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Hundreds of people showed up at Carderock Elementary School on March 22. Gov. Larry Hogan and U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos were inside reading "Oh the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss to second graders in honor of National Reading Month.

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Seth Kibel, a woodwind specialist, will be joined by a quintet featuring piano, double bass, drums, and vocals for an afternoon of American and Jewish music on April 2, 3-5 p.m., at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. The performance will include the classics of the "Great American Songbook" — George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, and more — plus a dash of klezmer.

Kibel is a featured performer with The Alexandria Klezmet, Bay Jazz Project, Music Pilgrim Trio, and The Natty Beaux. He's the winner of 28 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies), including "Best World Music Instrumentalist" (2003-11) and "Best Jazz Instrumentalist" (2005, 2007-8, 2011-14).

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Seth Kibel

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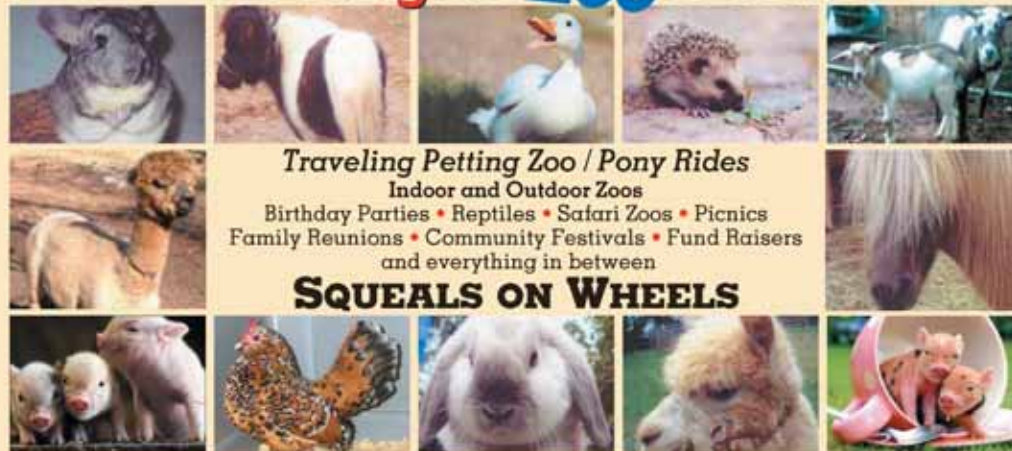
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Signs of the Times: A Divided Welcome

Protesters, supporters gather for Hogan and DeVos at Carderock Elementary.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Carderock Elementary School Acting Principal Jae W. Lee received a surprise call from Gov. Larry Hogan's office on Tuesday, March 22. He had just two days to prepare for the Thursday visit of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

Lee collaborated with the Montgomery County Public Schools' Department of School Safety and Security, the Montgomery County Police Department, and the U.S. Marshal's Office to ensure everyone's safety. He worked in partnership with the MCPS Central Office and Carderock staff to plan for the visit, and to develop a plan for communication to students and parents.

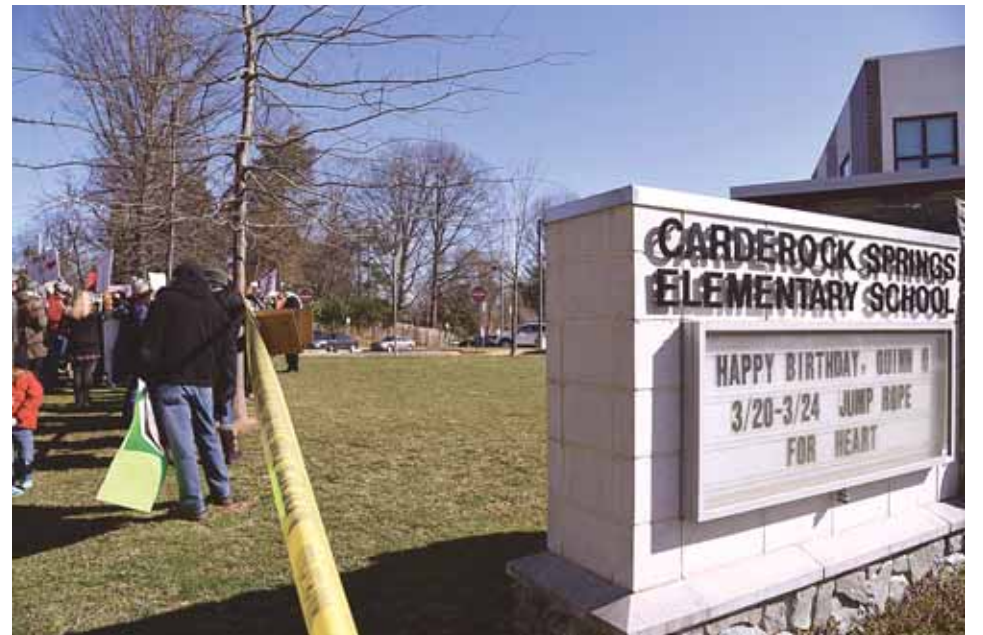
In honor of National Reading Month,



Supporters of Gov. Larry Hogan.



The crowd spilled onto the pavement.



The visit at Carderock Elementary became an educational opportunity.

OPINION

Making Something Good Together

BY THE REV. MARK MICHAEL
RECTOR, ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Shortly after we moved to Potomac, our eldest son joined the local Cub Scout pack, 773, which is sponsored by Potomac United Methodist Church. The pack our son had joined near our former home in Virginia was newly established, with just a handful of kids and a rather harried group of parent volunteers always scrambling to pull things together. It's been exciting to be part of a much larger pack here, with a really talented and committed group of leaders and an impressive variety of activities.

IN THE SOUND OF THE BELLS

We were expecting that the Pinewood Derby at the pack here in Potomac would be pretty special. But nothing we had seen yet quite prepared us for the event that unfolded a few Saturdays ago in the United Methodist Church's Parish Center.

The Pinewood Derby isn't quite as old as Scouting itself, but it goes back over 60 years, when a scoutmaster in California decided that his charges weren't quite ready for the then common project of constructing cars out of soapboxes to ride in down a hill themselves (these were the days before soap came in plastic wrap and people worried much about liability insurance). The scoutmaster's idea was to have the boys to whittle or cut a car out of a small piece of pine, to nail on some simple wheels, and then to race the cars down an inclined track.

The Derby has probably become the signature program of Cub Scouts. All across the country, boys have been working with their

dads in these late winter months to put together a car that will hopefully speed across the finish line, and cut a bit of a figure along the way. I expected that this pack would take the Derby a little more seriously than our last one. In our Virginia pack, if you had managed to apply at least a little paint and have four wheels in place, you were doing pretty well. But I was still pretty surprised when the Potomac pack leaders sent us a six page list of rules, along with a YouTube video explaining the physics of Pinewood Derby car construction. There was a weigh-in night, and a requirement that the car be kept by the pack overnight to avoid tampering. There was also a parents' division, to cut down on dads competing vicariously through their sons, where the aim was to design the slowest car possible.

I feel a bit out of my league in these areas, having not really given physics a thought since the mid-1990s, when I squeaked my way through the 11th grade version, which I don't remember laying much emphasis on aerodynamics. We didn't watch the video or do any weight adjustment calculations. My son and I, though, both thought his car was quite handsome. After he had traced the design on the block my uncle, a master of the scroll saw, cut it out in his shop for us. My son then painted it with a few odds and ends of tubes from the drawer in the basement. The stripes were even straight (mostly). He was really proud of it, and I was proud of him.

When we went to the weigh in, they told us we should add some weight to the car, and a dad who clearly was more on top of the matter supplied some weights and glue. We were a little daunted by some of the other vehicles being carried in to the weigh in — some with

inner cavities filled with lead, others delicately carved and painted in shiny car paint. Some of these dads had clearly watched the physics videos (maybe a few had doctorates in wooden car engineering). A few of the cars even seemed to be scale models of famous racecars.

As it happened, the big race the next day was lots of fun, even if my son's car didn't win any of its heats — the pack penchant for careful planning insisted that each car have a chance to run a heat in each track position. In five heats, his did beat one other car, not that anyone was counting. The kids were cheering for each other, and, on the whole, seemed less interested in the results than their fathers.

The Pinewood Derby, after all isn't really about winning, but about the joy of workmanship — planning a project, following all the steps to make something special. It's also about time well spent, as parents and their children gather ideas and share talents, learning a little more along the way about each other and the way the world works. The competition angle pushes us a little to do our best, and if victory comes, it's a bit sweeter for the work we put into it.

Creative work enhances our dignity, and is a sign of God's wisdom working within us. When we bring a project to fulfillment, we have a sense of the creative joy He revealed in pronouncing all things good. As a secondary gift, such work deepens our love for each other, and spurs us on to do even better.

Next year, I guess I'll need to learn a little more about physics. Maybe we have a little car touch-up paint out in the garage that would make the thing shine. It will be fun again, I'm sure, a gift for my son and for me, to make something good together in the world.

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churches Wednesday evenings during Lent for dinner and then a study led by the pastors of the churches. The March 29 topic: "The Creeds." Call 301-279-9388.

Deadline. The Montgomery County Commission for Women is kicking off Women's History Month by inviting residents of all ages to participate in the first annual Girl Power Writing Contest, "What's It Mean to Be a Woman in 2017?" Girls and women can share their own experiences while boys and men can reflect on

what they think life is like for the women in their life. Submissions can be intellectual, emotional, funny, spiritual or serious. Written entries should be no more than 500 words. Entries should include full name, age, grade and school (if applicable),

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FRIDAY/MARCH 31 Girl Power Writing Contest

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

Education Forum. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School (cafeteria), 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville. Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard will host a public forum to provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. Contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Part Four of Lenten Study Series and Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at Seven Locks Baptist Church, 11845 Seven Locks Road, Rockville. "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," with the "Seven Locks Churches" of Potomac (St. James' Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian, Seven Locks Baptist, Scotland AME Zion, Emmanuel Lutheran). Join the "Seven Locks"



Marking Women's International Day

Del. Aruna Miller (D-15) stands on the steps in Annapolis among the women of the Maryland General Assembly celebrating Women's International Day on March 8.

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NEWS

'Brighton Beach Memoirs'

Potomac teen lands first professional acting role.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
THE ALMANAC

Marie-Josée Bourelly, a sophomore at Winston Churchill High School, will perform the part of Nora in Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at Theater J this spring.

It is the first professional role for the 16 year old.

"I've been acting for quite a while but never went into professional theater," Bourelly said. "It's just the most wonderful learning experience of all time."

And she has had a lot of experience.

Bourelly, who goes by Josie, had her first part in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" while a camper at Glen Echo's Adventure Theatre when she was just 8 years old

"I was a typist and I had like four lines," she said. "I practiced all the time. I practiced those lines until I went to bed."

From that first experience, Bourelly said, she knew she wanted to be an actor.

She spent the next summer at Adventure Theatre again, then spent the next seven summers at Interlochen Summer Camp for the Arts in Michigan.

Between time at camp and school plays, Bourelly said she had lots of amateur experience but never, until now, turned professional. She said that was probably because she didn't really think she was good enough.

"I was so surprised when they called me and said I got the part," she said. "I play Nora, a young girl from the 1930s, the play is set in 1937. Nora Morton is 16 and a half years old and she wants to be a dancer on Broadway ... she wants the ideal life of being independent."

Bourelly said the play has been in rehearsals for about three weeks and opens April 5. Four D.C. area teens are part of the cast, working with three adult professionals along with Director Matt Torney and the technical crew.

"Something I've learned throughout the process is everybody is there to help you," she said. "I can ask anything: about breath-



Marie-Josée Bourelly

ing techniques, how to make a scene better You shouldn't be afraid to ask or shouldn't be embarrassed. Everybody wants you to succeed."

The cast works six days a week, and, Bourelly said, she has to be "hyper-focused" to do the play and keep up with her school work. She said she does homework at lunch, during breaks at rehearsals and when she gets home at night.

Details

Performances are April 5-May 7, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Select Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Select Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., weekday matinees, April 26 and May 3 at noon. Open Captioned performance Sunday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$37 at theaterj.org or by calling 202-777-3210. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more, call 202-777-3210 or email theaterj@theaterj.org

"People should come to see [the play], it's a good show," Bourelly said. "It's a show I can bring my younger brother to and he'll laugh and also my parents, and they will cry."

Theater J is a nationally renowned, professional Jewish theater that "celebrates, explores and struggles with the complexities and nuances of both the Jewish experience and the universal human condition,"

according to the theater's mission statement. "... we aim to preserve and expand a rich Jewish theatrical tradition and to create a community and commonality through theater-going experiences."

Theater J performances are held at Edlavitch DCJCC's Aaron & Cecile Goldman Theater, 1529 16th Street, NW Washington, D.C. — four blocks east of Dupont Circle.

cfw for details.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 5

Part Five of Lenten Study Series and Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 11931 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," with the "Seven Locks Churches" of Potomac (St. James' Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian, Seven Locks Baptist, Scotland AME Zion, Emmanuel

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Ballroom Dancing. 1-3 p.m., every Wednesday in March, at North Potomac Senior Center, 13860 Travilah Road, Rockville. Come out and practice the international style Ballroom Dance, like Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Tango, Paso Doble, Quickstep and Slow Foxtrot, Latin Dancing, such as Cha Cha, Rumba and Samba, also social dances, such as swing. This is a volunteer-led practice. Free.

Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda Listen to employees read children's stories. Free. Visit www.storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

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 for more.

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. \$25. www.dancesidra.org.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. capitalblues.org

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by dancing. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. www.glenechopark.org.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

Contra and Square Dance. Fridays and Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contra and Square dances are taught, no partner necessary. Lessons at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music at 7:30. \$13 for nonmembers, \$10 for FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open

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Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. www.pgip.org.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

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. 301-983-8838 www.popovers.com.

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. 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. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org for more.

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. www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

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. www.bennysbargrill.com.

Potomac Games Group. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. The world is in the midst of a Golden Age of new board and card games for players of all ages. Free. Contact event host Randy Hoffman at 412-983-5411 or wrandyhoffman@gmail.com.

Strathmore Launches Food, Beverage Program. Partnership kicks off 2017 focusing on creative, upscale bar cuisine, sharable drinks, expanded service with Ridgewells. For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ampbystrathmore.com or call 301-581-5100.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The



Lighting Like Caravaggio

Learn "Lighting Like Caravaggio," with Frank Van Riper at Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, on Thursdays at 7-10 p.m., April 13-May 4. \$375. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

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FRANK VAN RIPER

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. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

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.

DEADLINE APRIL 15

"Students Making History" Contest. High school students from Maryland, D.C., Virginia, and West Virginia are invited to submit a research paper or artistic illustration on the theme "African American and Women's History on the C&O Canal." for the chance to win a scholarship. Students must be willing to have their research shared within the park and published on social media and the park's website. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/learn/education/students-making-history.htm or email cocanaleducation@nps.gov.

FRIDAY/MARCH 31

Annual Thrift Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033

River Road, Potomac. Clothing, jewelry, household, collectibles. Call 301-365-2055 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Annual Thrift Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. Clothing, jewelry, household, collectibles. Call 301-365-2055 for more.

Mozart's Piano Concerto. 8 p.m. at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Chinese-American pianist Eric Lu joins the National Philharmonic, led by Maestro Piotr Gajewski, to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major. \$23-\$78, free for ages 7-17. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100 for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Waltz Workshop. 2:45-3:30 p.m.-midnight at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The ensemble Devine Comedy will provide a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

Rabbi Jack Gabriel Sings. 7 p.m. at

the at Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase. \$20, \$15 for Temple Shalom members, \$10 for students and \$5 for kids. Email herbcl1@gmail.com or call 703-380-3151 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Video Game Music Concert. 7 p.m. at Rockville High School Auditorium, 2100 Baltimore Road, Rockville. The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra will play a video game music concert, playfully titled "Downbeats with Determination!" marking the debut of a multi-movement symphonic suite featuring music from the game "Undertale," as well as an interactive Game Gallery. \$8 online, \$9 at the door. Visit www.wmgso.org/ for more.

APRIL 8-9

DancEthos with Gin Dance Company. Various times at the Kreeger Auditorium, Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. \$25 adults, \$20 Seniors, students, military, \$15 children 12 and under. Visit www.dancethos.org for more.

ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL 13-MAY 4

Skills Class. 7-10 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. "Lighting Like Caravaggio with Frank Van Riper," class. Lighting master Frank Van Riper will teach students how to create still lifes and portraits. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

APRIL 15-MAY 20

Vision Class. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Spring meet and shoot with Photoworks Faculty, shoot at four different locations with a Photoworks faculty member. \$65 per session, \$300 for five sessions. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 16

Waltz Workshop. 2:45-3:30 p.m.-midnight at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The ensemble Honeysuckle Rose will provide a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

Canal Pride Days. 9 a.m.-noon at Great Falls in Potomac, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Preserve historic buildings, improve Park grounds, remove invasive plant species, and more. Visit www.canaltrust.org.



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Dancing

Every Wednesday in March, it's Ballroom Dancing from 1-3 p.m. at North Potomac Senior Center, 13860 Travilah Road, Rockville. Come out and practice the international style Ballroom Dance, like Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Tango, Paso Doble, Quickstep and Slow Foxtrot, Latin Dancing, such as Cha Cha, Rumba and Samba, also social dances, such as swing. This is a volunteer-led practice. Free.

APRIL 22-23

Pictures at an Exhibition. Saturday, April 22, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic features Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Visit www.strathmore.org/ for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 25

Networking Event. 4-6 p.m. at 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Potomac Chamber of Commerce and Old Angler's Inn sponsoring and providing hors d'ouerves. Potomac Chamber members \$10, non-members \$15. Call 301-299-2170 or email Jennifer@potomacpizza.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

Mountain Dulcimers of Northern Virginia. 12:30-3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Visitors may also try their hand at playing a hammered dulcimer, percussion instruments, or simply sing along. Free concert but there is an entrance fee to the Park of \$10.00 per single vehicle. 301-767-3714.
"An Evening with Strauss" Waltz Ball. 8 p.m.-midnight at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Waltz Time presents the 34th Annual Evening with Strauss Waltz Ball, featuring Viennese and other waltzes in the beautiful Spanish Ballroom. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

Bike to Work Day 2017. Registration — now open — is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first timers to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 16,000 to register and attend will receive a free t-shirt at one of more than 85 pit-stops throughout Northern Virginia. Participants can register online at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Email Megan Goodman at mgoodman@mwecog.org, or call 202-962-3209 for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 21

Potomac Hunt Races. 10 a.m. at 14401B Partnership Road, Poolesville. Visit www.potomachunt-races.com/ for more.

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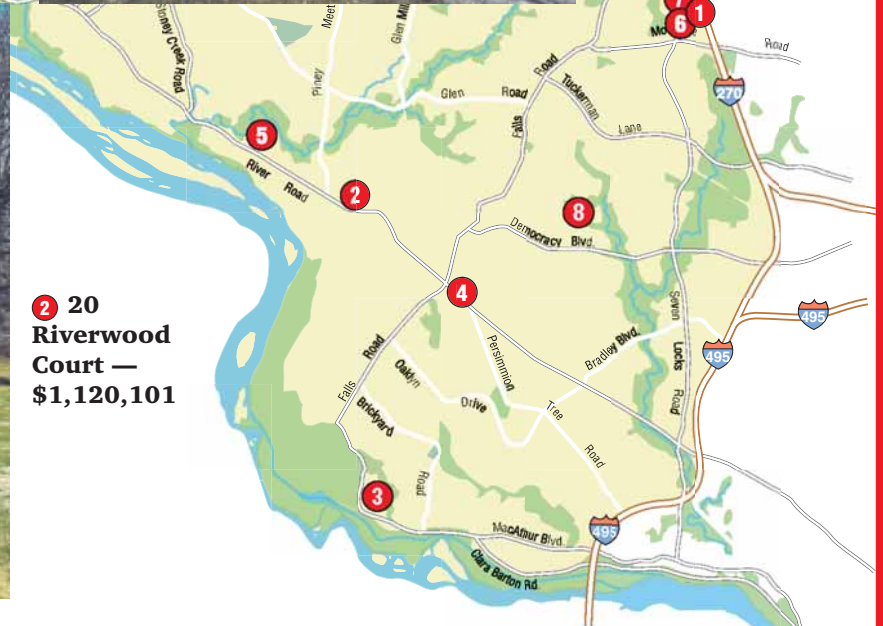
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FAMILY CONNECTION



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Local national parks like Theodore Roosevelt Island are ideal for family staycations, says Lois Stover, Ph.D. of Marymount University.

Backyard Adventure

Ideas for a spring break family staycation.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL

For Katie Wendel, a spring break vacation this year won't mean loading up the car and driving several hundred miles or waiting in long lines at the airport. While the Bethesda mother of five is planning to enjoy some relaxing downtime with her family, she won't venture far from home.

"We're going to be tourists this year and visit the monuments and museums in Washington. We're also going to try to find every avenue in the city that's named after a state," said Wendel. "If you think about it, there's so much to do in this area that we all take for granted. You really don't have to leave the area to feel like you're in another city."

From museum exhibits to adventure centers, a goldmine of family getaways abounds locally. There are even activities for family bonding available without leaving home.

"Ask the kids what they would like to do. Involve them and give [them] a choice. Whatever it is they suggest, come up with a plan to document their adventure so they can share it with grandparents or siblings away at college, said Lois Stover, Ph.D., dean, School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University. "Let them help plan the Metro route or just look at the Metro map and randomly pick a station and explore that area."

"A lot of adults assume that kids want a big trip, but a lot of times a kid will say, 'I want to blow bubbles in the back yard.' It's important for children to have a say in how the family uses its free time," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College.

Among the recommendations that Stover

offers are activities at one's neighborhood library and trips to indoor public swimming pools. For animal-loving families the National Zoo offers beasts ranging from elephants and eagles to tigers and frogs.

"Get outside and take the family to one of the lesser known national parks, like Prince William, or walk the C&O Canal," said Stover.

There's also Gravelly Point Park near Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, which is ideal for family picnics, games of kickball or simply watching airplanes take off and land.


"If it's warm, do a beach day in the backyard [or] set up an indoor mini-golf course with Nerf balls [or use] Wiffle balls and bats," said Stover. "Have a dance party, a science day. Have a 'Today is Blue, or whatever color works, Day,' so everyone wears blue, all foods are blue, you ride the blue line Metro just to see where it goes, [for example]."

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory on the National Mall is where Stephanie Kleinman is planning to take her twin daughters during spring break.


"The girls call it a museum for plants, and it's neat to go from the desert to the jungle all within one building," said Kleinman who lives in McLean. "We'll probably check out some of the other museums while we're downtown."

There are times when a staycation can be more relaxing than travel, says Lorente. "If you look at the list of the top 100 stressors in life, taking a vacation is on the list," she said. "A staycation, when done with purpose, can really be good."

Advanced planning is a key to making that time spent together meaningful, advises Lorente. "A lot of times people say they're taking a staycation and they end up doing chores around the house. And everybody is on their electronics," she said. "But it's really about family bonding and everyone coming together and creating shared experiences as a family."



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Hundreds of people showed up at Carderock Elementary School expressing opposing views — but stayed civil.

A Divided Welcome

FROM PAGE 3

DeVos and Hogan read the Dr. Seuss classic, “Oh the Places You’ll Go!” to 60 second-grade students. “We were honored to have Governor Hogan and Secretary DeVos visit Carderock Springs Elementary School,” Lee said. “I thought it was a successful visit, which is a testament to the wonderful community we have here at Carderock Springs.”

Several hundred demonstrators gathered across the street from the school before the arrival of Hogan and DeVos. They hoisted signs expressing a variety of viewpoints:

BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 5

Lutheran). Join the “Seven Locks” churches Wednesday evenings during Lent for dinner and then a study led by the pastors of the churches. The April 5 topic is “The Crucifixion and Resurrection.” Call 301-424-4346 or visit genevapotomac.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

Application Deadline. The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board, which serves as the council’s principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members, who serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms, also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Letters of application expressing interest, including a résumé listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers and an email address, should be addressed as follows: Council President Roger Berliner, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications also may be emailed to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov.

BEGINS APRIL 24

Job Search Training for Seniors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. JCA’s Career Gateway Program can help hone a resume, polish networking and interviewing skills, use Internet job search resources more effectively, and turn age and experience to an advantage. Each session of the Career Gateway features 30 hours of small-group classroom instruction over five days, comprehensive take-home materials, practical exercises, and a long-term mentor. \$75. Session

support or condemnation for school choice, vouchers and charter schools, banners bearing statements such as “No Guns in Schools,” “Keep Public Schools Public,” “Protect Students in our Schools,” “No Rapists in Our Schools,” and “All Students Deserve Quality Free Public Education.”

There were also many who backed Hogan and Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford in their campaign for reelection; these supporters arrived with Hogan/Rutherford signs and stickers waving in the breeze or attached to their cars.

V takes place April 24, 26, 28, May 1 and 3, 2017. Call Ellen Greenberg at 301-255-4215 or email egreenberg@AccessJCA.org.

THROUGH APRIL

Host Families Needed. The Big Train is looking for families to share their homes with a Big Train player during the 2017 season. Players stay with families from late May through late July or early August. Contact Emily Waldman at waldmanemily@gmail.com or Anne Fletcher at fletch428@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 5

Building Attachment Through Trust. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Children exposed to trauma, abuse and neglect often have trouble trusting adults, which can contribute to challenging family relationships. Explore the newest neuroscience-based research and interventions on enhancing attachment and connection in families. Early Bird (through March 31): Parents, \$79, professionals (includes 6 CEUs), \$129; parents, \$99, professionals (includes 6 CEUs), \$149. Lunch will be provided. Contact awolf@familyworkstogether.org or 410-402-1121 for more.

GUIDE DOG FOSTERS NEEDED

Guiding Eyes for the Blind - Montgomery Region is looking for volunteers to foster and train future guide dogs. Volunteers will foster a specially bred guide dog for 14 months, attend bi-monthly training classes, and teach the pup house manners, people skills and socialization within the community. Dog crates, training equipment and monthly medications are provided. Contact Margie Coccodrilli at 301-869-2216 or gebraiser@comcast.net or visit www.guidingeyes-md.org.

Students Compete in Geographic Bee

Forty-one Montgomery County students will compete in the Maryland National Geographic State Bee on March 31. Local participants are: Rohit Das, 4th grade, Bells Mill Elementary School; Ethan Podberesky, 7th grade, Cabin John Middle School; Maya Siegal, 5th grade, Cold Spring Elementary School; Alex Klyce, 7th grade, Herbert Hoover Middle School; Divya Devarkonda, 6th grade, Holton-Arms School; Ainsley Gabti, 7th grade, Norwood School; Amy Zhai, 8th grade, Thomas W Pyle Middle School; and Alexander Mehta, 7th grade, Washington Episcopal School.

Maryland Public Television (MPT) will air a one-hour recorded broadcast of the final round of the Maryland National Geographic State Bee on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD.

The state qualifying event for the 29th Annual National Geographic Bee takes place on Friday, March 31, at MPT’s Owings Mills studios.

Students who won their individual school bees earlier this year took a qualifying test

to determine their state-level eligibility. Approximately 100 Maryland students, grades four through eight, will compete for a place in the national event in Washington, D.C., on May 14 - 17. Twenty four students from last year’s Maryland bee are returning for 2017, including five of last year’s finalists. State bee champions receive \$100, the National Geographic Concise Atlas of the World, 4th Edition and a medal, and will represent his or her state in the championship round in May. Last year’s Maryland state champion, Rishi Kumar from Ellicott City, was among 10 finalist at the 2016 national competition.

MPT will air the National Geographic Bee on MPT-HD at noon on Saturday, May 27. At 11 a.m. MPT will rebroadcast the Maryland state bee.

The National Geographic Bee was founded in 1989. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.

Presenting Environmental Documentaries

As part of Earth Month, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will partner with the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital (DCEFF) to bring free screenings of the latest environmental documentaries to both the BlackRock Center for the Arts and the Montgomery County GreenFest.

“Hometown Habitat – Stories of Bringing Nature Home” will be presented at BlackRock Center for the Arts on April 9, 4 p.m. “Hometown Habitat” is an educational documentary focused on showing how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. The film features entomologist Dr. Douglas Tallamy, whose research, books and lectures on the use of non-native plants in landscaping, sound the alarm about habitat and species loss.

Following the screening of the film, director and producer Catherine Zimmerman will be on hand to answer questions from the audience. The discussion will be facilitated by DEP Director Lisa Feldt. The screening, which is free and open to the public, is presented in partnership by the BlackRock Center for the Arts, DCEFF, DEP and the

Montgomery Countryside Alliance.

For more details, visit www.blackrockcenter.org/events/event/hometown-habitat-stories-of-bringing-nature-home/.

Documentary films will be shown at Montgomery County GreenFest, Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg, on May 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In addition to showing “Hometown Habitat” in April, DCEFF is partnering with GreenFest for the third year in a row to screen documentaries. This year, the focus will be on short films, less than 30 minutes in length. Screenings of the short films start at 1 p.m. and will include documentaries highlighted during the 2017 Environmental Film Festival, including “Fix and Release” and “The Nature of Maps.”

Montgomery County GreenFest includes exhibitors and vendors, workshops, music, children’s activities, food trucks and an electric vehicle and car show. The full schedule of movie screenings will be announced in April at montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

For more Earth Month activities in Montgomery County, visit www.mygreenmontgomery.org/earth-month/.

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region for new home dollar volume in February.

The **Potomac office of Weichert, Realtors**, led its Weichert sales region, which is comprised of locations throughout Montgomery and Prince George’s counties as well as surrounding areas in the District of Columbia, for new home dollar volume. Sales associate Irene Wertheimer from the Potomac office was individually recognized as the top associate in the

Finmarc Management, Inc., a Bethesda, Maryland-based commercial real estate firm, has announced the sale of a three-story 78,327 square foot commercial office building situated at 4100 Lafayette Center Drive within the Enterprise Center in Chantilly, Va., for \$4.9 million. The asset was acquired by Better Lafayette, LLC.

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