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Front Row

February/March 2011

The Show Place Arena — It All Happens Here. Business • Entertainment • Sports



The Big Hoop-La WITH **CAA Women's Basketball**

What's all the hoop-la about? Brace yourself! For four straight days in March, the Arena floor will rock as the CAA Women's Basketball Championship takes center court.

Last year's Colonial Athletic Association champion was the Dukes of James Madison, which has claimed the title four previous times. The team to beat, though, is the Lady Monarchs of Old Dominion, with 17 total championships in 19 years. Astounding stats!

The CAA, a 26 year-old conference, boasts an impressive 12-school membership from the east coast. The league includes the University of Delaware, Drexel University, George Mason University, Georgia State University, Hofstra University, James Madison University, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Northeastern University, Old Dominion University, Towson University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the College of William and Mary.

You definitely don't want to miss the excitement when Delaware sophomore Elena Delle Donne and James Madison senior Dawn Evans demonstrate why they've earned "watch list" status as two of the nation's top players. Both of these women return to the court as All-Americans and rank as top scorers in the country.

Ticket prices are \$38 for all 11 games. For individual sessions (or game days), tickets are \$12 for Adults; \$7 for Youth (5-17 years) and Seniors (62+ years); \$5.50 for Students with a CAA ID, plus Group Rates, available only through The Show Place Arena box office. All ticket prices include a \$1 facility fee.

This is your chance to get close to the court action and see women's basketball at its finest. Grab yourself a great seat and enjoy the games with family and friends!

Game times posted on page 3.

Arena Highlights

For the most current listings, check our website at www.showplacearena.com

Trot Right In

With the return of horse shows at the Arena, everything is back on course. Starting in March, we'll have five days of equestrian events, all held outdoors. Aren't you glad they're back and aren't you glad they're still free to spectators?

March 19-20	Southern Maryland Horse Association Horse Show	8AM
March 26-27	Best Horse Show	8AM
March 31	Maryland National Horse Show (continuing through April 3)	8AM

Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show

*Saturday, February 19, 10 am to 5 pm
Admission: \$3; free for children under 6*

Drop into the world of rocks and fossils at the 21st show and sale presented by The Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club and the Clearwater Nature Center. Look for demonstrations of faceting, bead weaving and gold panning, and visit the more than 50 tables of minerals, gems, fossils and equipment. Take advantage of this wonderful adventure into a collector's paradise or a hobbyist's delight.

Royal Comedy Tour

*Friday, March 25, 8 pm
Admission: \$42.50 and \$53.50*

The Royal Comedy Tour has been traveling all around the country and will arrive here at the end of March to fill the Arena with laughs. Performances from Queen of Comedy Sonmore and the loveable and irreverant Bruce Bruce are currently on the program. To find out the latest acts booked for that evening, you'll want to go to www.royalcomedytour.com and sign up for Twitter or email notices.

Tickets can be purchased at The Show Place Arena or through Ticketmaster outlets.

*The Royal
COMEDY TOUR*



Step Show Competition

*Saturday, March 26, 7 pm
Admission: \$16 in advance; \$21 at door;
free for children under 3*

The Prince George's County alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sponsors this year's step competition with the theme "Taking It Back to the Yard: Old School Meets New School." Sorority, fraternity and alumni step teams representing area undergraduate and graduate schools will vie for cash prizes in their individual categories. For the very first year, this event is open to Youth Step Teams between the ages of 13 and 18.

To sample the talent that you'll see at this competition, go directly to youtube and type in "Phi Beta Sigma at GSU" to view an amazing step team performance.

This chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is a public service sorority and profits from this event will be used to fund scholarships for Prince George's County students. Last year 19 students received scholarships.

You can purchase your tickets through The Show Place Arena or Ticketmaster outlets. If you need more information, contact Mariama at 301-642-8452 or stepshow@pgcadst.org.



BOOKINGS: 301.952.7900

EVENTS HOTLINE: 301.952.7999

At Your Service



Harry League
Maintenance Work
Leader

Harry League is one enthusiastic guy. He's excited about his job and he loves what he does when he's away from work.

For the past five years, Harry has worked at The Show Place Arena. At our 35,000-plus

square foot indoor facility, he takes on replacing air handler filters, machine belts, light bulbs, electrical switches and receptacles. It all sounds very straightforward, until he tells you more details. For example, Harry replaces 200 air filters two or three times a year.

Says Harry, *"I really enjoy being at the Arena because there's always something different happening: horse shows, concerts, exhibits. It's always changing."*

Away from work, he's an active member of the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club, a group which returns to the Arena on February 19th for its Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show. On Club field trips to Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New Mexico and Utah, Harry has collected rubies, emeralds, geodes, fossils and beautiful stones.

Thanks for all your good work, Harry!

Mark your Calendars

more info, next edition

APRIL 2011

April 1-3	Maryland National Horse Show
April 7-10	Spring Festival Horse Show
April 16-17	Maryland Saddle Association Horse Show
April 23-24	Southern Maryland Horse Association Horse Show
April 24	From the Heart Ministries Service

ARENA EVENTS • ARENA EVENTS



The CAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Game Times

- March 10** - Noon, 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm
- March 11** - Noon, 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm
- March 12** - Noon and 2:30 pm
- March 13** - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME at 1:00 pm

For the latest standings and game results, go to www.caasports.com



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Schedule of Events*

FEBRUARY 2011

4	Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show	11 am – 9 pm
5	Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show	10 am – 8 pm
6	Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show	10 am – 6 pm
8	McNamara vs Seton Girls Basketball	5:00 pm
8	McNamara vs. DeMatha Boys Basketball	7:00 pm
12	Cheer and Dance Extreme	8:30 am
19	Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show	10 am – 5 pm
19	Silverado Gun Show	9 am - 5 pm
20	Silverado Gun Show	9 am - 3 pm

MARCH 2011

5	United Way Mardi Gras	6:30 pm
10-13	CAA Women's Basketball Championship	see times on page 3
19	Athletic Championships Cheerleading Competition	9:00 am
19-20	Southern Maryland Horse Association Horse Show	8:00 am
25	Royal Comedy Tour	8:00 pm
26	Step Show Competition	7:00 pm
26-27	Best Horse Show	8:00 am
30	Natural & Historic Resources Division Women's Day	9:30 am - 4 pm
31	Maryland National Horse Show (continues through April 3)	8:00 am

*Horse events listed separately on page 2. All events are subject to change and are correct at time of printing. For updated information, call our **Events Hotline at 301-952-7999** or visit us on the web: www.showplacearena.com.



DIRECTIONS

From Washington: Take I-95 (Washington Capital Beltway) to exit 11A Pennsylvania Avenue South/East (Route 4). Follow for seven miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at stop sign.

From Baltimore: Take I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Route 97 to Route 3. Route 3 turns into Route 301. Continue to exit at Route 4 North/West (toward Washington). Take first exit to stop sign. Turn left and follow to the infield at the Prince George's Equestrian Center.

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