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The 60th Potomac Hunt Steeplechase Race occurs May 20.

Steeplechase Race Marks 60th Year

Event will benefit Yellow Ribbon Fund.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
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On May 20, the horses will be ready and waiting for the flag to drop, racing fans will be lining the track, tailgating and enjoying catered feasts, and the rails will be filled with young and old — waiting to hear the sounds of hooves and see the brilliant jerseys flash by in the 60th Potomac Hunt Steeplechase Race.

The first running of the Potomac Hunt Races took place in 1952 — and has been an annual event ever since. Steeplechase racing originated in Ireland in the 18th century and then the English and U.S. adopted it. Named for the high church steeples which were often the village landmark, the course would

often begin at an agreed-upon starting point, and the racers would dash their horses over ditches, fallen timber and whatever lay between the start of the race and the ending point at the church. Steeplechase races are now conducted on regular racecourses which vary in length between 2 and 4 miles.

For the third year, the Potomac Hunt Races is partnering with the Yellow Ribbon Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping wounded service members and their families. They are hoping to raise awareness and funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund and their programs.

“We knew immediately that the Potomac Hunt Races would be a great fit for our outreach efforts,” said Marie Wood, director of special projects. “It’s a great venue for family entertainment, while simultaneously generating income for YRF, and, more importantly, celebrating the unwavering dedication of our soldiers.” Started 6 years ago by volunteers from

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Ahmad Receives Neal Potter Award

Service projects of Muslim Foundation recognized.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Almost everyone can remember their feelings, thoughts and where they were on Sept. 11, 2001. For Tufall Ahmad, an American Muslim living in Potomac, “on Sept. 11, 2001, everything changed. I realized the need for Muslim Americans to redefine their identity. 9/11 opened my eyes to where we are living, and how the U.S. has given us everything.”

He met with other Muslims and recognized that, “It is not a time for us to hide, but to give back by volunteering in charitable endeavors. It is time for us to get out, become engaged and to make a solid contribution to the charitable activities going on in the county.” As a result of this realization, Ahmad helped found the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF), a community service organization which provides food, clothing and transportation throughout the year for those who are less fortunate. His service in Montgomery County as a leader who spearheaded the service projects has helped bridge the gap that formed after 9/11 between Muslims and the community.

On Monday, April 30, Ahmad was the recipient of the 2012 Neal Potter Path of Achievement Award which honors Montgomery County



Tufall Ahmad of Potomac receives the Neal Potter Award.

residents age 60 and over for their exemplary volunteer work. Ruby Rubens of Silver Spring, Md. was the other honoree. Many Potomac residents are familiar with Rubens for her advocacy work for fair housing in the historically black communities of Scotland and Tobytown. The standing-room-only event took place at Imagination Stage in Bethesda.

Seventy-five-year-old Ahmad was born in northern India, and then moved to Pakistan as a young man. In Pakistan, he became a high-ranking auditing and accounts official. He came to the U.S. in 1968 to work as an auditor for Pakistan at the United Nations and after three years with the UN, he

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‘Bullis Gives Back’ 5K/2.5K Fun-Run Will Benefit Charities

Course adjusts to school’s new acreage.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The “Bullis Gives Back” 4th annual 5K/2.5K Fun Run will have a new look this year. The course will incorporate Bullis’ recently purchased acreage — and the pre-race will include a greater focus on health and exercise. Last year, more than 400 students, faculty and community members ran the distance — and the organizers are expecting more than 500 to take off when the starting gun sounds this year.

Proceeds of the race will be donated to Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville, to the local Habitat for Humanity, and to the Bullis School’s Student Activ-

ity Funds for Education (S.A.F.E.) which provides text books and activities for students in need. Bullis students regularly volunteer at both Stepping Stones Shelter and Habitat for Humanity, but this year the race has a special connection to the charities. “The entire class of Bullis seniors will participate in the race and then all will leave immediately after the race to build and repair homes for Habitat for Humanity,” said Co-chair Nikki DePandi. Many are serving in the D.C. area with the local chapter; one group is going to West Virginia and another group to Guatemala. The donations will support the local chapter.

The pre-race will include a Zumba warm-up by motivational speaker Lance Claysmile Smith, pilates stretches by Finally Fit Studio, and fitness evaluations by Fitness First. The 5K course will wind through the Bullis campus and the new 26-acre tract.

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Julie Wright (Fox 5 morning news) pictured with Bullis Mascot at last year’s race. Wright will emcee again this year along with co-worker Tucker Barnes.

Visiting with Horses

Families enjoyed Potomac Horse Center Open House and North Potomac Community Day on Sunday, May 6 with hayrides, free horse and pony rides for children, barn tours, and horseback riding demonstrations, personalized horseshoes, moon bounce and more. The free event was held at the Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac.



Ella Moore, 4 years old, watches as her father Phil Moore feeds one of the horses.



Jim Burgholzer creates personalized miniature horseshoes. The names are stamped into the horseshoes.



Andy Spivak and 3-year-old daughter Claire Spivak.



Katie Lane rides Encore.



Rachel Grassick, a 15-year-old student from Richard Montgomery High School, rides Geronimo.



Lauren Hervey rides Emmy.



Caitlan Michinski directs the riders during the demonstration.



Lisa Orentzel rides Argos.



Erica Edney, a 17 year old student at Wootton High School, rides Danny.

PEOPLE



Local Filmmaker

The film, "The Rendezvous" is a 12-minute thriller written and directed by Potomac filmmaker Stephen Smith and produced by his partner and wife Janine Shore. The film centers on a beautiful woman who convinces her greed-driven lover to engage in a risky plan, which involves stealing an extremely valuable object from her husband, selling the object from the highest bidder, and running off to live the good life. However, the plan doesn't go quite as well as expected, and in this case, it leads to a startling outcome. (To see a trailer of the film, visit www.stephensmithfilms.com). The filmmakers hosted a screening of the film at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring, on April 20.

SCHOOL NOTES

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David Lee, the son of Chunqing Lei of Potomac, was recognized for his outstanding participation in the annual Randolph-Macon Academy Sophomore Speech Contest. David received first place for his speech, "China and America Today," in the Expository category. David is a sophomore at the

Academy.

Sarah Miller, a Ph. D. student in International Relations at Oxford University, is one of 85 doctoral students nationwide selected to receive \$15,000 Scholar Award from P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by Chapter S of Potomac. Miller received a BA magna cum laude from Valparaiso University with a MA degree in Science of Forced Migration from Oxford and a MA in social Sciences from the University of

Chicago. Her experiences in the area of forced migration include work with the Brookings Institution, the Institute for the Study of International Migration, World Council of Churches, and Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service-Lutheran World Federation.

Miller moved to the Potomac area in May 2011 when her husband, the Rev. Sean J. Miller was installed as the Pastor/Head of Staff of Potomac Presbyterian Church. They are former residents of the Chicago area.

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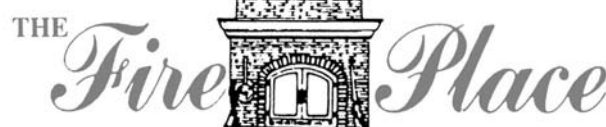


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Anthony Wilder Design/Build Unveils Fire Truck Playhouse

Project spotlights work of Rebuilding Together.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The crowd impatiently waited for the orange cover to be removed, then cheered as they grasped the full impact of the fire truck playhouse. The imaginative 10-foot high fire truck immediately captivated every child and adult at the presentation at the Anthony Wilder Design/Build (AWDB) offices in Cabin John.

AWDB co-owner Elizabeth Wilder sounded the fire truck siren as the playhouse was revealed. The playhouse is part of a fundraising partnership for AWDB and Rebuilding Together, Montgomery County (RTMC).

As part of AWDB's involvement, the firm's team of architects, designers and carpenters built the AWDB Engine #7913 in support of RTMC's mission of bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the lives of low-income homeowners.

"The RTMC Playhouse Project marks the first event of its kind for AWDB" said Elizabeth Wilder, CEO and co-owner with her husband Anthony Wilder. "We are excited to be participating in such an important initiative and hope that our playhouse will bring years of happiness and joy to a family while benefiting this important cause."

Eight architectural and building firms were selected to craft playhouses to delight and inspire children. Each firm designed and constructed an extravagant and detailed playhouse which will be on display through May 31 at the Shops at Wisconsin Place at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Western Avenue N.W. Seven playhouses will be auctioned off on Thursday, May 31 at a live auction and reception (ticketed event) from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – and the eighth playhouse will be donated to Walter Reed. Fifteen thousand dollars is needed for the



The fire truck playhouse.

Walter Reed initiative. The proceeds from the auction of the seven playhouses will benefit RTMC.

The playhouse designs are whimsical but functional. They include a Lighthouse, Castle, Mini-Mansion, Playhouse of the August Moon, Discovery Pod, Cottage, Old Time Storefront and the Fire Engine #7913.

How did AWDB Engine #7913 evolve? When deciding on a theme for their playhouse, the AWDB team was inspired by their office building at 7913 MacArthur Boulevard — a former Cabin John fire station from the 1930s. The office held a contest for the best design, and the fire truck playhouse, designed by architect Sean Mullin was the mutual selection. The entire team built the playhouse, which includes tubes to crawl through, fenders which are slides, lights that are solar powered and a real fire truck bell.

"The AWDB Engine #7913 is a tribute to the iconic fire station here at 7913 MacArthur Blvd and represents safety, com-

munity and family," said Anthony Wilder. "It has been an incredibly gratifying process to see the way our entire team has collaborated on this project. Whereas we knew it was going to be an exciting challenge, we had no idea how much fun we were going to have in the process. The entire team here at AWDB is proud to be supporting Rebuilding Together Montgomery County and their life-changing mission of helping others."

Rebuilding Together, Montgomery County is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping elderly and/or disabled low-income homeowners, and families with children through home renovation and repair. According to Susan Hawfield, director of Rebuilding Together, the organization repairs 120 homes per year, doing anything that is needed. Volunteers might install a safety bar in a bathroom, repair a leaking roof, fix a broken furnace or add a ramp for a handicapped person to be able to go in and out of their home.



Sean Mullin designed the fire truck playhouse for AWDB.

Elizabeth Wilder addresses the crowd at the unveiling.



"We do anything that is needed for as many people as possible. There are a lot of people in great need in Montgomery County," said Hawfield.

To find out more about the outstanding organization, to volunteer or donate go to www.rebuildingtogethermc.org.

The AWDB fire truck playhouse and the other seven playhouses can be previewed at www.rebuilding-hope.org. It can also be viewed at the AWDB website, <http://www.anthonywilder.com>. For general questions about Rebuilding Hope: The RTMC Playhouse Project, contact Lee Berkeley Shaw at 301-933-2700 or e-mail her at lshaw@rebuildingtogethermc.org. Tickets are \$75 to attend the May 31 live auction and reception. They can be purchased online at the above websites.

Potomac Hunt Steeplechase Race Celebrates 60th Year

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Bethesda, Potomac and Chevy Chase, the YRF has provided more than 1,400 free rental cars, 18,000 taxi rides, 9,000 free hotel nights, thousands of tickets to sporting games, concerts, plays and hours of mentoring and guidance to support the service members and particularly their families.

The partnership between the Potomac Hunt Races and the YRF was formed by Race Co-Chair and Master of the Hunt Beverley Bosselmann and her husband Rainer. As avid fox hunters, they had been involved with the Potomac Hunt since 1996. However, when their son Kirk, serving in Iraq as a Marine scout sniper was killed in Fallujah in 2004 at age 21, they decided to honor him by supporting the troops through the YRF. For the past three years, Bosselmann has arranged for the proceeds

from the Potomac Hunt Steeplechase Races to go directly to YRF. A pony race is held each year in memory of their son.

"We are expecting a bus of injured service members and their families from Bethesda Naval Hospital," said Bosselmann. "Usually we have 3,500 to 4,000 people — and we are hoping that warm, sunny weather will bring out even more. The races are a wonderful Potomac event."

Last year, eight families arrived on a bus from Walter Reed. Bosselmann met Army Specialist Chris Kurtz, a double amputee injured in Afghanistan. She escorted Kurtz and his mom to a rail where they could get a close-up view of the timber jump. Kurtz commented that he had never been to a steeplechase — but found it interesting and very exciting. His mom thought the race was terrific.

The Potomac Hunt Races is a child-friendly event which features pony rides, a moon bounce, face painting, washable tattoos and more. There will be also a presentation of colors by the Maryland National Capital Park Police, horseback riding demonstrations, and shopping on vendor row.

The races will be held at Kiplinger's Bittersweet Farm, 14401B Partnership Road in Poolesville on the afternoon of May 20. The gates open at 11 a.m. and the first race starts at 12:30 p.m. General admission parking passes to the races are \$30, and rail side parking passes are \$200.

To purchase tickets, tents, banners or vendor spaces, visit www.potomachuntraces.com. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon Fund and the many ways they serve the veterans, visit www.yellowribbonfund.com.



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Specialist Chris Kurtz who was from Walter Reed attended last year's Potomac Hunt Steeplechase Race.

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Fenton Street Market Is Opened

The Fenton Street Market will operate from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday from now through Oct. 27. The market is located in downtown Silver Spring at One Veterans Plaza, intersection of Fenton and Ellsworth streets. It will not be open on Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Sept. 22.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Alzheimer's Support Group. 7 p.m.
For Early-Stage Persons with

Dementia and their Caregivers. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. Meets at The Misler Center, located on the Terrace Level of The Ring House, 1801 East Jefferson St., Rockville. Registration required. For more information and/or to register, contact James Brigl at 301-255-4205 or jbrigl@accessjca.org.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Legislative Wrapup. 7:45 p.m. What happened during the latest legislative session in Annapolis and how will decisions by the State of Maryland

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

DBSA Support Group. 7:30 p.m.

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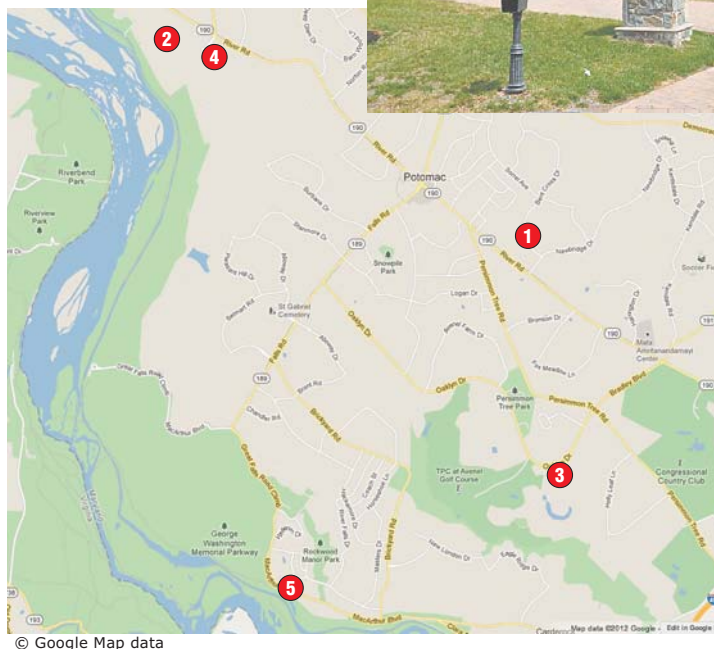
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Har Shalom Hosts 2012 Potomac Spring House Tour

Proceeds to benefit variety of charities.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

It's time for the annual 2012 Potomac Spring House Tour hosted by Har Shalom — an opportunity to stroll through five of the most elegant and exquisite homes in Potomac and Bethesda. This show features five homes that offer the tour guests a chance to view gardens, furnishings, antiques and art. It is an opportunity to view trends in decorating, architecture and landscape design.

Jack Markowitz and Joan Levenson are co-chairs of the 2012 Spring House Tour.

"We have five special homes of distinctive quality this year," said Levenson. "One of our Potomac homes has an astounding display of Staffordshire pottery and artwork done by local artists. The Renwick Gallery frequently has tours of this home."

Markowitz added, "What impressed me about this year's tour is that we have two homes that were essentially rebuilt from the ground up. What a masterful job the architects did to fit the new houses within the old footprint and community covenants, while creating a new contemporary look and feel."

In addition to Levenson and Markowitz, the honorary chair is Sari Raskin, wife of Har Shalom's Rabbi Adam Raskin. She states,

"I am thrilled to be the honorary chair of this year's Har Shalom Potomac Spring House Tour," said Sari Raskin. "The House Tour is an opportunity to showcase Har Shalom and demonstrate how the



House A.

congregation cares about and supports many local and national charitable organizations. I am excited about the event — what a great way to have fun and do good at the same time."

New this year is the "Bagel Breakfast Box" which will be for sale from 9 – 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 20 at Congregation Har Shalom. These breakfast boxes may be eaten in or taken in the car to help fuel tour participants. Breakfast boxes must be ordered by Friday, May 18 at www.potomachousetour.org or by calling 301-299-7087 x 336 and can be picked up Sunday morning along with the tour bags and maps.

According to Markowitz, "Over 150 volunteers provide the energy and resourcefulness to make the Potomac Spring House Tour a success. The proceeds benefit the many local and international charities that Har Shalom Congregation projects support." A few of these include A Wider Circle, The Children's Inn at NIH, Manna Food Center, Fisher House and Camp Caring.

House A is an adaptation of the 1998 Life Magazine Dream House design by Washington D.C. archi-

tect Hugh Newell Jacobson. This home was created in 2005 when the home's owners collaborated with Anthony Wilder Design/Build Inc. and tore down their mid-century rambler. The home features a large kitchen/dining room with Italian red lacquer cabinets, long counters and a floating glass range hood. A screened porch with an arched roof is a fabulous addition for outdoor summer entertaining.

Located in the eclectic community of Cabin John, the second house on the tour (House B) is a 6500-square-foot arts and craft style home. This home has an award-winning back yard with a pool, fireplace and built-in gas grill designed by Botanical Decorators. The home includes numerous art pieces, transitional furnishings and accent pieces and two upper levels, one with an apartment for the couple's college age son.

House C is an elegant 7500-square-foot European chateau on 2.5 acres and furnished by designer Carole Lindenberg of Potomac Designs. Many of the antique furnishings for this 6-bedroom, 8-bath home were purchased in Europe. The large country kitchen has an antique Parisian island made of Volcanic stone and



House B

the kitchen cabinetry is made of antique, limed oak. The 16th century fireplace in the family room was found outside of Paris and the wooden storage cabinet doors in the master bathroom came from London. The grounds are modeled after an English garden with French doors opening to terraces, a pergola and a swimming pool.

House D features art and crafts from all over the world. The home has a modest exterior, but the owners have collections that will delight every tour participant. A bright expansive great room and a luxurious renovated master bath filled with marble and glass are just a few highlights of this home.

Architect Douglas Soe Lin created the design for the renovation of House E. He gave the home a new look and feel. The large kitchen and dining space features solid maple cabinets and granite countertops. The deck takes the shape of the deck of a boat — with a custom designed two-story fire pit. This home in Carderock Springs is sometimes referred to as "The Pretty House."

Tickets for the tour and raffle tickets can be ordered on the House Tour website:

www.PotomacHouseTour.org, or at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. If tickets are still available on the days of the tour, they may be purchased at House A on Falstone Court near Surry Street, Somerset (Chevy Chase) or at House E (Still Spring Court near Fenway Road, Bethesda) on tour days between 9:30 am and 4 pm. Tickets will not be available at any of the other homes.

Those with an advance purchase receipt, must pick up tickets at Congregation Har Shalom. Tickets are \$25 — cash or check only if purchased on house tours days. Each purchaser will receive a 2012 Potomac Spring House Tour tote bag containing a Guide Book, disposable booties, which must be worn in the houses and a map showing the locations of the homes on the tour.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Raffle prizes include Strathmore tickets, Redskins, Nationals, and Kastles tickets, decorating services, salon services, spa treatments, restaurant gift certificates and more.

For more information, go to www.potomachousetour.org or by call 301-299-7087 x336.



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Home Life Style



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Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects, designed this Potomac patio adding a stained wood ceiling as well as kitchen appliances and a television built for outdoor use.

The Best Seats Outside the House

Local designers offer tips for creating a spectacular patio or deck.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

Warm weather means more time spent lounging by the pool or grilling on the patio. A winter-worn outdoor space can make popular warm weather pastimes less than appealing.

Creating a space that provides both comfort and style can be a daunting undertaking. Local designers are offering suggestions for creating a luxurious retreat fit for relaxing or outdoor entertaining.

When a home's interior flows effortlessly into its outdoor surroundings, a patio or deck becomes an extension of the house. "Accessories are now focused on bringing indoor luxuries outside," said McLean-based designer Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean. "Outdoor furniture is now made larger and more comfortable, and outdoor fabrics are more beautiful than ever. We're really able to match the outside more closely to a home's interior."

Lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers are among the trendiest alfresco accents. Outdoor rugs deliver an instant elegant impact. "Another nice luxury is an outdoor articulating fan," said Munn. "Those work twofold. They keep you and your guest cool and keep mosquitoes away."

INDULGENCE WAS THE THEME on a Potomac patio designed by Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects. He furnished the space with kitchen appliances and a television, all built for outdoor use, and topped it with a stained wood ceiling. "It's like having a living room outdoors," said Rill. "The spaces are con-

nected to the outside, while also protected from the elements."

When designing the patio of an Alexandria home, Landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporated flowers in bursts of color. "I see the use of bold colors being the trend," he said.

Wlodarczyk said that growers are developing "designer" flowers in hues that span the color spectrum. He has a penchant for coneflowers, which bloom throughout the summer and come in varieties with names like hot lava, gumdrop and Maui sunshine.

David Watkins, a Fairfax Station resident and manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax, Gainesville and Merrifield agrees that brightly colored blooms pack a powerful punch. "We're adding vibrant colors to landscapes with flowers like knockout roses and endless summer hydrangeas," he said.

The trend extends to patio furniture. "We're going from patio umbrellas and chair cushions in browns and blacks to colors like magenta," said Watkins.

TO MAKE A PATIO or deck child-friendly, Nancy Towmey, principal designer of Finnian's Moon Interiors, an Alexandria-based firm, suggests weather-proof storage ottomans and child-sized tables and chairs.

"Kids like to be comfortable just like everybody else," she said. "Ottomans are great for holding their toys."

Don't skimp when it comes to quality. "I would encourage people to buy something decent. It is usually worth the money to invest in something decent," she said.

Gina Benincasa, landscape designer with D&A Dunlevy Landscapers, Inc. says that when building the patio of a McLean home recently, her team paid particular attention to the foundation. "Trendier patios are now very detailed and use all different kinds of stone like limestone and travertine stone," she said. "Adding a pebbled mosaic as part of the patio or in some cases the whole patio is really decorative and can give it a European feel."

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— David Watkins, Fairfax Station



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'A Night in Paris' at Walt Whitman

The Walt Whitman Fashion Show, "A Night in Paris," took place on Friday, May 4 in the school's auditorium. Twenty student designers created individual collections and formed teams of students to model each garment on the runway.



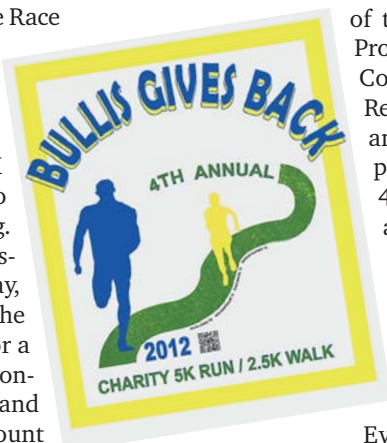
Students take to the stage at the Walt Whitman Fashion Show.

'Bullis Gives Back' Returns

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Families will enjoy the 2.5 Fun Run/Walk, and children aged 5 and under will have an opportunity to participate in a 400 meter fun-run and games led by Bullis students. This family event will include post-race food, music and a raffle which includes an iPad 3 as the grand prize. Julie Wright and Tucker Barnes of FOX5NEWS will be the Race Emcees. Carson's MIX 107.3 is also a race promoter.

To register for the "Bullis Gives Back" 5K or 2.5 mile walk, go to www.bullisgivesback.org. On-line pre-race registration closes on Friday, May 18 at midnight. The minimum donation for a participant is \$25. Sponsorships are available and donations of any amount and donations in-kind are welcomed. Race check-in, packet and t-shirt pick-up will take place at 8:30 a.m. on May 20 at the Bullis Stadium. The free 400m Fun Run will take place at 9:30



a.m., the pre-race warm-up at 9:45 a.m. and the 5K race at 10 a.m. with the 2.5K walk starting at 10:05 a.m. Race awards and the raffle drawing are at 10:45 AM. Please note that the 5K run and the 2.5K walk will take place on the Bullis School cross-country course which is not suitable for pets, strollers or wheelchairs.

Some of the major sponsors of the event are DARCARS, Progressive Spinal, The Halle Companies, First Potomac Realty Trust, Potomac Pizza and Mama Lucia, which has pledged to give the first 400 runners who register a \$10 dining gift card. Many other businesses have agreed to help sponsor the race, including Whole Foods, Coldwell Banker and Flagship Car Wash.

Event co-chairs DePandi, Roslyn Tavel and Debbie Friedlander are hoping to raise even more than the \$26,000 netted last year. "Every year our goal is to make the race bigger — and better for our charities," said Depandi.

Ahmad Receives Potter Award

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decided to remain in the U.S. to establish his own company. He now resides in Potomac with his wife Sajida, son, daughter-in-law and three of his grandchildren.

MCMF members believe in giving back in every way they can. In April, they collected 17,000 pounds of food for Manna Food Center. On Thanksgiving, holiday dinners, toys and clothing were delivered to more than 200 needy Montgomery County families. This past year, they fed almost 1,000 people at the Community for Creative Non-Violence in Washington D.C. during Ramadan. They also prepared three meals a day and collected clothing for Sophia House in Rockville. Throughout the year, the group works with community partners to eliminate hunger, provide senior assistance and help with community development projects in education, legal assistance and health care. They also supply transportation to medical clinics and to community centers for the elderly.

Ahmad has been leading charitable

projects since MCMF was founded. "We have found that our projects are easier because we all pitch in. We involve the entire family. Our children are very proud of being able to help the community they live in through their faith. They are proud to be Americans and feel very satisfied helping others," he said.

"Since I retired in 2000, not one day goes by that I do not volunteer. I am just happy that I can help members of the community to have a better life — and make our community a better place." Ahmad believes that helping the poor gives the community an insight into the faith of Islam. "Our feeling is that what we have done so far has changed many people who now realize that Muslims are the same as they are. Basically, we are all the same."

He is grateful for the Path of Achievement Award. "By giving the award to me, you are acknowledging the contributions of the Muslims in Montgomery County. And that is a great thing."



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From left are Cortney Jenkins, Everett Scandlen and Rollin Scandlen.

On the Carousel

Glen Echo Park opened for the season on Saturday, April 28. Visitors flocked to the carousel.



David Klevan and his daughter Maizie Klevan at the park.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

Guitarist Zane Forshee. 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 or call 301-581-5100.

Spinning Event. 6:45 p.m. At ZenGo Fitness, 4866 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda. Take a 45-minute spinning or barre class to benefit Hope Connections for Cancer Support. For \$45, you can participate in either class, enjoy some post-class food and beverage, and win some great door prizes.

Networking Event. 4 to 6 p.m. With The Potomac Chamber of Commerce. At 10701 Falls Road, Potomac. Cost is \$10/chamber members; \$15/non-members. Cash bar available. Normandie Farm is providing hors d'oeuvres. To reserve your place, call 301-299-2170 or go to www.potomacchamber.org. RSVP by May 7.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Pizzarelli Quartet and Kurt Elling. 8 p.m. Featuring Double Exposure, John Pizzarelli's latest recording on Telarc. Tickets are \$28-\$68. At The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100.

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 or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Potomac Toddlers. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers 12 to 36 months and their caregivers. No registration required. At Potomac Library.

Debussy Piano Recital. 7:30 p.m. Pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Featuring Katie Mahan, piano; Deux Arabesques; Estampes; L'isle joyeuse and Preludes Livre II. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

MAY 10, 11, 12

"Patience," a Comic Operetta. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. By Gilbert and Sullivan. Staged by students from Herbert Hoover Middle School Theater and directed by theatre teacher Pamela Leighton-Bilik. At The Tilden Center, 6300 Tilden Lane, Rockville. Contact Pamela Leighton-Bilik, 301-469-1010 or Pamela_L_Bilik@mcpsmd.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

"From Bima to Broadway." 9 p.m. Gala in honor of Cantor, Marshall Kapell's 10th Anniversary at Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac. He will be joined by two cantors from



Bethesda Fine Arts Is May 12 & 13

The Bethesda Urban Partnership and the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announce the ninth annual Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, a two-day event highlighting 140 contemporary artists who will sell their original fine art and fine craft. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 13, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Artists from throughout the country representing 25 states and Canada will showcase painting, drawing, photography, furniture, jewelry, mixed media, wood and ceramics. Sunshine Artist ranked the 2008 Bethesda Fine Arts Festival the 78th Best Festival in the U.S. and Best Show in Maryland and Washington, D.C. This outdoor festival brings unique fine crafted products right to the streets for Bethesda area residents and visitors to enjoy an exceptional shopping experience.

The event will be held in downtown Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle along Norfolk, Auburn, Del Ray and Cordell Avenues, and will feature live entertainment, children's activities and Bethesda restaurants including Häagen Dazs, BlackFinn American Saloon, Mamma Lucia, Hard Times Cafe and Yamas Mediterranean Grill.

Admission to the Bethesda Fine Arts Festival is free. The festival is located six blocks from the Bethesda Metro station and free parking is available adjacent to the event in the parking garage located on Auburn Avenue. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

local synagogues — Cantors Elisheva Dienstrey, from Agudas Achim in Alexandria, and Cantor Josh Perlman, from B'nai Israel in Rockville. The concert will feature a selection of Broadway tunes and some modern Jewish liturgical music. Following the concert, there will be a blow-out Grande After-Party, with DJ Julian from New York Entertainment, desserts, open bar and dancing. B'nai Tzedek is located at 10621 South Glen Rd., Potomac. Call 301-299-0225, www.bnaitzedek.org

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Featuring the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. For more information go to <http://tomcunningham.com/> or <http://www.glenchopark.org/>.

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 11 a.m. Enjoy a lovely lunch and fashion Show presented by CABL. The clothes can be order and 10 percent of sales will be donated Stepping Stone Center. Tickets \$50. Contact 703 319-3415 or frita18@aol.com for more tickets and info. At Congressional Country Club, 8500 River Road, Potomac.

Design Seminar. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hopkins & Porter, Inc. will be offering "How to Fall in Love with Your Home Again," a free design and remodeling seminar. This seminar will include a complimentary lunch with time to discuss your own project with staff. The workshop will provide informal no-obligation discussions with Hopkins

& Porter designers. Space is limited to 15 participants per session, so RSVPs are a must. Call Debbie at 301-840-9121, #27 to reserve a space or email her at debbie@hopkinsandporter.com.

Peerless Rockville Homes & Hospitality Tour. 1 to 5 p.m. Features a variety of beautiful and historic homes along with the newly renovated Pump House in the East End of Rockville and includes music, refreshments, and an opportunity to mingle with local public officials. Advance tickets are \$18 members; \$22 nonmembers. Tickets may be purchased at www.peerlessrockville.org, by calling 301-762-0096, or at Peerless Rockville, Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square, Rockville.

National Philharmonic Singers. 8 p.m. Free. Special guests will include the Chamber Singers of Landon School under the direction of Tad Cavuoti. At Christ Episcopal Church, 107 South Washington St., Rockville. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org, e-mail victoria@nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-493-9283, ext. 116.

Pianist Andre Watts. 8 p.m. Marin Alsop Leads the BSO and Pianist André Watts in Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Tickets range from \$25 to \$108 and are available through the BSO Ticket Office, 410-783-8000 or BSOmusic.org.

Fitness for the Heart Fitness Fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free activities

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FINE ARTS

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.

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.

APRIL 29 TO 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 or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.

MAY 8 TO JUNE 2

The Wondrous Lotus. Photographs by Duncan Whitaker and New Work by Gallery Artists. Reception: Friday, May 11, from 6-9 p.m. Meet the Artist: Saturdays, May 12, 19 and 26 and June 2, 2 - 4 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441



MAY 12 AND MAY 13

Paintings by Eric Garner. Maryland artist Eric Garner will present recent acrylic on canvas paintings at the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park. The gallery is open from noon - 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon - 5 p.m. Sunday. A reception for the artist is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the gallery. This exhibition depicts scenes recalling childhood drawings and the work of untrained artists. The images are decomposed into pixels of color, recalling the evolution of video gaming and display screen technology.

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include fitness screenings and assessments, fitness demos, face painting, food and sidewalk sales, giveaways: pedometers and Mother's Day roses. Appropriate for all ages. At Potomac Place, intersection of Falls and River Road, Potomac.

Haskell Small Piano Concert. 8 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Washington Conservatory of Music. Small will present a diverse program, performing two masterpieces of the classical repertoire — Bach's Partita in G Major, BWV829, and Schubert's Sonata in B-flat Major, D 960 — as well as two contemporary works: Toccata No. 1 (2007) by Colombian composer Edgar Ordóñez and Small's own Visions of Childhood (2011). At Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Massachusetts and Western Avenues. Call 301-320-2770 and www.washingtonconservatory.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 13

Washington Family Dance. 3 to 5 p.m. Brendan Taaffe will call, play, and lead the dancing, in a special Mother's day edition of the family dance. Admission is \$5. No dancing experience is necessary — the dances are taught for ages 4 and up, with a focus on having fun! Go to www.fsgw.org and click on "Family", or contact Penelope Weinberger at dance@fsgw.org or 301-315-9461. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo.

Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party. 3 to 6 p.m. dancing; 3 to 3:30 p.m. introductory cajun lesson. Admission is

\$15. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingByTheBayou.com.

New River Center Guide Training. 2:30 p.m. At River Center at Lock 8, Cabin John.

Canal Stewards and Wildflower Walk. 9 a.m. to noon. At River Center at Lock 8, Cabin John.

Supreme Court Discussion. 10:25 a.m. State Sen. Jamie Raskin will discuss "Plan B for Corporations: Challenging the Supreme Court's Citizens United Decision and Building Benefit Corporations." At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation (RRUUC), 6301 River Road, Bethesda; visit www.rruuc.org, 301-229-0400.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Legislative Wrapup. 7:45 to 10 p.m. What happened during the latest legislative session in Annapolis and how will decisions by the State of Maryland affect Montgomery County in general and you in particular? Come to the next monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) to hear the presentation by two of your elected representatives, one from the Senate and one from the House of Delegates. Meeting place: the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Visit www.montgomerycivic.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too!). 10 a.m. to noon. At Rockville Town Square. Mommy & Me (& Daddy Too!) on the Square meets for a special morning out on the third Tuesday of

each month, with active learning and creative play at all your favorite stores! There are lunch specials, story time, arts & crafts, sing-a-longs, prizes, and a whole lot more! Visit <http://rockilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me>

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 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 or 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. 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. Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Contact Matt Folden at mfolden@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8509.

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"I'm Fine"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Mostly. All things considered, and as a stage IV (terminal) lung cancer patient, it's impossible – for me, to not consider all things.

What I'm considering in this column is how – and why – I typically respond to well-meaning inquiries regarding my health. Generally speaking, I'm not going to give any in-depth answers to most people who ask. I am happy to provide a relatively curt, but courteous answer. I'm not inclined (nor do I feel the need) to give any unsuspecting – or even a suspecting and sincere questioner, both barrels: diagnosis, prognosis, appointments, scan results, treatment protocol, etc. It's "T.M.I." It's not that I'm uncomfortable or even unwilling – or unable to respond in this kind of detail, it's more that I'm unenthusiastic. I'd really rather, unless compelled by a particularly persistent person, to not bother/bore anybody with chapter and verse about how I got to where I am. It's not exactly that I don't feel it's anybody's business (obviously I do, given the content of my weekly column), it's more that I'm selfish, sort of. My delusion is, the less I talk about having cancer, the less serious my circumstances are. It's a reworked version of George Costanza's advice to Jerry Seinfeld on how to beat a lie-detector test: "It's not a lie, if you believe it." If I don't blather on about it (having cancer), it's not that serious. Alternatively, the more I talk about it, the more believable it becomes and the more inevitable are the consequences. If I don't give it life (by talking about it), perhaps it dies and I don't.

Don't get me wrong, I will talk about having cancer (I certainly write about it enough), but it doesn't really bring me the kind of joy that most opportunities to talk about oneself generally do. Oh sure, I have a pretty good story to tell; having outlived my original prognosis by years, but perhaps the less said, the better. Sometimes I feel as if I'm flying under the radar and the fact that I was diagnosed with incurable, stage IV lung cancer in February, 2009 has slipped through the cracks somehow and been forgotten. To that end, as much as possible – in public, I try not to dwell on having cancer. I have it. Next. If I don't publicize it, maybe I don't hasten its apparently delayed effect.

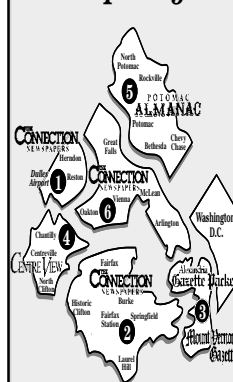
There's so much that goes on, psychologically – in my head, when it comes to having cancer. Accepting it is one thing – which I've done, but being victimized by it is quite another and something I will not allow. Of course I have some physical issues that prevent me living a "normal" life, but I view them more as opportunities to make the best of a bad situation rather than making the worst of it. Where's the future in that? There isn't, at least in my strategic plan. And though I joke about pretending and being in denial about having cancer; the truth is, I'm quite comfortable with my circumstances – and my attitude. I really am "fine" with all of it.

Sometimes, most times in fact, I'd simply rather not talk about it. I'd rather talk about something else, anything else. It's actually therapeutic to do so. Thanks for asking though, but not for the reason you might think. Oddly enough, though it's a question I realize will be asked, as often as not, it provides me an opportunity to give an answer that you might not expect: it's not always about me, and it shouldn't be, in spite of my circumstances. Life goes on – for all of us, and that's what interests me.

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Churchill Boys' Lax Storms Back Against Watkins Mill

Bulldogs enter postseason as top seed in 4A/3A West.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC



Churchill sophomore Matt Moshyedi, seen earlier this season, scored a career-high five goals against Watkins Mill on May 7.

Having already secured the top playoff seed in the 4A/3A West Region and holding a clear advantage in talent, the Churchill boys' lacrosse team played the first quarter-and-a-half of Monday's regular season finale against Watkins Mill in uninspired fashion.

The Bulldogs went scoreless for the first 18 minutes, head coach Jeff Fritz pulled the starters as a wake-up call and Watkins Mill led 3-0 with six minutes remaining in the opening half.

"We definitely came out with the mentality [of], 'Oh, yeah, this team is not as good as us, we don't have to show up,'" junior attackman Matt Leonard said. "It's kind of a wake-up call when you're down 3-0 and you're like, 'Oh, we've got to step up.' When Coach Fritz took the starters out, it kind of woke us up."

While things started poorly for Churchill,

the Bulldogs ended the game playing like a No. 1 seed. Coming out of a timeout, Churchill freshman Louis Dubick scored back-to-back goals, sparking a 15-0 run that sent the Bulldogs into the postseason with a 15-3 victory against the Wolverines on May 7 in Montgomery Village.

Churchill led 6-3 at halftime and cruised to victory. While the Bulldogs were able to overcome a slow start, sophomore Matt Moshyedi, who scored a career-high five goals, said Churchill might not be so fortunate in the postseason.

"Once we get to playoffs, if we come out slow like that, teams are going to jump on us and we might be in too big of a hole," Moshyedi said. "But that second half [against Watkins Mill] definitely is going to propel us through the playoffs, and we're hoping to send a message and I think the score will definitely help us with that."

Leonard scored three goals for Churchill. Dubick, a freshman, finished with 10 points (3 goals, 7 assists), which is believed to tie a single-game school record.

"Our offense is very simple: once we get clicking, we really get going," Dubick said. "It just takes one or two goals to get us started and then we kind of find our rhythm."

Churchill enters the postseason with an 11-2 record, the No. 1 seed in the 4A/3A West bracket and received a first-round bye. The Bulldogs will host the winner No. 8 Paint Branch and No. 9 Whitman on Friday, May 11 in the quarterfinals. Churchill could potentially face Whitman, Wootton and Walter Johnson on its path to a region title. The Bulldogs beat Whitman by two, Walter Johnson by five and lost to Wootton in overtime.

Fritz said the Bulldogs expect to get an opponent's best effort every game.

"We've had the bull's-eye all year long," he said. "I think we've got everybody's best game all year long. People have been bringing it for us all year. We're fine with that; we expect it. It comes with being one of the top teams."

Churchill last reached the state tournament in 2002.

Churchill Girls' Lax Enters Playoffs as No. 2 Seed

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

With leading scorer Mairin Hall sidelined due to illness, the Churchill girls' lacrosse team closed the regular season with a 17-7 victory against Watkins Mill on May 7 in Montgomery Village. While the Bulldogs still had more than enough to get past the Wolverines, Churchill wasn't so fortunate against Quince Orchard three days earlier.

With nine players — including Hall — sidelined with the flu or other ailments, Churchill suffered a 12-10 loss to the Cougars, only Churchill's second loss to a Montgomery County opponent since 2010. While the Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 10-2 record and most of their players are expected

back for the postseason, the last week has shown Churchill's potential path to a region championship might be bumpier than in past years.

In 2010 and 2011, the Bulldogs entered the postseason as the top seed in the 4A/3A West Region and went on to win the region crown in each season. This year, Churchill is the No. 2 seed behind Sherwood. The teams did not meet in the regular season.

"I think we've had a solid season so far — definitely very solid," senior Maddy Flax said after Churchill defeated Watkins Mill on Monday. "The last two weeks or so have been rough. We've had a lot of sickness, a lot of bugs going around, so it's kind of stalled everything. But this was a turning point for us and our little slump. We're going to turn it around and come in really

strong for playoffs. ...

"[Losing to Quince Orchard was] definitely a wakeup call. You kind of live in this little reality where you're winning all your games and you're like, 'Wow, what just happened?' But it's important for us to use it as a lesson and go from there."

As the No. 2 seed, Churchill received a first-round bye and will face the winner of No. 7 Wootton and No. 10 Paint Branch on Friday, May 11 in the quarterfinals. The Bulldogs defeated Wootton, 22-14, on April 25 and Paint Branch, 20-6, on March 28.

"We can't just be good, we have to be great," head coach Christen Gjeldum said. "That will take us through the playoffs. If we settle for good and don't come out like ourselves, then we're in trouble. I know we can beat any team, but we have to come out wanting it. ... The only people that can beat us are ourselves."

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Maddy Flax and the Churchill girls' lacrosse team enter the postseason as the 4A/3A West Region's No. 2 seed.

Wootton's Keenen Has Big Day in Defeat

Junior second baseman Brett Keenen jacked a three-run homer in the bottom of the second inning on May 5, clearing a path for the Wootton baseball team to capture a senior day victory over Blake. The Patriots led 5-0 and starting pitcher John Stoeber was cruising.

But things quickly went south for the Patriots, who surrendered six runs in the third — including a grand slam — en route to an 11-8 loss at Wootton High School.

Keenen finished 3 for 4 with a

home run, a double to the fence in left-center and four RBIs, but struggles on the mound and five fielding errors doomed the Patriots.

"We just made too many mistakes," Wootton head coach J.D. Marchand said. "Stoeber did a nice job pitching, he just hung a couple balls up there, which they were able to hit two home runs off of, [including] one grand slam."

"[Keenen] did well. That was his first home run over the fence. He struggled a little bit at second base, but overall he swung the bat well

today and that's what we needed, we just couldn't carry it over."

Stoeber suffered the loss, allowing nine runs — eight earned — on six hits while walking three and striking out seven over five innings. Ben Hindman allowed two unearned runs in two innings of relief.

At the plate, Glenn Woolshlager went 2 for 4 with a home run and two RBIs. Hindman was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Matt Hsiung and Boaz Ru each had one hit.

"Our pitching's been pretty solid all year long," Marchand said. "We're hitting the ball consistently. We put up [eight] runs today, you would hope that would be enough."

The loss dropped Wootton's record to 10-7. The Patriots were scheduled to host Paint Branch on May 7. Results were not available prior to The Almanac's deadline. Wootton will conclude the regular season at Wheaton on Wednesday, May 9.

— JON ROETMAN



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Wootton second baseman Brett Keenen went 3 for 4 with a home run and four RBIs during a May 5 loss to Blake at Wootton High School.

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