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On a Mission

Visiting all national historic sites and national parks in his father's memory.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
THE ALMANAC

Former Bethesda resident Mikah Meyer decided to visit all 418 National Park Service sites just over three years ago. It was an homage to his father, who died of cancer at the age of 59.

"I wanted to do something big while I was 30," he said. "We never know if we will die young. I didn't want to wait until I was 65."

Meyer, 32, said he has done one road trip every year since he was 19, often with his father who loved road trips, so visiting parks and national historic sites was a perfect fit for his plan to honor his father and have an adventure.

When he completes his travels in April, he will be the first person to visit all the National Park sites in one continuous trip, according to a press release from Montgomery Parks.

First, Meyer outfitted a van into his new home, equipped with storage, a bed, and a kitchen with a solar powered refrigerator.

"I put solar panels on top of the van," he said.

He also tried to get sponsors to help fund his travels, but it was more difficult than he imagined it would be, he said.

When he started, on April 29, 2016 at the Washington Monument, he said he only had about one fifth of the money he estimated he would need to complete his journey. He said he is not sure how the money worked out, but it did.

Sometimes he would meet friends who would treat him to dinner, sometimes he would exchange a tour of a site or a park for mention on social media, both helped his budget greatly.



Mikah Meyer at Constitution Gardens, Washington, D.C., in April 2016 at the beginning of his trip to visit all U.S. National Parks and Historic Sites. There is at least one site in each state and U.S. territory, Meyer said.

"I worked to save money," he said.

Along the way, Meyer said he began taking photos of himself with the Rainbow Flag at the sites he visited. It became a mission to bring attention to the fact that LGBT people lagged in attendance at the parks, he said.

"I didn't start my journey doing this," he said. "But became aware that LGBT people don't feel safe and welcome [in the parks]. The culture was very straight white man."

Asked which parks and sites were his favorite, he said it was the hidden gems, not necessarily the ones everyone has heard of.

He mentioned Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah; Dinosaur National Monument, in Utah and Colorado; and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, on Lake Superior in Michigan.

But, he said, everywhere he goes people don't know the parks in their own states.

Though he lived in the area for five years and worked as a residential-program director at Georgetown Prep and a professional

chorister at Washington National Cathedral before he started his journey, he was not aware of Clara Barton National Historic Site in Glen Echo.

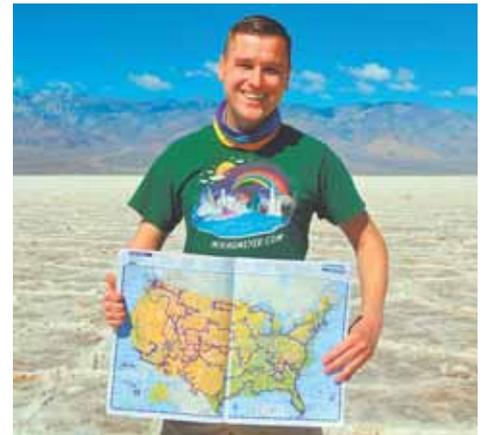
He visited there Saturday — stop number 390 of his journey — with Maryland Del. Marc Korman, his representative during his time living in Bethesda.

Barton, who founded the American Red Cross, lived in the home for the last 15 years of her life and ran the organization from the home.

"It was pretty fascinating," Meyer said. "Right here, this amazing cultural institution and I didn't know."

He did know about the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, he said, and often went hiking there when he lived in Bethesda. He hiked the Billy Goat Trail with Korman in May 2016, when starting his quest.

Meyer said he has 28 sites left to visit, 27 within a two-hour drive of this area. He plans to reach his goal on April 29, three



Former Bethesda resident Mikah Meyer is visiting all 418 U.S. National Parks and Historic Sites in one continuous trip. In Death Valley National Park, Calif., he shows a map charting progress of his trip.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Mikah Meyer, left, visits with National Park director Jonathan Jarvis on June 9, 2016 at the beginning of his three-year journey to visit all U.S. National Parks and Historic Sites.

years to the day from when he started.

"At 11 a.m. I will leave the Washington monument, where I started, and walk to the Lincoln Memorial, my last site," he said.

The public is invited to join him that day.

Snow Days Melt Away Planned School Holidays

School year already extended.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
THE ALMANAC

This winter has been snowier than unusual for the area according to the National Weather Service and the resulting school closings — snow days — are mounting up, leaving school officials looking for other days in the Montgomery County Public Schools calendar to make up lost instructional days.

"Two days were built in," said MCPS spokesperson Gboyinde Onijala.

But with four weather-related closings, the school system needs to make up two days.

"It was already announced we are extending the school year to June 14," Onijala said last week before Wednesday's closing.

"If tomorrow [Feb 20 is a snow day] we will go to June 5, which is supposed to be a professional day," she said.

The original calendar had students finishing up the year on Thursday, June 13 and no school on June 5.

Onijala said any more school closings would require MCPS to look into Spring Break or the week of June 17 for make-up days.

That does not seem out of the realm of possibility according to Ray Martin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Forecast Office.

He said the Washington, D.C. area has had above normal snowfall this year with Reagan National Airport reporting 3 inches above normal and Dulles, seven inches.

"There's potential for wintry weather for

Friday," he said on Monday, Feb. 25. "And there's always a chance for snow in March."

Adding up to a definite potential for more wintry weather, he said.

How does MCPS decide to close schools during bad weather?

According to the school system's website: "Information about the weather is gathered from many sources, including The National Weather Service, Accu-Weather, the news media and by actual inspection of roads, school driveways, and sidewalks throughout the county. Weather conditions in surrounding counties are also gathered and factored into forecasting conditions for Montgomery County students and considered for those students attending non-public schools in other areas. Information from these various sources is factored into the decision.

"Weather conditions or continuing impact from severe weather or other events such

as a widespread power outage, may cause a delayed opening, early closing or closing for the day. The most severe conditions within the county are used as the basis for the decision-making criteria. A uniform procedure to close all schools is maintained so that the school system can respond quickly to emergency conditions and protect the safety and well being of students and staff who attend both public and non-public schools and receive transportation services from Montgomery County.

"For early morning decisions, road inspection begins at 3 a.m. so that a decision can be announced by 5 a.m. through MCPS emergency information sources and media, such as radio, tv and websites."

To get the latest information on school closings, visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>

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Tour the Glenstone Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At Glenstone Museum, 12100 Glen Road, Potomac. Ride On Route 301 riders don't need advance reservations for the Glenstone Museum through April 2019. Riders will be given free passes for entry to the museum. There are four buses daily 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. from the Rockville Station of the Metrorail Red Line on the Route 301 bus. Museum hours are Thursday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY/MARCH 1

Nomination Deadline. 5 p.m. The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking nominations from the public for its 22nd Annual Awards for Distinguished Service to Public Education. The awards are sponsored by the Board to recognize and show appreciation to individuals (including students), groups, and organizations that have made

exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County. Nomination forms are available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/awards/.

Internship Application Deadline. Bethesda Big Train offers five internships for the summer. The timing of each internship is from May 21-Aug. 2, 2019. The Internship opportunities are: Operations and Marketing Internship, Social Media Internship, Sports Writing Internship, Radio Broadcasting Internship, and In-Game Host Internship. Find job descriptions, responsibilities, and how to apply at bigtrain.org/getinvolved/internship. Email davids@bigtrain.org with additional questions.

MONDAY/MARCH 4

Career Gateway Program. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at JCA Headquarters, 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Jewish Council for the Aging's Career Gateway Program can help those 50 and older hone their

resume, polish networking and interviewing skills, use Internet job search resources more effectively, and turn age and experience into an advantage. Each session of the Career Gateway features 30 hours of small-group classroom instruction over five days (Session IV - March 4, 6, 8, 11, and 13), comprehensive take-home materials, practical exercises, and a long-term mentor. \$75. Contact Jodie Rasch at 301-255-4215 or email jodie.rasch@accessjca.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday Services and "Quiet Day" Activities. Noon and 7:30 p.m. At St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. St. James' will hold two Eucharist services with imposition of ashes. At noon - after the service, stay for "Quiet Day" activities designed to lead participants on their Lenten journey. At 7:30 p.m., there will be the Eucharist with choir. Call 301-762-8040 or visit www.stjamespotomac.org.

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Ablaze

Firefighters respond to a car fire in Potomac Village on Saturday, Feb 23. No injuries were reported.

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MONDAY/MARCH 11

Public Education Budget Forum.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda. Craig Rice, chair of the Montgomery County Council's Education and Culture Committee; Dr. Jack Smith, superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools; and Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College, will host the first in a series of five public education budget forums. Contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Remodeling a Kitchen or

Bathroom. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. At Hopkins & Porter, 12944 Travilah Road, Suite 204, Potomac. Free. During this seminar, learn: latest design trends in kitchens and baths; three levels of kitchen and bath remodeling; how to budget for a kitchen or bath; what to expect when remodeling, and more. RSVP by calling 301-840-9121.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 5

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Open. 8:30 a.m. Montgomery County Recreation and Montgomery Parks are hosting hundreds of camps that promote active and healthy lifestyles for children. Take advantage of early bird registration through April 5 and receive \$25 off select camps. Summer camps include aquatics, arts, cooking, nature exploration, sports and more. Camp registration opens via ActiveMONTGOMERY.org.

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Giving Up the Car Keys? Recognizing warning signs that it might be time to stop driving.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Tracy Palmer didn't see the accident, but she received a frantic call that every parent dreads: her 11-year-old son had been hit by a car.

"We were on vacation visiting my brother and I'd gone to get coffee and my phone rang," she said. "My brother told that an 82-year old woman hit my son while he and a few of his cousins were sitting just off the driveway drawing with chalk. She never saw the kids and when she hit my son she thought she'd hit a ball, so she kept going. Thank God one of the neighbors saw it and stopped her."

After eight days in the intensive care unit, Palmer's son is on the mend, but Palmer who works as an attorney in Arlington, however, is furious that the elderly driver was allowed behind the wheel of a car in the first place.

Monitoring one's driving abilities is an essential part of our overall healthcare, especially as one ages. "There's no cutoff age for when a person should stop driving. But as we age, our joints can become stiff, our reflexes slow down and our ability to make split-second judgement calls or stop on a dime can become impaired," said Dana Kilgore, MSPT. "Our bodies also become more frail as we age, so the impact of a car accident would probably do more harm to a 85-year old than a 25-year old."

It is important for seniors and their families to pay close attention to the warning signs that it's time to reduce one's driving or stop it all together, says psychologist Donna Goldstein, Psy.D. "If you notice an increased number scratches or dents on that mom or dad's car, especially if they've always been a good driver, that could be an indicator," she said. "Getting traffic tickets, getting lost frequently, running stop signs

or traffic lights, those are all signs that it might be time to leave the driving to someone else."

Accepting the fact that it's time to stop driving can be difficult. "A driver's license isn't just a plastic card with a bad picture that you keep in your wallet," said Lisa Dombo, LPC, Ed.D, a marriage and family therapist in McLean. "It means freedom and independence. It's hard for anyone to want to give that up. That's one of the reasons why it can be so hard for people to convince someone that they need to stop driving."

That is a lesson that Naomi O'Conner learned one weekend this winter when she made plans with friends to take in a designer sample sale that was happening about two-miles from her house. Her 86-year old mother had agreed to babysit her 7 and 9-year old children. But the weather took a frosty turn and threw her plans into a tailspin.

"My mom lives a mile away from me and has always been my most dependable back-up babysitter for weeknights, but when the snow started falling, I knew that I could not let her get on the road in that weather," said O'Conner who lives in Bethesda. "It was for her safety and everybody else who'd be on road. Unfortunately, she kept insisting that

she would be fine and even became a little peeved that I was suggesting that she was too old. Too keep her off the road, I had to concoct a story about one of my friends getting sick and canceling the plans."

The thought of suggesting to a loved one that it's time to give up their car keys can be daunting. Dombo says that there are steps that one can take to make such a conversation less intimidating. "This is a very sensitive issue for many people because it means dramatic change in lifestyle and having less control over ourselves," she said. "It's important to be respectful and not talk to them like they are a child. Give specific examples instead of making general statements and try not to have the conversation alone. It's usually more effective to have the conversation with a group of family members."

Demonstrating an understand of the what reduced driving means is also important, suggests Goldstein. "You must show empathy," she said. "This type of transition can lead to depression for some seniors. Offering alternatives like gift certificates for cab rides or Uber or Lyft can be good. Coming up with a plan to remain socially active and to run errands and get to doctor's appointments. But this type of life transition is not easy, but it is possible to live a rich, full life without a car."

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By Andrew Currie

Place and Displacement

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Breakout Color. Through March 2, Wednesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Gallery B presents its February exhibition, Breakout Color, featuring work by five painters, Nancy Arons, Sara Becker, Jennifer Howard, Christianne King and David Terrar. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

Photography Exhibit: "Place and Displacement." Through March 3, gallery hours at Photoworks in Glen Echo Park at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Featuring photos by Andrew Currie and Patricia Howard and curated by Fabian Goncalves Borrega. The show intertwines the series House to House and Suburbs by Pat Howard and Andy Currie. In both series, images of inhabited and desolated towns and suburbs share similar sense of alienation produced by powerless and meaningless life. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Teen Writers' Club. Tuesdays through May 28, 6:30-8 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Teens (13-18) with a passion for writing are invited to join the Teen Writers' Club. Learn and practice new writing techniques, share your work, and learn how to critique other works with author Neal Gillen. Free. Email acsagillen@aol.com for more.

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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.

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

Conservatory Concerts Series. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational UCC, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Cellist Tobias Werner and pianist Read Gainsford will perform Samuel Barber's Sonata in C Minor, Op. 6 and Rachmaninoff's Sonata in G Minor, Op. 19. Guests are invited to attend Wine & Words after the concert for complimentary beverages and an informal Q & A with the artists. Free, suggested donation of \$20. Families are welcome at all concerts. Call 301-320-2770 or visit [washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org) for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 8

Family Bingo Night. 7-9 p.m. At Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., in Cabin John. Admission is free. Bingo cards are \$5 each. Pizza slices and drinks will be on sale. Local celebrity callers – State Del. Marc Korman and former District 1 County Councilmember Roger Berliner – will call numbers and keep the action moving. Call 240-777-4910.

Concert: Bethesda Songwriting Contest Finalists. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. The fifth annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards, produced by the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District, features a live concert

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Art Exhibit: Breakout Color

Gallery B presents its February exhibition, Breakout Color, featuring work by five painters, Nancy Arons, Sara Becker, Jennifer Howard, Christianne King and David Terrar. Arons discovered her passion for painting when she retired in 2006. Her newfound love for the creative process, painting en plein air and the luscious oil paints grew into a hobby in which she could express and personalize nature. Becker ventured into the world of art as a second career and continues to cultivate her creative outlet, continuing her education in drawing, design, painting and art history. Howard, a painter and graphic designer, strives to convey a textural quality in her work. She applies the paint honestly and emotionally, creating layers of color with an emphasis on capturing light. King has enjoyed drawing since childhood, but didn't start painting until 2006, while residing in London, England. Courses at the Hampstead School of Art and the Prince's Drawing Trust at Kensington Palace gave her the opportunity to develop her interests in oil painting and portraiture. Terrar has been painting for 50 years, working the edges between reality, memory and imagination. He sees art as a connection between creation and people and he strives to share through his work, the profound peace and beauty he feels when painting a landscape. Through March 2, Wednesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.



By David Terrar

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The Following is a Test



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Although you can adjust your television set, it's probably wise to have juiced the battery in your cellular phone. Better still, use your landline – if you have one – thereby preventing a dropped call right in the middle of your interminable hold. Because the call you're about to make – to a government office – is likely not going to be made to the correct number or the correct person or at the correct time or even to the correct department.

And should you be lucky enough to reach an actual person with your call, the explanation for your call/the problem you're attempting to resolve, will no doubt result in a transfer which most likely will not be to the correct number, the correct person, at the correct time or even to the correct department.

Unfortunately, after perusing the government's website, you're just not smart enough to figure out exactly what number you're supposed to call. (Is anyone that smart?) And therefore you are likely going to experience this loop-de-loop – without the upset stomach.

And what makes your attempt even worse? Hanging up, since your call might be "answered in the order in which it was received."

Now presuming/assuming that a less-than-immediate solution will not be at hand, there are a few steps one should take in preparation to not make a bad situation worse:

* Allow for plenty of time. Do not make this call when you're in a hurry, on break/at lunch or have a limited window of opportunity to complete your task. You will need to be in for the long haul, so to speak.

* Try to make this call when you're able to sit/stand comfortably – for long periods of time. Moreover, make sure you have the privacy you need so that anything you say will not be heard (or held against you in a court of law) and any movements your body makes will likewise not be seen.

There's something about being stuck on the phone for long periods of time waiting, waiting, waiting; talking, talking, talking; hoping (you'll note I didn't say expecting) to reach the right person and/or resolve the problem/get the answer which prompted the call in the first place, which rarely brings out the best in the person on hold. Quite frankly, it's been my personal experience that it brings out the worst.

In addition to having the time and the place, one must also have the patience. That patience comes from proper preparation. And by "proper preparation" I mean the creature comforts: food, water and access to a bathroom.

The order really should be reversed with bathroom access first and foremost. Being uncomfortable, shall we say, after finding the time and place, and then making the effort to navigate the government's website looking for the proper person, phone number, department and then in the midst of any success you might have accomplishing this Herculean feat, to have that very personal need interrupt the proceedings is the definition of poor planning.

Common sense has to prevail or the consequences may be dire; you might have to start your calling process all over again. I wouldn't wish that on any one.

There is no greater satisfaction than surviving making one of these calls, and having done so because you put all of your adult Boy Scout skills to work. There really should be badge of honor one can earn after completing this dreaded and arduous task.

In fact, there should be some kind of reward. Although I imagine reaching nirvana (not listening to Nirvana) is its own reward.

Nevertheless, having survived the ordeal and endured the suffering for as many minutes as I care not to remember, I can say with absolute certainty, it's a hell of a feeling. I wish you all well in your next pursuit of truth and justice despite the American Way.

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

Potomac Community Village to Host 'Get to Know PCV'

Potomac Community Village (PCV), whose mission is to make the community stronger and healthier by enabling Potomac-area seniors to safely live in our own homes as they grow older, is hosting "Get to Know PCV," a prospective member and prospective volunteer social get-together on Sunday, March 17, from 2-4 p.m., at a private home in Potomac. The event is designed to answer questions and introduce the all-volunteer nonprofit group to more local community members.

One question the gathering is designed to answer is "Who are you and what do you do," said PCV President Barry Perlis, explaining that while PCV has been providing services as an

IRS-approved nonprofit since 2015, too many Potomac-area residents have not yet heard about PCV and the Village movement.

"PCV is a network of neighbors and friends, like the more than 400 other Villages in the U.S. PCV creates new social connections, so people don't fall into social isolation and inactivity as they age," said Perlis. "We're neighbors helping neighbors, providing help so Potomac seniors are able to stay in their homes as they grow older. We help with occasional transportation, friendly visits and phone calls, with computers and cellphones, and with simple household chores, like climbing a ladder to change a light bulb."

But, he added, "None of this can



An ice cream social organized by the Potomac Community Village.

happen without a strong corps of volunteers."

For questions, directions and to RSVP by Friday, March 15,

call the PCV Help Desk at 240-221-1370 or email info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org. If you cannot attend, but want

more information about volunteering, joining, or making a donation, email or call, or visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

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performed by the competition finalists. Tickets begin at \$15 at www.bethesda.org.

MARCH 8-APRIL 14

Photography Exhibit: "Visions, Reflections." Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.; Sundays, 1-8 p.m. at Photoworks, at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur

Bldv, Glen Echo. Photoworks presents "Visions, Reflections" by Roberto Frenandez Ibanez. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 9

Opening Reception: "Visions, Reflections." 5-7 p.m. at Photoworks, at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 10

Spaghetti Dinner. 5-8 p.m. At Potomac United Methodist Parish Center, 9908 South Glen Road, Potomac. Boy Scout Troop 773 will

hold its 61st Annual Spaghetti Dinner. The all-you-can-eat dinner selections are prepared and served by Boy Scouts and Scout parents in casual, family style seating. Dinner options are available for many dietary needs. The dinner is the Troop's only fundraiser for the year, and covers the cost of troop equipment and supplies. Tickets can

be purchased in advance from Boy Scouts in Troop 773, at www.troop773.com/payments/ or at the door for \$10 per person (maximum of \$40 per family). Anyone interested in supporting Troop 773 but unable to attend dinner is welcome to purchase tickets that will be donated to local first responders. Contact Diane Berinstein at dhberinstein@me.com.

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