

Twelve Mt. Airy Moms, 200 miles and a ton of energy drinks

Twelve local Mt. Airy moms are looking forward to a unique adventure when they compete in the upcoming inaugural American Odyssey Relay Run Adventure on April 24-25.

Spanning approximately 200 miles, the race will start in historic Gettysburg, cross the famous Mason-Dixon Line into Maryland and then into Washington, D.C. for the finish. Each team member will run 3 legs of the 36-segment course. The legs vary in distance from a bit over 3 miles to 8.9 tough miles.

This means that each team member will run a total distance of between 13.2 to 21.7 miles. They expect to complete the race in about 28 hours, according to team captain Christy Lausch.

The Mighty Mt. Airy Moms (MMAMs) consists of: Lisa Crossman, Michele Firlie, Kelly Frager, Christy Lausch, Dana O'Neill, Annmarie Schumacher, Shannon Scranton, Amy Senkowski, Teresa Shattuck, Robin Snider, Erin Tunkel, Lisa Zolkiewicz and team alternate

Linda Black.

All of the MMAMs bring a positive energy and a love for adventure. It is through these experiences and running that many of the team members have found the best friendships and support. The team's hope is that this adventure will encourage their collective 33 children, especially the young girls, to embrace sports and to find the same.

The race course will begin in Gettysburg and finish in D.C. at the Jefferson Memorial. It will take

runners over and through two covered bridges, over several small mountains (one big enough to house a small East Coast ski resort), through major Civil War landmarks in Gettysburg, Antietam/Sharpsburg, Harpers Ferry and Riley's Lock, down the picturesque C&O Canal, past the Watergate Hotel, the Lincoln Memorial, the Kennedy Center and the Washington Monument to finish at the Jefferson Memorial. ♦

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ginning at 10 a.m. Cash prizes. There will be an awards banquet immediately following the tournament. Fees are \$75 per golfer/\$300 per foursome. For more information contact, call Clydia Koch at 301-829-0358 or Karen Mitchell at 410-875-4101.

Basket Bingo - The New Market District Lions Club will sponsor a basket bingo at the Libertytown Fire Hall Saturday, April 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 advance sale and \$18 at the door and includes three paper cards per game. Food will be available. For tickets or more information, call Dona at 301-865-3134 or Sue at 301-865-3667.

Family-style Dinner - Howard Chapel-Ridgeville UMC, 1970 Long Corner Road, Mt. Airy, will be holding its annual roast beef and fried shrimp dinner, served family style, on April 25, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bake table will be available. Prices - Adults \$14, child (6-12) \$7, carryouts \$15. For more information, call 301-829-2391.

Bonanza Bingo - American Legion Post 191, 801 Prospect Rd., Mt. Airy, will be holding a bonanza bingo Sunday, April 26. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; dinner begins at 2 p.m. and will include a fried chicken dinner; and bingo begins at 3 p.m. Admission is \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door and includes dinner. No one under age 16 admitted and no alcoholic beverages allowed. For tickets or more information, call Dick Baker at 410-795-6444.

Fundraiser - On Sunday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. visit to Beth Shalom Synagogue at 2020 W Liberty Rd., Westminster, to do some shopping for yourself or Mother's Day gifts. There will be several vendors with tables such as Arbonne, Cookie Lee, Tastefully Simple, to name a few. Vendors will donate a percentage of their sales to Beth Shalom.

Benefit Bingo - A basket bingo will be held Friday, May 1 at the Mt. Airy Activities Building, Twin Arch Rd, Mt. Airy. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. King Tut will begin selling when doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is

\$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Food and drink will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit the Dance Contraption dance team of Artistic Dance Centre. For tickets or more information, call Cathy at 301-639-1943 or email at adcdancemom@yahoo.com.

Beer/Wine/Food Tasting - On Saturday, May 2, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the St. Thomas More Academy (STMA) Parent Teacher Organization will hold the third annual "Grapes & Gifts Galore at St. Thomas More", a benefit beer, wine and food tasting and gift sales event. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket price includes a keepsake STMA wine tasting glass, five wine or beer tastings, unlimited food tastings and entry for door prizes. No one under age 21 will be admitted. For tickets or more information, call 301-874-9014, email pto@stmamd.org, or visit www.stmamd.org. St. Thomas More Academy is located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike, next to the Buckeystown Post Office.

Open House Week - Congregation Or Chadash, 24800 Kings Valley Rd., Damascus, is holding open house week Saturday, May 2 to Friday, May 8. May 2 features a Pajama Havdalah for ages 2 through 8 at 6:30 p.m., May 3 will be the Religious School open house 10 a.m. to noon. On May 5, Hebrew School open house with pizza at 6 p.m. and class visits from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and a panel discussion on Darfur from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. On May 8 there will be a wine and cheese reception for prospective members at 7 p.m. and Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 301-482-1025 or visit cong-orchadashmd.org.

Flower/Plant Market - The Union Mills Homestead, 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, will open its season with the 40th annual Flower and Plant Market on Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. For more information, call 410-848-2288.

Spring Fling - Marvin Chapel UMC will hold a Spring Fling on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Thrift Shop will be open, flowers and plants will be on sale.

Spaces are available and lunch will be available. Call 301-829-1656 or 301-631-2097 for further info.

Garden Plant Sale - During the New Market History, Heritage and Culture Day on Saturday, May 2, the New Market Garden Club will be having a Backyard Garden Plant Sale for charity from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 33 W. Main St. in New Market. Herbs, bedding plants, annuals and perennials, summer bulbs, as well as Mother's Day corsages and Gardener's Rummage Sale will be featured. All proceeds will go toward benefiting the community. For more information, call 301-874-2370 or visit townofnewmarket.org.

Plant Sale - The Mt. Airy Garden Club will hold their annual Spring Plant Sale Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Calvary U.M. Church, 301 S. Main Street, Mt. Airy. Hanging baskets and annuals will be available just in time for Mother's Day. There will be a wide selection of perennials and native plants donated by members from their own personal gardens. Sale will take place rain or shine.

Golf Tournament - The Mt. Airy Youth Athletic Assoc. (MAYAA) will be holding its 13th annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, May 15 at the Links at Challedon in Mt. Airy. Registration begins at 1 p.m.; shotgun start at 2 p.m. The registration fee is \$100 per golfer/\$360 per foursome and includes golf cart, drinks and steak dinner after the round. \$5K hole in one/putting contests and prizes awarded to the top 3 teams. Raffles and other competition offerings will be held. Limited sponsorship opportunities are still available. For registration or more information, contact Russ Allen at rballen@comcast.net or 301-908-9065.

Fire Company Auxiliary - The Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the lower level of the fire company, 702 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy. All are welcome. For more information, call 301-829-9164.

New Mission - The Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, a new mission being established by the An-

glican Church in America, is now gathering on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for Holy Eucharist at the home of Joe Maley, 5704 Catocin View Ct. For more information, call Fr. Dennis Hewitt at 410-804-2332 or Fr. Lawrence Wienholt at 301-620-7208.

Teen Center - The Mt. Airy Teen Center is open for ages 13-17 on a drop-in, first-come first-served basis each Friday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at town hall, 110 S. Main Street, Mt. Airy.

Mt. Airy Lions Club - The Mt. Airy Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at the lower level of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, 702 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy.

Thrift Shop - Marvin Chapel U.M.C. Thrift Shop will slightly adjusted its hours to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Fridays and Saturdays as of April 3. Donations are welcomed during these hours. Clothing \$5 per bag (unless otherwise marked), wedding dress (size 8), old Haviland china, Hohner key board, desks, entertainment center, lg. china cabinet, sewing machine, old Truetone portable stereophonic record player, old Erector set, wooden bar stools, and many, many other items available. Located at 5101 Woodville Road (Plane # 4) near Mt. Airy. Call 301-829-1656 or 301-829-0418 for further info.

Star Association - A new, fully licensed charter of the STAR Touring and Riding Association (motorcycle) has formed in Westminster. The group meets each Saturday at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Frisco's Family Pub, 10 Carroll Plaza, Westminster, for a motorcycle ride. For more information, email westminsterstar@yahoo.com.

Thrift Shop - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16457 Old Frederick Rd., Mt. Airy, is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call the church at 410-489-4411.

4 County Lions Club - The 4 County Lions Club of Mt. Airy meets second Tuesday of each month at Kozy Corner, 11 W Ridgeville Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided, children welcome,

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