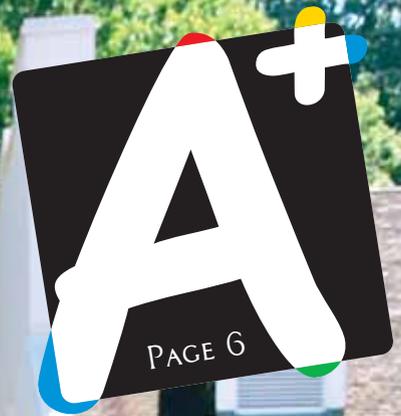


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Park Ranger Blair Stephens, dressed for the 1870s, at the C&O Canal.

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Brook Dinch, David Dannemiller and Blair Stephens lead the mules Eva and Dolly.



Eddie Barnes, Celina Ryan, Andrew Mattocks and Ranger Blair Stephens man the locks.



Back in Time

Park Ranger Alex Arnold, in period clothing, guides visitors back to the 1870s for an experience on a mule-drawn boat ride at the C&O Canal. Cost is \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Children aged three and under ride free. Purchase tickets and board the boat at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center at 11710 MacArthur Blvd. The rides are every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 3. For schedule, see www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm.



Eddie Barnes enjoys fishing.

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Potomac United Methodist Welcomes New Pastor

A passion for preaching and community outreach.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

“I’m looking forward to joining the Potomac United Methodist Church community and helping members to express their faith,” said the Rev. Dr. Laura Easto. “I am so excited to be here as the new pastor — and I am embracing all the wonderful possibilities that this position offers. I have felt so welcomed by this wonderful community since I started on July 1.”

A native Marylander, Easto grew up in Beltsville, Md. and graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County

(UMBC) with a degree in sociology. After graduation, she planned to attend law school at the University of Maryland; however, while working at the House of Ruth in Baltimore, she experienced the call to become a minister. Thus, she enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary where she pursued a Doctorate of Ministry. She was ordained in 1984 and received her first appointment to Marvin Chapel in Martinsburg, W.Va. Since this first assignment, she has served in six different appointments, both as a minister and twice as District Superintendent.

Easto’s passions are preaching and community outreach. “I enjoy sharing the words



The Rev. Dr. Laura Easto

of God and helping to relate them to our lives. Of course, a large part of my position is also to become acquainted with our members, to listen to their wishes and work together to implement goals and build on the strong foundation that is a PUMC tradition. I will also be seeking ways to engage our members and to re-energize the church.” She is looking forward to Rally Day on Sept. 10 which will be followed by a luncheon for all. “This is the perfect opportunity to meet the congregation and kick off our Sunday School and services. It’s also a great time for those who are interested in joining us to attend a service and meet the members.”

Currently living in Reisterstown, Md., Easto is the mother of two children in their 20s and enjoys quilting and reading mystery novels. She and her husband will relocate to Potomac as soon as they possibly

can. “My family is the bedrock of my ministry,” she said.

Her focus on missional outreach took her to Japan and South Korea last summer and previously to Puerto Rico. “It’s important to learn meaningful ways in which we can give ourselves a chance to serve,” she said.

Music Director Rosemary Dyer will continue to enhance the 10 a.m. church services with choral music. Jacqueline Rock will remain as parish administrator, Aryan Ghafourian as administrative assistant and Lora Sullivan will continue to provide accounting services.

New to the church staff is Alex Woody, who will serve as director of Christian Education. She is currently working on her Master’s Degree in Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary. Woody graduated from Shenandoah University with a Bachelor’s

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OPINION

A Right To Be Heard

The power of a few should not outweigh the right to due process.

To the Editor:

Sara and I are life-long residents of Potomac and have served as proud stewards of the historic Old Angler's Inn (OAI) which has been in our family since 1957. Residents of Potomac and the area have enjoyed our unique and gorgeous setting for 60 years and we have worked tirelessly to maintain our quality and status as a destination restaurant. However, operating a fine-dining restaurant is challenging and it has become more and more difficult to continue our tradition of outstanding food and service to patrons due to the rising costs of maintaining a historical building, staffing, and rising food expenses.

LETTER

We own 7 acres above and adjacent to OAI, which have always been considered in our long-term planning. In order to continue to operate, we knew we had to take steps to improve our situation and to make good use of this piece of undeveloped property. Thus, several years ago, we began exploring how to best use this property with the least amount of disruption to the community — and developed a thoughtful plan which would enhance the Potomac community and benefit the residents. Thus, we had an architect draw up plans for a truly exceptional and beautiful Country Inn.

We truly believe that this Country Inn will bring a much-needed venue for private dining and special occasions to Potomac. Our vision is to create a spot similar to the Inn at Little Washington, where exquisite food, bonhomie and quaint, tranquil sleeping accommodations will be provided. The proposed Country Inn is intended to be a natural extension to Old Angler's architecture and design. We spent years exploring our options before finally filing our Country Inn application in 2015. We entertained lucrative offers from builders and had plans drawn to determine the number of homes and/or townhomes that our 7 acres could yield. At the end of the day it was determined that developing the land for yet another group of 6,000 sq.ft +/- McMansions would ruin the property, would provide very little return and more importantly destroy what all of our patrons have come to love, the tranquility and beauty of Old Angler's Inn.

After two long years of hard work, public hearings and expensive studies to ensure compliance with all zoning regulations, OAI and the Country Inn received the Development Review Committee (DRC) recommendation and they were scheduled for a final public hearing this September in front of the Hearing Examiner. However, a bill entitled "Country Inn Standards" (ZTA 17-04) was introduced by a few members of the Montgomery County Council (who were lobbied by a few rich, powerful people who wanted to stop OAI's right to develop their land). They are encouraging the Council to strip away existing laws and stop the right to due process. The final hearing has been postponed until a decision is made on ZTA 17-04.

This new bill is improper and unfair not only to Old Angler's but to the general public. We

all deserve a right to be heard on the matter in the proper forum on the merits of the application and not be circumvented and diverted to a hearing on an unwarranted, ill-conceived proposed text amendment that was introduced for the sole purpose of stopping Old Anglers from having its day in court. While community advocacy is admirable and should be applauded, it is detrimental to the public's interest when a few who are against development do not correctly represent the truth. Zoning laws should not be amended to specifically prevent our 60-year-old business from developing our land in the best interest of the community. The facts presented to the community have been false, misleading and harmful to the community, our business and most importantly, to everyone's fundamental right to due process.

We believe that a recent article in the Potomac Almanac is riddled with falsehoods, including an absurd picture the opposition has created which is distorted and not at all representative of our proposed Country Inn. We feel that Old Angler's Inn is under attack by a small group of very rich and powerful people who want to stop our right to develop our land. They intend to use whatever tactic they can including disseminating false and misleading information to the surrounding neighborhoods and lobbying local council members to change current law to specifically prevent our conditional use application for a Country Inn from moving forward. In addition, this group set up a petition drive on their website and posted an entirely false video hoping to negatively influence opinion and garner support for their opposition in order to put pressure on members of the council. They have gone so far as to imply that current law allows us to apply for the development of a McDonald's or possibly a Hooters. False!

What is true is that a Country Inn has been delineated in the Zoning Code for Montgomery County as a "special exception" or "conditional use" specifically available to properties like ours for decades.

It also has been an integral part of the Master Plan notwithstanding our opponents' false statements to the contrary. In fact, historical public documentation shows that converting the back acreage of Old Anglers into a Country Inn would restore the property back to its 1860 origins where many dignitaries, presidents and the like utilized the Inn as an overnight retreat.

Unfortunately, as owners and operator of such an important landmark diligently paying taxes and serving the community, the all-out attack against our proposed Country Inn orchestrated by a few powerful people who have the money, connections and the desire to stop any type of progress that doesn't conform to their "no development" mandate, will usurp the rights and interest of a long established landowner and the desire of the community at large.

They most likely will succeed unless our community comes together and voices their sup-



port. Our legislators and councilmen/women represent all of us and need to hear from you.

My wife Sara and I operate OAI and diligently pay taxes and provide a service. If our business is not supported by our community as well as by Montgomery County, it may fail; then it will be one more case of a small-business failing because of the issues of Montgomery County not providing a comfortable small-business environment.

The public hearing for proposed ZTA 17-04 is on Sept. 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. The Hearing location is: 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, Third Floor Hearing Room. We need as many supporters as possible to join us that day in our fight to secure the legacy of one of the area's oldest and important landmarks and to stop this vicious attempt to circumvent ours and your right to due process. We have a right to be heard and our application deserves a hearing on the merits without interference from misguided, unfair and unconstitutional legislative initiatives sponsored by a few pressured council members who erroneously believe that such an amendment is the will of the people,

We need community support. "The Montgomery County Council members need to hear from you now. Please contact the County Council about this unconstitutional and inequitable proposed amendment as soon as possible. Petitions or other written material may be

1. Presented to the Clerk at the time of the hearing

2. Emailed to County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov

3. Mailed or delivered to Montgomery County Council, Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850

All written material becomes a part of the public hearing record. It's important that each of us takes the time to write the Council. You may also call the Council 240-777-7803 to voice your opinion.

Please visit the OAI webpage www.oldanglersinn.com and click on "Future Development" to download their petition and send via mail or email to the Council at the addresses above. Support T-shirts and other paraphernalia can also be purchased to help the cause and to wear to the hearing.

Sara and Mark Regis
Owners, Old Anglers Inn

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Saturday, Aug. 19, Ice Cream Social and Car Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Park Potomac, 12500 Park Potomac Drive. The 9th Annual Park Potomac Ice Cream Social and Exotic Car Show for Charity, to benefit Interfaith Works Backpacks for Schoolkids Program. Email carsncoffeethesda@gmail.com for more.

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Food Pictures. at Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard. Foodies: A Juried Photography Exhibition, on display Sept. 15-Oct. 22. Meet the juror Debra Moser, Friday, Sept. 15. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

Pups on the Patio. 4-7 p.m. every Thursday at Silver, 7150 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. Guests can enjoy drinks, appetizers and dinner with their pets outside on Silver's patio. visit www.eatatsilver.com for more.

2017 Canal Boat Excursions. At Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. April-October, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. June-August, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. To confirm the boat ride for your visit, call 301-767-3714 for details as special circumstances may affect this schedule. Prices: \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Children aged three and under ride free. In addition to the boat fee, there is an entrance fee to the park of \$10 per single vehicle.

Tally Ho Toastmaster's Club. 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Do you want to become a confident public speaker and strong leader? If so, join Tally Ho Toastmasters. First and third Mondays each month.

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.store-locator.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 mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the

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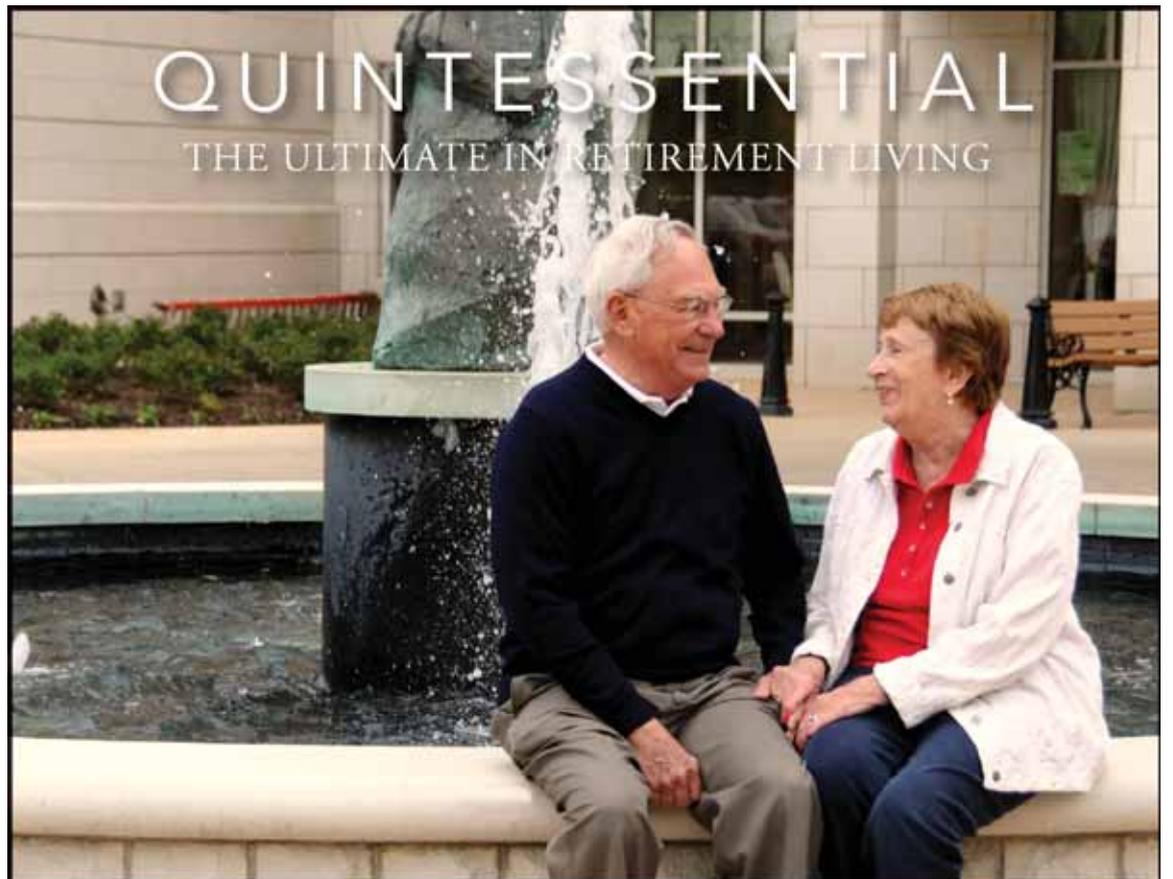
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New Backpacks for New School Year

Event designed to collect new, supply-filled backpacks for students in need.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Each summer since he was 12, 18-year-old Yahav Lachovizer of Bethesda has worked to make sure that more than 2,500 Montgomery County children have new backpacks filled with supplies when they start a new school year. He began as a volunteer with social services organization Interfaith Works, and now, he is the group's school supply operator.

"Giving out backpacks every year is something I always look forward to," he said. "Seeing all the kids' smiles after receiving the backpacks is the most joyful thing to witness. This is when all the hours of hard work pays off."

This Saturday, Aug. 19, Lachovizer is helping to coordinate an ice cream social in Potomac Park to benefit Interfaith Works Backpacks for Schoolkids Program. The family event is set to begin at 11 a.m. and will include a car show, face painting, balloon art and, of course, ice cream.



Montgomery County students get new backpacks filled with school supplies before the start of the academic year.

Attendees are asked to bring a new backpack filled with school supplies. Those who donate a backpack will be entered into a raffle to win prizes.

"Coming from a low-income family myself, I know how it feels to not to have anything," said Lachovizer. "School sup-

plies are the one thing the children look forward to every year. I am willing to work hard and break a sweat just so I can be able to see those nice, bright, satisfying smiles."

Tickets for sundaes can be purchased in advance for \$5 per person at the front desk



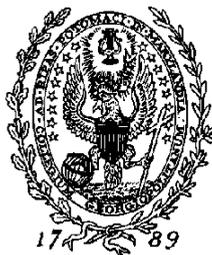
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Yahav Lachovizer of Bethesda coordinates Interfaith Works' backpack program for children in need.

of the Park Potomac high-rise residences, 12250 Park Potomac Place, or on the day of the event for \$10 per person.

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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-a-longs, 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.

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DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The Montgomery County school year will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, and the last day of school will be no later than Friday, June 15, 2018.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 16

Legal Planning for Alzheimer's. 6:30-8 p.m. at Brookdale Potomac, 11215 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. This program is for anyone who would like to know more about what legal and financial issues to consider and how to put plans in place. Visit www.alz.org/nca/in_my_community_64062.asp.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23

Community Meeting. 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville. Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's Education Committee, will host a community meeting with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Superintendent Jack Smith to discuss universal pre-kindergarten programs. The purpose of this community meeting is to seek input from the community about what they are looking for in terms of early childhood education both in current programming and possible implementation of universal pre-kindergarten programs. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rice/.

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I Had a Dream



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Which apparently, according to my oncologist, is not unusual. In fact, he's had them, too. What I am referring to, in a general sense, are cancer dreams. The 'cancer dream' I had was my first. Actually, it was not so much a dream, with a beginning, middle and an end, as it was a fragment; a moment in subconscious time that provided (illuminated would be too strong a characterization) an opportunity to possibly see my future and prepare accordingly.

Before I share my dream, let me give you a bit of context relating to my cancer condition. I am nearly five months into my ninth year post diagnosis. I have stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, the terminal kind. Stage IV, if you don't know (and I certainly didn't know stage IV from stage left until my oncologist told me in late February 2009) means the tumors have metastasized (moved from its original location, which is rarely good) and are inoperable (which means surgery is not an option/recommended/reasonable). Ergo, the "13 month to two year" prognosis I was given and the associated 2 percent chance of survival beyond five years. To say then that cancer/my mortality is constantly on my mind is an understatement of epic proportions.

Given the unlikely still-living situation in which amazingly I find myself, I am regularly waiting for disappointing/discouraging health-related symptoms/news. With every five-week cycle of pre-chemotherapy lab work/24-hour urine collection and chemotherapy infusion, followed by quarterly CT Scans and semi annual brain and/or lower abdomen MRIs, I am at the mercy of results – which at this juncture rarely manifest themselves in any symptomatic/life-changing way. In short, I rarely know what the cancer is doing until my oncologist tells me. So far, mostly so good. As a result of this general lack of symptoms, I am always anticipating the day when I am not so lucky and wondering how it will happen/how I'll react when "the cancer," as "Forrest, Forrest Gump" said it, asserts its insidious hold. This was the dream fragment I had.

The only real symptom of my lung cancer/treatment shows up in my lab work: specifically my creatinine level, which measures kidney function. And kidney function, per conversations with my oncologist, is a major concern. The damage I've incurred already is irreparable and likely to get worse and a constant worry (I've recently had a "liquid biopsy" in an attempt to determine non-surgically the genetic mutation of my tumors which could possibly enable me to switch my chemotherapy to one which is not filtered through the kidneys). In the interim however, or until there is an "actionable" match, I am still preoccupied with this risk. The fear of dialysis/a kidney replacement weighs heavily on my mind.

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Potomac Man Funds Hepatitis B Screening Clinic

Program set up to save lives.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
THE ALMANAC

Potomac resident Dr. Hwa-Young Michael Yeh learned he had the hepatitis B virus when he was in college. He tested positive for the disease when he volunteered to donate blood during a student blood drive.

But he didn't think much about it or seek treatment. There were no symptoms.

"In my case [symptoms] didn't really show up until after [age] 40," Yeh said.

He just felt tired.

"Later," he said. "When I was in business and schedules were tight I was tired more so I started searching for a cure. At that time

the medicines were not good."

As the years passed, Yeh continued feeling tired and began to feel an urgency about his condition, which he knew affects the liver.

"Almost 12 years ago a nodule appeared on my liver so I went to Georgetown [Medstar Hospital] and to Johns Hopkins," he said.

He learned he needed a liver transplant.

While Yeh felt he received great care at both facilities, Medstar Georgetown Transplant Institute came up with a good match for his transplant.

"I was very fortunate, they said it was a perfect match," he said.

Before his surgery, performed by Dr. Tho-



Dr. Hwa-Young Michael Yeh

mas Fishbein, director of the Medstar Georgetown Transplant Institute, Yeh said he was more hopeful than nervous.

Yeh is now 68 and is happy to be well again.

"I definitely feel the difference," he said. "It gave me an additional 11 years and the opportunity to see my first granddaughter."

Hoping to help others with Hepatitis B, Yeh donated \$50,000 to Medstar Georgetown Transplant Institute to start a screening clinic for the disease. The screening program began in August 2016 at the Institutes' clinic in Annandale, Va.

Yeh, who is originally from Taiwan, said Hepatitis B affects Asian Americans at a much greater rate than the rest of the U.S. population so he wanted to help get information on the disease to the Asian American community and provide them with testing.

"Especially in this area, it's important to understand the facts," said Chloe Screve, program coordinator at the clinic. "We have a high prevalence of Asian Americans."

Screve said the disease is easy to treat but there is a possibility of liver cancer if it is not treated. She also said there is no cure for Hepatitis B but there is a vaccine to prevent it.

"This is not about me, this is more about the screening program," Yeh said. "If it can help give a better quality of life, that's what it's all about."

The clinic is located at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute in Fairfax 3301 Woodburn Road, Suite 209, Annandale VA 22003.

Walk-ins are accepted Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment call 703-639-0616.

Wootton Community Mourns Death of Assistant Principal

His commitment to students recalled.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
THE ALMANAC

In a letter to the Thomas S. Wootton High School community, Principal Kimberly Boldon informed members of the death of the school's assistant principal, Joseph Patrick DuBoyce.

"It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the death of our assistant principal Mr. Joseph DuBoyce. Mr. DuBoyce died

unexpectedly last night at his home," Boldon wrote in her letter posted on the school website Tuesday, Aug. 8.

DuBoyce was assistant principal at Wootton since 2011. During his 30-year career at Montgomery County Public School he was a teacher, resource teacher and assistant principal at James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring. His first MCPS assignment was as a social studies teacher at



Joseph DuBoyce

Col. Zadok Magruder High School in Rockville.

"Mr. DuBoyce was a fierce advocate for the students of Thomas S. Wootton and was particularly looking forward to seeing the Class of 2018 graduate this spring," Boldon wrote.

"Mr. DuBoyce would go out of his way to help a student, staff member, or parent. Committed to supporting our students, he particularly enjoyed going to the cross country meets to cheer the Patriots on to victory.

His sense of humor, warmth, compassion, and optimism defined him and were appar-

ent in all his interactions. He will be truly missed."

DuBoyce, 53, was born Nov. 19, 1963 in Newark, N.J., according to an obituary on legacy.com. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Melissa DuBoyce and six children.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 11 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Union Bridge.

Boldon wrote that there will be support available for students and staff during the first weeks of school in September and will work with the PTSA and student leadership groups to honor DuBoyce and his contributions to the school community.

New Pastor at Potomac United Methodist

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Degree in religion. She loves to travel and particularly enjoyed visiting monastic communities in Europe last summer to learn about faith and spirituality. "I am looking forward to getting to know the youth and adults here at PUMC," said Woody. "I'm especially interested in how we can make the educational programs relevant to all who

come here — and in encouraging new participation from the community. I'm thrilled to be here." Potomac United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Falls and South Glen Roads, is a Potomac landmark. The picturesque white church was established in 1854 and occupies the site which was originally a Presbyterian Church. As early as 1716, the land was occupied by

Captain John's Meetinghouse. The cemetery which surrounds the church dates back to the 1700s. "We are a big extended family — a place that makes you feel right at home," said Easto. "We are a special place for Christian fellowship and lifelong friendships — and we hope all will come, learn about us and join in our worship, education and community outreach."



Alex Woody is Potomac United Methodist Church's new director of Christian Education.

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