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Praising Muslim Foundation's 'Faith in Action'

Fundraising dinner highlights charitable activities.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

More than 200 people attended the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation's (MCMF) annual fundraising dinner on Nov. 1 where County Executive Isiah Leggett complimented the organization on their many charitable activities.

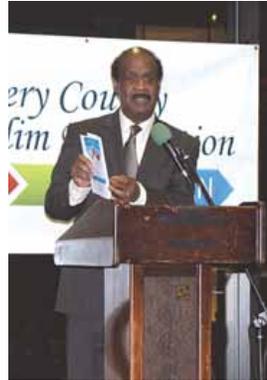
"The many programs of the MCMF dedicated to helping the needy residents of Montgomery County prove how 'Faith in Action' can make a difference for the homeless and disadvantaged residents of Montgomery County," said Leggett.

Leggett was joined at the dinner by Montgomery County Council Member George Leventhal, County Council President Craig Rice, Director of the Office of Community Partnership Bruce Adams, Interfaith Community Liaison the Rev. Mansfield Kaseman and his wife, and Daniel K Perry, constituent service representative from the office of U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen as well as other local community leaders.

Several partner and recipient organizations also attended the function and praised the MCMF for its welfare activities. Among the program beneficiaries of the event who



Tufail Ahmad, MCMF founder



County Executive Ike Leggett



Terry and Joyce Seamans from Adventist Community Services

attended were Mark Foker, development director, Manna Food Center; Shane Rock, CEO Interfaith Works; Terry and Joyce Seamans from Adventist Community Services, and Michael Rubin, executive director of Impact Silver Spring.

A documentary highlighted the many programs that MCMF sponsors throughout the county.

It explained that, through a multitude of programs, the organization encourages and promotes Muslim community involvement and interest in the county, encourages Interfaith activities, eliminates hunger, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social



Interfaith liaison the Rev. Mansfield Kaseman



Shane Rock, CEO Interfaith Works



Michael Rubin, Executive Director of Impact Silver Spring

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Her Birthday Wish: Support Make-A-Wish Foundation

Nonagenarian sees her wishes come true.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

For her 90th birthday, Ruthjoy Leventhal requested "absolutely no gifts" from family and friends — but asked that each make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation where she has served as a volunteer for many years making wishes come true for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. And her wish was granted — and granted — and granted again.

The lively and spirited nonagenarian turned 90 (that's what you call someone between the ages of 90 and 99) on Nov. 10. The Rockville resident is in good health, attends Minyan at 7:15 a.m. every morning at B'Nai Israel Congregation, plays bridge and canasta with

friends, drives her own car and possesses the energy and vitality of much younger people. When asked her secret to long life and good health, she said, "It's a gift from God. I don't eat well and don't exercise, but I keep my mind active, attend services and spend time with family and friends. That must be the secret; I feel very blessed."

Leventhal was born in St. Louis in 1924 and her parents moved to Washington D.C. when she was 6 months old. "I grew up here in Washington, D.C. but spent almost every summer in St. Louis with my grandmother," she said. "Grandma tried to marry me off to a St. Louis gentleman the summer after I graduated from high school. Instead, I eloped with a dapper serviceman, Paul Livingston who was from D.C." The couple had three children, John, Scott and Amy



Ruthjoy Leventhal

(Musher) and five grandchildren.

Leventhal began volunteering at the Make-A-Wish Foundation 15 years ago with her friend Elaine Taylor. She found visiting the children and families and making their wishes happen to be one of the most rewarding activities of her life.

"It was such an inspiration to be able to visit the families and help them with everything they needed to fulfill each child's dream. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity that I want to give back to this organization that makes such a difference to a child and his or her family," she said.

Through her birthday wish, she is once again making a difference for the organization. "I wish everyone could have a birthday like I did today," she said. "It began with everyone at my synagogue singing Happy Birthday to me — inside the Chapel where there is not supposed to be singing. Then I was given the gift of carrying the Torah — and then, everyone donated to Make-a-Wish in my honor. They also announced that I have been to services 3,000 times — can you believe that? I was overwhelmed by their generosity and the recognition.

"My three children took me to fabulous lunch at the new restaurant at the top of the Hotel Washington in a limousine. We had a beautiful lunch — and my son shared with me that his colleagues and friends had donated \$2,000 in honor of my birthday to Make-a-Wish. Again, I was overwhelmed and so pleased. My children also donated as have many friends. And I have my photo in the Washington Post today asking for donations and thanking those who have already donated. Make-a-Wish called me three times today to say how thrilled they are — and what a good idea I had. I am so happy that everyone is making my wish come true by making wishes happen for these deserving children and their families. Thank you to all my friends, families — and all of you who have given the gift of a wish to a sick child."

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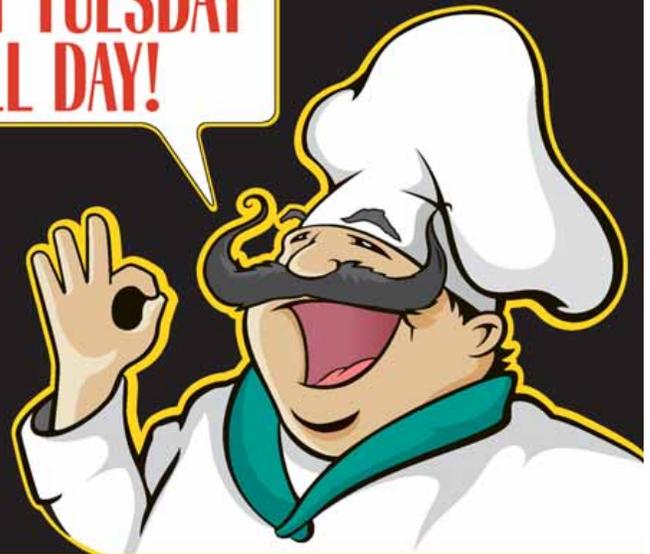
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Author Laura Krauss Melmed speaks to third-grade students at Beverly Farms elementary school during a two-day author-in-residence program.

Author Inspires Students To Write

Laura Krauss Melmed describes journey from idea to publication.

BY COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

Students at Beverly Farms Elementary School learned about the writing process and how a book gets published from children's book author Laura Krauss Melmed on Nov. 5 and 6.

Melmed, who came to the school to read from her first picture book called "The Rainbabies," is an award-winning author of 20 picture books including lyrical bedtime stories, original tales of magic, holiday books, and nonfiction books about cities and states.

During the two-day author-in-residence program, Melmed met with students from all grades in the school. She described the creation of a picture book from the birth of an idea through writing, illustrating, and revision to completion. The students were able to view

original — and messy — manuscript pages, artist's sketches, editor's comments, revisions, galleys and proofs. Melmed encouraged the students to work on their writing drafts and "scribble on it and change things. A writer's work is messy. It is not perfect like it looks in the book. Writing is lots of work and revising. I encourage the students to think about writing and how important it is. They should use their imagination and come up with ideas. Writing takes kids to another place and uses a part of the brain to conjure images. Writing is using your mind in a different way. If you help with the fundamentals of reading or writing with a subject that the student is interested in, they want to do it themselves."

Sandra Yesnowitz, the Cultural Arts chair of the PTA feels programs such as the author-in-residence series is "so important because it teaches kids about reading and writing. They hear about the process but many of them have never met an author. It shows them that anyone can write a book and encourages them that 'I can do this too.'"

To find out more about Melmed visit www.laurakraussmelmed.com.



Beverly Farms elementary school student Quinn shares his comic book creation with author Laura Krauss Melmed at the author-in-residence program.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Social Media and Real Estate: Make the Connection!

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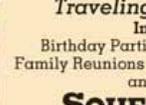
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County's Mixed Messages about Parking

To the Editor:

Despite new "No Parking" signs and a large electric flashing sign warning park visitors that "No Parking Signs Enforced" no enforcement has been seen and parking is still a problem.

A few weeks ago when the large flashing electric sign appeared near the parking lot at Old Anglers Inn, I was excited that the county was taking this dangerous parking situation seriously. Since then, I have not seen any enforcement. I think it sends the wrong message to put all the expense and effort into new "No Parking" signs all along the road, situating a large flashing electric sign saying that "No Parking Signs Enforced," and then not to do anything. There was not a single parking ticket to be seen on this section of MacArthur Boulevard last Sunday, and every parked car in this photo (at right) is parked illegally with clearly marked "No Parking" signs along both sides of the road.



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Barbara Hoover
Potomac

County says "No Parking Signs Enforced," but where is the enforcement?

Kindergarten Student Spearheads Election Day Vote

Owen Struzziro, 5, a Kindergarten student at Geneva Day School in Potomac, wanted to know why his school does not have a mascot. Owen said that his "sister's school has a mascot, the de Chantal Dukes (a dog) that they get to cheer for," as do many other schools and sports teams. Owen asked his teachers, Ann Hepburn and Debra Lieberman, about the possibility of having a school mascot. School director, Suzanne Funk, thought it was a great idea.



Owen Struzziro

of them at Geneva" — referring to the school-wide monarch butterfly unit. Over the past month, Kindergarten students designed campaign posters for each mascot candidate, made ballot boxes, visited each class at the school and presented to their peers why it was important to vote for a specific mascot.

On Election Day, students made their selections and put them in the ballot boxes. The Kindergarten class set up a private polling station and punched their ballots.

After sorting and tallying the votes, the Kindergarten's preliminary results, excluding absentee ballots, are: monarch butterfly-86, duck-78 and hawk-51. Congratulations to the monarch butterfly. Now, Geneva Day School students will have to work on naming their new mascot.



The Kindergarten class at Geneva Day School lines up to vote.



Ariana Tavakoli casts her vote.

Ann Hepburn and Nico Saavedra watch Joey Spivak vote.

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Praising Charitable Activities

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problems and assists the needy, regardless of race, religion, gender and social background.

The programs include the senior's assistance program, transportation services for seniors in the county, MCMF youth program, the annual food drive for Manna, the mobile food pantry program, MCMF Feed the Homeless program two weeks each month at local shelters, Thanksgiving meal program for needy families and Christmas Holiday Gift Baskets programs for the needy.

The recipients of the generosity of the MCMF shared their gratitude for the dedication and support of the hard-working members of the organization. In his address, Kaseman said that he considered the team at MCMF not only as a colleague but soul mates in creating "the more beloved community."

Whether we are dealing with hunger, health care, senior services, acts of hatred or celebrating our essential unity in the midst of diversity, MCMF plays a significant role. In short, you are a blessing."

Shane Rock, CEO of Interfaith Works, said in his speech, "MCMF is a vital partner with Interfaith Works in helping Montgomery County neighbors in need, including serving hundreds of meals to women living in our emergency shelter program. MCMF

truly embodies faith in action."

Mark Foker, director of development at Manna Food Center commended the partnership with MCMF and said, "Manna Food Center is fortunate to have the support of an active and dedicated community as we work to end hunger in the county. It is groups like MCMF that help us ensure we never turn away a person in need due to lack of food."

Michael Rubin, interim executive director, IMPACT Silver Spring, said, "IMPACT Silver Spring is proud to partner with the MCMF on the annual Zabiha meat distribution for those in our community who continue to struggle economically."

The generosity of MCMF towards the entire community is a true example of faith in action and a wonderful model for our county."

The keynote speaker, Dr. Tareq Elgehwy, a Princeton graduate of Islamic Studies stressed that "Islam has a strong tradition of charity and for generations Muslims have given money to build schools, hospitals, and even care for animals."

He reinforced the mission of MCMF and stated that "MCMF stands on the shoulders of this tradition and it was his hope that it continues its work in Montgomery County."

To learn more about the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation, go to www.mcmfmd.org.



BY DEBORAH STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

'Little Shop of Horrors' at Churchill

Churchill High School will present "Little Shop of Horrors," Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Tickets, available at door, are \$10 for students with ID and \$15 for adults. In back row, from left, are Sydney Schneider, Anna Votaw, Valerie Weitz, Sloane Momsen, Cami Cohen, Antonia Gaviria Rozo, Nick Schapp, Alex Scott, Natalie Hwang, Annie Fang, Ethan Miller, Danny Espinoza, Max Wolpoff and Brooklyn Goldblatt. Front row, from left, are Hrish Balaji, Ivan Pirsl, Joelle Perlin, GiGi Katuala, Lauren Matcha, Emilio Slaughter and Mark Claudet.\

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Donations will be accepted until Nov. 7. Contact Officer Ana Hester of the Montgomery County Police Department, 240-773-5603, for donation information or questions.

Adult Education. 1-2:30 p.m. at Live & Learn Bethesda, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Second Floor, Bethesda. The Trials of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. \$15. Visit liveandlearnbethesda.org or call 301-740-6150.

Parenting Author Talk. 7:30-9 p.m. Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. "Managing Strong Emotions: Revolutionary Strategies to Connect and Thrive with Your Child, Tween or Teen" is the topic. Tickets are \$28, space is limited. Visit peparent.org/programs-services/ noted-author-series/ for details and registration, or call PEP at 301-929-8824.



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Supporting Programs To Prevent Domestic Violence

WHC Sisterhood to host annual holiday boutique.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Want to get a jump on holiday shopping – but also have the opportunity to make a difference in the community? The 28th annual Washington Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood Holiday Boutique is a community bazaar that affords shoppers the opportunity to find a variety of holiday gifts for everyone on their lists. It also offers them a chance to shop not only for themselves and their loved ones — but to also “shop for a cause.” The Holiday Boutique will take place on Sunday, Nov. 16 through Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center, 11810 Falls Road, Potomac. Admission is free.

This year, with domestic violence on the rise, the women of the WHC Sisterhood are supporting organizations that provide programs and education to prevent domestic abuse: Jewish Women International (JWI), the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA), and the Carrie Simon House, a local WHC-sponsored transitional home for moms and their babies who are escaping from abuse situations.

JWI is an international community of Jewish women who “work to ensure that all women and girls thrive in healthy relationships, control their financial futures and realize the full potential of their personal strength.” This organization sponsors healthy relationship workshops for girls, financial literacy workshops for young women and their parents, and also inspire young women to become leaders. They serve as advocates for the International Violence Against Women Act as well as participate in and financially support domestic violence prevention training.

JCADA, located in Rockville, has the mission of “supporting victims of domestic abuse to become empowered and obtain safe environments; educating community



Gift baskets for the holiday boutique.

Shoppers at last year's boutique.

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Vendors offer a variety of gifts for children.

professionals and others about domestic abuse and appropriate responses to it; and preventing future generations from suffering domestic abuse by raising awareness.” The Carrie Simon House (named for the first WHC Sisterhood president and wife of WHC Rabbi Abram Simon) provides housing, education and job training for abused women to support them in making new lives for themselves and their children.

Domestic violence is an epidemic that af-

fects individuals in every community, regardless of race, age, economic status, gender, religion, sexual orientation or nationality.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the U.S. This equates to more than 10 million men and women in the US. Globally, 35 percent of women experience sexual or physical violence each year, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries and 3 million girls experience female genital mutilation.

Deborah Goldman, president of WHC Sisterhood, said, “We are thrilled that the funds from the boutique will help women worldwide as well victims within our community. Our goal is to raise awareness as well as to support programs that will help end the growing problems caused by domestic violence.

We also help to support many other charities – among them are MADD, JSSA, Save the Children and many others.”

The Holiday Boutique will feature more than 50 vendors — everything from fine jewelry, clothing and toys to stationery, cosmetics and home décor — providing a range of gift ideas at all price points. Vendor Chair Sandy Nesbit said, “This year we have 20 new vendors, many of them local but also some from outside the D.C. area. We are pleased to support local small businesses. Just a few of the many vendors who will be at the boutique are Faye Mendelsohn Cos-

metics, Bow's Etc., Create-a-Plaque, Dreams to Your Door, Zara and Susan Koehn Designs. We feature so many wonderful vendors that people come back year-after-year to shop, participate in the Silent Auction and purchase the excellent food that we serve.”

The Silent Auction is also popular with a multitude of baskets filled with highly sought-after themed gifts. These include tickets to sporting events – even Nationals' dugout seats, getaways to places near and far – even the opportunity to travel to Spain, theater tickets to the Kennedy Center and Arena Stage, many restaurant gift certificates that include Seasons 52, The Palm, Capital Grille, Jaleo, Founding Farmers and other restaurants.

The Café is also popular with boutique attendees. Every year, local residents dine on goodies baked by the Sisterhood members. Hungry shoppers also enjoy deli sandwiches from Bethesda Bagel, Famous California Chicken Salad, Greek Salads, Vegetarian Chili, Lentil soup - and the most sought-after brisket and kugel. Shoppers can eat at the Bazaar or take home lunch or dinner for their loved ones.

“Working on this boutique with the rest of the Sisterhood gives you a good feeling.” As WHC member Michelle Citren said. “We have a wonderful multigenerational group of women who return year after year to make this boutique happen. It's amazing to realize what a difference we can make in our community — and in our world.”



Julie Altar displays fresh bagels in the WHC Sisterhood Café.



From left, dining in the Cafe, are Alyson Gold Weinberg, Carole Nannes (past president of WHC Sisterhood) and Linda S. Newman (past president of WHC Sisterhood).



Sisterhood board member Mary Ann Sack with Alexa Drescher, future Sisterhood member.

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"Grease." Runs through Sunday, Nov. 16 at The Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Rockville Musical Theatre's fall production follows high school "greasers" in 1959 through love, lust, peer pressure, teen rebellion, a pregnancy scare, bullying, sexism, cliques and dance parties. Tickets are \$22. Call 240-314-8690 or visit www.r-m-t.org for more.

Photo Slam: The Exhibit. Through Nov. 17. Reception and Gallery Talk, Sunday Nov. 9, 6-8 p.m. Photoworks Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photoworks presents award-winning images from last year's Photo Slam and Busboys and Poets. Featured photographers are Michele Egan, Serli Lala, Julie Miller and Pablo de Loy. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. Through Nov. 21 at The Puppet Co., Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Puppet Co. presents a marionette romp in which three brothers get the goat of a hen-pecked troll, in their attempts to trip-trap-tromp to where the grass is greener. Three variety numbers precede the performance, demonstrating the making of a simple hand puppet, and manipulation of rod puppets and marionettes. Visit www.thepuppetco.org to learn more and to purchase tickets.

Ancient Materials, Modern Aesthetic. Saturdays and Sundays, 12-6 p.m., through Nov. 23. Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Lime Stucco Plaster in Contemporary Mosaics. Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit www.glenecho.org or call 301-634-2222.

Gingerbread House Decorating. Fridays, through Dec. 19, 7-9:30 p.m. at VisiArts Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. VisArts provides the gingerbread house, candy and one glass of wine. Tickets \$45. Participants must be 21 years or older. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

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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. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 6-16

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Festival. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. For more details on specific times, admission costs and reservations, go to jccgw.org/bookfestival, call 301-348-3805 or visit the JCCGW Box Office.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

Author Event. 12 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Author Martin Goldsmith, "Alex's Wake: A Voyage of Betrayal and a Journey of Remembrance," details his six-week quest to retrace the journey his grandfather and uncle made, a contemporary travelogue and heartfelt memoir of a second-generation American Jew trying to make sense of his heritage. Tickets \$12. Visit www.jccgw.org/bookfestival, or call 301-348-3805.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 15-16

Pleiades 29th Annual Jewelry Exhibition and Sale. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Woman's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road, Bethesda. A collection of jewelry and metalwork by 20 area artists will be offered for sale. Admission is free. Judy Sugar 301-933-3513

Art Exhibit. 12-7 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m., Artist reception: Saturday, November 15, 5-7pm at Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Paintings by Ines Rulis Barlerin and Louise Roth. These Maryland painters use multiple media, oil, watercolor, gouache and pastel to evoke areas of quiet. Free. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com, call 301-371-5593, or call the National Park Service, Glen Echo, at 301-492-6229.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

Owl Moon Raptor Center Fall Fundraising Festival. Noon-4 p.m. Black Hill Regional Park Nature Center, 20926 Lake Ridge Drive, Boyds. The will be raptor flight demonstrations, photographic opportunities, food, and raptor-themed games and crafts for the children. Free admission. www.owlmoon.org

Author Event. 1 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Author Mitchell Bard, "Death to the Infidels: Radical Islam's War Against Jews," leading authority on U.S.-Middle East policy argues the media is missing the real crux of the dispute. Tickets \$12. Visit www.jccgw.org/bookfestival, or call 301-348-3805.

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MONDAY/NOV. 17

The Battlefield Band. 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. The Battlefield Band is one of the great institutions of Scottish traditional music and has been a bedrock of talent for more than four decades. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$26 at the door. Visit

www.imtfolk.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Literary Luncheon Series. 11:30 a.m. Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Historian Ida E. Jones will discuss her book "Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington DC: Activism and Education in Logan Circle." Tickets start at \$12 for FOLMC and Strathmore members and \$17 for non-members. Visit www.folmc.org to register.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21

Balboa DJ Dance. 8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner Balboa lesson; 9-11:30 p.m. Ballroom Backroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo. A chance for Balboa/Bal-Swing enthusiasts to dance to DJ music. \$10. 703-359-9882 or www.gottaswing.com

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Dinner of Champions. The Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The 23rd annual event honors those who have achieved success in the world of sports, and those who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. This Community inclusion programs for individuals with special needs. Call 301-881-0100 or see www.jccgw.org.

Holiday Shopping Bazaar. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Holy Child's Mayfield Market, 9029 Bradley Boulevard, Potomac. The shopping extravaganza includes more than 60 vendors selling personalized clothing, accessories, jewelry, handmade ceramic pieces, handbags, original artwork, boutique, café, food truck, and bakery. www.holychild.org or 301-365-0955.

Al Petteway and Amy White CD Release. 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. This performance will feature acoustic guitar, mandolin, Celtic harp, piano, banjo, lap dulcimer, world percussion and a touch of vocals. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit www.imtfolk.org for more.

Robin Weigert, Actor, Dionne Laufman, Piano. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. This is a nine part free concert series featuring members of the Washington Conservatory Faculty and guest artists. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-320-2770 for more.

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Gibbs Street Gallery. 7-9:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Lynn Silverman presents black and white photographs of windows in the United States, Great Britain, Australia and the Czech Republic, countries where she has lived for extended periods of time. Call 301-315-8200 or visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Kaplan Gallery. 7-9 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Sebastian Martorana's work "Yours Mine Ours, Marble" will be on display. Call 301-315-8200 or visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Common Ground Gallery. 7-9:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Barbara Allen's "Duck Duck Goose" wood fired ceramics will be on display. Contact 301-315-8200 or visit www.visartscenter.org.



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Where To Find Beautiful Wreaths

Local artisan custom creates holiday wreaths and centerpieces.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Though Christmas comes but once a year, for Linda Hobbins, it's a year-round passion. She custom designs fresh, dried and silk arrangements, wreaths, holiday trees, hurricane lamps, centerpieces and other holiday decor items.

"I work all year long and I concentrate primarily on fall and the holidays," said Hobbins, who owns Custom Wreaths of Potomac. "I'm always trying to be original and artful."

Hobbins began making wreaths while working at Benhke's Florist, formerly of Potomac. "It was a wonderful experience of being very artful with the craft," she said.

After discovering her passion, Hobbins began making wreaths on her own. She turned the bottom level of the carriage house off her main house into a workshop. She sees clients by appointment.

"I've admired Linda's custom wreaths for some time, and when I visited her workshop in the red carriage house, the sights and smells were just fantastic," said Sherry Earley of North Potomac. "It was difficult to decide what to buy because I loved everything."

"Among my purchases was a reindeer wreath that I'll hang on my front door dur-



Linda Hobbins creates custom fall and holiday wreaths and decor pieces in her Potomac workshop.

ing the holidays. I also bought a hurricane lamp decked out in berries and bows. I'll be returning for my holiday tree very soon. Linda was so attentive to my decorating needs, and everything she makes is designed to use year after year. I'm sure I'll find more beautiful pieces to purchase for family and friends when I return."

This year, Hobbins decked the halls of her carriage house and studio using a Scottish holiday theme. "We intended for the carriage house to be a guest house for our children," said Hobbins, who has five children and eight grandchildren. "Now the carriage house is all set up for Christmas and Thanksgiving."



Custom Wreaths of Potomac, which is located on the bottom level of Linda Hobbins' carriage house, has been transformed into a holiday wonderland.

Hobbins says fall wreaths are among her most popular creations.

"Last year, my sister gave me two wreaths custom designed by Linda Hobbins," said Mary Hooper. "One I use in the fall because the colors remind me of the changing seasons and autumn leaves. The berries and eucalyptus of the other wreath look beautiful in my home during the December holidays. I'll be visiting Linda's workshop soon to add a centerpiece for my dining table. She always designs such unique pieces that make my home special."

Hobbins receives the greatest number of requests for those items.

"For fall and Christmas, everyone wants

wreaths and centerpieces," said Hobbins.

"I'm always creating a third dimension so that there is rich depth and flow and undulation in the wreaths. You can see it when you see the work. The wreath has to take on a life of its own. I work hard at creating that."

"Two years ago I bought a gorgeous fall swag for my front door from Linda at Wreath Love," said Nancy de Pastino. "It's unique, beautiful and so well constructed that it has survived a few seasons of being outdoors. It continues to brighten and warm our front door, and will for years to come."

Visit www.customwreaths.ofpotomac.com.

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Quarry Springs Reopens with New Amenities

New, luxury development offers the finest in condo living.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Home buyers looking for luxury and elegance without maintenance in the D.C. area now have another option. Quarry Springs recently announced the relaunch of its estate condominiums on River Road in Bethesda.

A new development team, 1788 Holdings and IHP Capital Partners, now owns the property. The developers promise that there will be no more delays and that living spaces will include interior and exterior updates.

"Homeowners who seek the luxury of an estate-style home with direct-access entries, along with the conveniences of an all-inclusive condominium setting, featuring high-end indoor and outdoor amenities will



Quarry Springs boasts living spaces with open floor plans that range from 2,200 square feet to more than 4,500, and offer front-to-back views.

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QUARRY SPRINGS

be attracted to what Quarry Springs has to offer," said David DeSantis of TTR Sotheby's International Realty.

Quarry Springs features two- and three-bedroom residences with private garage-to-foyer elevators. Developers describe the design as refined with modernized, classic interior design and expanded baths and

kitchens.

"Potential homeowners have been impressed by the fact that the developer has met with them to tour the Quarry Springs site," said Christine Basso with TTR Sotheby's International Realty, representing Quarry Springs. "Interested couples and individuals who have visited the estate

condo community have also mentioned how they like that the developer will make modifications to accommodate lifestyle needs and that their best interests are always top of mind."

Units boast 10-foot ceilings, premium wide plank hardwood flooring, vented gas

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Pet Calendar Raises Funds for Animal Groups

Proceeds to support Pet Connect Rescue and MCPAW.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Rudy is the gorgeous Cover Dog, Baxter is the adorable April Dog of the Month and Cayden is the June beauty. These three rescue dogs along with 10 more pups are the winners of the Pet Calendar Contest launched by Jean Bae, owner of Cabin John's Salon Jean. The 2015 calendars will feature photos of the favorite dogs of the Calendar Contest she initiated in February through Facebook. Her Facebook friends had the opportunity to vote on the cutest dogs and now, the 13 winners are being featured in a pet calendar. The calendars will sell for \$20 and all proceeds will be donated to Pet Connect Rescue of Potomac and to Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being (MCPAW).

"I became involved through my clients, many who bring their dogs to my salon while they receive their salon services," said Bae. We had often discussed the centers that kill animals and I wanted to do something to give back and to help the no-kill shelters. I am pleased that we have Pet Connect Rescue and MCPAW in our community and can raise funds to help them. One hundred percent of the money we get from the sale of 1,000 calendars — hopefully \$20,000 will be given to these two worthy organizations. We hope the community will support our effort and purchase these unique calendars."

The calendars will feature coupons from Bae's salon, Salon Jean. Bae held a fundraiser in the summer for the printing costs of the calendar. She is also holding a toy drive for food and toys for the animal



Rudy is on the cover of the calendar.

shelters. Professional dog photographer Leslie Lane volunteered her time and expertise to do a free photoshoot of each dog.

Pet Connect Rescue was founded in 2005 with the mission of "rescuing at-risk cats and dogs from high-kill shelters, placing them in loving foster homes, providing medical treatment and thoughtfully placing them with loving adoptees." MCPAW is a dedicated partner of the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. Together they are creating a facility to house and care for animals while they await new homes or are reunited with their owners. Both organizations save animals from kill shelters and find them homes.

The winning Cover Dog is a 7-year-old dachshund named Rudy, owned by Donna Zeigfiner. She said, "Rudy came from a puppy mill of over 900 dogs in West Virginia. He had never been touched by humans and was very fearful and timid. Dogs need socialization, and Rudy has come so far. We are thrilled that our little dachshund is the cover boy. I'm like a stage mother."

Sara Sadler and her husband adopted

their dachshund/shepard mix named Cayden in March, 2014 — and now he is the June pin-up in the Pet Calendar. He came from the Lucky Dog Animal Rescue in D.C. She said, "He is the absolute joy of our lives. He is smart, friendly and loving. He loves to cuddle, play fetch and watch sports with his 'dad.' We love that he is in the pet calendar. Cayden feels honored to be part of something so amazing, helping other dogs find loving homes just like he did."

Candace Sahn's Baxter is also a rescue dog. The beagle/dachshund mix is a rescue dog who came from South Carolina.

Candace Sahn with Baxter, April's Dog of the Month.



Sara and Thomas Sadler with their rescue dog Cayden, June's Dog of the Month.

"Baxter is my buddy," says Sahn. "He helps me with my tutoring business — I tutor children, teenagers and adults who have ADHD. He greets them at the door and instantly makes them feel at home and relaxed. He is also great at cheering up a student who comes in feeling upset from their school day." Baxter is the April doggie.

Calendars can be purchased at Salon Jean, 7945 MacArthur Blvd, Cabin John. They can also be purchased through local Veterinarian, Leslie Taylor DVM, 9125 River Road, Potomac or through MCPAW (www.mc paw.org) or Pet Connect Rescue (petconnectrescue.org).

Jean Bae with her dogs, Oscar and Prince





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Quarry Springs features two- and three-bedroom residences and offers private garage-to-garage elevators.

Quarry Springs Relaunches

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fireplaces with stone hearths and spa bathrooms with Waterworks fixtures. The kitchens, which are now larger, include luxury features such as Wolfe six-burner cooktops, convection ovens, Sub-Zero refrigerators and wine coolers, as well as solid wood cabinetry in a variety of styles and finishes and a wide selection of solid stone counters.

“Our overriding objective at Quarry Springs is to create an environment for our future residents that

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is exceptional from both a product and a services standpoint,” said Larry Goodwin, principal, 1788 Holdings. “This translates to our team engaging directly with prospective buyers on an individual tour. This helps optimize the new home buying experience and provides a level of trust that communication is open. We are ready and able to help buyers understand our unique vision for Quarry Springs as an unprecedented project that will withstand the test of time.”

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Excuse Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Early on during my indoctrination/assimilation into the cancer-patient world in which I now reside, I remember asking a fellow cancer patient/friend if I could use cancer as an excuse for whatever it was needed excusing (directly or indirectly related), and she said: absolutely, "blame the cancer." Years later, after a chemotherapy infusion, I saw my oncologist walking through the Infusion Center and asked him if my thinning hair might be a result of this most recent chemotherapy drug (not all chemotherapy results in hair loss). His response was similar to what my friend had advised me in 2009. He said: "You can blame me," (which of course, I understood to mean, cancer/the treatment of cancer) "for anything."

Now, I have to tell you, having such an acceptable, ready-made, beyond-reproach kind of excuse such as cancer as the reason for anything you want to do/don't want to do/can't do, etc., is incredibly tempting. It's almost like having a super power, a power which cannot be questioned or compromised in any way. And quite frankly, conjures a wide range of emotions/reactions; from one perspective, it places the cancer patient in a position of strength, and on the other, creates a kind dependence that is hard to resist. My fear has always been that relying on cancer too much as an excuse somehow weakens the immune system and so I have been hesitant to use its power. Can you say slippery slope?

As an example: if "the dog ate my homework" became an acceptable excuse, one would use it as such until it no longer passed muster; and as we all know, eventually it doesn't pass anything. However, cancer as an excuse - in my experience, will always pass muster and then some. Moreover, the seriousness of it will likely prevent the patient from ever having to answer any show-proof type questions: "Show me your port." "Name your most recent chemotherapy cocktail." "How long does a typical infusion last?" As a consequence, the potential for use and abuse is almost overwhelming.

Nevertheless, in spite of the temptation, I have rarely used my disease as an excuse for anything, other than when it was obvious by my appearance - during heavy duty chemotherapy - that I was unavailable, shall we say. It always felt as if I might be manipulating situations if I were to start using "cancer" as an excuse; as believable and understandable an excuse as it was/is. It's so easy. So unquestioned. No one is going to ask: "Really?" "Are you throwing up that much?" "Are you sure you can't get out of bed?" Besides, I haven't wanted to give in to my cancer whereby it begins to control my life more than the regular medical appointments, lab work, diagnostic scans, infusions and the 40+ pills I ingest and restricted diet already do. I've wanted to maintain some control and try not to become a victim of my own circumstances. Easier said than done, I assure you.

But I have persevered and survived five years and nearly nine months. Through a combination of good genes, a healthier lifestyle and diet, a variety of non-traditional alternatives/supplements and a bit of blind luck, not to mention a super-positive attitude which I inherited from my father, life goes on. However, if anything goes wrong, I know who/what to blame: "cancer." It wasn't anything I said or did. In a way, there's comfort in having such a good excuse. Unfortunate, certainly, but very convenient.

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Whitman Girls', Boys' Soccer Advance to State Finals

The Whitman girls' and boys' soccer teams will each play for a state championship this week end. The Whitman boys will face Chesapeake High School (Anne Arundel) in the state final at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 at Loyola University. The Whitman girls will face Howard at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Loyola.

SPORTS BRIEFS The boys' team defeated Bladensburg 4-0 on Nov. 7 in the state semifinals at Richard Montgomery. Aaron Tanenbaum, Davey Mason and Evan Goldsholle each scored a goal for the Vikings. Mason had two assists and Goldsholle had one.

A Bladensburg own goal gave Whitman a 2-0 lead in the 12th minute.

The victory improved Whitman's record to 14-3-1.

The Vikings last won a state championship in 2009.

The girls' team defeated Eleanor Roosevelt 3-1 in the state semifinals on Nov. 7 at Richard Montgomery, keeping the Vikings undefeated with a 16-0 record. Lela Walter, Abby Meyers, and Clare Severe each scored a goal for Whitman.

The Vikings won last year's state championship and have a 32-1-1 record during the last two seasons.



Lela Walter and the Whitman girls' soccer team will face Howard for the 4A state championship on Nov. 15 at Loyola University.



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Epiphany Charles and the Churchill volleyball team advanced to the region final for the second straight year.

Churchill Volleyball Falls in Region Final

The Churchill volleyball team finished 4A West region runner-up for the second straight season.

The Bulldogs lost to Northwest, 3-1, in the region final on Nov. 7 at Churchill High School. Churchill finished the season with a 15-2 record.

Whitman's Woods Wins XC State Title

Whitman senior Evan Woods won the boys' 4A state cross country title with a time of 15:49.1 on Nov. 8 at Hereford High

School.

Woods' effort helped the Vikings place third as a team.

Whitman senior Amir Khaghani placed fifth with a time of 16:29.3. Wootton's Patrick Munro finished 10th (16:35.1).

In the girls' race, Churchill senior Lucy

Snour placed third with a time of 18:56.9, helping the Bulldogs place third. Teammate Julia Reicin, a sophomore, finished 12th with a time of 19:45.2.

Wootton junior Grace Dellapa placed fifth with a time of 19:11.5.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Lazar Zamurovic has been admitted to the Carleton College, located in Northfield, Minn., class of 2018. Zamurovic is the son of Radomir Zamurovic and Svetlana Avramov-Zamurovic.

Joshua Golob has been admitted to the Lafayette College, located in Easton, Pa., class of 2018. Golob is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School.

Jennifer Finley attained dean's list in spring 2014 at Lehigh University.

Linda Zhou received a Bachelor of Arts from Emory College of Arts and Sciences of Emory University.

Adam Settlege is among more than 850 new students to begin the year at Emerson College. Emerson is located in Boston, Ma.

Aaron Ellsworth is attending Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Ill. Ellsworth graduated from Saint Andrews Episcopal School.

Jacob Magin, a Winston Churchill High School graduate, has joined the Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) class of 2018.

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Saluting Veterans

The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Color Guard and a number of veterans attended the annual Patriotic Music Program at Primary Day School in Bethesda this year. Students sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "The Army Goes Rolling Along," and "Anchor's Away" among other patriotic choices.

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