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Karil Billings and Caroline Brown sell tickets to the Strawberry Festival last weekend at Potomac United Methodist Church. Brown is the festival's longest-serving volunteer.

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NEWS

Promoting Stroke Awareness

Stroke victims to speak at Spring Fashion Show at Old Angler's Inn.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

What do you do if someone you are with suddenly has a drooping face, cannot raise their arm, speak clearly or understand you when you are speaking to them? Immediately call 911 — because these are the primary symptoms of a stroke. FAST is the acronym that one needs to remember — a mnemonic used to help detect and enhance responsiveness to a stroke victim's needs. It stands for:

Face drooping
Arm weakness or
Speech difficulty
Time to call 911.

According to data from The Stroke Center, strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S. behind heart disease and cancer. Someone dies every 3.3 seconds from a stroke. Seven hundred thousand individuals are affected each year by strokes.

Potomac's Old Angler's Inn will host a Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on May 29, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Besides featuring the latest in fashion from Bloomingdales and a display of gifts for purchase, the event will focus on women's stroke awareness and will present three local women who are currently recovering from strokes. These women will discuss their rehabilitation at Med Star National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) and speak to the audience about their lives before and after their strokes.

Sara Reges, owner of Old Angler's Inn, is also a nurse at Med Star NRH in the Brain Injury Unit. She and her husband Mark are proud to host this event at their restaurant: "I am so excited to honor these three amazing stroke survivors. As a nurse I was there when they arrived at NRH with sudden paralysis and no or limited ability to communicate. Then after months of rehabilitation, excellent care and love of family they are able to talk, walk and drive. They are amazing examples of courage, determination and all encouraging staff and families."

Linda Greenberg had her stroke two years ago at age 60. She was healthy and active with no history of heart disease. "I was out to lunch with my husband and it just came on," she said. "The staff at the National Rehabilitation Hospital really got me going. I was in speech therapy, OT and PT for six hours a day. It was grueling — the hardest thing I have ever done — and I still have more to do. The culture at NRH is simply amazing. Everyone knows your name and says hello to you as you walk down the



Sara Reges, owner of Old Angler's Inn, with stroke patient Alison Galbreath.

corridors — and they continually cheer you on as you make small steps towards regaining speech, walking or even driving. I am so impressed with their relentless rehabilitation.

"I had the most wonderful PT — Liz Marre. My husband had a bronze plaque made for her of me in a wheelchair with her behind me with angel wings and it says, 'The Stroke Whisperer,' a name he dubbed her. We are so grateful for giving my life back to me."

Alison Galbreath was only 45 when she had her stroke March 17, 2012. Her right side, motor skills and speech were affected. The mother of four children was living a healthy lifestyle, exercising frequently and running — but she had an excruciating headache for several days. "I wasn't going to let it get me down — or miss out on anything," Galbreath said. "I pretty much ignored it. But then I had the stroke. The most difficult part was seeing my kids, but not being able to hug them or talk to them. I have made remarkable progress, although speech and writing are still difficult for me."

She still goes to rehab twice a week at NRH. "I'm continuing to work hard at recovering the ability to do a lot of the things I like to do," she said. "It's a challenge but Med Star NRH has been an unbelievable help and support to me — as well as to my family. You can just imagine how devastated they were after I had my stroke — but they are with me 110 percent."

When Allison O'Reilly suffered a stroke in the fall of 2010, she had no idea what was happening to her. Several months later, she struggled to regain her physical strength and movement and she couldn't speak a word. She was "locked in." Surgeons at the time told her she would never be the same person again. She and her husband Kevin responded with two simple words that they would carry with them: "Not acceptable."

"You know what is going on, but you can't communicate," said O'Reilly. "You can just blink your eye. NRH gave me a fighting chance. They are the most wonderful people and I'm so fortunate to have been able to go there."

To register for the Fashion Show and Luncheon, go to <http://medstarnrh-fashionshow.eventbrite.com/> or email PRD921@aol.com or call 202-877-1756. Tickets are \$50 or one can purchase a table for 10 for \$1000. Donations are welcome at <http://www.firstgiving.com/nrh/FashionShow>.

SCHOOL NOTES

Alan Pugh was recently honored with a Louis B. Perry Summer Research Grant, allowing Pugh to do collaborative research with a professor at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Pugh will be working with Assistant Professor of Psychology Pavel Blagdov on testing hypotheses regarding the differential links between boldness, meanness and disinhibition in the psychopathic personality. Pugh is the son of Graham Pugh and Kelly Ellison and a 2010 graduate of Wootton High School. He is currently a rising senior psychology major at Whitman College.

Strawberry Spectacular

Annual event held at Potomac United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 18.

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Jordan Czerwiec (left) and Zac Wallace.



From left: Jordan Czerwiec paints the faces of Noah Guiterman and Sam Pozefsky.



Kory (left) and Kerry Billings dip strawberries in chocolate for sale.



Kim Rehmann (left) and Tracy Spencer sell flowers.



From left: Hope, Justin and Jeff Hetrick.



Elise Scott, Chief Leaf at Pearl Fine Teas, is a vendor at the festival.

Modernizing PES

Plans underway for new school building, last to be modernized in Churchill cluster.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Potomac Elementary School will have a new building by January 2018, without delay.

"That's just not an option in this county. It will get done," said Craig Shuman, director of construction for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Montgomery County Public Schools and Moseley Architects held six worksessions this winter and spring to elicit feedback from the public and school community.

The final presentation to Principal Dr. Linda Goldberg and the Potomac PTA and community was held Wednesday, May 15, at the school.

The top three proposals all are located at the current site on River Road.

"The preferred option is a preference for good reason and the board takes that into consideration," said Jim Tokar, project manager.

The school system and Moseley were asked to look at the feasibility of moving Potomac Elementary to Brickyard Road, but Moseley and the school system ranked that choice at the bottom, fourth of four options, after gathering public input.



Jim Tokar, project manager for the Potomac Elementary modernization, at a community meeting on May 15.



Jim Henderson of Moseley Architects

Approximately 25 people attended the meeting.

CAPACITY AT POTOMAC Elementary is 424, with current enrollment at 496, according to MCPS documents. The school has portable classrooms to accommodate its needs.

Enrollment is projected to reduce to 477 next year and 463 in 2014-15. Enrollment is projected to be 475 when the new build-

ing is opened in January 2018.

The new building is anticipated to have a capacity of 640, according to the architects.

While the current preferred option shows only one entrance to the school from River Road, architects hope State Highway will approve two entrances, one to be used for car queues and the other for buses, to maximize safety.

If the Board of Education chooses to remodel Potomac Elementary on site, students will attend school at the Radnor Holding Center on Radnor Road in Bethesda during construction.

Preliminary designs are available at the school web site.

Montgomery County Public Schools will next conduct a cost study, which should be completed by the fall before moving forward.

POTOMAC IS THE LAST school to be modernized in the Winston Churchill High School cluster, according to CIP documents.

Herbert Hoover Middle School is scheduled to be completed this August.

Beverly Farms Elementary was completed in January 2013.

Wayside Elementary School is scheduled to be completed in August of 2016.

GETTING AROUND

Dick Hagen and 'Hawaii:' Potomac Hunt Race Heroes

A loose horse adds drama to 61st annual race program.

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

Headed down the half-mile homestretch, going hell bent for leather toward the finish line, were six race horses and their jockeys all vying for the Labadie Mill Perpetual Trophy, a mile and a half flat race for ladies only.

It was the fifth race of the Potomac Hunt's 61st annual race program. It was not exactly billed as the featured event, or the most exciting. That was soon to change.

About a quarter of a mile into the race, going around the first bend, "Sir Gus," lost his rider and became a loose horse. One reason outriders are posted throughout the nearly four-mile course is to protect other riders, horses, and spectators from a loose horse that might run amok. It is also why outriders are chosen for their horsemanship ability and their mounts capability.

In a flash, "Sir Gus" took off down the home stretch, going in the opposite direction. The remaining entries continued on course with a mile-and-a-quarter to go before they would cross the finish line. As any racing fan knows, it doesn't take long for a racing horse to go a mile. Certainly outrider Richard "Dick" Hagen, honorary whipper-in for Potomac Hunt, knew immediately what could transpire.

Seemingly, within seconds, astride his big, gray horse "Hawaii," he reached and clutched the reins of "Sir Gus" who by then was galloping flat out toward the finish line ... going the wrong way.

Holding his own reins and that of the frantic runaway, the three of them were running at break-neck speed toward where the others would be headed. Four thousand hunt racing fans must have held a collective breath as Hagen managed to steer his wayward charge, after passing the judge's



Dick Hagen, honorary whipper-in for Potomac Hunt, and his horse, "Hawaii," were the heroes of the day at the 61st running of the Potomac Hunt races.

stand, from one side of the home stretch to the other, in a matter of seconds. It seemed more like minutes.

He reined in "Sir Gus" and "Hawaii" as close as possible to the far side fence line away from the racing pack. As the trio approached a timber jump going away from the racing horses headed to the finish line, he wedged the spooked horse between the wing of the jump and the fence line to stop him.

Free from their burden, Hagen and "Hawaii" turned themselves around and headed back down the home stretch where a spontaneous roaring applause came from 4,000 spectators of whom 3,999 couldn't imagine how he did it. They however could imagine what catastrophe could have taken place if there had been a head-on collision. Fortunately, no horses or riders were injured. "Royal Fling Shot," ridden by Keri Brion, was the eventual winner followed by Zoe Valvo on "Triton Light."

"It's his first caught horse," Hagen re-



Bob Hanson, a member of Potomac Hunt since 1931, is with friends Gerane Sever and Jayne Boynton (right) at their tailgate luncheon. Sever's granddaughter, Jackie Kempa, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" to open the day's program.



Missy Lankler, a member of the trophy committee, holds the Seneca Valley Perpetual Cup awarded to owner-rider David Benson, winner of the Preakness Novice Timber Race.

marked, while receiving congratulations for the heroic effort from spectators hanging over the fence. "Hawaii" just hung his head.

The Preakness Open Hurdle race once again had the crowd's roaring approval. Sara Colette's "Wahoo", ridden by Darren

Nagle, edged out by Randy Rouse's "Hishi Soar" at the finish line. It was so close announcer Will O'Keefe, pronounced "Wahoo" the winner "by a nostril." It was jockey Nagle's second win of the day as he had previously ridden William Pate's "Nation Builder" to capture the featured Preakness Open Timber.

It was also a second pinning for owner Colette. Her "Vladykov" placed fourth in the Alice Keech Perpetual Plate, a maiden hurdle race for three year olds. The winning trophy went to Magalen Bryant's, "Lea Von."

The Kiplinger family, Austin, Knight and Knight's wife, Anne, presented the Travilah Perpetual Cup trophy to 15-year-old Zoe Valvo astride Niki Valvo's "Questioning." The flat race is open to amateurs, 15 to 18 years old.

On the May 19 race day, the Kiplingers were among a multitude of others, hosting traditional tailgate offerings for many
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Peter Hitchen, Jr., MFH, Potomac Hunt, was among the many race day officials who circumnavigated the four-mile race course to assure rules and regulations from horse and riders were followed.



There was entertainment for all at the Potomac Hunt races. Andy Marchwicki, driving his John Deere tractor, took trailer loads of young and old around the perimeter of the race course throughout the day-long event.



What's a horse race without a bookie? This one had them standing in line at his tote board.

GETTING AROUND



Many years ago, "he taught me how to work," John Libeau, left, said about his friend, Leonard Proctor, a member of the Potomac Hunt race day hospitality committee. The two are at the judge's stand.



PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT/THE ALMANAC

Austin Kiplinger welcomed members of the Maryland Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division, to the Potomac Hunt races. The police demonstrations included training methods used for their horses. They invited children attending the races to participate. Seated astride are Sgt. Tippery on "Tucker", Officer Jones on "Hondo", Officer Benden on "McCoven" and Ofc. Adcock on "Vanna."

Potomac Hunt

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friends. It was a prelude to more excitement for the family next week. Knight and Ann Kiplinger's daughter, Daphne, will marry Dave Steadman. The May 26 wedding will take place in the family red barn, throughout the years the scene of many colorful square dances at the family's historic River Road home, Montevideo.

"There will be rows and rows of wooden chairs and twinkle lights," the proud father-to-be said. On the lawn, following the ceremony, Knight said there will be games of croquet, Bocce ball and Corn Hole following the ceremony. He didn't mention if the bride will have changed from her wedding gown. The wedding dinner will later take place under a big tent.

You can bet there will be lots of singing at the event. Both Daphne and Dave met while singing in the Washington Chorus as Knight and Ann did, "34 years ago."

"It's the second wedding for us in eight months," Knight said. Their son, Brigham, and his wife, Eliza, were married last October.

Drizzle and clouds gave way to sporadic sunshine throughout Potomac Hunt's race day. The dozens of volunteers producing the event, including the hunts four jtMFHs, Beverley Bosselmann, Vicki and Skip

Crawford and Peter Hitchen were assisted by nearly 50 more volunteers to produce the eight race program that ended with pony races. Once again, part of the proceeds from the races were donated to the Yellow Ribbon Fund, an organization that supports returning wounded service members.



Race Steward, Randy Rouse and Kara Menze, a member of Rouse's equine staff, were among the 4,000 hunt race enthusiasts at the May 19 event held at the Kiplinger family's "Bittersweet Field." Rouse, MFH Fairfax (VA) Hunt, recently celebrated his 96th birthday.



Creative tailgate displays ranged from elegant to humorous. Toot your own horn was encouraged at the Farnsworth and Reese gathering. Above, Bubba and Kaja Farnsworth and Liz Reese are in the entrance.

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Keisha and Scotty Sherman's company Simply Delicious Desserts has been with the family four generations. The day begins with baking breads at 2 a.m. Sherman creates pies with 50 pounds of rhubarb every morning. "I'll be crazy until September," she said.

Emily Starck works with Lydia's Field at Wheatland, a new farm in its first full season and first at the Potomac Farmers Market which operates Thursday afternoons from May through October. "There are few venues where you ask questions directly to the who make your food," she said. She plans to bring 53 varieties of heirloom tomatoes this summer.

Eating Fresh and Local Potomac Farmers Market, every Thursday, for vegetables.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Corey McCleaf will bring 33 varieties of fruit to the Potomac Farmer's Market this summer.

Emily Starck will sell 53 varieties of heirloom tomatoes during the farmer's market season, which runs Thursday afternoons from May through October at Potomac United Methodist Church.

Keisha and Scotty Sherman, of Simply Delicious Desserts, work with 50 pounds of rhubarb every morning, and make breads, cakes, ginger strawberry tea, scones, cookies and cupcakes. They also brought their "goodies" to the Strawberry Festival last weekend.

The best part of a farmer's market?

"It's all pulled or cut this morning," said Jason Gross, who farms the land his grandfather once



Jason Gross, Hillside Meadow Farm, now farms the land his grandfather owned. The best part of a farmer's market? "It's all pulled or cut this morning," he said.

farmed.

What does a kale blossom taste like?

"Pick one. Try it," said Gross, of Hillside Meadow Farm.

"There are few venues where you can ask questions directly to the people who grow and make your food," said Emily Starck, who works at Lydia's Fields at Wheatland in Purcellville. "A brand new farm," she said, in its first full growing season.

Starck enjoys talking with people, working community events, educating them, doing outreach. "Most farmers look forward to spreading ideas," she said.

McCleaf homeschools his three children, and the curriculum for his 9-year-old and 11-year-old sons will involve working with him at his stand.

"I like getting off the farm," he said. "It's fun watching the expressions on people's faces."

McCleaf will have 53 types of

fruit, depending on the time of season. In addition to the cameos and goldrush apples — "a little bit tart," he said — that he brought last week, he will have peaches, plums, apricots and kiwi berries, and seasonal greens and vegetables as well.

Carol Carrier, of Plant Masters, spreads her flowers at the end of

the Potomac United Methodist Church parking lot.

"All the flowers you see now will be different in September," she said.

Vendors get to know each other, too, they all say.

"When you work at a farmer's market, you eat really well," Carrier said.



Carol Carrier adds even more color to the Potomac Farmer's Market at Potomac United Methodist Church on Thursday afternoons through October.



Corey McCleaf, of McCleaf's Orchard, and his sons will bring 33 varieties of fruit to the Potomac Farmers Market at Potomac United Methodist Church this summer.

PEOPLE

Picnic Honors Volunteers Montgomery County Muslim Foundation celebrates award.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

More than 350 people gathered at Black Hill Regional Park to honor Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) volunteers and to celebrate their “2012 Exceptional Partner Award,” presented by Giant Foods and Manna. County Executive Isaiah Leggett, County Councilmember George Leventhal, County Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Councilmember Phil Andrews and Kevin Gillogly, with U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin’s office, each praised the MCMF for their work and the difference the non-profit organization is making throughout Montgomery County.

The community cookout was held on May 6 as the culminating event for MCMF’s 2012 Food Drive to thank the volunteers whose energy and efforts were essential to the food drive and to all of MCMF’s work. Mother’s Day was also recognized, since the cookout was held one week prior. MCMF Board members decorated for the event, providing flowers and favor boxes with candies and balloons for the mothers and children.

The mission of MCMF is to enable the Muslim community to work on charitable and effective projects alongside like-minded volunteers and partner organizations in Montgomery County. Last month, MCMF held its annual food drive and in one weekend collected approximately 10,000 pounds of food. For the first time, the volunteers were stationed inside Giant stores where they were able to engage with customers and ask for donations of non-perish-



Members of the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation celebrate community service — and Mother’s Day.

able items. Their collection efforts were successful at each of the 10 locations in the county. Jim Perkins, regional director with Giant Foods applauded the group’s efforts: “MCMF’s efforts in this food drive will go a long way in helping families in need. All of the volunteers who participated in this effort ought to be congratulated.” MCMF also set up drop-off points around the community where food items could be donated.

Guled Kassim, president of MCMF, said, “We are absolutely delighted and surprised by the kindness and generosity of complete strangers in giving food and clothing to help our mission. We could not do it without them. The Muslim members of MCMF have found it extraordinarily satisfying to help provide a safety net for people in need within Montgomery County.”

Other groups were recognized

by MCMF at the picnic. They thanked their high school student volunteers whose efforts garnered the most collected items while earning SSL hours, Giant Food and Manna for the growing partnership, and all volunteers who gave their time and talents to support the MCMF.

For information about partnering, volunteering and/or donating to MCMF for the upcoming “Feed the Homeless” project which will be held July 22 – 29, 2012, contact Guled Kassim, president, MCMF at 301-760-7447/301-233-5115 or e-mail info@mcmfusa.org.

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THROUGH MAY 24

Kindergarten Registration.

Kindergarten orientation sessions will take place for children who will enter kindergarten in the 2013-2014 school year. During orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers and other staff members. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the school’s procedures and programs; enroll students for next school year and complete important forms.

The sessions will also help students become acquainted with the school environment. Parents should call their home school to make an appointment to register for that school’s specific orientation date(s). Parents who are not certain which elementary school serves their area

should contact the Boundaries office at 240-314-4710. Parents can also access the School Assignment Locator on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 29

Conversation. 1-3 p.m. at Montgomery County Planning Board office in Silver Spring. Topics include the status of the White Flint and Wheaton development projects as well as updates regarding the Purple Line and Rockville Pike corridor. Free. Register by May 24 to www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Preschool Round-Up. 10:30 a.m. at Christ Episcopal School. Parents and children can learn about the school with activities, teacher observances and more. Applications must be submitted by May 29. Visit www.CESRockville.org for more.

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by Michael Matese

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Paperwork and Reasons to Get it in Writing

During the process of purchasing a home, you will file articles of paperwork to make an offer, have an appraisal done, and agree to your responsibilities versus those of either the bank or seller. Things not usually covered in this paperwork, though, are things like inclusion of furniture or appliances, expectations regarding disclosure of home history, and anything else that would be difficult to prove. It is also a worthwhile discipline for the future, as a contract is the best way to clarify expectations, measure results, and avoid disappointment. When writing a contract, use firm, descriptive language, and consider opting to have your documents notarized. Unless otherwise stated, contracts of this nature stay valid for a “reasonable time.” So even if you’re in the initial stages of negotiation, it’s not a terrible idea to approach things with the mindset that if it didn’t get put on paper, it didn’t really happen.

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PEOPLE



Julie Chapman's first place in Division II Design "The Abundance of America", Section A, Class 2 "Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ... a parallell design.



Livi Henderson with her first place entry in "Across the Wilderness"



Linda Sillin's first place entry "Above the Fruited Plain" She won first place and the Designer's Choice Award for her Division II, Section B, Class 4.



Julie Chapman's honorable mention "Above the Fruited Plain."

PHOTOS BY SHARON ALLEN GILDER, THE ALMANAC

Growing Lush Gardens, Lasting Friendships

Club hosts flower show.

BY SHARON ALLEN GILDER
THE ALMANAC

A perennial favorite of the 61 members of Little Farms Garden of Potomac is its juried Standard Flower Show. Held May 17 at the home of Monty and Traci Hoffman, the setting captured the show's theme, "America the Beautiful." Continuous refrains of the song played throughout the house and formed the basis for the numerous Divisions, Sections and Class numbers assigned to the floral entries.

Jean Mullan, former club president and chair of the show, saluted the theme. "This one is very patriotic. We thought about the whole country, section by section, and that's how we got to it. We wanted to be more inclusive than individual states." Lyrical titles for Class categories featured headings such as "From Sea to Shining Sea," abundant with shells and glistening granules; "Thine Alabaster Cities Glow," awash in white florals; and "For Purple Mountain Majesty," imbued with lavender hues.

"There's such a respect for veteran-centric causes, and the club wanted something extremely patriotic," said 11-year member, Deneen Wilson, whose Vibratile [something has to move] Design on Pedestals in Class I "America, America" won first place. Her tall arrangement featured a red, silver and blue spiraling metal sculpture along with chrysanthemums, hypericum, lily grass, eucalyptus and thistle.

Livi Henderson, who joined the



Hostess Traci Hoffman and Little Farms Garden Club president Marijke Young.

club in 1996, won first place and the Designer's Choice Flower Show Award in the Division II Design, Section A, Class 3 category titled, "Across the Wilderness" for her rustic arrangement grounded in cowboy boots enhanced with a lasso, white tail deer antlers, pheasant feathers, and fantail pussy willow that resembled ram's horns. She incorporated pine and dogwood branches indigenous to her yard and added thistle that she cut low to resemble the forest floor. An artist, used to dabbling in oil paint, Henderson said she was unable to grow or arrange flowers until she learned techniques from the garden club.

Individual and community gardening triumphs were featured in the Horticulture Division staged in the Hoffman's garage and, as noted on a plaque, were "dedicated to the plant hunters and plant breeders that make it possible for us to grow plants from around the world in our gardens." A display of terrariums highlighted the educational component of Di-

vision III's Special Exhibits alongside the life cycle of butterflies prevalent in Maryland gardens.

Julie Chapman received an honorable mention for her design in Division II, Section B, Class 4, "Above the Fruited Plain," where petite apples in a large vase were partnered with bear grass, Ti leaves, forest fern, purple larkspur, safari sunset leucadendron, and mambo spray orange roses.

Linda Sillin said the first thought for her entry in "Above the Fruited Plain" was driven by "How can I win?" She won first place and the Designer's Choice Award for her Division II, Section B, Class 4 design where color played a large role. "People love color, it makes people happy and that's what's important to me. Above the fruited plain means bounty. Interpretation in a flower show doesn't come overnight. It's about learning how to be free with the design and just go with your gut," said Sillin. Raspberry blue thistle, gerbera firestarter, curly willow, wood moss, red-tipped photinia, and purple statice provided the landscape for soaring birds of paradise that added stature to Sillin's winning arrangement.

Little Farms Garden Club has been a tradition in Potomac since its inception in 1961. Its focus is to foster friendship and fellowship

while sharing a common interest in the study and practice of gardening and its related arts. The club is dedicated to civic beautification and charitable contributions through community service projects.

Newly retired National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. president, Vickie Godwin, cited the importance of garden clubs in building community. "It brings everybody together and gives them satisfaction with making beautiful gardens and yards. Members develop friends for a lifetime and a sense of accomplishment as they get involved with projects and the environment to have green spaces."

Seven-year member Nancy Aiken said she is not a gardener but loves being around beautiful gardens. "The club has wonderful speakers and it's inspiring to go to every member's home. This is a group of incredible women. It's a lot of fun and not intimidating."

The inscription on the mantel in the Hoffman's foyer, "Celebrate family, friends, traditions," echoed the sentiments heard from members and guests throughout the show. "We enjoy each other and it's the friendships that brought us together," said Hoffman. Club president Marijke Young added, "Flowers are fleeting but friendships are forever."

REAL ESTATE NOTES

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Kim Farina, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced that the **Potomac office** was recognized for outstanding performance in April. The office led the region, which is comprised of offices throughout Montgomery and Prince George counties, as well as surrounding areas in the District of Columbia, for resale dollar volume.

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SPORTS



Sophomore attackman Louis Dubick and the Churchill boys' lacrosse team beat Wootton for the 4A/3A West championship on May 15.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Boys' Lax Wins Region Championship

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team repeated as 4A/3A West region champions on May 15, beating rival Wootton 12-10.

The victory earned the Bulldogs a return trip to the state playoffs, where they once again matched up against Westminster. The Owls ended Churchill's season for the second year in a row, beating the Bulldogs 23-9 on May 18.

Churchill ended the season with a 15-2 record, including 11 straight wins to open the season. Prior to the Westminster loss, the Bulldogs' lone defeat was a 14-13 loss to Quince Orchard on May 3.

Churchill will lose attackman Matt Leonard, the program's all-time leading goal-scorer, who will play at Towson next season. The Bulldogs will return attackmen Louis Dubick and Matt Moshyedi, among others.

Churchill Baseball Wins 4A West Championship

The Churchill baseball team defeated Wootton 10-5 in the 4A West region championship game on May 17.

The Bulldogs entered the postseason as the region's No. 11 seed. The Bulldogs started the season with a 3-10 record but responded by winning their next eight games. Churchill defeated Kennedy 11-0 in the opening round, beat No. 3 Whitman 10-8 in the quarterfinals and knocked off No. 2 Bethesda-Chevy Chase 5-4 in the semifinals before beating Wootton.

Churchill faced Catonsville, the 4A North champion, in the state semifinals on Tuesday, after The Almanac's deadline.



Senior attackman Matt Leonard ends his high school career as Churchill's all-time leading goal-scorer.



Attackman Matt Moshyedi will return next season for the Churchill boys' lacrosse team.

Wootton Softball Ends Season in Region Semifinals

The Wootton softball team advanced to the 4A West region semifinals before losing to top-seed and eventual champion Northwest 12-0.

The Patriots entered the postseason as the region's No. 4 seed. Wootton beat Magruder 4-1 in the opening round and defeated Quince Orchard 2-1 in the quarterfinals.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If you're a Three Stooges aficionado like I am, you've heard Moe Howard say it many times to Larry Fine and brother Curly as three stooges attempted to occupy space (doorways, windows, closets, etc.), large enough/wide enough for only one stooge. In short, "recede" means: back off, one at a time, mind your manners, and the ever-familiar to us long-time fans: "spread out."

As I constantly hear radio advertising (and see some of it on television as well, though not nearly as much) from three grass seed companies: Scotts, Pennington's and Rebel, ALL THE TIME, their frequency is beginning to wear my patience thin. So far, their message is not growing on me. Quite the opposite in fact: It's irritating me. Nor am I the least bit green with envy when I hear any of their promotions, comparisons or philosophies. I'm more numb to it. (Now I don't know if that's the neuropathy from the chemotherapy or not but the effect seems identical.)

The competition for the needing-to/wanting-to-grow-grass public dollar is saturating my already limited capacity to absorb their message. Now whether this saturation is caused by filler or a unique high-tech design, the result is that my brain is getting burnt out by this ceaseless pursuit of fescue perfection. With each attempt to grab hold of my grass-growing greenbacks, it makes me ever more motivated to finally slate-in that patio and/or deck that haul and forget all about planting, seeding, feeding, watering and having ANYTHING to do with growing grass. I don't want to "pave paradise" as Joni Mitchell sang about on "Big Yellow Taxi," but apparently, unlike these seed companies, I have my limits. As my deceased mother, Celia, said about many things that had overloaded her attention span and/or her capacity to tolerate one more syllable: "It's enough already." And she was no stooge. ("Don't call your mother 'she!'" I can still hear my father admonishing me.)

But as I continue to resist the seed companies' desire to pick my pocket and remove my money ("what there is of it"), I'm starting to feel like a bit of a stooge myself for not following through on their promises. I mean, what kind of a moron am I? ("Why? Is there more than one kind?"). If multiple companies are running multiple advertisements on multiple media outlets, there must be a reason, right? Presumably, they're not stupid, and not keen on wasting their hard-earned and hard-fought-for money on a whim and a prayer. It must be the right time of the year. Spring. When young men's fancy turns to - grass seed. Duh. People must be responding to/buying their products, so why isn't yours truly in line with the rest of grass-growing society at the local Lawn & Garden store/section somewhere? I'm the perfect prospect: I own two acres of land and know nothing about anything (especially pertaining to home and yard maintenance) so a reasonably intelligent grouping of words should resonate with me. Who needs more help than I do? (That's a rhetorical question because everyone who knows me knows the answer.)

But here I sit, on the couch, remote in hand, bemoaning all this advertising emphasis on lawn care. I can't be bothered, though I'm bothered by it. Still, I can't worry about it too much. Maybe I'll just wait until I get to the other side. I hear the grass is always greener over there.

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Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

The Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park has announced its 2012-2013 season. There are fairytale princesses, and a guest artist with a bilingual twist. 301-634-5380 or www.thepuppetco.org. **Cinderella**, through June 9, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Art Exhibition. The Art Glass Center Gallery's ongoing exhibitions feature the work of resident artists Diane Cabe, Christine Hekimian, Sue Hill, Michele Rubin, Sherry Selevan, Bev and Zayde Slep and Janet Wittenberg. Sculpture, vessels, functional art, and jewelry are also for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays noon-4 p.m. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2273 or visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org.

Glassworks. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Glassworks is the D.C. area's first glass school. Classes are taught year-round for both new and advanced students. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2280 or visit www.innervisionglassworks.com.

Photoworks. Photoworks is a resource for both student and professional photographers to develop their talents through classes, workshops, and exhibitions. Open Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m., and during all scheduled classes and workshops. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Science & Nature. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Weekend Nature Programs at Living Classrooms Children's Museum Living Classrooms Children's Museum at Glen Echo Park presents engaging science and nature activities for the family. Encounter live animals, take an interpretive hike, explore the indoor anthill and tree slide and more. Free for members/children under 2; \$5 for non-members. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 202-488-0627, ext. 242 or visit livingclassroomsdc.org/Site-BasedPrograms.html.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition and sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2228 or visit www.silverworksglencopark.org.

Art Exhibit. Through Saturday, May 25, see a painting collection by Sayeh Behnam, at 10116 Lloyd Road. It is an exhibition of color, harmony and rhythm. Free. 202-276-9419 for hours.

Theater Performance. See "James and the Giant Peach" and "The Magic Finger" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Through Sunday, May 26. Best for children ages 4-10. Tickets range between \$12-\$25. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or 301-280-1660.

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, May 27, see images of works by William Gudenrath at Partnership Office Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.glenecho.org.

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see photographs of William Gudenrath's works at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. He is a glassblower. Free. Visit glenechopark.org.

Musical. Through Sunday, June 2, see "Big Nate" at Adventure Theatre MTC, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$19. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or 301-634-2270 for showtimes.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 9 see "Color Chronicles" by J. Jordan Bruns in the Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Hours are noon-6 p.m. Free. Visit www.jjbruns.com.

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, June 10, see "Accidental Architecture: Depictions of Demolition," a photography exhibit by Julie Miller at Photoworks Gallery in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m., Sundays from 1-8 p.m., and whenever a class is in session. Visit www.glenecho.com or www.photoworks.org.

Creative Crafts Council. Through Thursday, June 13, browse a crafty collection featuring works by local artists. Free. At Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Spectacular Saturday Fun. Every Saturday through August there will be a new media for a child to try at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Sign up for one or for all, it is not a series. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200 to register for a class.

Group Bike Ride. Thursday nights through September at 7 p.m. enjoy a bike ride. Meet at Freshbikes Bethesda store, 7626 Old Georgetown Road. All abilities welcome. Free. Visit www.freshbikes.com for more.

ARTS8 is a group of eight **Artists in Residence** at the Stone Tower Gallery, Yellow Barn, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. They can be visited while working and showing their art, during May and June. Open to the public from Tuesday to Sunday, noon-5 p.m. The eight artists are Carolina Correa, Eliot Feldman, Mariana Kastinakis, Sarna Marcus, Joan Mazer, Jan Rowland, Felipe Sierra and Jill Spearman. The art runs the gamut from purely abstract to representational. Visit www.glencopark.org/ARTS8.

MONDAYS THROUGH JUNE 17

Art Class. 7-9:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Work in oils or acrylics to paint a series of still life setups. \$200 for eight-week class. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

Social Behavior Mapping. At this workshop a variety of social mapping formats will be presented to use with children Pre-K through high school who exhibit social cognitive challenges. Call 301-468-9343.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the



'People, Places, and Things'

Michael Shibley presents a collection of his original watercolors and oils at the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park May 25-27. Shibley is a former Artist-in-Residence at Glen Echo Park's Stone Tower. The works on display represent Shibley's interpretation of people, places and shapes in the landscape and the built environment. They are inspirations resulting from the artist's national and international travels over the last two years.

The gallery is open Saturday, May 25, noon-6 p.m.; Sunday, May 26 noon-5 p.m.; and Monday, May 27, noon-5 p.m. Receptions for the artist are scheduled for Saturday, May 25, from 3-6 p.m. and Sunday, May 26, from 2-5 p.m. Events are open to the public. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery at 1-301-371-5593 or contact the artist at 301-807-6890 or at mfs-art@comcast.net. Visit the artist's website at www.michaelswatercolors.com.

Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Sixteen-year-old Daisy Castro will perform Gypsy jazz. \$15. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

French Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda. Enjoy a discussion in French about books written in French. "Autoportrait au Radiateur" by Christian Bobin. Free. 240-777-0970.

THURSDAY/MAY 23

Free Thursday Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Hear ragga music from JohnStone Ragga Band. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Stories, songs and rhymes for 3-6 year olds. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Art Exhibit. See "People, Places and Things," an exhibition of watercolors and oils by Michael F. Shibley from noon-6 p.m. at Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. A reception will be held from 3-6 p.m. Visit www.glenecho.com or 301-371-5593.

Design and Remodeling Seminar. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hopkins & Porter, 12944-C Travilah Road, #204. Discuss ideas with professional designers. Reservations required, dana@hopkinsandporter.com or 301-840-9121 #17.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Art Exhibit. See "People, Places and Things," an exhibition of watercolors and oils by Michael F. Shibley from noon-6 p.m. at Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. A reception will be held from 2-5 p.m. Visit www.glenecho.com or 301-371-5593.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Art Exhibit. See "People, Places and Things," an exhibition of watercolors and oils by Michael F. Shibley from noon-5 p.m. at Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. Visit www.glencopark.org or 301-371-5593.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Free Thursday Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont

and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Hear pop/jazz music from Flo Anito. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Pencils and Pasties Burlesque Drawing. 7-10 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Adults 21 and over can enjoy a glass of wine and draw. \$15. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200 to register.

JUNE 1-29

Art Exhibit. Eight painters have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free. Gallery hours are from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Family Days. 1-3p.m. at Lockhouse 25. Families can participate in hands-on programs to learn about the C&O canal. Free. Designed for children in grades K-6.

Children's Street Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Auburn and Norfolk Avenues in Bethesda. Enjoy music performances, arts & craft activities, face painters, giveaways and more. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 1-2

Folk Festival. Noon-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The festival will showcase more than 450 musicians, storytellers, dancers and crafters. Free. Visit www.washingtonfolkfestival.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Author Talk. 7:15 p.m. at Beth Shalom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road. Jeff Weiss will speak about American Jewish pilots who helped create the Israeli Air Force and played a decisive role in the War of Independence. Free. E-mail library@bethsholom.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Musical Mosaic. 8 p.m. at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase. Zemer Chai will perform. \$40/preferred seating; \$20/general advance; \$25/door. Visit www.zemerchai.org or 301-963-3462.

Adelphi Friends Meeting's Strawberry Festival

On Saturday, June 1, Adelphi Friends Meeting will hold its annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 2303 Metzert Road in Adelphi (between Riggs Road and Adelphi Road). The Strawberry Festival is a long-standing community event and day of fun for the whole family. Highlights include the sale of fresh locally-grown strawberries, the Giant Rummage Sale, a Plant Sale, and live entertainment. Children's Activities include train rides, face painting, and a moon bounce. Come for the fun and leave with great bargains. Celebrate the abundance of summer and the richness of the community. Strawberry Festival is a rain or shine event. Visit www.strawfest.org.



On Saturday, June 1, lovers of summertime produce are encouraged to stop by the Adelphi Friends' Strawberry Festival at 2303 Metzert Road. Fresh-picked strawberries will be trucked in from rural Pennsylvania at dawn and sold at a roadside stand.

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