

Prom Diary

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Langley High students pose before going to their prom party last Saturday. Clockwise starting from the bottom left are: Katie Voorhees with Derek Baker, Courtney Myers with Alex Combs, Becca Berenson with JT Sekel, Alanna Hantho with Eddie Gonzales, Rebecca DeSousa with Ahmed Malik, Elana Pinkasovic with Graham Dubew, Katie Wingo with Jono Hofgard, Kelsey Green with Will Myers, Rachael Hanna with Nikhil Gola, Hannah Engel with Ryan Davenport, and Maddy Macklin with Hank Moran.

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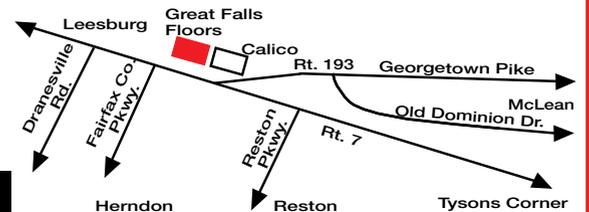
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Uzma Hayat specializes in Islamic calligraphy. All of her pieces are made from scratch, and with the exception of some paintings and one clay sculpture, all of her work at the Art Festival was made from glass, often plated with gold.



All of Walt Lawrence's photographs are taken in the Great Falls community. "I saw a lot of it getting mowed down. I decided when I retired I wanted to capture as much as I could of what's left before it was all gone," said Lawrence, who has lived in Great Falls for more than 30 years.



PHOTO BY REBECCA BAIRD-REMBIA/THE CONNECTION

Kidz Clubhouse volunteer Caroline Haymans stands with her certificate while founder Diane Anderson praises her contributions to Kidz Clubhouse.

Special Bonds

Kidz Clubhouse honors its student volunteers.

BY REBECCA BAIRD-REMBIA
THE CONNECTION

Kidz Clubhouse, a camp in Great Falls, provides entertainment and activities for children and teenagers with developmental disabilities, and it runs entirely with the help of volunteers from local middle and high schools, who give up part of their summer and some of their weekends during the school year. On Sunday, June 1, Kidz Clubhouse founder Diane Anderson hosted an event to honor these volunteers, providing dinner and then recognizing each of them with certificates.

"For so many of these kids we deal with, a lot of them are dealing with life-threatening issues that have put them in the hospital and affect their daily lives. The impact that you teenagers have on these kids is incredible," said Anderson, addressing the volunteers, their parents, and assorted family during dinner.

THROUGH KIDZ CLUBHOUSE, volunteers have connected with disabled children and teenagers in a meaningful way, and many of them have gained a better understanding and a greater acceptance of people with disabilities.

"Words can't even describe how much

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Arts of All Kinds

Second annual Spring Art Festival comes to Colvin Run Schoolhouse.

As Great Falls Studios has grown, so has its calendar of events. Last year, the group, which began with a dozen people and five years later boasts a membership of 77 Great Falls artists, added a major spring showing to its activities, and

the second annual Spring Art Festival was held last weekend at the Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse. Sixteen artists, including painters, potters, photographers, jewelers, a quilter and others, displayed their

work in the show.

Cindy Grisdela, co-chair of the group's communications committee, said high turn

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"I always liked playing with crayons when I was little, so I guess I'm still doing that."

Cindy Grisdela

Cindy Grisdela has been quilting since 1982 but didn't begin selling her work until she joined Great Falls Studios about four years ago. "I always liked playing with crayons when I was little, so I guess I'm still doing that," she said.



Laurie Sherman, who runs Opus Arts Holistic Health with her husband out of their home on Utterback Store Road, uses gems and crystals to make jewelry that is designed to heal. Having studied under indigenous spiritual healers in Australia, Africa, Tibet and elsewhere, she makes pieces for men, women, children and even animals.

Survivors Triumph in Sea of Pink

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Gray's sister and niece each held one of her hands, the day Gray chose to have her head shaved in a hair salon. Gray's own hairdresser was too emotional to cut off Gray's hair, hair not yet claimed by chemotherapy.

"I had my eyes closed, crying, and a voice that wasn't familiar to me, all of a sudden, was in my ear," said Gray. "She said to me, 'You are so strong and you are wonderful.' It was the lady in the beauty parlor sitting next to me.

"You know or you think you're dying and anytime anybody gives you some strength, it just helps you through that day," said Gray, a self-employed technical writer.

Gray, 55 of Kingstowne, is an eight-year survivor of breast cancer. Next Saturday, June 7, she will walk the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure for the sixth time.

COTY DICKSON was a 41-year-old single mother with two children, 12 and six-years-old, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer after detecting a lump during a self-examination.

"Needless to say, that news altered my life forever," she said.

Dickson's mother had died of breast cancer three years earlier. Dickson's grandmother also died of breast cancer.

Dickson, of Great Falls, chose one full year of chemotherapy rather than six months following her modified radical mastectomy.

"Somehow I have to get strong so I can rear these children," Dickson said she was thinking. "I have to get this six-year-old through high school. What can I do to get 15 years?"

Dickson, now a 20-year survivor of breast cancer, has participated in the National Race for the Cure for 15 years.

Her children are grown, both have graduated from college, she watched her son get married, and she looks forward to watching Sex in the City with her daughter who returns home soon.

Dickson, now 61 and retired from the federal government, has remarried, takes art classes at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, and has traveled to all 50 states as well as to France, Italy and England with her husband Dan Dickson.

"You try to make sure you seize the moment, you don't let things get past you,



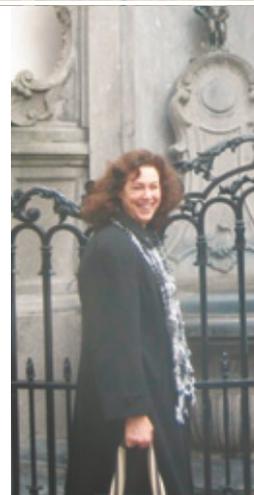
Coty Dickson, of Great Falls, with her husband Dan Dickson, shown here in France.



Lisa Gray



Susan Sonley



Patti Brownstein, here in Brussels.

when you have an opportunity you take them," she said.

"Even though I'm a 20-year survivor, it never goes away, you always think about it."

"WE'RE ON the right side of the coin, but there's another story here, the sisters that we've lost," said Susan Sonley, a 14-year survivor from Reston.

One of her friends, a team member, lost his 32-year-old wife to breast cancer. The couple had three girls.

"I look at those girls and it breaks my heart, the little one won't even know her mother," Sonley said.

Sonley, vice president of Grubb and Ellis Company, organizes a team of participants and donors each year. She leads the highest-grossing National Race team, which has raised more than \$500,000 for Komen, funding breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

"I found out it was easier to raise money than to get my friends out of bed [for the race]," she said.

"I look at young people, 14-, 16- and 22-years-old and I want them to live a cancer-free life," she said. "Until we find a cure, there's work to be done."

One of every eight women in the country will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

— Lisa Gray, eight-year survivor

Get Involved

Readers can still participate in the 2008 Komen National Race for the Cure. Late registration will be available this Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C. See www.nationalracefortheure.org or call 703-416-RACE.

Gray found herself counting in eights at her niece's high school graduation. "Here were these young women, high school graduates, and I couldn't accept that those young women would have to face this," she said.

THIS YEAR, about 182,460 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed. More than 40,000 women will die.

When the cancer is detected early before it spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate is now 98 percent, compared to 74 percent in 1982.

Komen for the Cure has invested \$1 billion for breast cancer research and community outreach. The organization pledges to invest \$2 billion more over the next decade. Without a cure, an estimated 5 million Americans will be diagnosed and more than a million could die in the next 25 years.

Close to home, more than 1,070 women in Virginia die each year of breast cancer, on average 113 in Fairfax County, 25 in Arlington County, 18 in Loudoun County and 17 in the City of Alexandria.

NEXT SATURDAY is a day of emotion, a day to celebrate survivors and a day to honor the memory of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends who have died of breast cancer.

More than 3,500 breast cancer survivors and 50,000 supporters altogether are expected to participate Saturday in the walk and race. In the United States today, there are nearly 2.5 million survivors.

Bob Heyer is a living reminder that breast cancer doesn't only affect women.

In 2008, there will be 1,990 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in men in the United States. An estimated 450 men will die from breast cancer in 2008 in the U.S.

Heyer, 67 of Fairfax Station, remembers when a doctor told him 11 years ago that he needed to have an operation to find out if he had a malignant tumor in his chest.

"If you do, you're going to have a mas-

tectomy. I said, 'What's that?'" said Heyer, who flew planes for the Navy for 20 years, and now is an engineering consultant.

"I never knew guys get that," he said he's often told. "They are kind of caught back."

PATTI BROWNSTEIN was taken aback, when she was diagnosed in December 1998. "I kind of didn't believe it, because I was in the lowest risk group," she said. "It was very frightening when you're a mother of two teenagers. Very frightening."

Only five to 10 percent of breast cancers are due to heredity; in fact, the majority of women with breast cancer have no significant family history or other known risk factors, according to www.komen.org.

Brownstein, 54 of Great Falls, didn't detect the cancer in her body.

"A mammogram saved my life," Brownstein said, a nine-year survivor.

Brownstein, owner of LGP Promotional Group, Inc., travels to Aruba to celebrate her wedding anniversary each year with her husband Alan Brownstein, whom she met when she was 15 years old.

"I watched my daughters grow into incredible young women who I'm extremely proud of," she said.

Brownstein hopes for a cure, not only for early detection. "I'd love to change the theme," she said.

SUSAN G. KOMEN was Nancy G. Brinker's sister. Brinker, who went on to found Susan G. Komen for the Cure, promised her dying sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

Komen for the Cure is the world's largest source of private funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs with nearly \$1 billion invested by the end of 2007.

The first year Gray walked the National race, she had planned to serve as a volunteer.

Her sister said, "No, I don't think we should volunteer, I think we should walk. You can walk, you walk Duncan every day."

Duncan was Gray's dog; Gray said she got up each day to walk Duncan despite exhaustion from chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Gray walked the race for the first time six years ago with her sister, niece, brother-in-law, neighbor and college friend.

"Unbeknownst to me, they all put banners on their backs," Gray said. "They wrote they were walking in honor of me. Then I cried some more."

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

GFCFA Holds Annual Meeting

The Great Falls Citizens Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at the Great Falls Grange beginning at 7:30 p.m. Elections of the officers and Executive Board for the coming year beginning July 1 will be held. All Great Falls residents are eligible to vote — renewing members or upon becoming GFCFA members. Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust will be featured speaker and GFCFA recognition awards will be presented. All are welcome. For more information visit www.GFCFA.org.

Trails Day Event At Scotts Run

On June 7, celebrating the National Trails Day, Washington D.C. area residents will be joining together to lend local trails a helping hand at Scotts Run Nature Preserve, a 325-acre site in McLean. More than 150 volunteers, several different trail projects, kick-off remarks from government officials and a full day of camaraderie will mark National Trails Day 2008 at Scotts Run.

In the spirit of this year's theme, "Join us on the Trail," American Hiking Society, Fairfax County Park Authority and Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) have joined together to co-host the event.

Arrive between 7:30 and 8 a.m. for a shuttle to the kick-off and welcome ceremony. Find details at AmericanHiking.org/NTD.aspx (click on Virginia on the map). All volunteers must register with REI by calling 703-379-9400 or emailing Mark Nelson at mnelson@rei.com. Questions can be directed to REI or American Hiking Society.

Works Cause Detour At Pike

The state Department of Transportation will be closing Georgetown Pike to make some repairs, starting at the beginning of June and it will take approximately three weeks, depending on weather. The work will be performed between the hours of 9:30 a.m and 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Message boards have been in place to warn drivers they will be detoured onto Old Dominion and Swinks Mill. However, in the hopes to minimize traffic impacts, VDOT has changed its approach to a three-tiered closure between specific routes. Residents who live along the section of the road that is being worked on will be given access to Georgetown Pike.



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PEOPLE

Week of Excitement Ends 'Before I Knew It'

Langley High Junior reflects on her prom week.

CAROLINE ENGLE
JUNIOR AT LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 26: I went out of town over Memorial Day weekend, and while I was away I saw many proms going on. Seeing the pretty dresses and the limosines made me feel excited about my own prom the next weekend, and during the car ride

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home I couldn't help but think of the upcoming festivities and the excitement that would be shared by all in the following week.

Tuesday, May 27: Getting back to school after the long weekend ensured that the hallways of Langley would be filled with decorations advertising the theme of Midnight Masquerade for the prom. Posters with masks on them lined the hallways and even a few people talked of wearing masks to the dance. While my group arrangements were already in place, I didn't have a date yet. However, on Tuesday I was asked by someone already in my group, so all of the arrangements remained the same.

Wednesday, May 28: Everything for Saturday was seemingly in place, but I soon found out that our dinner reservations had changed. We were originally going to the Clyde's in Georgetown, but when we added one more member to our group, they no longer allowed us to keep our reservation there. Then several other restaurants entered our discussions of possible dinner places, but we finally decided on the newest Clyde's in Ashburn called Willow Creek Farm.

Thursday, May 29: Prom mania seemed to sweep the halls of Langley. Seemingly all people were capable of talking about was the dance. Last minute decisions were being made about limousine reservations, dinner plans were changing rapidly, and nearly every girl was discussing dress colors. It was very interesting seeing kids scrambling around trying to find dates or groups to be in; the limousine reservations seemed to be the deciding factor of how many people could be included. Teachers even went so far as to suggest dates for guys trying to find one at the last minute.

Friday, May 30: With final preparations in place for prom, there was nothing left to do but enjoy the excitement of all who would be attending. However, every year a car involved in a terrible accident is parked at the exit of the school to serve as a reminder of the unfortunate decisions made



Junior Zach Costellia; Lauren (his date from Westfield high school); junior Jimmy Gimbert; sophomore Paula Novacki; juniors Jimmy Underhill; Caroline Engle; Eric Hayes; Daniela Arciniegas; David Baughan; Claire Ballweg; and Devin Miller pose at Jimmy Gimbert's house.



Caroline Engle with sister Hannah, a senior at Langley, getting ready for the prom.

by drivers under the influence of alcohol. This year the car used as an example belonged to a family friend, so the message was really important to me. As I was leaving school, I only hoped that my fellow classmates would make wise decisions about drinking and driving on Saturday night.

Saturday, May 31: Saturday was a busy day for me even before I went to dinner and the dance. Between nail appointments in the morning, last minute shopping for



Daniela Arciniegas, Eric Hayes, Paula Novacki, Jimmy Gimbert, Devin Miller, Caroline Engle and Jimmy Underhill in the limo.

shoes, and getting my hair done by Zizi at Salon Michelle in McLean, the day filled up quickly. After getting ready with my sister Hannah, I headed over to a member of my group's house to take pictures at 6 p.m. It seemed as if the parents couldn't stop taking pictures, even as the snapped shots of us inside the limousine as it pulled away. Our group of 11 ate dinner at Clyde's at 8:30. I ordered the lobster, thinking that the meat would already be picked out, but instead I was presented with a whole lobster on my plate. While eating, I completed the difficult task of cracking open the lobster without spilling anything on my dress. Fol-

lowing dinner we went to the actual dance at Westfield's Marriott, arriving at around 10:30. Once we arrived, we quickly designated a time and place to meet. Our group dispersed, and I spent my time chatting with friends that weren't in my group and looking at everyone's gorgeous dresses. The room was decorated beautifully; the parents and students responsible for it certainly went the extra mile in ensuring that students would feel as if they were at a real masquerade ball. We left the dance at midnight, right after the prom court was announced. As we departed the hotel, I felt a little sad thinking that the night was over so fast.

Sunday, June 1: The hard work and preparation over the past month or so came to a close as the actual night of prom was over before I knew it. There was so much excitement and anticipation leading up to the event, and prom itself certainly didn't disappoint. The decorations were fabulous and really helped to make the night more enjoyable. After departing the dance, I hung out with some friends for a short time, but made an early exit home at the end of a busy week leading up to prom.

The writer is the editor-in-chief of the Langley High School's Saxon Scope.

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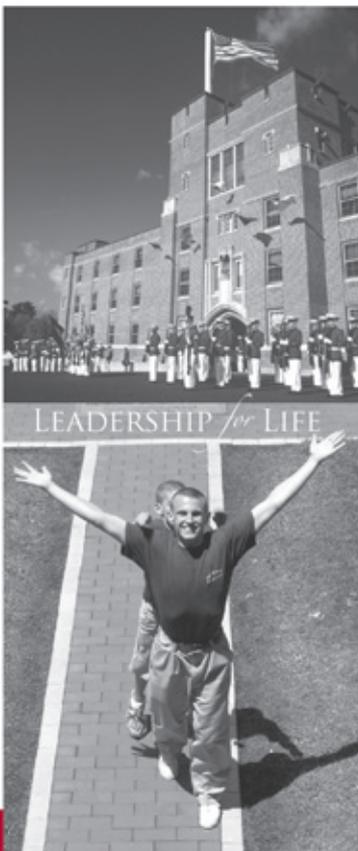
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HOT Lanes Could Lead To Increase in I-495 Noise

Some residents may not only be sitting in traffic but also listening to it once the Capital Beltway's High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project gets underway in July.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and two private partners, Fluor and TransUrban corporations, will be replacing the sound barriers along the interstate as part of the five-year project.

Officials said the new barriers will be more effective at keeping noise out of the community but, in some cases, the current wall would have come down before a new one is installed.

"People are going to be left with nothing for a very long time," said Mason District supervisor Penny Gross.

Gross and her colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have other questions about the HOT lanes' impact on residential communities around the

beltway. They asked the state transportation department to conduct a review of the project for "adequate noise abatement."

Providence district supervisor Linda Smyth said the new walls will not adequately protect people living on the upper levels of high-rise buildings. She also said the new sound barriers would not cover nearly as much ground as the current walls.

"They are talking about shorter sound walls than I have ever seen before," said Smyth, who added that she has not yet seen a full sound wall study.

The walls could also impact some public space. Braddock District supervisor Sharon Bulova raised concerns about the increase in beltway noise at Wakefield Park in Annandale.

Public spaces, like parks, do not automatically receive sound barriers like residential areas do, she said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Goodman & Company recently hired **Shane R. Campbell**, ABCP, as an associate in the Tysons Corner Office. Campbell has seven years of analysis experience as a customer relationship management consultant for several Fortune 500 companies. As a certified associate business continuity profes-

sional, his expertise includes value realization, involving business case development and tracking performance impacts of client engagements. Campbell is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science in finance and electrical engineering.

Goodman & Company, LLP has announced the recent hire of **Jonathan W. Johnson** as an Associate in their Tysons Corner Office. Johnson is a recent graduate of West Virginia University with both a Bachelor and Master's degree in Accounting. Prior to joining Goodman & Company, Johnson worked for the Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines, and Emissions, keeping track of the budgets and expenditures of all sponsored research awards. He is also a former member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

BB&T recently announced it has promoted **Mike Carpenter** to manage its residential real estate lending team for the metro Washington, D.C., area.

The 12-member team, located in Woodbridge, Va., also will include BB&T residential construction specialists **Mike Williams**, Jason Paxton, Keri Jackson and Rob Lane.

A senior vice president, Carpenter has more than eight years of commercial banking and real estate lending experience, most recently as a regional executive with BB&T in Tysons Corner. Williams, assistant vice president, has more than eight years of real estate finance experience, most recently with BB&T's commercial real estate finance team in Tysons Corner.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum Breakfast w/ Fred Malek, National Finance Co-Chairman, McCain for President - 7:30 a.m., Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. \$40, Call: (703) 922-6768.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents. Enough Is Enough (EIE) will conduct a comprehensive teaching presentation in front of a live studio audience for inclusion in the *Internet Safety 101* video. Testimonials will be given from law enforcement experts, Internet industry representatives, psychologists, teens, parents, a convicted sex offender, and a rescued victim of a predator. Free admission. Adults only. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Smith Center Auditorium of McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike. Call 1-888-744-0004 to register.

The **Fairfax County Sheriff's Office** will photograph and fingerprint children for free at several upcoming events: **Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** and **Sunday, June 8, noon-4 p.m.** at Celebrate Fairfax at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The ID card gives authorities vital information to help them locate children if they are ever missing. This community service is available for county and Fairfax City residents, ages 0-17. For more information or to schedule a public safety event, contact Captain Sean Whitmore at 703-246-7521 or e-mail sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Rock the House 8K. Benefiting Alternative House: The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge. 8 a.m. at Celebrate Fairfax, on the festival grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center. Cost is \$22; \$20 if you own a Champion Chip. After June 6, 2008, entrance fee is \$27. Register online at www.runwashington.com. For more information, contact Gina Cocomello, Development Director, Alternative House, at 703 506-9191x115 or gina_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org.

The Monticello Council of Republican Women Annual Picnic & Membership Drive - 3-6 p.m., 1101 Kensington Road, McLean. Call: (571) 338-5640.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Panel Discussion on Virginia Tech: The Aftermath. All are welcome to attend a panel discussion, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston. The panel will discuss helping victims of crime, particularly family members of homicide, support services, legislation and other efforts to address the issues that contributed to the tragedy. Any questions can be directed to Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb at

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Find out about a proposal to widen Rolling Road to four lanes from 0.369 mile north of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) northerly to the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road (Route 644). The project length will be approximately 1.40 miles of Rolling Road.

Review the proposed project plans depicting the major design features and the environmental documentation, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the form of a Categorical Exclusion, at the public hearing or before the hearing at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office located at 14685 Avion Parkway in Chantilly, telephone number (703) 383-2000 or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Property impacts, right of way policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available at the hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing or submit them by June 22, 2008, to Mr. Doug Miller, VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104. You may also e-mail your comments to us at: Meeting_Comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Rolling Road, Fairfax County, PH Comment" in the subject heading.

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State Project: 0638-029-156, PE-104, RW-204, C-504;
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Volunteers, Campers Forge Special Bonds

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volunteering has meant to me. Every time I go there, I meet someone new and experience things that I will never forget ... When I see how much fun the campers are having, it gives me a sense of self-fulfillment," said volunteer Caroline Haymans.

Parents of the campers expressed what a great help Kidz Clubhouse had been for them. It not only provides amusement for their children during the last three weeks of August but allows them to socialize with peers their own age, people they can identify with and establish friendships with. Because most summer camps do not cater to students with special needs, Kidz Clubhouse gives a camp experience to children who would otherwise never have the opportunity.

Maria Woodward, the parent of a high school student with autism and cerebral palsy, said, "As special needs kids get older, it becomes more difficult to find social opportunities for them ... So as a Kidz Clubhouse volunteer, you have opened up all sorts of excit-



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Will Wilson, one of the volunteers at Kidz Clubhouse, a camp for children with disabilities, receives his certificate from founder Diane Anderson and listens as she describes his impact at the camp.

ing opportunities that our kids would never have experienced if they just have to rely on their parents."

Both volunteers and the campers have forged lasting friendships at Kidz Clubhouse. Matt Anderson,

Diane's son, expressed how much volunteering at Kidz Clubhouse has meant to him: "The first time I connected with a special needs kid was the first time I met one ... Without Kidz Clubhouse, I would never had a chance to talk and dance and laugh with my best friends."

VOLUNTEER Caroline Haymans also said, "There are so many things I love about Kidz Clubhouse. From going on field trips to just hanging out at the park, every single second I have spent there has been a blast. I have made so many friends at Kidz Clubhouse and have so many memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life."

While awarding the certificates to the volunteers, Diane Anderson described the contributions that each volunteer had made to the camp environment. Regardless of which volunteer Anderson was describing, she emphasized the selflessness and generosity of every teenage volunteer, all of whom had taken time out of their summer and weekends to spend time with special needs students.

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Why I Race for the Cure

Cancer survivor makes a difference.

BY SUSAN SONLEY

This weekend my team, Champions for the Cure, will again participate in the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure, held annually on the first Saturday in June on the National Mall. My goal is to always be the team that raises the most money, and I've accomplished it for the past nine years. As I add names to my massive mailing list, I reflect on why I became involved. It's not a simple answer, but it carries a strong message of hope and solidarity.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 40, in 1994, and had multiple surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. When it was all over and my life started to regain some semblance of normalcy, I learned it wasn't really over. Did the treatment work well enough to give me another year or two? This is a question for which there is no answer. So when the treatments are over, it's really not over.

I was always aware of breast cancer because my mother, 29 at the time, was diagnosed in 1959. She had four small children under the age of 6 and underwent a treatment program that would be considered barbaric today. A



Susan Sonley

radical mastectomy and immediate hysterectomy followed by massive doses of radiation were very hard on her, but saved her life. My father was her steadfast supporter, but it was a very difficult time, and all of our lives changed because of her illness. Within two years my mother

lost her own mother to metastatic breast cancer.

Today we have so many more resources available, thanks to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Komen has raised awareness to unprecedented levels and put breast cancer funding on our lawmakers' agenda. We now have many surgical and treatment choices; counseling and support groups are standard procedure. My family would have been so lucky had my mother had half these resources.

At my first race in 1995, I was thoroughly unprepared for the emotions that overwhelmed me that beautiful June morning as I walked onto the National Mall. The uncertainty and fear that were constant companions during my illness were mitigated by the fellowship, love and support from the tens of thousands whose lives had also been touched by breast cancer. I

Get Involved

It's not too late to participate in the 2008 Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure. The annual 5K event will be held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 7, rain or shine, with more than 50,000 participants, including 3,500 breast cancer survivors. The race supports breast cancer research and has invested more than \$1 billion over the past 25 years. See www.nationalracefortheure.org or call 703-416-RACE for late registration.

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was not alone with this disease. What a powerful message!

I started Champions for the Cure in 1998 to celebrate my 5th anniversary cancer free. Since then, we've been able to raise an astounding \$500,000 for Komen's breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

I'm constantly grateful to Komen for pulling breast cancer out of the closet and making it a public issue, so different than it was for my mother and grandmother. So every year, I dust off my mailing lists and begin fund-raising again, hoping the cure is in sight. And every year, I find people really do care, and donate generously. I am blessed to be a 14-year survivor who can continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

Susan Sonley is an 18-year Reston resident and breast cancer survivor who, for the past nine years running, has led the highest-grossing National Race team.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Congressman

To the Editor:

This letter highlights Congressman Frank Wolf's (R-10) accomplishments in responding to constituents, community support, protection, and government program service delivery needs. In public and private sectors, he demonstrates his constituents' problem identification, analysis and results oriented resolution capabilities. Rep. Frank Wolf was recently awarded the prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award recognizing his contributions to pro-business legislation that fosters economic growth and new job creation.

Congressman Wolf and staff work tirelessly for the 10th District, home of world leading Internet and high-tech corporate and government agency professionals. Wolf serves on the House Appropriations Committee, which funds federal government operations, and the Transportation Subcommittee, critically important to the 10th District. He is the "ranking member" of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee with oversight of the State Department and other international pro-

grams and organizations.

Congressman Wolf aggressively leads efforts to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil. He understands the serious impact that rising fuel prices are having on the everyday lives and the economic strength; and he wrote President Bush asking him to temporarily suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) for short-term high gas price relief.

Congressman Wolf is co-sponsoring the "No More Excuses Energy Act" that encourages domestic energy production and the PUMP Act aimed at protecting consumers from pump price manipulation. He continues to support energy conservation, new energy production and distribution sources, and oil and natural gas exploration to fulfill the country's energy needs.

Congressman Wolf, a leading crusader for human rights, is co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus that identifies and works to alleviate human rights abuses worldwide. He traveled to a number of countries and saw firsthand the tremendous suffering of people at the hands of corrupt governments.

Congressman Wolf provides constituent and community issue un-

derstanding and support, and dedicated congressional leadership. His annual voting record is available to constituents in a user-friendly format, categorized by subject area. He earns our respect and deserves our vote in the Tuesday, June 10, Republican Primary. I urge you to work with Frank; because he has and will continue to work for you.

Jerry Manetti
Oakton

Deserving To Be Heard

To the Editor:

Upon reading your description of the 10th district GOP convention last week [Marshall versus Gilmore, The Connection, May 21-27, 2008], I was confused.

It left the impression that the signs and support existed for current Congressman Frank Wolf, and not for his Republican challenger Vern McKinley. You noted the supersized Frank Wolf sign hanging as backdrop to the stage, which was hung in disregard to the plainly stated note on the convention door asking all signs to be posted outside the auditorium. However, outside the auditorium

signs for Vern McKinley matched signs for Frank Wolf. There were about a dozen people waving McKinley signs on each corner of the entrances to the Convention and some more volunteers handing out literature and manning his booth. Several attendees said that they had reservations about supporting the newcomer Vern McKinley against incumbent Frank Wolf in this upcoming June 10 primary, even though McKinley's stand on the issues much more closely mirrored their own. However, after the showing of his supporters with their signs and enthusiasm, and the speech he made at the Convention, many people changed their mind and are now firmly declared to vote for Vern McKinley. I estimate about a third of the delegation expressed their support, and therefore is evidence that an even greater portion of "rank and file" 10th District Republicans support McKinley as the best candidate to beat whomever the Democrats elect on June 10.

I thank you, in advance, for assuring that the full story and another point of view is reported.

Leslie Demchenko
Delegate to the 10th District
Republican Convention

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Adrienne Kralick lives in Oakton but has a studio in the Artists' Atelier, which recently moved from the Village Center to Colvin Run Road. Kralick paints professionally and specializes in portraits but also has a number of landscapes and pictures of children at the beach.

Studios Present Area Artists

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out at Great Falls Studios' holiday art show and fall Open Studio Tour had encouraged members to start the spring show, and they had also decided to move their events into the old schoolhouse. "Last summer we got a very good response to having it in this historic building," said Grisdela.

Linda Jones, co-chair of the festival's

marketing committee, said the size of the young group was due in part to the beauty of Great Falls' landscape, which draws and inspires artists.

Great Falls Studios will host its Open Studio Tour in October and its holiday art show in December.

— MIKE DICICCO

Gail Pean just started creating "petit paintings" a few months ago but has painted since she was a child. Paen joined Great Falls Studios a few weeks ago and said being part of the group provided "good motivation to paint more."



PHOTOS BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION



During his 30 years in the Foreign Service, Val Mahan took photographs all over the world, especially in Africa and central Asia. "The last 10 years I've been shooting in the United States because I've never traveled here before," he said. Behind him are pictures of a brown bear he shot in Alaska and polar bears he photographed in Manitoba.

Are Fairfax County Public Schools selecting



Open Letter to Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax teachers are writing to encourage the Fairfax County School Board to reconsider the decision to dramatically reduce summer school in Fairfax County.

The School Board's proposal dramatically alters the availability and length of offerings available to the children of Fairfax County. Further, it appears the targets of these proposed cuts are thousands of children most in need of summer school services including:

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From the dozens of children decked out in red, white and blue for the Baby Parade to the legions of youngsters riding their bikes in the Main Parade, the Great Falls Hometown Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by the Great Falls Friends, is all about family fun. Families parade down the sidewalk lining the Green at the Village Centre wearing red, white and blue from head to toe, some waving flags, others wearing streamers or fuzzy antennae. Evening activities include inflatable rides for the kids and a spectacular fireworks display for over 30 minutes at the Turner Farm, organized by Mike Kearney. For more information, please contact Great Falls Charitable Foundation 703-759-6563 or GFCharities@aol.com and Julie Casso-Mcasso@msn.com

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Asado at Spring Brook Farm

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WEDNESDAY / JUNE 4

Summer Garden Party. Enjoy light refreshments and old jazz recordings. Plants for sale include annual and perennial flowers, herbs and vegetable transplants. 6-9 p.m. at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free admission. Proceeds fund museum's educational programs.

THURSDAY / JUNE 5

Natalia Zukerman, Meg Hutchinson. Acoustic. Show 8 p.m., tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or Thursday, June 5, 7:00 PM
Manga and Japanese Pop Culture. Confused about manga? Why are these Japanese comics so popular in the U.S.? Charles Nguyen will present a rough guide to this literary medium and its import to the American market. Adults. 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna.

FRIDAY / JUNE 6

Organ Recital with James David Christie, the first American recipient of the International Organ Competition. 8 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free-will offering. Call 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.
Hermitage Design & Gallery presents The Journey of My Life, an exhibition of paintings by Rafat Mossadeghi. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. The show runs until June 20. Gallery hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 6831 Tennyson Drive, McLean. Contact Mehri Hosseini at 703-827-0066 or visit HermitageDesignGallery.com

SATURDAY / JUNE 7

Potomac Falls Music holds 4th biannual Student Concert at 2 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 9818 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. More than 100 students of all ages from the Potomac Falls, Ashburn, Reston, McLean and Great Falls areas. Free - open to the public.
Third Annual Laytham Paintout. Competing artists will paint in oils, acrylics, pastels, and watercolors from 5 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St. See the artists at work; the paintings will be available for purchase two weeks later. Call Jack Warden at (703) 437-9681 for more information.
The Seakers. A "classic rock" cover band. 6 to 8 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call (703) 288-9505.
Used Book Sale. A special collection by the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.
Art to the Rescue! Pet adoption, animal art, book signing, and shopping - all to benefit the animals helped by Friends of Homeless Animals. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at The Artful Gift Shop at 145B Church St. NW in Vienna. All are welcome! Visit www.artfulgiftshop.com or call 703.242.1220 for more details.

Paintout at Riverbend Park

Riverbend Park's third annual Jan and Dan Laytham Paintout, will host up to 30 juried and professional landscape painters working in oils, acrylics, pastels and watercolor, and competing for \$2000 in prizes.

On Saturday, June 7, the park will open at 5 a.m. and competing artists will register their blank canvases at the Visitor Center. They then have until 12:30 p.m. to find a motif within walking distance, paint a picture — or two — and return to the Visitor Center for display and judging of their works. First Place wins \$1000, Second Place \$750, and Third Place \$250, with honorable mentions for color and composition. Prizes are sponsored by Realtors Jan and Dan Laytham of Long and Foster's Great Falls office.

The public is invited to visit the park on the day of the paintout, watch the artists at work, and view the complete show of paintings at the Visitor Center directly after the judging.

All of the paintings will be available for purchase. "It's an education in plein air [outdoor] painting technique," said organizer and park artist-in-residence Jack Warden. "You may see the same scene interpreted by five or six different artists. And amazingly enough, it's free."

The judge this year is internationally recognized artist

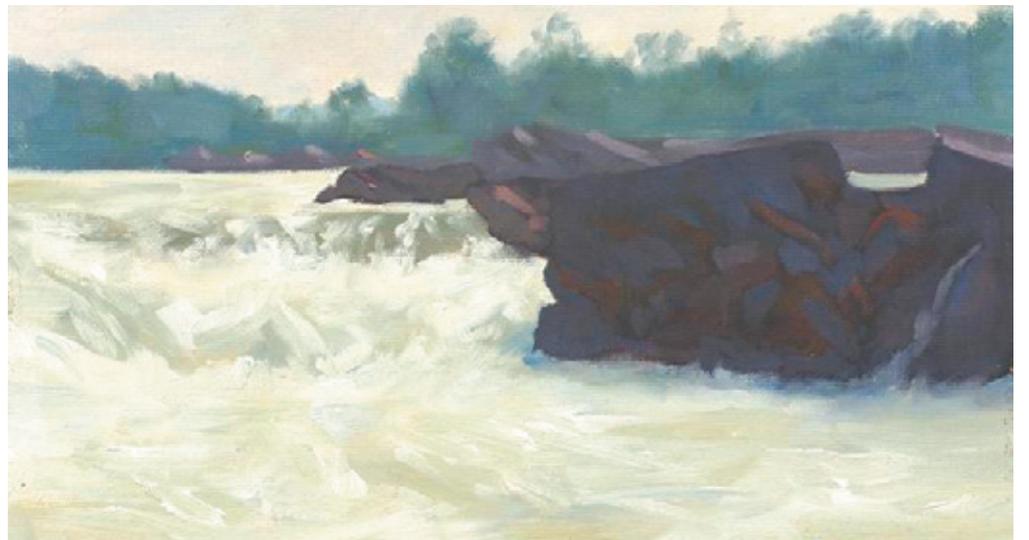
Bill Schmidt of Rockville, Md. The show of all paintings will continue at the Visitor Center for two weeks.

Top prize winners from the two previous years were Sara Linda Poly (2006) and Armand Cabrera (2007), both painters and instructors of national standing, collected worldwide.

For more information call Jack Warden at 703-437-9681.



Armand Cabrera, Best of Show 2007, oil on canvas "Riverbend Morning."



Jack Warden, Plein Air work, 2007, oil on canvas "High Water."



Rob Nevitte, People's Choice award, 2006, watercolor, "Misty Morning on the River."

Classic 60s Rock. Show 6 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

The Ron Holloway Group. Jazz, blues, funk. Show 7 p.m., tickets \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Rusted Root. 6 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP Tickets are \$32/in-house, \$28/lawn.

Dreaming of Eden, The Common Threat, Celebrity Gunfight. Rock. Show 10 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Seakers. 6-8 p.m. Free. Favorites from the 1950s through the 2000s. Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean.

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. 8 p.m. in Alden Theater at McLean Community Center. Program includes Appalachian, Cajun and Celtic fiddle tunes. Tickets are \$27, and \$22 district residents. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, or charge by phone (703-573-SEAT) or online through Ticketmaster. For more information, call the Box Office at 703-790-9223, TTY: 711.

McLean Community Center Summer Garage Sale. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$45. Only residents selling used, excess household items allowed. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Indoors at the Center. For more information, or to register, visit the Center's Web site.

Colonial Herbal Remedies. Help the colonial farm wife harvest herbs from the garden for cures for her family's everyday ills. 1-4 p.m. at

Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA. Regular admission: \$3 adults; \$2 for children and senior citizens. For directions and more information visit www.1771.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

The Fairfax Saxophone Quartet holds a benefit performance at Oakton Church of the Brethren at 4 p.m. The program, "FSQ on Broadway," will include the music of Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, George M. Cohan, George Gershwin and Cole Porter and feature guest artist Amy LaCivita on piano. No tickets or reservations are required. Donations

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will be accepted for NOVACO (Northern Virginia Coalition), which provides housing and other services to homeless victims of domestic abuse. This concert is part of Oakton Church of the Brethren's concert series celebrating the 300th anniversary of the denomination. The church is located at 10025 Courthouse Road in Vienna. Call 703-281-4411 or go to www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Book discussion and signing.

World renown children's author Phillip Pullman discusses and signs his newest release, *Once Upon A Time In the North* and best selling classic, *The Golden Compass*. Adults and children welcome. 2 p.m. **Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7851 Tysons Corner Center. 703-506-2937**

Wolf Trap's 19th Annual Louisiana Swamp Romp

with The Wild Magnolias, Pine Leaf Boys, Balfa Toujors, and Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas. The event begins mid day on Sunday and lasts well into the evening, with full sets from each act designed to provide a true French Quarter experience. 2 p.m. at Wolf Trap. \$25 General Admission.

An Afternoon with Alex Hassan.

Ragtime and melodies from the 20's and 30's. A toe-tapping fundraiser sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. \$10. 3 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd. SW, Vienna. For information or to purchase tickets, call 703-281-0538 or Email office@scov.org.

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FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6428. Deadline is Friday.

Vienna-based Community Coalition for Haiti organizes the **Battle of the Church Choirs Benefit Concert on Saturday, June 7, 2-5 p.m.**, to heal Haiti's hunger at Community Church in Ashburn, 19790 Ashburn Rd. Singing groups include Greater New Hope, Grace Covenant, Community Church, New Day, and Gospel Angels of DC. Donations of canned and dried goods will be accepted at the event for Messiah's Market, a local food pantry

serving Loudoun. For tickets, call (703) 880-4160 or www.cchaiti.org. Tickets will be available at the door, adults: \$20, children: \$10, family packs: \$40

Oakton Church of the Brethren will hold a **flea market**, with food and a bake sale, on **Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, rain or shine, at 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. Come to shop or sell. For information or to reserve sales space, which is available for a \$15 donation to the church, call 703-281-4411, www.oaktonbrethren.org.

The **Institute of Catholic Culture** presents several upcoming programs at **Saint John the Beloved Catholic**

Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. For more information, call 703-504-8733. **Thursday, June 5**, 7:30 p.m.: Byzantium, from Glory to Schism with Dr. William Marshner. **Tuesdays, June 10 and 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Friendship, the Art of Happiness with Dr. John Cuddeback.

Yard Sale. Great Falls United Methodist Church holds yard sale. Come shop or sell, Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Va. 22066. To rent a space (\$20) or for information contact Carol Wesley Wright at carolwright@starpower.net or (703) 582-1640.

Churches Connected for Community Care will be hosting the first annual **Family Wellness and Spiritual Revival Forum** on **Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** The forum will address such issues as Spiritual Wellness, Physical Wellness, Economic Wellness, Wholeness of Life Family Ministry, Spiritual Revival for the Soul, and Pillars of Christian Life. Vendors will be present to discuss and distribute literature on the topics. **Oakton High School auditorium**, 2900 Sutton Rd. To register call (703)

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy **Mondays** 7-8:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, \$10 per class. Call 202-331-2122 or visit www.meditation-dc.org.

Vienna Assembly of God has ministry to children on **Wednesdays**, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on **Sundays** is also available. 703-938-7736 or visit www.ViennaAG.com.

English classes. McLean Baptist Church is offering free conversational English classes on **Mondays**. Classes include beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. There is no cost for the class or registration, however students must buy their own books. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon. New student registration begins at 9 a.m., until Oct. 30. McLean Baptist Church is located at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. Call 703-356-8080 or visit www.mcleanbaptist.org.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms: a place to receive healing. **Every Saturday**, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane, a team of Christians is available to pray for anyone requesting prayer. The rooms are open to the public without charge. For more information call 703-698-9779 or visit www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

OFTC Fiiyyaah Ball!



Friday **June 6**, from **7-10 p.m.** OFTC will welcome rising 7th-graders to their first Friday Night Dance, the Fiiyyaah Ball! Drinks, food and entertainment will be provided.

Admission to this event is free.

The Old Firehouse Teen Center is a satellite location of the McLean Community Center.



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SCHOOLS

Sabrina Barker, a student at Great Falls Elementary, was honored by the Northern Virginia District PTA in its PTA Reflections Contest for Music Composition.

Five Great Falls residents have been named to the spring semester Dean's list at Radford University. They are Alexander Michael Gregory, senior business major; Hannah K. Laws, sophomore recreation, parks, and tourism major; Daniel Walker McLean, senior communications major; Christina Saris, sophomore pre-marketing major; and William Lawrence Kovacs, junior sociology and anthropology major.

Third-grader Sophie Holsinger is holding Sophie's Spectacles Big Give Back Project at **Forestville Elementary** through Thursday, **June 5**. A donor has given Holsinger and her classmates \$100 toward a charity of their choice and has challenged them to make the project bigger. Holsinger, who wears glasses and knows how important good vision is, has decided to collect 100 pairs of glasses to match the donor's \$100 contribution. Old prescription glasses, sunglasses, frames, or lenses are being accepted through June 5; donations will go to the local Lions Club for refurbishment and distribution to those in need.

Notable graduation speakers at local schools include:

- ♦ Langley High: Kathleen Mathews, Marriott International executive vice president for global communications and public affairs and former ABC 7 News anchor.
- ♦ McLean High: Ruth Otte, former president of the Discovery Channel.

Starshine Theater of Great Falls is now enrolling students for its Summer Camps in Drama, Dance and Music/Voice. Student actors, dancers and singers, ages 7 thru 18, will perform in the full-production stage show: "The Dragons of Darkmoor Book One: How Magic Came Into the World." This original play will rehearse in Great Falls and perform onstage at The Waddell Theater, NoVa College, Sterling, in July. Every student receives a dramatic character role, as well as opportunities to perform in the dance/action and vocal/music sequences, if interested. Starshine is also offering its "Little Theater" camp for ages 3 thru 6, and its "Young Performers" camp for ages 5 thru 9. Teen Actor/Mentor positions for ages 15 through college are available; these counselors assist at rehearsals and also enjoy a dramatic role in the play. Contact Patricia Budwig: 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com

Great Falls United Methodist Preschool has a few openings in its 4-year-old, Pre-K classes for the 2008-09 school year. The preschool has provided quality education in a loving, Christian environment since 1950. The curriculum includes all of the benchmarks for social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. It is located at 10100 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. Visit the Web site at www.gfump.org or contact Carolyn See, director or Anne Marie Barletta, Assistant at 703-759-2432.

The Great Falls Art Center will be holding its annual Art Camp for eight weeks in July and August for children ages 6 through teens. Campers may sign up for one week, two weeks or more. Each week will be Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instruction will be different each week in drawing, painting, sculpture and art appreciation. After a day of art activities, campers may enjoy cooling off in the pool before their pickup at 3 p.m. Call 703-759-3867 or email: greatfallsart@yahoo.com.

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Wildcats Stunned in Region Quarterfinals

One out away from advancing, Centreville falls in extra innings to Saxons.

BY PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

The Centreville and Langley softball teams traded blows for over two hours on Monday afternoon in the Northern Region softball tournament quarterfinals at Falls Church High School. The epic matchup featured game-tying doubles, game-saving plays at the plate and a towering home run to center field, but it was a slow roller to third base, however, that decided the game.

SOFTBALL

With two outs and the score knotted at 6-6 in the bottom of the eighth inning, senior first baseman Lizzie Sharkey hit a swinging bunt toward Centreville freshman third baseman Cara Donovan. Donovan fielded the ball cleanly, but her throw to first baseman Brianne Pease sailed wide, allowing Saxon senior Lindsay Brown, who was at second base, to score the game-winning run, 7-6, and send the Saxons into the Northern Region tournament semifinals.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley's Kelsey Green smacked a two-run, game-tying double late in last week's region quarterfinals softball win over Centreville.

"It has been different kids at different times. They just keep on battling, they don't quit."

—Langley High Girls' Softball coach
Bob Morrow

Centreville head coach Rich Ferrick praised his team as the stunned Wildcats packed in the dugout.

"The kids fought hard all the way through — tooth and nail," he said, before switching focus to Donovan. "We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Cara Donovan. I am telling you right now, she is still our player and we love her to death. She is a big reason why we are here."

ERRORS PLAGUED the Wildcats throughout the game, as three of the Saxons first four runs were unearned. Down 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning, however, the Wildcats battled back. Singles by junior Jessica Ferrick

and freshman Karen Johnson and a double by senior Megan deLorimier helped tie the score at 4-4. The Wildcats then took their first lead of the day in the top of the seventh when Ferrick hit a two-RBI single off of Saxon pitcher Shannon Engel to put Centreville up 6-4.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, the score remained 6-4 with Saxons at second and third and Langley senior captain Kelsey Green walking to the plate.

"I was thinking in that inning, 'We need another person on base to get Kelsey up.' That was what I was thinking in the back of my mind," said Langley head coach Bob Morrow.

Green was thinking about something completely different.

"I was just hoping not to be the third out in the last game of my senior year," she said. "I was just hoping to at least put the ball in play and make something happen."

Green made something happen, stroking an offering by Ferrick down the left field line for a two-RBI double to send the game into extra innings and set up the Saxon win.

"It has been different kids at different times. They just keep on battling, they don't quit," said Morrow.

Langley, this year's Liberty District cham-

pions, saw its season end in its following game against Herndon — a 5-2 semifinals setback.

Former Langley assistant coach Bonnie O'Hearn, the current Herndon head coach, got a taste of her past during Herndon's region playoff run when her Hornets defeated Langley in the semifinals. The win over the Saxons prevented the Liberty District Langley squad from making states. Then at the region finals, Herndon lost to a Westfield team currently coached by Dean Ferrington, the former Langley High head coach.

O'Hearn said her team's May 28 semifinals win over Langley last week was particularly gratifying because the Hornets had played poorly against the Saxons during a pre-season game earlier this spring. But in the playoff meeting at South County High School, the Hornets turned the tables.

"To beat Langley was huge because they've been a success story in the region forever," said O'Hearn.

In the win, Herndon received fine pitching from both starter Katie Briggs (four innings) and reliever Katie Rynex (three innings). Briggs struck out seven Langley batters, while Rynex had three K's.

"Each girl gave up one run and both pitched fantastic," said O'Hearn, of the two seniors.

The Hornets played a near flawless game in the win over Langley, but did not play as well in the region championship game where they lost to Westfield, 5-3, at Yorktown High School in Arlington. All five of the Bulldogs' runs were unearned in that title contest.

Herndon received a top-notch pitching effort from Rynex, who allowed only three hits to Westfield batters. But it was not enough.

"We had said that we had to play perfect ball to win over the last few weeks," said O'Hearn. "We didn't do that against Westfield."

O'Hearn said her team understands it lost to Westfield, in part, to spotty defense. But for the most part over the postseason, Herndon has played outstanding in the field.

"They are disappointed we lost, but understand why we lost," said O'Hearn. "We did things we can't do. When we play a flawless game like we did against Langley, we prove we're unbeatable."

— Rich Sanders contributed to this report

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Goalkeeping training available with University of Michigan Club Soccer goalkeeper and former four-year varsity starting goalkeeper at Langley High School. Flexible schedule and reasonable rates. For more information, email Kathleen at kclem@umich.edu or call 703-790-7210.

By winning the recent US Youth Soccer Virginia State Championship, the **Great Falls U16 91 crew** soccer team has qualified to compete in the US Youth Soccer Region I (East Regional) Championships.

The teams will be among the more than 270 top boys and girls US youth soccer teams from the 15 state associations competing for the regional title, scheduled to take place June 28 through July 3 at the US Youth Soccer Region I Championships in Portland, Maine. Daily reports and complete results from the tournament will be available on <http://Championships.USYouthSoccer.org>.

GFSC Rovers is a rising U-15 D4 NCSL Fall 2008 team that has recently transferred from ASC. The team is actively looking to add committed and talented players to the roster through the tryout period. The team will be coached by Laszlo Juhasz of HP Soccer Academy and will participate in optional summer and winter training/camps. Juhasz is a former player with the Hungarian Youth National Teams and a four-year started at George Mason University. He was an assistant coach with the Marymount University men's soccer team and a strength/conditioning coach at American University. Juhasz holds his UEFA B license and is an ODP Staff Coach.

The team is looking for players in all positions and will be looking to provide a developmental, enjoyable and competitive environment for interested players. Tryouts are scheduled during June. Visit the <http://www.greatfallsoccer.com> for tryout information or please contact team manager Oscar at cabrisses@msn.com.

Great Falls Fire, a rising U-14 girls' soccer team, is holding tryouts for the upcoming Fall 2008 season. The Fire will compete in WAGS this Fall, and in Region 1 Summer league throughout the summer. The Fire is a strong up and coming team committed to player development and higher level team play. The team welcomes players at all positions, including keeper. The Fire is trained/coached by Krisztian Mikoczi. Tryouts are scheduled for Monday, June 9 and Thursday, June 5 and 13 at 6 p.m. at Nike Park's field No. 7 (corner of Route 7 and Utterback Store Rd., Great Falls). Contact team manager, Karen Shaban, for additional information at 703-901-7232 or sshaban@aol.com

Registration is now open for **McLean Youth Soccer's** Premier Soccer Academy Summer Camp for ages 5 to 16. Players from MYS and other clubs are invited to register for weekly sessions offered June 16 through Aug. 15 at Lewinsville Park in McLean. Access the brochure and register on MYS' website: www.mcleansoccer.org For more information, email admin@mcleansoccer.org, or call the MYS office at 703-506-8068.



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The Langley High Saxon Men's 2nd Four boat earned a silver in its finals race at the late season Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta on May 10. The boat is composed of seniors Arjun Banerjee and Doug Bennett, sophomores Will Chiang and Matt Levetown and Coxswain Allie Mullin (freshman).

McLean Destiny, a rising U-18 travel team that recently won the WAGS U-19 Div. 2 league championship, is holding tryouts on June 5 and 10 at the MYS field. The Destiny is in search of impact players to join the team for fall 2008 and spring 2009 WAGS league play and several college showcase tournaments. Interested players should contact Trevor Parker at 703-966-2195, or Roy Pepper at 703-887-5105 for further details.

McLean MPS U12 (rising U13) Girls: The McLean Premier Soccer program within McLean Youth Soccer will hold tryouts for the Fury Green and White teams as follows: Monday, June 9, 4-5:30 p.m., LP2; Wednesday, June 11, 5:30-7, LP2; Thursday, June 12, 4-5:30, LP2; Saturday, June 14, 10-11:30 a.m., CapOne South; Saturday, June 21 10-11:30 CapOne South.

For more information about MPS and to gain directions to the fields, go to www.mcleansoccer.org.

Please direct any questions to Tom Noll at GreenFury@Juno.com.

The McLean Youth Soccer U12 Titans invite candidates to tryouts for the U13 year on June 9 at MYS Field (1301 Spring Hill Rd.) and June 6 and 13 at Capital One South field (1680 Capital One Dr.). All sessions will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Titans are approximately 50 boys who make up four teams in the National Capital Soccer League and the Old Dominion Soccer League. They train and scrimmage together under the direction of a professional staff led by Trevor Parker and Marcelo Valencia,

both former pro soccer players with strong youth coaching credentials and records. The Titans provide a range of competition and training options, including winter indoor leagues and summer and winter camps. For details, see mcleantitans.com.

McLean MPS 90, a rising U18 Boys team currently ranked No. 1 in Virginia, is interested in highly motivated and talented players. Players who aspire to play at an advanced level and who want a coach with extensive experience in the college recruiting process are encouraged to contact Coach Sean Lanigan at 703-231-6519 or via email at sdlanigan@cox.net. Coach Lanigan, who holds both UEFA "A" and USSF "A" licenses, along with a NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, is also the head soccer coach for the boys varsity team at Herndon High School. He is a former ODP Coach, DC United Youth Coach, and Director of Coaching of a local club.

McLean United U19G (HSD) tryouts for all positions for the '08-09 fall WAGS season and college showcase tournaments. Tryouts to be held at Lewinsville Park No. 2 in McLean: June 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. Contact John Pan at John.Pan@chameleontechnologypartners.com, or at 571-228-2227. Or contact Alberto Starace staracelab@aol.com, or at 703-728-8471 for additional details.

The Potomac Softball Camp will be holding week long camps for girls ages 7 to 13. The first session is scheduled for June 16-20 and the second session is Aug. 4-8.

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Potomac School boys' lacrosse player Brian Kimm was recently selected to the Virginia All-State Independent Schools team. The Panthers, members of the MidAtlantic Athletic Conference (MAC), are coached by Cabell Maddux.

The McLean Premier Soccer program, within McLean Youth Soccer, will hold tryouts for two WAGS teams as follows: Friday, June 6, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Capital One South; Monday, June 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Springhill Elementary Lower No. 2; Friday, June 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Capital One South.

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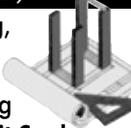
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