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Calendar of events

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Send calendar events (at least two weeks in advance, if possible) to Community, 4475 Regency Place, Suite 301, White Plains, MD 20695. Email items to community@somdnews.com. Include a contact phone number or email on all submissions.

Ongoing

Platinum Senior Care Assisted Living, LLC will host Reminiscing Cafe 6-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 8-11 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays at the facility, 4018 Blackbird Court, Waldorf. For seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's to relax and enjoy themselves. For information, call 301-638-3194.

VConnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays at Chick-fil-A, 107 Drury Drive, La Plata. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Pomfret Way-of-Life Al-Anon Family Group and Alateen will meet 8 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Joseph Church, 4950 Saint Joseph Way, Pomfret. For information, go to www.marylandc-alanon.org or call 1-800-425-2666.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service will offer free foreclosure legal advice the first Wednesday of each month at Charles County Public Law Library, 200 Charles St., La Plata. These are one-on-one online sessions with an experienced attorney. The library is located in the basement of the Circuit Court for Charles County; entrance to the building is on Washington Ave. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Law Library at 301-932-3322.

Kiwanis of Waldorf meets Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Comfort Suites, 11765 Business Park Drive, Waldorf. For information, contact Carol Cox, 301-758-3082 or carol.cox@gmail.com.

VConnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 3365 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Charles County Professional Civitan Club will meet 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Corral, 2800 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, contact George Hawley, 240-367-6489 or planit4ueventplanning@gmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 will hold bingo on Thursdays at Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82, 6330 Crain Highway, La Plata. Early birds begin 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. For information, call 301-934-8221.

Hope Cancer Support and Prayer Group will meet 7 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at South Potomac Church, 4915 Crain Highway, White Plains. For information, contact Angela Dion at angeladionwriter@gmail.com, or call 301-645-9427.

Southern Maryland Brain Injury Support Group will meet 6-7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Spring Dell Center, 6040 Radio Station Road, La Plata. For information, call Jerry, 301-753-6335, or Debbie, 301-932-4920.

Point of Change Jail and Street Ministry Family Ties Support Group will meet 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at New Hope AME Church, 12310 Washington Square, Waldorf. For information, contact Jerald or Kimberly Graham at 443-532-0090 or 301-609-9492, or email pointofchange@hotmail.com.

Port Tobacco Historic Village will be open for tours 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Thursday-Monday at 8450 Commerce St. Closed January-March. Free continuous tours throughout the day; last tour 3:30 p.m. Settled in the 17th century, Port Tobacco grew to become one of Maryland's largest international seaports in the years before the American Revolution. For more information, call 301-392-3418.

Friday Nighters Al-Anon Family Group will meet 8:30 p.m. Fridays at Lifestream Church Of The Nazarene, 5105 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf. No Alateen meeting. For information, go to www.marylandc-alanon.org or call 1-800-425-2666.

VConnections will host Veteran Women and Family Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Fridays at Chick-fil-A, 107 Drury

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Make a wish, Harry



PHOTOS BY JESSI STICKEL

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By **JESSI STICKEL**
Special to the Maryland Independent

Children and parents from across Charles County celebrated Harry Potter's birthday last week by spending a day at Hogwarts, at the Charles County Public Library Potomac branch.

As children entered the children's wing of the library they randomly chose their Hogwarts house and received a ticket to the Hogwarts Express, a Hogwarts paper tie to color in the theme of their chosen house and a plastic wand.

Some children came to the celebration in costume, mirroring the movie's main characters, with robes, ties, scarfs, glasses and even painted on scars, like Harry Potter.

When it was time for the Hogwarts Express to leave, the children entered through the famous 9 ¾ brick wall like in the books and films.

Once inside Hogwarts, children were assigned to go to wizard classes to complete various hands on activities. They created slime in potions class and a Mandrake character from the series in herbology class. The children also played the Hogwarts game Quidditch and tested their magic abilities by putting spells on a Dementor.

This was the first time the Potomac library has hosted a birthday celebration for the fictional character.

"It's high interest for the children and it gets the kids to read the [Harry Potter] books, instead of just watching the movies," said Sarah Anderson, children's supervisor at the Potomac library.

Children and parents ended Harry's celebration by singing "Happy Birthday," and enjoying Harry Potter themed cupcakes and Gillywater, a wizarding beverage from the series.



The Charles County Public Library Potomac branch covered its children's wing with Harry Potter themed decorations for the fictional character's birthday celebration.



Willoe Harris, 6, of Indian Head (right) and Alexa Erslev, 8, visiting from Florida share laughs together while creating a slime potion with glitter.



"Expecto patronum," is the Harry Potter spell that Scarlett Deleon, 6, of Waldorf yelled at the evil Dementor with her wand.



Sarah Anderson, children's supervisor, showed children how to enter Hogwarts through the fictional "9 ¾" brick wall during the Harry Potter birthday celebration at the Potomac library Monday.



Sisters Isabelle Jackowski, 5, (left) and Emma Jackowski, 8, of La Plata, and William Rempfer, 7, of Marbury played a game of Quidditch with Ping-Pong balls, plastic rings and cups at the Harry Potter birthday celebration at the Potomac library Monday.