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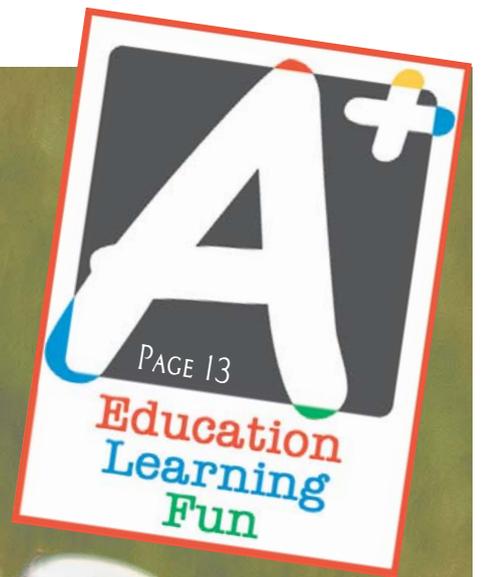
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Churchill junior Matt Leonard, seen during the Bulldogs' regional quarterfinal victory against Whitman on May 11, scored five goals against Wootton in the semifinals on May 14.

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Residents concerned for pedestrian safety at the intersection of Falls Road and Oaklyn Drive prompted a study of the intersection in March 2011.



Workers install and turn on the new traffic light at Falls Road and Oaklyn Drive, which began operation earlier this month.

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## School Named for Flora Singer

Teacher, holocaust survivor, author, Potomac resident died in 2009.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

The Montgomery Board of Education will name a public elementary school after the late Flora M. Singer, a Holocaust survivor, Potomac resident and former teacher at Cabin John Middle and Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein and Walt Whitman high schools.

Flora M. Singer Elementary School is scheduled to open this fall in Silver Spring.

"The first word is overwhelmed," said Sandra Singer Landsman, Flora Singer's daughter. "Needless to say, our entire family humbled and delighted."

The Board of Education made its decision last week on May 8. The school will serve the Einstein High School area.

"It's amazing how many lives my  
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**"This story is also dedicated to my family members who did not survive. I will never forget them."**  
— Flora M. Singer

## Stop and Go: Increasing Pedestrian Safety

County initiative reduces injuries.

Pedestrian collisions continue to decrease in Montgomery County, according to a statistical review presented Monday, May 14 on the County Executive's pedestrian safety initiative.

Since 2005, pedestrian collisions per 100,000 residents have fallen from 46.7 in 2005 to 40.5 in 2011, and the severity of those collisions decreased, according to Esther Bowring.

"We are setting an example for all of Maryland that targeted interventions really can make a difference in reducing the number of pedestrians who are in-

jured or killed," according to County Executive Isiah Leggett, who outlined a blueprint for reducing pedestrian collisions in the county in 2007.

A new traffic light at Falls Road and Oaklyn Drive was turned on earlier this month.

Residents' concern for pedestrian safety prompted a MCDOT study of the intersection in March 2011, according to Bowring. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross at the crosswalks.

Improving pedestrian safety in high incidence areas takes time and continues incrementally, according to county officials.

Engineering improvements at 129 county schools, in conjunction with education and enforcement actions, have dropped the collision rate around schools, according to

county officials.

The report stated that another important tool in improving pedestrian safety is traffic-calming efforts that reduced speeding on arterial and primary residential roads by as much as 11 miles per hour.

During three-quarters of fiscal year 2012, the County constructed a total of 3.2 miles of new sidewalks, 518 curb ramps to meet Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, 1.5 miles of new bus stop-related sidewalks and improvements to 273 bus stops.

The full CountyStat presentation is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat).

— KEN MOORE

## Churchill Named Best Public High School in State

U.S. News and World Report ranks Potomac school number one in Maryland

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

U.S. News and World Report has named Potomac's Winston Churchill High School the best high school in the state of Maryland, and 57th in the nation.

Churchill was among nearly 22,000 schools across the country that were evaluated on factors such as how well the school prepared students for college, and how each school's students performed on state proficiency tests when compared to other students in the state.

"We at Churchill are thrilled that we have been identified by U.S. News and World Report as the number one school in Maryland," said Dr. Joan Benz, principal of Churchill High School. "Our number one rank is a tribute to the daily hard work of Churchill students and their dedicated teachers. We are also immensely fortunate to have parents and a community that is highly supportive of rigor in education. Our school and community focus is consistently on the preparation of our students academically, socially, and emotionally so that they will achieve continuing success in their post-high school endeavors."

Potomac resident Roya Hakimzadeh, whose son Dariush Youssefiani is an 8th grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School and will attend Churchill in the fall, is excited about the ranking. She had considered independent school options, but ultimately settled on Churchill.

"This ranking is great news," said Hakimzadeh. "I've  
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PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Potomac's Winston Churchill High School was named the top public high school in Maryland.

# Strawberry Festival Caters to Young and Old

It's more than dessert.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

For 22 years, huge, ripe delicious strawberries served over Judith Dubowy's homemade shortcake with her hand-whipped cream have been a highlight of the Potomac United Methodist Church Strawberry Festival. A long line always forms to devour Becky Queen's hand-dipped chocolate-covered strawberries. But there is more to the festival than just the strawberry desserts. The community awaits this spring festival every year to see what treasures they can find for each member of their families. It's a neighborhood event which attracts more than 1,200 people from Potomac's environs and beyond.

"We have wonderful vendors this year," said Laura O'Keefe, co-chair for publicity. "We will offer distinctive fashions, fine linens, homemade Peruvian chocolates, custom belts, handcrafted purses and much more. Another favorite is the spectacular silent auction which will include restaurant certificates, sports tickets, gorgeous theme baskets and even the use of a vacation home."

Festival co-chair Vickie Cooper said, "Beyond offering all of these items for sale, we offer a large variety of kid's games and activities, in order to make the Strawberry Festival a true family event. There will be a number of games for the children, including the well-known Berry Jar and Cake Walk games. There will be a moon bounce and face painting, as well as a number of craft activities, including bead making and cupcake decorating.

"Perhaps the most exciting things about kid's activities this year is the fact that we will be hosting a free John Henry 'The Guitar Playing Man' concert for the children at



Potomac United Methodist Church will host the annual Strawberry Festival on May 19.

10:30 a.m. John Henry is a well-known children's performer in this area. We are hoping that this event will make the festival really special for kids and draw more families into the festival. Folks can find more information about John Henry here: <http://www.johnhenryengland.com/>

The festival will also feature a Chic Boutique with nearly-new clothing for children and adults, home and estate treasures, children's toys and books for every member of the family. The Bake Sale offers home-baked cakes, pies, bread and cookies to eat on-the-spot or to take home. A special Cupcake Corner with home-made chocolate, cream-filled, espresso and strawberry-themed cupcakes will entice everyone and a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork sandwiches will also be available.

"This is the biggest church-run event in the area," said O'Keefe. "Last year, we donated over \$20,000 to local charities — quite amazing for a one-day event."

Cooper added, "Pulling the festival together and executing it is something that engages and brings together everyone in our

church. The event is driven by the women's group of the church, but the men's group plays a critical role as well by offering a variety of lunch items for sale and performing support functions like parking management. Many of the youth of the church are also involved."

Co-chair Candice Sigenthaler said, "With new leadership and many new chairs and co-chairs, we have excitedly expanded the Strawberry Festival by bringing back some old favorites like our Strawberry mascot which you will see at the curb or walking throughout the festival in bright red. You might even see a Strawberry Shortcake or two. We are also being 'green' by providing PUMC Strawberry Festival Reusable Bags for purchase."



Some of the home treasures at the Strawberry Festival.

The Strawberry Festival generates funds for 14 local charities, including the Excel Institute, Child Savers, Stepping Stones Shelter, Montgomery Hospice, Wesley Theological Seminary Education, Montgomery Avenue Women's Shelter, the Children's Inn at NIH, Manna House and others.

## Details

The Strawberry Festival will be held at the Potomac United Methodist Church at the corner of Falls Road and South Glen from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on May 19. The festival is free — and every person who enters receives a free ticket for the raffle.

Donations of clothing, home treasures, sporting goods, books, toys or bikes are being accepted now at the Parish Center at 9908 South Glen Road in Potomac.

For more information, go to [www.potomac-umc.org](http://www.potomac-umc.org) or call 301-299-9383

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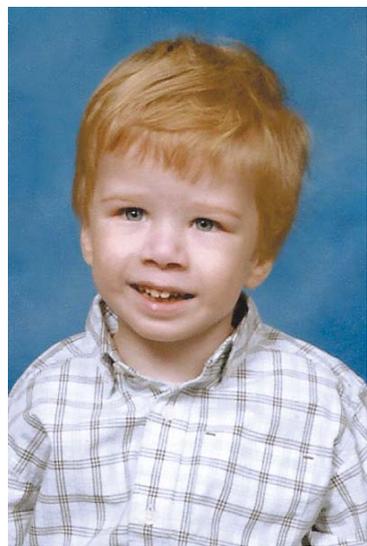
### Brendan James Healy

Brendan James Healy, age 4, of Potomac, died suddenly on Sunday, May 13, 2012. Beloved son of Dr. Edward and Colleen Healy; brother of Sean and Declan Healy; grandson of William and Patricia Caine and John and Michelina Healy; nephew of Bill Caine, Brian and Cristin Caine.

Relatives and friends may call at St. Raphael's Church, Falls Road at Dunster Road, Rockville, on Thursday, May 17, 2-4 p.m. where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

Interment will be at St. Columba Cemetery, Rhode Island.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's House, 1505 Cody Drive, Silver Spring, MD



20902 or [www.saintjosephshouse.net](http://www.saintjosephshouse.net).

Francis J. Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, is in charge of arrangements. See [www.collinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.collinsfuneralhome.com).

## Landon Hosts Azalea Garden Festival

Over the course of a weekend, guests at the 59th Annual Azalea Garden Festival at Landon School were invited to take part in a variety of events including shopping at the specialty boutiques, touring the "of Landon, by Landon" art exhibit, and viewing the musical performances on Minter Quad.

On Saturday, May 5, The Landon Symphonette entertained the crowds when they joined Landon's Chamber Singers and Holton-Arms' Upper School Chorus in a medley of Journey's "Anyway You Want It" and "Don't Stop Believing" as seen on the television show Glee. Freshman performer Parker Smith attests to the skill of the group, saying they only rehearsed for the concert the night before.

While the warm winter, according to volunteer Nicci Falcone, caused the festival's signature azaleas to reach "peak bloom" three weeks prior to the event, visitors were able to purchase a variety of flowers for use in their own gardens. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the school's Student Financial Assistance and Faculty Enrichment programs. Margie Leachman, a mother of Landon alumni, explains that these funds help to provide financial aid for students and contribute to "supplementing faculty housing."

The festival concluded on Sunday, May 6, when more than 250 runners competed in a memorial



Landon students Parker Smith and Stephan Bauer perform as a part of the Landon Symphonette Concert at the Azalea Festival on May 5.

5k run in honor of Mark Ferris, class of 1994, who lost his battle with juvenile diabetes in 1999. Money raised from this race is donated to the Joslin Diabetes Center and the Mark Ferris '94 Scholarship Fund.

— MEGHAN PHILBIN

# Living Out Loud

Entrepreneurs find inspiration at Potomac luncheon.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

“What do you see when you look at me?” asked a barefoot, seemingly intoxicated woman wearing an overcoat and sporting a wool cap as she addressed a crowd of about 200 Potomac-area entrepreneurs.

The mostly female audience appeared stunned by her rambling line of questioning. Gradually, the woman’s interrogation became more coherent, her appearance more polished. She peeled off her outerwear, revealing a trim physique and a stylish sheath. The speaker was Dr. Venus Opal Reese, a mentor and college professor. The venue was North Potomac’s Lakewood Country Club.

Reese’s lecture was part of a luncheon hosted by the Montgomery County chapter of eWomenNetwork, an organization dedicated to supporting female businesswomen. Reese’s speech included themes of self-empowerment and self-esteem. Her attention-grabbing skit was meant to demonstrate how women can overcome obstacles and transform their lives.



**Dr. Venus Opal Reese (with Carol Plummer, left) encourages women to realize their full potential at a luncheon at Lakewood Country Club in North Potomac.**

“It was one of the most dynamic and artistically creative talks I’ve ever witnessed,” said audience member Cari Shane.

Reese’s personal story inspired attendees. “Her 14-year journey from the streets of Baltimore... to two master’s degrees and a Stanford University Ph.D. inspires [others] to defy the impossible,” said luncheon organizer Carol Plummer.

Reese, who was once a homeless teenager living in a drug-infested neighborhood, addressed the crowd with a message of hope: “As women, we don’t always live our worth, we settle,” she said. “We take what we can get. We put ourselves last. We need to put ourselves

first.”

“I think that she has a great story,” said Plummer. “She has a powerful message for women to hear and for women to acknowledge.”

Reese encouraged women to develop a healthy sense of self worth, and her words resonated with those in attendance.

“It is important to first break the glass ceiling inside your head before you can break the ‘outer glass’ ceiling,” said audience member Kay Loughrey.

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## PEOPLE



Models from Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church parish in Potomac walk the runway at the Cabi fashion show held at Congressional Country Club in Potomac.

## Fashionable Fundraising

The Ladies Auxiliary of Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac hosted its 9th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on May 12 at the Congressional Country Club. About 240 watched the Cabi fashion show; a percentage of the sales will benefit the Stepping Stones Shelter.

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THE ALMANAC



From left: Sarah Piechocinski, Laila Salem, Hala Ghanem, and Jihan Salem attend the Cabi fashion show to raise money for Stepping Stones Shelter.



Norma Najjar, Leyla Najjar, Roula Haddad, Abir Assaf and Ghada Zaytoun wait for the Cabi fashion show to begin.

## June 3 Triathlon To Benefit Autism Speaks

Sign up now, only 100 participants will be registered.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Ever wanted to compete in a triathlon, but were afraid to commit for fear of not being experienced enough? Now is the time to rev up one's training because "Tri to Listen" — a June 3 triathlon is right around the corner — literally. The race will take place in Poolesville — a 20-minute drive from Potomac. The triathlon, "powered by Autism Speaks" is an opportunity for both novice and veteran tri-athletes to compete in a near-by event that offers a small field, a pool swim (versus a river, lake or bay swim), and beautiful scenery.

Potomac resident Susan Pereles is the event director for Autism Speaks for the National Capital area. She is hoping that many Potomac tri-athletes will participate in the race: "This Autism Speaks Super-sprint Triathlon is a great opportunity to support a very worthy cause while getting some decent exercise. For many people, linking three events together for the first time is a significant accomplishment. We've limited the field to 100 participants so we can really make it a special experience for all registrants."

The race will include a 400-meter swim in the Western County Outdoor Pool, running shirt and

a 13.4 mile bike ride and a 5K run. The

race begins at 7 a.m. at the pool at 20150 Fisher Ave. in Poolesville. The bikers and runners will run on scenic two-lane roads with minimal traffic. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$188 to compete (1 in 88 children is diagnosed with Autism — hence the \$188).

"We are giving away wonderful SWAG including a custom bike jersey, an Autism Speaks a running hat,"

Pereles said.

According to the Autism Speaks website, autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. Autism receives less than 5 percent of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases. This explains the why raising funds for research must be a priority in the U.S. — and thus the reason for fundraisers such as this triathlon. Race sponsors of the event are Calleva, MoM's Market, Subway, Bob's Bikes and the Poolesville Triathlete Consortium. Calleva will assist with transporting participants from the finish line of the 5K run back to the transition area (pool).

To register for "Tri to Listen" view the website: [www.autismspeakstri.org](http://www.autismspeakstri.org). Only the first 100 racers will be accepted. Volunteers are needed on the day of the race to help the athletes along the course and with the transitions. Donations to Autism Speaks are also encouraged.



# Filling in That 'Gap' Year

**Kindergarten class at Temple Beth Ami addresses need for smaller classroom setting.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

What to do if a five-year-old is not ready to leave nursery school to attend a larger public or private school kindergarten class? Some children are emotionally not ready to move on to a kindergarten class of 20 or more students in a K-5 elementary school. If a child is immature, timid, has difficulty paying attention, does not feel comfortable socializing or is simply not ready to tackle the kindergarten curriculum, then a solution is to enroll him or her in a smaller kindergarten program which allows for one more year in a more intimate, supportive environment. This is also a program for students whose birth dates make them the youngest in their class.

Temple Beth Ami Nursery School will be offering a class next September to bridge the gap between the small nurturing nursery school and a public or private school larger kindergarten class. This class will be capped at 15 students, and will meet all the MCPS standards. Most of the students will advance to first grade after they complete kindergarten at Beth Ami, but parents will have the option to decide if their child should go on to first grade or attend kindergarten in a different school at the end of the "gap" year.

Potomac mom Suzy Balamaci has chosen to enroll her son Reece in this kindergarten class next year. Even though her older son is a student at Potomac Elementary School, she explains why she chose Beth Ami: "I feel that Reece will benefit from the smaller classroom setting and from being in a school where every teacher knows each student. Kindergarten is



**Temple Beth Ami Nursery School will be offering a class next September to bridge the gap between the small nurturing nursery school and a larger kindergarten class.**

such an important year and I want him to be comfortable in a familiar setting."

Potomac resident Ellen Bortz has taught pre-kindergarten (ages 4-5) at Beth Ami for 19 years. About half of her current students are planning to stay for the new kindergarten program. She explains how this school is unique: "We have gone from a teacher-driven specific topic curriculum to a child-centered emerging curriculum. This means that we allow the children to explore topics which they are interested in — and develop our curriculum around their interests. Using the topics and the learning styles of each child, we develop activities which build skills in reading, writing and arithmetic."

Nursery School Director Paula Sayag said, "We draw students from Potomac, North Potomac and Rockville. Beth Ami is a reform synagogue and many parents want their children to receive a faith-based education. One of the wonderful things about this 23-year-old program is that many of the staff has been here since the school was founded, and it is a real community."

To learn more about the new kindergarten and about the Beth Ami Nursery School, contact Paula Sayag at 301-340-6818. Temple Beth Ami is located at 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville.

## Help Save Organic Farm

On Wednesday, May 30 at 5 p.m., there will be a press conference and rally to save Brickyard Educational Farm and Nick's Organic Farm on Brickyard Road from being bulldozed and turned into parking lots and soccer fields as approved by the county executive.

The rally will be held at Ellipse Park at the corner of Route 28 and Maryland Avenue in Rockville Town Center.

## Potomac Library To Close Nine Days for Building Upgrades

The Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, will be closed temporarily to walk-in and telephone customers from Thursday, May 24, through 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. During the closure, the building will undergo interior and exterior painting and installation of new carpeting.

The book drop will remain open for book returns while the building is closed, but Potomac customers are encouraged to use other Montgomery County Public

Libraries for checking out books and other materials, returning materials, and using the catalog and internet computers. MCPL cardholders are reminded that they may use any branch for library services. Electronic access to the MCPL website will not be affected by the temporary closure.

The project is being funded by MCPL, the Department of General Services and the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

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## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by

Michael Matese

## Tips to Go Green

Going "green" is one of the hottest trends in real estate today, with constructions from multi-unit housing, condos and apartments to single-family dwellings and luxury homes eager to embrace the new change in ideology, values and architecture! Sustainable living, ecological consciousness and budget savvy are all contributing factors in the trend to go green everywhere from building materials and renovations to incorporating energy efficient fixtures and heating/cooling systems into the home's blueprint. Here are some tips to get you started on reducing your carbon footprint and adding a lovely shade of "green" to your house from the inside out!

### • Energy Efficient Insulation

The addition of energy efficient insulation into your home is not only environmentally responsible; it is also cost-efficient for the homeowner. As the home becomes more energy efficient, it requires less energy to heat or cool, resulting in a lower utility bill for the homeowners, often significant enough to cover the cost of installation in the first month! Older homes, which are usually poorly or inefficiently insulated, are prime candidates for this type of green remodeling. Attics, ceilings and walls are the best bets for installation.

### • Solar Energy Roofing Panels

These will produce electrical power for your home and solar panels can be considered trendy as well. This type of roofing panel gives a more modern look to every house that has them. Plus, you might be able to get a rebate when you purchase them. Some states encourage the use of solar panels by giving homeowners who use solar panels a rebate, deduction or tax exemption, so make sure to check out your state's regulations on rewarding your wise choice! You can also save money on your electric bill monthly by incorporating solar panels into your home's energy profile. Aside from solar panels, you can also check out solar roofing shingles, a solar panel that is attached to the main metal roof.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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**Zumba at Village Yoga.** Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Come join the fun at Village Yoga! Classes are held on Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., and Saturday mornings 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-1948.

**Beginner's Yoga Classes at Village Yoga.** Village Yoga is adding a new Beginner's Yoga Class on Mondays, 8-9 p.m. Continues our Thursday, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Beginner's Gentle Flow class as well. For all new local students - \$10 for the entire first week. Must be used on your first visit to the studio. Special for all yogis this month - 4-pack of classes for \$48. Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Potomac. 301-299-1948. [www.villageyogayogi.com](http://www.villageyogayogi.com).

## NOW THROUGH SEPT. 16

**Wings of Fancy - Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Surround yourself with hundreds of African, Asian, Costa Rican, and North American species of butterflies flying freely inside a Conservatory. Enjoy learning about the life cycle of these amazing creatures, and what you can do to attract native caterpillars and butterflies to your backyard as we "think globally, and act locally." Fees: \$6 adults; \$4 ages 3-12; or purchase a "Frequent Visitor Pass" and enjoy unlimited return visits this season. Groups of 15 or more by appointment only, call 301-962-1467 for reservations. Call 301-962-1453. [www.brooksidegardens.org](http://www.brooksidegardens.org); Brookside Gardens South Conservatory, 1500 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton.

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 27

**Bethesda Freshfarm Market.** Held Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Will offer fresh fruits, vegetables, organic meats and artisan cheeses. At Norfolk Avenue, between Fairmont and St. Elmo Avenues in Bethesda. In addition, the market will feature special events. On the first Saturday of each month, Master Gardeners will table at the market to answer gardening questions. From July 7 through Aug. 11, Boordy Vineyards will be a market guest selling wines made from Maryland grown grapes. And on the last Saturday of each month a local chef will give cooking demonstrations at the market. Featured chefs include Frederik de Pue of Smith Commons; Domenico Cornacchia of Assaggi Restaurant and Mozzarella Bar; James Gee of Jaleo (Bethesda) and Debbie Amster of Nourishing Possibilities. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

**Singer-songwriter Owen Danoff.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Part of Strathmore Art After Hours. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100.

## THURSDAY/MAY 17

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** Admission is \$8. Slow blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. At the Back Room, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

**Potomac Cuddleups.** 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes and songs for babies from birth to 11 months and their caregivers. No registration required. At Potomac Library.

## FRIDAY/MAY 18

**Bike to Work this Month.** 6 to 9 a.m. Join in the fun and fitness as the City of Rockville takes part in National Bike to Work Day. The City will host two pit stops for riders: one on East Montgomery Avenue, in front of Regal Cinemas, and the other in front of the Transit Center in the Falls Grove community. Pit stops will feature refreshments, bicycle services and information about how to use your bicycle to get to work every day. Pre-registrants receive a free T-shirt that can be picked up at one of the Rockville pit stops. Register at



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## MAY 20 AND MAY 21

**Potomac Spring House Tour.** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Congregation Har Shalom and featuring five Potomac-area homes of distinctive quality. Tickets are \$25/person. Purchase on-line or by mail using a paper form or at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Enjoy a breakfast bagel at Har Shalom's "House Tour Café" on Sunday, May 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. Raffle prizes include sports events, shopping experiences and dinners at area restaurants. The drawing will be on May 21, 4 p.m. For questions, email at [info@potomachousetour.org](mailto:info@potomachousetour.org) or call 301-299-7087, ext. 336. Visit [www.PotomacHouseTour.org](http://www.PotomacHouseTour.org)

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**Water Safety Day.** 4 to 7 p.m. Free. At Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, Rockville. The event will include information stations that provide resources on a variety of topics, including swim level testing, the importance of personal flotation devices, how to safely reach and assist someone struggling in the water and the importance of sunscreen to prevent skin damage. Call Carrie Headen at 240-777-8060.

## SATURDAY/MAY 19

**Farm Volunteer Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: 10 to 11 a.m. — Volunteer Teacher Review Training Session; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Introduction to Reiki Fundraiser (\$20 including lunch); 12:30 to 1 p.m. — Farm Tour; 1 to 3 p.m. — Farm work project. At Brickyard Educational Farm, 8565 Horseshoe Lane, Potomac. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/brickyardeducationalfarm/volunteer-farm-day>

**Grateful Shredding Event.** 9 a.m. to noon. Free with suggested donation of \$5/box. The Clara Barton Community Center has scheduled a secure shredding event at 7425 MacArthur Blvd., in Cabin John. In addition to paper records, there's no problem shredding paper clips, staples, rubber bands, folders, binder clips, hanging folders (even with metal strips, and labels). If you need to borrow a hand truck or have help in loading boxes at your home, contact Leslie Barden 301-365-1311 or Lou Lombardo 301-365-0412 before the day of the event.

**Gala in the Park Dance.** Tickets are \$25. Includes a swing dance lesson, dancing to the Daryl Davis Band, dessert by Georgetown Cupcake, carousel rides and more. Proceeds support the arts programs and historic buildings at Glen Echo Park. This year, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is offering a chance to win a free Member Coupon to everyone who buys a ticket to their Gala Dance online at [www.glenechopark.org/gala-dance-2012](http://www.glenechopark.org/gala-dance-2012). Member Coupons can be used for free admission to one dance at the Park (under \$20) or for many other arts activities as well.

**Gardening Open House.** 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Hear a presentation on "Vegetable Gardening for Beginners" and mini-talks about growing different types of edibles, gardening in containers, making salad tables, taking soil samples and caring for your gardening tools. At Montgomery County Extension Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood.

**Debussy's Martyrdom of St. Sebastian.** 8 p.m. Featuring the National Philharmonic. Pre-concert lecture at 6:45 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Featuring Audrey Luna, soprano; Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano; Linda Maguire, mezzo-soprano; Eliot Pfanstiehl, narrator; National Philharmonic Chorale and Stan Engbretson, conductor. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda.

**Strut Your Mutt Dog Parade and Festival.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$25 per dog — free to spectators. Benefitting: Bethesda Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation and the Montgomery

County Humane Society. The dog parade will start at 10:45 a.m., followed by owner/dog contests, as well as 30 dog-related exhibitors, a dozen animal rescue groups and a kiddie park, with moonbounces and games. There will also be dog training performances at 12:30, and 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.strutyournuttbethesda.org](http://www.strutyournuttbethesda.org) or call 301-523-7794.

## SUNDAY/MAY 20

**Organ Grinders Gather.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 16<sup>th</sup> annual performance by street organ grinders will take place at the C&O Canal National Park, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. There will also be demonstrations of a variety of antique music boxes and other mechanical music devices. The free event is sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the Musical Box Society International. There is a \$5 per car park entrance fee. Call 301-598-4768.

**Bullis Gives Back 5k/2.5k Run and Walk.** 10 a.m. to raise money for Stepping Stones Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. All are invited, with activities and events for children

and adults — music, food, games and run or walk in either race on the cross-country trail or in the 400m Kids Fun Run on the track. Fox 5's Julie Wright and Tucker Barnes will emcee. At Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Visit [www.bullisgivesback.org](http://www.bullisgivesback.org) or call 301-299-8500.

**Waltz Dance.** 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Swallowtail. Waltz Workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org) or e-mail [info@WaltzTimeDances.org](mailto:info@WaltzTimeDances.org).

**Charity Fashion Show.** 4 p.m. George Bacchus Salon and Spa will host a Spring Charity Fashion Show at Woodmont Country Club, 1201 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Tickets are \$75; VIP Admission is \$175. All net proceeds benefit The Children's National Medical Center in the District. Purchase tickets online at [www.gbsfashionforcharity.eventbrite.com](http://www.gbsfashionforcharity.eventbrite.com) or at George Bacchus Salon. Email [eclott@georgebacchus.com](mailto:eclott@georgebacchus.com).

## MONDAY/MAY 21

**50+ Employment Expo.** Free. Featuring 40 employers, 30 community resources, two resume reviewing rooms, seven seminars addressing issues pertinent to seniors looking for employment. At the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. All vendors need to register by contacting Micki Gordon at [mgordon@AccessJCA.org](mailto:mgordon@AccessJCA.org). Call 301-255-4209.

## TUESDAY/MAY 22

**Housing Unlimited's Welcome Home Celebration.** 6:30 to 9 p.m. The nonprofit organization provides affordable housing for people with psychiatric disabilities. It is in the process of purchasing its 50<sup>th</sup> home and will serve 140 people. At the Bethesda Hyatt Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda. Contact Marjorie Goldman, Housing Unlimited, 301-758-8888 or [mjgold@gmail.com](mailto:mjgold@gmail.com)

**Flower Arranging**

**Class.** 7:30 p.m. Potomac Village Garden Club and the Women of St. Francis Episcopal Church will offer a free flower arranging class in St. Francis Hall, 10033 River Rd. Potomac. Award-winning flower arranger Marianne Enger and Carol Jarvis will offer a flower design demonstration and conditioning of flowers. Both women are members of St. Francis Church and the Potomac Village Garden Club. RSVP to 301-365-2055 the church office or 301-299-4296, Carol Jarvis.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

**Matthew Modine: Screening & Conversation.** 7:30 p.m. Three short films by Matthew Modine: "Jesus Was a Commie," "I Think I Thought," and "To Kill an American." Followed by a Q&A with Matthew Modine. At the AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring.

**Soprano Laura Strickling.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Part of Strathmore Art After Hours. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100.

## THURSDAY/MAY 24

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** Admission is \$8. Slow blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. At the Back Room, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 26

**BSO Concert: Beethoven's Ninth.** 8 p.m. With Peter Oundjian, conductor; Joyce El-Khoury, soprano BSO Debut. Tickets range from \$34 to \$68 and are available through the BSO Ticket Office, 410-783-8000 or [BSOmusic.org](http://BSOmusic.org). At the Music Center at Strathmore.

## MAY 26 TO MAY 28

**Hometown Holidays Festival.** Featuring two days of music, entertainment, food, crafts and the City of Rockville's annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade. Rising Country Star Easton Corbin to headline. With 40 bands and entertainers on seven stages at Rockville's Town Center. For more information about the weekend's events, visit the website at [www.rockvillemd.gov/hth](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/hth), or find the festival on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RockvilleHometownHolidays](http://www.facebook.com/RockvilleHometownHolidays) or twitter @RockvilleHHTH.

## SUNDAY/MAY 27

**"Bach: From Practice to Performance."** 11:30 a.m. Charles Powers, a cellist with the U.S. Marine Corps' orchestra, "The President's Own," will perform at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation. He will also discuss the music he will be playing — selections from the Bach "Canon." At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fireside Room, 6301 River Road, Bethesda; visit [www.ruuuc.org](http://www.ruuuc.org), or call 301-229-0400.



## SATURDAY/MAY 19

**Strawberry Festival.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features new clothing, jewelry, housewares and more from area vendors. A free concert with John Henry, "The Guitar Playing Mahn" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. At Potomac United Methodist Church/Parish Center, 9908 South Glen Road, at the intersection of Falls and Democracy Blvd., Potomac. Contact Laura O'Keefe, 240-277-5439, [lkhaser@yahoo.com](mailto:lkhaser@yahoo.com).

## FINE ARTS

### MAY 26 TO MAY 28

**First Exhibit: Recent Paintings by Jonathan Ege and Rosanne Grolman.** Opening Reception: Saturday, May 26 from 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours: Saturday 12-6 p.m., Sunday and Monday 12-5 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

### JUNE 5 TO JULY 7

**From My Perspective.** Abstract Paintings by Audrey Salkind and New Work by Gallery Artists. Meet the Artist: Saturdays, June 9, 16, 23; from 2-4 p.m. Artist's reception is Friday, June 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. At the Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441 or visit waverlystreetgallery.com.

### NOW THROUGH MAY 29

**Art Show at Glenview Gallery.** Free. Presented by the Rockville Art League. The Rockville Singers will perform between 2 and 3 p.m. At 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/arts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/arts) or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov).

### NOW THROUGH JUNE 2

**The Wondrous Lotus.** Photographs by Duncan Whitaker and New Work by Gallery Artists. Meet the Artist: Saturdays, May 19 and 26 and June 2, 2 - 4 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441

### JUNE 5 - JULY 7

**Artwork by Audrey Salkind.** From My Perspective. With new work by gallery artists. Reception: Friday, June 8, 6-9 p.m.; Meet the Artist: Saturdays, June 9, 16, 23; 2 - 4 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Visit [www.waverlystreetgallery.com](http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com) or call 301-951-9441



### JUNE 2 TO JUNE 28

**Art Exhibit, "Triptych -Three Friends," Bethesda.** The art exhibit "Triptych -Three Friends - Shared Places - Unique Views" will be open at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, in Bethesda. A reception will be held in the Congregation's Fellowship Hall Gallery on June 10 from 3-5 p.m. The show can be seen most days, Sunday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call before attending. The three featured artists are Carol Sargeant, Mimi Betz, and Gillian Collins. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda; visit [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org), or call 301-229-0400.

## Carousel Concerts

Just like a carousel, music makes the world go 'round: Enjoy Saturday afternoons at the Washington Conservatory in Glen Echo Park as we merrily go 'round the families of musical instruments.

The Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park will present five different free one-hour concerts for kids and families on Saturdays at 2 p.m. on May 28, June 9, 17, 28 and 30. The concerts are suitable for children ages 4 through adults — for novice concert-goers and seasoned music-lovers alike. No tickets required.

The concerts will take place in the Recital Room of the Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park, an acoustically superb intimate 90-seat venue with both chair and floor-pillow seating. Each concert will be performed by faculty members of the Washington Conservatory and feature a different instrument.

Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Free parking. Call 301-320-2770; [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org)

❖ **May 26 at 2 p.m. – The Piano!** Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with fun music for picnics and parades! Hear one piano played by the duo team of pianists Maribeth and Bradford Gowen.

❖ **June 9 at 2 p.m. – The French horn!** How can blowing through a coil of brass make such beautiful sounds? French hornist Doug Quinzi will show us how he makes great music through 12 feet of metal tubing.

❖ **June 16 at 2 p.m. – The Guitar!** We hear the guitar in all sorts of music - rock, pop, classical, jazz, and Latin music. Guitarist Orlando Roman will show how the guitar can speak in many languages.

❖ **June 23 at 2 p.m. – The Violin!** Who uses hollow wood, strings and horse tails to make music? Violinist Kathy Judd will show you how country fiddlers, gypsies and classical musicians do.

❖ **June 30 at 2 p.m. – The Saxophone!** Discover the wonderful world of jazz. Saxophonist Marty Nau will team with jazz pianist Wayne Wilentz to improvise on great musical standards from swing to salsa.

## Get Ready for Grateful Shred on May 19

Spring cleaning: With tax season over, it's a great time to get together those boxes and files of outdated records. Clear them out of the basement, home office, attic or wherever else they have been lurking for too long.

To help out, Friends of Clara Barton Community Center has scheduled a secure shredding event on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at 7425 MacArthur Boulevard in Cabin John.

The ALL-SHRED truck will be parked behind the building and you can drive right up and drop off your bags and boxes. Volunteers will be there to help with unloading.

The records are placed in bins, rolled into a secure elevator, and automatically lifted and dumped into the shredder. Inside the truck a cross-cut shredder cuts your pages into tiny paper chips. You can even watch the process on a remote screen. The shreds are then baled and sent to paper plants to be recycled.

The Shred is a free event with a suggested donation of \$5 a box (such as copier paper comes in) and \$3 for a shopping bag. All income from the shred goes to support programs at the Clara Barton Community Center. Friends of Clara Barton Community Center is a registered charity and donations can be deducted as either charitable or business expenses. Receipts will be available.

Getting ready for the shred is easy. In addition to paper records, there's no problem shredding paper clips, staples, rubber bands, folders, binder clips, hanging folders (even with metal strips, and labels). They will not shred newspapers, cardboard boxes, 3-ring binders, heavy plastic, heavy metals, trash, floppy disks, or CD's.

If you need to borrow a hand truck or have help in loading boxes at your home, contact Leslie Barden 301-365-1311 or Lou Lombardo 301-365-0412 before the day of the event.

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**3 pm and 7 pm**

**3 pm:** Chamber Strings, Young Artists, Symphony  
Featuring Concerto Competition winners and premiere of  
Tchaikovsky's "Mazeppa," commissioned by MCYO—  
Sandra Dackow, arranger

**7 pm:** Chamber Orchestra and Philharmonic  
Featuring Rhea Chung in Khachaturian's Violin Concerto,  
Movement 3, and Georgetown Visitation's Madrigals

TICKETS: \$15 adults; \$10 children under 18 and seniors; \$10 for music teachers  
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## NEWS

# School Named for Flora Singer

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mother touched and now how many people the naming has touched. Some of the people on the naming committee were former students of hers," Landsman said.

"Flora Singer's life is an inspiring testament to the resilience and determination of the human spirit," said U.S. Rep. Christopher Van Hollen in a letter of support to the school's naming. "Flora Singer's extraordinary life story and person qualities, commitment to education in Montgomery County, and dedication to teaching others about the origins and realities of the Holocaust warrant this."

**FLORA M. SINGER'S** parents fled their homeland in Romania in the 1920s to escape rising anti-Semitism, settling in Belgium. Singer and her family were forced underground when Nazi Germany annexed Belgium in 1940.

They were hidden by a Benedictine monk for two years in Catholic convents in Belgium.

"My mother was not a vengeful person," said Landsman. But Flora M. Singer said her best revenge against Hitler was having her children and grandchildren.

Singer's granddaughter, a photographer, recently photographed the reunion of her mother, Landsman, with her grandmother's rescuers in Belgium.

Singer's memoir, "Flora: I was but a Child," was published in June 2007. The book brought together stories and memories that Singer used throughout her life to teach about the history of the Holocaust.

Flora Singer wrote: "This story is a tribute to my dear mother, Fani Mendelovits, whose love and tenacity saved me and my two sisters, Charlotte and Betty, from arrest and probable death at the hands of the Nazi occupiers in Belgium. This book is dedicated to her and to the many people — Belgian, French and German — who went out of their way, risking their lives to help us live through the Holocaust. ...

"This story is also dedicated to my family members who did not survive. I will never forget them."

Singer came to New York when she was 16 years old and worked as a seamstress before studying stenography. She earned her bachelor's and master's



**Flora Singer with her husband Jack Singer and daughter Sandra Singer Landsman in 2007. She was named 2007 Potomac Citizen of the Year by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.**

degrees in French at the University of Maryland and taught foreign language at numerous county public schools.

At the University of Maryland, anti-Semitic fliers denying the Holocaust were placed on her car.

"She felt compelled to share all that she experienced and witnessed," said her husband Jack Singer at a Potomac Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony in 2007 when Flora Singer was named Potomac's Citizen of the Year.

**SINGER'S FORMER COLLEAGUE** and friend Sue Shotel said they met in 1981 as teachers at Einstein High School, when Singer approached her with an idea.

"She requested that she visit my social studies classes during "Sensitivity Awareness Day" and tell the children about her life struggles as a small girl in Belgium," according to Shotel. "Little did I know the impact she would have on my life. She opened my world to events that I knew little about — and by telling her story to my students, she challenged me to learn more about why some do the unthinkable while others risk their lives to save another simply because it is the right thing to do."



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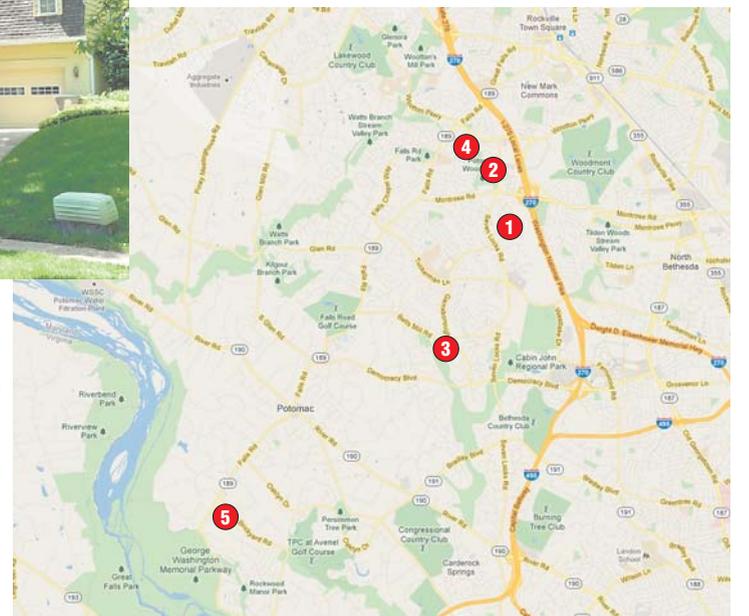
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# Churchill Boys' Lax Ends Wootton's 6-Year Run

**Bulldogs beat Patriots, advance to region championship game.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

Members of the Churchill boys' lacrosse team stood along the sideline, hopping up and down in anticipation of the clock striking zero. A member of the coaching staff raised his hands in the air, basking in the moment. And when victory was official, the Bulldogs rushed onto the field, firing their sticks skyward in celebration.

Churchill defeated Wootton, 9-6, in the 4A/3A West Region semifinals on Monday, May 14, ending the Patriots' six-year run as region champion. Play-

**"I've never beaten Wootton before and that just feels so phenomenal."**

— Churchill senior Cameron Moshyedi

ing on their home field, the top-seeded Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-0 lead and never trailed en route to a earning a spot in the region championship game, where Churchill will host No. 2 Sherwood at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.

The victory over Wootton was Churchill's first since 2006.

"I've never beaten Wootton before and that just feels so phenomenal," Churchill senior captain Cameron Moshyedi said. "It's unreal. We held the ball there for the last two minutes and after that I was out of breath, I was screaming, I was going crazy with

my brothers out there on the field."

Junior attackman Matt Leonard led Churchill with five goals. Wootton twice pulled within one during the fourth quarter, but each time Leonard had an answer, giving the Bulldogs some breathing room. With Churchill leading 8-6 in the final minute, sophomore Matt Moshyedi deposited an insurance goal into a wide-open net to put the finishing touch on a Bulldog victory.

"We talked about that in the locker room: when you have the opportunity, seize the moment and finish and Matt Leonard had that tonight," head coach Jeff Fritz said. "He was the recipient of a few real good looks tonight and he was able to finish. He created for himself a few times, but when he had the opportunity tonight, he took advantage of it."

While Leonard had a big night offensively, No. 5 spoke highly of goalkeeper Peter Hurd's effort while reminiscing about the Bulldogs' postgame celebration.

"Me and [freshman attackman Louis] Dubick went up and we hugged each other," Leonard said. "Everyone threw their sticks up and jumped on Hurd. He played a fantastic game. He kept us in the game and he's one of the main reasons we won this game today."

Leonard scored a pair of goals and Dubick netted one in the opening quarter, giving Churchill a 3-0 lead. Leonard's third goal gave the Bulldogs a 4-1 advantage in the second before Wootton's Chris Cornelius closed the first half with back-to-back goals, pulling the Patriots within one at 4-3. But while Wootton hung around, Churchill



Churchill freshman Louis Dubick, seen against Whitman on May 11, scored two goals in the Bulldogs' region semifinal victory against Wootton on May 14.

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of us had that in the back of our minds. We fed off of that from the get-go. We didn't look back."

Dubick and Matt Moshyedi each scored two goals for Churchill. Cornelius led Wootton with two. Curt Brooks, Austin Schoenfeld, Myles Romm and goalkeeper Matt Hoy each had one for the Patriots.

"For whatever reason, we haven't always given [Wootton] our best game," Fritz said. "Tonight, we did. I thought we played real, real well tonight. It was the best our team has ever played here. I thought we played real cool, calm, composed. We looked like we had been here before, which is very pleasing to see."

On Wednesday, Churchill will have a chance to win its first region championship since 2002 and advance to the state tournament. Prior to beating Wootton, Churchill defeated Whitman, 14-12, in the quarterfinals on May 11.

"It's nice to be the people who knock off the six-time defending champs, especially when it's your rival on your home field," Fritz said. "It's a great feeling, but we understand that our goal has not been accomplished yet. ... Hopefully we've got three games left in us, hopefully three victories left in us. To-

night was a stepping stone, but it's not by any means the end of our season. We're not satisfied with winning this game tonight. We've got a lot further to go."

Next up: Sherwood.

"We can't be like, 'Oh we beat Wootton, now we're the best,'" Leonard said. "We've got to finish this off."

never relinquished the lead.

Wootton won the teams' regular-season meeting, 10-9, in overtime on April 25. Cameron Moshyedi said that loss provided the Bulldogs with plenty of motivation.

"It doesn't feel so good losing a heartbreaking game like that in overtime," he said. "Coming out today, every single one

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Zofia Kiosowska of North Potomac** was honored at the Universities at Shady Grove at its eighth-annual Student Achievement and Leadership Breakfast on April 13. One outstanding senior from each undergraduate program offered at USG who has demonstrated academic excellence received the Student Academic Achievement Award. Award recipients are selected on the basis of grade point average, participation in internships and honor societies, and contributions to their program of study.

Montgomery County Public Schools seniors from six high schools have been awarded corporate-sponsored National

Merit Scholarships financed by corporations, company foundations and other business organizations.

The students are among 24 high school seniors in Maryland and 1,000 high school seniors nationwide to be selected in the first group of winners in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The scholars were selected from a pool of 16,000 students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met the criteria of their scholarship sponsors.

Local winners, their intended fields of study and sponsors are:

❖ **Cindy B. Zheng**, medicine, Winston Churchill High School; The MITRE Corporation.

❖ **Jacob Lampl Taswell**, science, Walt Whitman High School; Mary E. Beyerle Trust.

**Mariya Berge**, daughter of Lisa Berge of Potomac, was recently accepted into Phi Kappa Phi, the international honor society at Salisbury University. Berge is a senior majoring in English and secondary education. She is a 2007 graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac.

**Anh Nguyen of Potomac** was one of some 36 Montgomery County students who recently graduated from Salisbury University. She was among the 498 undergraduate students who received 441 bachelor's and 57 master's degrees during the University's annual Winter Commencement ceremony at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Some 182 Montgomery County area students were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the Fall 2011 semester. The following Potomac students were added to the list:

❖ North Potomac area residents include **Gloria Chibueze-Azinge, Jade Lebrock and Cassandra Reyes**.

❖ Potomac area residents include **Mariya Berge and Madeline Kalicka**.

The following students have been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's honor rolls for the third quarter of the 2011-12 school year:

❖ **Birahim Thiam**, the son of Oumou and Idrissa Thiam of North Potomac, was named to the President's List. Birahim is a senior at Randolph-Macon.

❖ **David Lee**, the son of Chunqing Lei of Potomac, was named to the President's List. David is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon.

The following Washington and Lee

students have earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter 2012 term.

❖ **James Pickle of Potomac** a member of the class of 2012 at Washington and Lee University.

Villanova University named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester.

❖ **Andrew Garber**, from Potomac, is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

❖ **Erin Kale**, from Potomac, is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

❖ **Emily Koroshetz**, from Potomac, is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

❖ **William Makabenta**, from North Potomac, is enrolled in the Col

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**Instructor Lauren Cook teaches art students at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Young artists received awards at the school's annual Visual Arts Awards assembly recently.**

## Students Honored for Artistic Talent

### Students at Potomac's St. Andrew's Episcopal School receive visual arts awards

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

Local budding artists were honored for their talent recently when St. Andrew's Episcopal School handed out accolades to more than 50 middle and upper school students at the school's annual Visual Arts Awards assembly in Potomac, Md. The awards celebrate the quality of the art and design produced by student artists each year.

The Judges' Choice Awards were given in several categories, including middle school art, photography, computer graphics, 3-D art and design, ceramics, 2-D art and design and yearbook. The winning artists' work will be displayed in the school for one year.

"The public exhibition of artwork in the Kreeger Art Gallery, and the chance to have it assessed in a supportive environment based on standards of excellence in the world of art and design is a valuable and honored opportunity for St. Andrew's students," said Lauren Cook, head of the school's Visual Arts Department.

St. Andrew's parents who are also active professionals in the fields of visual art, art education and communication judged the students' art. Each piece was evaluated on creativity, personal expression, risk-

taking, composition and technical skill with materials.

Cook said the field of visual arts is an integral part of the curriculum at St. Andrew's: "Our students see the arts as a way of thinking and learning and expressing themselves across our curriculum," she said. "They [learn] important creative problem-solving skills that will help them contribute to the growing 'creative economy' awaiting them. We know that the arts not only have value in their own right, but that involvement in the arts amplifies a student's ability to retrieve and integrate knowledge drawn from science, mathematics and the humanities."

Cook added that instructors encourage students to develop their individual styles and strengths.

"Our Intermediate School students walk into my classroom ready to create," said Gary Wyatt, a member of the Visual Arts faculty. "They haven't adopted the 'I don't do art' or 'I'm not a good artist' attitude. My job is to help every student feel successful as an artist, to feel safe experimenting with their art-making, and to help them apply their natural creativity to all sorts of studio challenges, from designing a bridge in their science class, to creating a public service poster with computer graphics, to painting a self-portrait."

Some students see visual arts as means of self-expression. "For me, art is a way to show what I might not be able to as well through speaking or writing," said Felipe De La Hoz, an 11th grade student who won awards in the photography and painting and drawing categories. "I may not be able to explain a concept those ways, but I can show it through my photographs or paintings."

## Churchill Named Best High School in State

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talked to a lot of parents with children at Churchill and they are very happy with the educational system, and I know that students there get accepted into very good colleges and universities."

Dariush is enthusiastic about the school's academics and extracurricular offerings. "It is the best mix of academics and sports," he said. "I swim and they have a good swim team."

Montgomery County Superintendent of Schools Joshua P. Starr said that while the U.S.



**Potomac, Md., resident Roya Hakimzadeh, whose son Dariush will attend Churchill in the fall, is enthusiastic about the school's number one state ranking.**

News and World Report rankings are not flawless, they allow the public to see how schools compare with others when judged on the same criteria.

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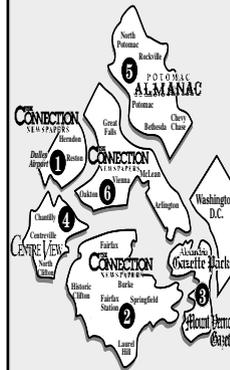
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## "Psycho-not-so-matic" Anymore



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whatever I thought was only happening in my head – or not, or was really happening physically – or not, is the muddled description of the thoughts and emotions that this cancer survivor/cancer patient-still-receiving-treatment feels every time I make a 24/7 self assessment (which is often). An assessment that seems to have a mind of its own, and one which is mostly beyond my control to prevent/manage its ugly head from rearing whenever it pleases. As much as I pretend, as much as I deny, as much as I compartmentalize, any and every thing that happens in the context of having cancer. Any misstep, physically or emotionally, real or imagined always brings me back to the elephant in every room in every house; in fact, that metaphorical elephant is in every closet, every drawer, on every television channel and radio station; home or on the road; everywhere; especially and of course predominantly, in my head, and originally in my lungs and mediastinum, where it still remains, "stable," for the moment.

Whatever strategy I have employed in an attempt to manipulate my circumstances, to prevent cancer from getting the best of me emotionally, always suffers a setback after a visit to my oncologist. As much as I've tried to make light of these appointments over the last three years, having heart-to-heart, life-and-death conversations with YOUR cancer doctor, one who has already told you that he "can't cure you, that he can only treat you," is unsettling at best and downright depressing and mind-numbing at worst. Facing one's own mortality at age 57 conjures two quotes from Curly Howard of The Three Stooges, a famous one and a funny one: "I'm a victim of soycumstance," and "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young, anyway."

Laughing in the face of adversity has been an ongoing and overriding pursuit of mine since being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in February, 2009. Not that my circumstances are anything to laugh about but, oddly enough, crying about them or "woeing" is me about them is a bit of a tired pursuit – for me. Sure I've cried and been curious why a lifelong non-smoker with no immediate family history of cancer could be diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54, a mere eight weeks after burying my widowed mother. Nevertheless, life goes on, and it has, as I've now outlived my original prognosis by years, causing my oncologist to say to me at the end of my most recent appointment (and the one I may be overreacting to in this column): "It's been a privilege treating you." Words, as I say, "to live by."

Where I'm going in this column is a place I've never been: a new phase in my treatment, with new medications, new side effects, new consequences and new worries; all of which are unknown and unfamiliar to me. Presumably all of the above are simply more of the same – only different, if you know what I mean – (things I can handle, just calling them different things) meaning my concerns are more in my head than they are in my body. But I really won't know until I've lived it. For the moment, I can only anticipate it. Knowing what I knew is much preferred to not knowing what's new. And what lies ahead is definitely new. I can't say anymore: "been there and done that" – I can only say that I'm glad – and privileged, to still be doing anything.

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

## SPORTS

# Churchill Girls' Lax Reaches 4th Consecutive Region Final

**Flax scores 7 goals, Bulldogs beat Blake in semifinal shootout.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

**N**ear the end of the regular season, the Churchill girls' lacrosse team had to battle in fluenza, which affected leading scorer Mairin Hall and several other players. On May 11, the No. 2 seed Bulldogs escaped with a one-goal victory against rival Wootton in the 4A/3A West Region quarterfinals. On Monday, Churchill overcame the elements and a potent Blake offense in the semifinals.

Churchill's path to a fourth consecutive region final appearance hasn't been easy, but the Bulldogs completed the task with a 21-16 victory over the Bengals at CHS. Playing in wet conditions, Churchill had three players score at least four goals, including a team-high seven by Maddy Flax.

Now, the Bulldogs will have to travel for a region championship game for the first time during their four-year run as Churchill will take on No. 1 Sherwood on Wednesday, May 16. Churchill defeated Sherwood in each of the last two region finals in Potomac. While a 15-mile trip to Sandy Spring adds an element of difficulty to a potential three-peat, Churchill head coach Christen Gjeldum said it could help the Bulldogs from a psychological standpoint.

"This will be the first time going away for a regional [final]," said Gjeldum, whose Bulldogs finished region runner-up in 2009, "but I think that's just going to bring more motivation to us to win since we have to go on the road all that way to Sherwood."

Churchill earned the chance to play for a third straight region title with a high-octane offensive effort. The Bulldogs outscored Blake 5-0 during the final 4 minutes, 52 seconds of the first half to take a 12-7 halftime lead. In the second half, Churchill continued pouring in the goals and at one point led by as many as eight.

Along with Flax's seven goals, Hall finished with six and Megan Brody added four.



**Churchill senior Maddy Flax, seen during the Bulldogs' quarterfinal matchup with Wootton on May 11, scored seven goals against Blake in the semifinals on May 14.**



**Churchill's Marin Hall, seen against Wootton on May 11, scored six goals against Blake on May 14.**

Eliza Farha scored two goals and Bailey Boyland and Emily Muscarella each had one.

"Defense wins games," Flax said, "but offense also gets you on the board, so we knew we had to come out strong."

With illness and injuries taking their toll on Churchill at the end of the regular season — including a loss to Quince Orchard on May 4 — Monday's game against Blake was the first time in awhile the Bulldogs had been at full strength, Gjeldum said.

"We had a little bit of a setback when we

**"Defense wins games, but offense also gets you on the board, so we knew we had to come out strong."**

— Churchill senior Maddy Flax

had a lot of people out, so it was nice to regroup," Hall said. "Our last couple of practices have been really intense with everyone back and we just decided we were going to play our game that we know how to

play. We've really picked over the last two games."

Churchill defeated Sherwood, 11-8, in the 2011 region final and, 17-7, in 2010. The two teams did not play during the 2012 regular season.

"[O]n the road, it's even more intense," Hall said. "We want to win; we want to win three times in a row so that's the mentality: whatever it takes. ... We had it in the back of our minds that we have a pretty good chance that we would play Sherwood, so we were always preparing for that. We played them the last two years, so it's just kind of like a rivalry at this point."

## SCHOOL NOTES

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lege of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The following Washington and Lee students have earned honor roll status for the winter 2012 term.

❖ **James Pickle of Potomac**, a member of the class of 2012.

Seniors from Montgomery County Public Schools have been awarded the National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships financed by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are among 56 high school seniors in Maryland to be selected in the second group of winners in the

57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The scholars were selected from a pool of more than 15,000 students, and will receive a one-time award of \$2,500 for post-secondary education. The MCPS winners, their schools and intended fields of study are:

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❖ **Kevin Cheng**, Law

Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen announced the winners of the

31st annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students on April 30, at VisArts in Rockville. At this event, attended by over 300 students, teachers, principals, families, and friends, Congressman Van Hollen honored all the participants and this year's winner, Annibel Rice. Rice, a junior at Walt Whitman High School, will have her conté on charcoal paper, *Isolation*, displayed in the U.S. Capitol beginning in June for one year.

First Place:  
❖ **Annibel Rice** (from Bethesda), junior  
Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda  
Art work entitled: *Isolation*  
Medium: Conté on charcoal paper

Art Instructor: Jean Diamond

Runner-up:

The runner-ups will have their work displayed in Congressman Van Hollen's Capitol Hill and district offices for the next year.

❖ **Matthew Schick** (from Potomac), sophomore  
Landon School, Bethesda  
Art work entitled: *Untitled*  
Medium: Oil on canvas  
Art Instructor: Walt Bartman

Honorable Mentions:  
❖ **Stephanie Buria-Hellbeck** (from Bethesda), junior  
Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda

Art work entitled: *Concentration*  
Medium: Charcoal on paper  
Art Instructor: Robert Burgess

❖ **Jia Gao** (from Bethesda), junior  
Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville  
Art work entitled: *Arose*  
Medium: Oil on canvas  
Art Instructor: Katherine Stanton

❖ **Jennifer Guo** (from North Potomac), sophomore  
Holton-Arms School, Bethesda  
Art work entitled: *Fruits*  
Medium: Oil paint  
Art Instructor: Lee Newman.

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