore spoke. I was proud to quickly respond say-



State Del. Aruna Miller joins volunteers at the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation picnic.

ing, the Montgomery County Muslim Foun- courage and promote the resident Muslim dation was coordinating a food drive among the Islamic Centers and Mosques of Montgomery County, and they always deliver more food than any other faith tradition."

The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that strives to en-

community's involvement in community service projects that assist the county's needy regardless of faith, race, gender and seeks to work alongside like-minded volunteers and partner organizations. To learn more about this organization, go to www.mcmfmd.org. or call 301-760-7447.



# Ideas for Summer Learning

# Experts offer suggestions for avoiding summer brain drain.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Almanac

hile summer is opportunity for fun, it can also be a breeding ground for stagnation. In fact, the National Summer Learning Association reports children can experience learning loss when they are not engaged in educational activities while on school break. From summer reading programs at local libraries to nature walks in the woods, local educators offer ideas for combining enriching experiences and warm weather fun.

"Most local libraries have a reading program that offers kids incentives for reading books during the summer," said Peggy Woodstock, a Bethesda-based reading specialist. "They add an element of competition which can offer a boost to many kids." Think of the natural world as an interactive classroom as well. "Hiking and camping are great ways to get kids excited about science and nature," said Amy Adams, director, Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. "There are some local parks that have nature programs and guided walks.'

Adams recommends Eleanor Lawrence Park in Chantilly and Great Falls Park in McLean, Va. "Allow children to explore, but it's always nice to give guidance as well," said Adams. "For example, 'Let's go on this hike and look for evidence that an animal was

present,' and then kids get involved trying determine which animal it was."

Trading video games for blue foam blocks at the National Building Museum's "Work, Play, Build" exhibit is another option. It's a hands-on, interactive space that offers children an opportunity to see the work of architects and engineers.

The National Zoo and the Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C., the National Aquarium in Bal-

timore, Maryland and the Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., are also good choices for children. In addition, the Potomac Overlook Nature Center in Arlington, Va., is "great for teaching kids about birds, turtles and birds of prey," said Adams. "Farms or petting zoos are also great for teaching kids about animals and

"4-H programs at local fairs would be another great



Activities such as building "driveways" in the sand can encourage learning at home during summer months.

way to learn about nature and animals," Adams continued. "Parents can look online for at-home science experiments for kids," on sites like http:// www.curiosityzone.com/Experiments.

There is plenty of inspiration to be had at home as well, says Gail Multop, who teaches early childhood

development at Northern Virginia Community College. "You can build things at home with your kids," she said. "Experiments with water are great. Use funnels and buckets of water and experiment with how water flows." Multop shares ideas for learning on her blog, "The Arts and Early Childhood Education."

For building projects at home, "parents should save cardboard, paper towel rolls, shoeboxes, etc.

and provide duct tape and paints. Kids can build castles [and] space ships," she added.

For more inspiration, Multop recommends a blog by Alexandria-based educator Peggy Ashbrook: http:/ /families.naeyc.org/blog/124. "She has lots of activities on it that encourage learning about science in a fun way," said Multop. "What's really important for kids is to inquire and for parents not to give them the answer, but help them find the answers."

### SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to almanac@ connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome

Amelia Oliver has been awarded a Fulbright Study/Research Grant to support an academic year abroad in Ūkraine.

Christopher Weiner and Samantha Lee have been inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Maryland.

Virginia Brown from Churchill High School was awarded the Maryland STEM Educator of the Year Award from the Tech Council of Maryland Industry

"Allow children to

always nice to give

guidance as well."

- Amy Adams, George

**Mason University** 

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Alexander Ndongo-Seh won third place in the Expository Division of the 2015 Sophomore Speech Contest at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.). His speech was "How Hip Hop has Changed the World

Jennifer Finley and Sathya Ram have received dean's list recognition at Lehigh University (Bethlehem, Pa.)

Jennifer Ainsworth, daughter of Donald and Laurie Ainsworth, and a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton

High School, graduated with a B.S. in early childhood education from Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.).

Brendan Reim, son of John and Maureen Reim and a graduate of Heights School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.)

The following students have received dean's list recognition at James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.) for the spring 2015 semester: Diego Catala, Grace Chan, Thomas Eastman, Casey Fitzgerald, Janie Jacobs and Alexandra Levenson.

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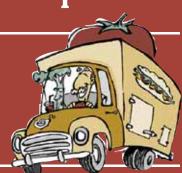
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### No Joke, **But Funny Nonetheless**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I ever want to use my having cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit, it's a doozy. And it's probably the best thing about the diagnosis/ prognosis. However, it's not as if there are a number of other advantages to the disease. Nevertheless, having such a readily-available, go-to, slam dunk of an excuse is not exactly like a "Get-outof-jail" card made desirable in the original Monopoly board game, but let's be realistic: us cancer patients need/deserve all the help we can get. And just like a little compassion goes a long way toward fluffing our pillow, so too does having a beyond-reproach excuse occasionally simplify a muddled state of affairs, personally and professionally. It's an equal opportunity "excuser."

And "muddled;" morning, noon or night; conscious, subconscious and probably even unconscious, is how this cancer patient, as most others I would bet, live their lives. Whether you want to or not, it is impossible – with a capitol "I," to not view your new cancerdiagnosed life/life expectancy through the prism of your diagnosis. Not that that prism has to make you a prisoner of your prognosis (or alliteration), but to think it's not going to change your perspective, your priorities and your decision-making is to not accept your new reality. And accepting that new reality doesn't mean compromising your principals or giving in or giving up or even yielding the floor. It simply means that you're able to move on. Resistance is not futile. Cancer is not "The Borg." Moreover, assimilating this terrible fact into your head and heart and not obsessing about it opens up your life to more potentially fulfilling and rewarding experiences that might actually enable you to survive and maybe even thrive. Otherwise, as the doctor in Miles City, Montana Territory (at the time) said to Augustus McCray in part IV of "Lonesome Dove" after Gus refused to let him amputate his remaining infected leg - which would ultimately lead to his death: "I assure you, sir, the alternative is gloomy." But Gus wasn't gloomy. He was thoughtful and self-effacing. He explained his refusal for not allowing a second amputation: "I like to kick a pig every once in a while. How would I do that?"

Well, as much as possible, even though I have been diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, I am not going to be a negative Nellie or a dismal Jimmy. I'm going to try and remain an upbeat Kenny. Certainly I'm not thrilled about my circumstances and I do have my moments when I'm not great company. Still, making fun of an incredibly heavy burden is the only way I know how to lighten the load. And lightening the load is my path of least resistance. It's not futile at all. It's who I am. It's what I do. Now if the cancer will just continue to cooperate, we can all live forward and have a few laughs.

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

# Me & My DAD



A Grand Family: Grandmother, grandfather, two sons and five grandchildren celebrate Mother's Day at Avenel Golf Course May 15, 2015. Grandfather Nirankar Singh; grandmother (in center) Kusum Singh; elder son Navin Singh with his children Shyam Singh (11 years old), Simrin Singh (7 years old) and Shyer Singh (5 years old); younger son Niku Singh with his wife Jessica Singh and their daughters: Roma Singh (2.5 years old) and Pari Singh (1.5 years old).



Father Navin Singh of Potomac, daughter Simi Singh (7 years old) and son Shyam Singh celebrating Indian festival of Holi—color festival in May 2015.



Wyatt Talcott with Dad Greg dressed up to go out on New Year's Eve 2011. They went to the Third Edition (now El Centro) – his restaurant in Georgetown.



J Heaton
Talcott with her
Dad Greg and
brother Wyatt
in a hotel on
their way to
Vermont. They
always take a
dip in the pool
followed by a
polar bear roll
in the snow
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Matt Egger with daughter Elizabeth Egger and her brothers Brian and Jeffrey Kimm on the occasion of Jeff's graduation from Trinity College.



Colin Kimm Dixon with 10month-old Declan Peter Dixon.



Peter Kimm Sr. meets his great-grandson Declan Peter Dixon at Thanksgiving 2014.



Mary Kimm and father Peter Kimm taken Feb. 25, 2015.



Chloe Renee Kimm with Great-Grandpa Peter Kimm in April.



daughter Jasmine Abigail Kimm Knight, granddaughter Chloe Renee Kimm, and wife Emily O. Kimm in April.

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