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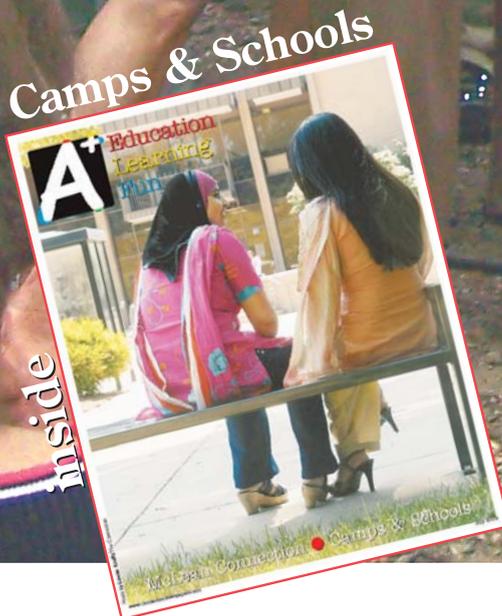
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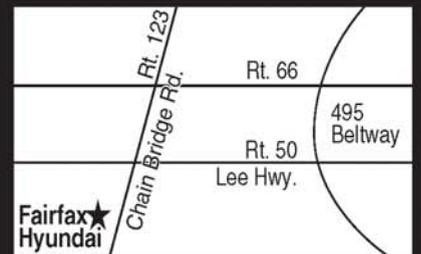


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Jeff Wieser and Gretchen George Annese review the chronology of the campaign of the Burling Defenders.



John Adams of McLean retells the story of how he and his comrades saved the Burling tract.

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Task Force Highlights Safety

Improvements planned at some intersections.

BY SHANNON MCCULLOUGH
THE CONNECTION

Although McLean is not known for its pedestrians and bicyclists, the few that the community has currently have a difficult time navigating through downtown McLean.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) is leading a movement to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety throughout the Dranesville District with a particular focus on the downtown McLean area.

Foust said that it has been a goal of his to increase pedestrian safety in the Dranesville district since his election in 2008. As there have been more and more McLean residents who elect to travel by foot or bike rather than by car, the pedestrian safety becomes more crucial to the community.

One year ago during the summer of 2008, Foust appointed a committee to study and observe the pedestrian traffic patterns in downtown McLean. The Dranesville Pedestrian Task Force is headed by Doug Potts, former president of the McLean Planning Committee.

The Task Force is divided into four more specific committees. They focus on Sidewalk Connectivity, Bike Trails, Pedestrian Safety, and Streetscape Design and Lighting.

The Task Force was scheduled to present their findings concerning pedestrian accessibility and hear questions and comments from the citizens at a public presentation Tuesday evening. They will present their findings to Foust in the fall.

"Finding funding for all the requested improvements is always a challenge, particularly in these lean economic times," said Foust. However he said he was optimistic about making the community a safer place for pedestrians.

The Dranesville District already has some plans for improvements to pedestrian safety at particular intersections. Those changes include adding a median on Beverly Road near Fleetwood Road, the addition of a

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Burling Defenders Reunite

Scott's Run Nature Preserve celebrates 40 years.

BY SHANNON MCCULLOUGH
THE CONNECTION

Forty years ago local residents rose against the development of what is today the Scott's Run Nature Preserve. They were the Burling Defenders as the tract of land was previously owned by Edward Burling. Many of the activists returned to the park last Saturday, July 11 to remember and celebrate their efforts all those years ago.

More than 40 people were in attendance at the event including present day leaders such as Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Superintendent Donald Briggs of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail National Park Service. Many of the original activists were also present, some of whom traveled across the nation to be at this event.

Gretchen George Annese, who currently lives outside of Boston, described her work on saving the Burling tract as "one of the more wonderful things I've done with my life." Annese was a student at the time. She said that she learned a lot about how government worked as well as increasing her love for the park. She also expressed joy that the park "is still here to be enjoyed."

FELLOW STUDENT ACTIVIST, Jeff Wieser, currently of California, said, "I should have never left." This reunion and celebration was his first time back in the park after a 38-year hiatus. He reflected on how saving the land brought different people together. "The best thing was having a divergent group come together to

work together successfully," said Wieser. He spoke of working with adults as well as students to help protect the Burling Property.

The effort had two parts, one of which was an adult contingent. Some of the main adult activists are no longer here. However, leaders Sharon Francis and John Adams were present to recount the story of how they helped to save Burling. Francis has written a history of the campaign to save the Burling property. "What was powerful and magical was seeing the local government so flat footed," said Francis. She elaborated that then the student and adult activists had the opportunity to take the lead and make a difference.

The celebration focused as much on the campaign itself as it did on the victory and end result. There was a time line available to all those in attendance to demonstrate how the fight to save Burling did by no means happen overnight. The Campaign began in earnest on Oct. 27, 1969 when the Fairfax County Planning Commission held its first hearing on the Burling land. Many meetings, not all of which were successful

for the activists, continued until there was a referendum signed on July 14, 1970 which increased taxes so that the land could be purchased by Fairfax County. To this day, this purchase is the largest land acquisition in Fairfax County's history. The property was 336 acres.

ANOTHER KEY PLAYER in the campaign was Susan Daniel Johnson, currently of New Jersey. She composed a song, the Burling Song, that went to the tune of "This Land is Your Land," which all the activists sang at many of the rallies and protests. Some of the lyrics included, "Think of all the kids who just see fences, think of all the kids who could see gates. Land is gone before you know it. Save Burling Tract before it's too late." At the celebration, all attendees sang a few verses of the original song led by Johnson. "It's very surreal to be back," said Johnson.

The event not only celebrated 40 years, but also unveiled new interpretive signage that illustrates and elaborates on the efforts of the Burling Defenders 40 years ago.



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PEOPLE

Twomey Becomes Chamber President

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce will welcome its new President, Marcia S. Twomey, on Aug. 3. Prior to joining as President, Twomey spent 11 years working with the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation (NMCGRF) and Vinson Hall Corporation. Her positions with those organizations included Director of Development and Marketing, in which she identified and cultivated community and corporate partnerships, executed and exceeded major fundraising initiatives through events and membership programs, and led internal and external marketing communications efforts.



Marcia S. Twomey

Throughout her time at NMCGRF and Vinson Hall, she been an active member of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

Twomey will be a guiding force for the Chamber as it embarks upon its next chapter, fulfilling its mission to provide professional development, networking, and facilitation of business opportunities among members, all while reaching out to a larger audience for the benefit of the business community, local non-profits, and the general public.

Bollinger Wins 3rd Place in National Contest

Caroline Bollinger of McLean, won third place in the National Park Foundation Jr. Rangers Essay Contest. The contest asked young people, aged 9 to 12, throughout the country: "Why are our national parks important to you and what is your best idea to protect our parks for the future?"

The first place winner was Skyler Baldwin of California and second place was Jason Roy Maki of Washington State.

"Kids have an excitement about the National Parks that we can all take a lesson from" said Vin Cipolla, vice chair of the National Park Foundation. "Young people who are given the chance to explore and spend time in National Parks have unique passion about the parks and the environment. This essay contest is about giving them a microphone to tell their stories, so that we will all be reminded about the importance of caring for our National Parks."

Bollinger received a \$250 Visa Gift Card and an America The Beautiful Pass to Great Falls Park.



Caroline Bollinger



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Special education students from area schools visit the Clemyjontri Park in McLean.

Scenic Pull Off at Clemyjontri Park

Foust heads the plan to create a pull off, extra parking.

BY SHANNON McCULLOUGH
THE CONNECTION

A scenic pull off and satellite parking lot for the Clemyjontri Park on Georgetown Pike is being planned by the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Fairfax Park Authority, and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

The plan to have a scenic pull off on Georgetown Pike has been in the works for about a decade. The idea originally began with the members of the Georgetown Pike Association and the Great Falls Citizens Association. As the road has historic significance as one of the oldest roads in the area, the scenic pull off would feature informational signs that would replace and elaborate on the current historic marker located near Clemyjontri Park.

Georgetown Pike is a member of the National Scenic Byways Program of the Federal Highway Administration. It is one road out of only 11 in Virginia. There is evidence that Georgetown Pike has been a pathway as far back as prehistoric times when it was used by animal herds that were avoiding the Great Falls of the Potomac River. It is known that humans have been using the road as early as the 17th century as a fur trade route. Today Georgetown Pike is a 12-mile long road that runs between Route 123 and Route 7.

The Clemyjontri Park opened in 2006 to the public as a place "where every child can play." The park has a focus on being accessible to children with disabilities as well as fun for all the children. As a result of the park's popularity, "it became clear to me that the number of parking spaces for Clemyjontri was inadequate," said Foust.

To achieve two goals in one project, Foust is leading the plans to create a historical pull off and simultaneously creating additional parking for Clemyjontri Park.

In addition to creating more parking for the playground, one of the goals of the project is to increase the safety of the park for the visitors.

The pull off will be across Georgetown Pike from the park, and to ensure that the pedestrians can cross safely, a crosswalk will be added.

The pull off will feature interpretive signs as well as 5 to 8 additional parking spaces. However, Foust with VDOT and the Fairfax Park Authority plans on creating another parking lot nearby the park that will have approximately 20 new spaces.

The project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2010.

"Clemyjontri Park offers a special and unique experience for children and their families. It is a marvelous addition to our community, and I am glad that we will make access to the park safer," said Foust.

Charles Vernon Sanders, 94, Dies

Charles Vernon Sanders, 94, (formerly of McLean) died Friday, July 3, 2009, at his home in Rock Hill, S.C. Graveside services will be held at Andrew Chapel Cemetery in Vienna on Saturday, July 18, at 11 a.m. A reception will immediately follow in the parlor of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1302 Trap Road, Vienna.

A native and long-time resident of McLean, "Vernon" Sanders was born on June 4, 1915, to Earl and Bessie Sanders. He was a Mason for over 60 years and

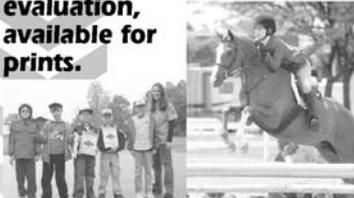
Past Master of his Lodge, Sharon #327. He was an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean and later joined the Community Congregational Church in Southern Pines, N.C. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1936, and earned his CPA designation in May of 1940. Vernon enjoyed two careers: his first in a 12-year tenure as Special Agent for the FBI; his second in 28 years of service to the National Geographic Society retiring as vice president of finance in 1980.

Survivors include his wife of 60

years, Joan (Joanne) Mesimer Sanders; daughter Joyce Lynn Sanders of York, S.C.; two sons, Dale Edwin Sanders of Washington, D.C. and Wade Earl Sanders and wife, Sarah, of Fleetwood, N.C.; two sisters, Mary Trammel of Fairfield, Calif., and Dorothy Morales of Sterling, Va.; nephews, nieces and their progeny.

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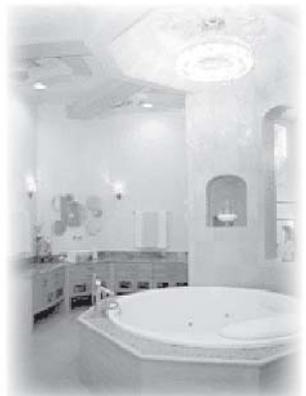
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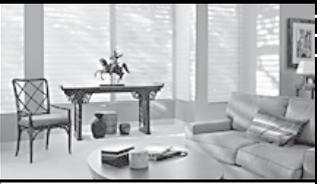
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Community College To Lead the Way

Options for students looking for a way to get into top schools while saving money.

Northern Virginia Community College offers many local students of all ages an accessible and affordable path to success.

In the Connection this week, education reporter Julia O'Donoghue highlights one little known program at NVCC that the region's top students should carefully consider.

Competition is so steep to get into Virginia's top colleges and universities, like the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary, that students with excellent grades and SAT scores, plus many other accomplishments, still have been unable to win acceptance to the schools of their dreams.

But those students who really want a degree from a particular Virginia school can control their own fate by first enrolling at Northern Virginia Community College.

The process is not simple; students and their families must carefully study all of the requirements. But if a student gets their associate degree while taking the required classes set by the college where they would like to transfer, achieving the required grade point average, filing the letters of intent with the state college of their choice, then that student is guaranteed acceptance as a transfer student.

EDITORIAL

Students who make use of this program can graduate from a top Virginia college or university in four years, and they will have saved thousands of dollars in tuition along the way.

Another advantage of attending NVCC for two years is evident for the many students who have taken International Baccalaureate courses. NVCC will accept those classes (with passing test scores) for credit; then four-year

colleges will accept the NVCC credits. For many students, the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits they carry forward into college can save a full year of college, and college tuition, for some students saving as much as \$40,000.

NVCC also offers degree and certification programs in myriad fields that meet the needs of older students and students who are not headed for a four-year degree.

Demand is surging at NVCC, not surprisingly. The institution will need funding and flexibility going forward.

Read our story, Northern Virginia Community College "Guarantees," inside our July issue of our new monthly camps and schools section, A+: Education, Learning, Fun in this issue or online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com. Click on "print editions online" in the red bar at the top of the page.

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Battling the Threat of Lyme Disease

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK



Over the past several years, cases of Lyme disease have soared in our area, with reported cases more than doubling in Virginia between 2006 and 2007

(357 to 959). But even that troubling number may significantly underestimate the prevalence of the disease that often goes undetected because of its flu-like symptoms — headaches, fever, muscle aches and fatigue. Lyme disease can be misdiagnosed as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, lupus or other autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases, because of similar symptoms.

Last summer when Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) held a forum on Lyme disease, nearly 300 people turned out to learn more about the disease, hear from local experts, and share their experiences. Some local residents — young high school students, for example — had been reduced to using wheelchairs due to the impact of Lyme, which when not treated early enough can lead to heart and joint problems, Bell's palsy or arthritis and be profoundly debilitating. The disease has spread along the East Coast, starting in Connecticut where a group of cases was first identified in Lyme in 1975. The spread of infected ticks in our region has in-

creased as more farmland has become residential areas and deer — the primary hosts for ticks — have become more commonly found wandering through our back yards, local parks or common areas.

While Congressman Wolf is working to get more federal attention and funding to address Lyme disease, ongoing public education efforts about the presence of Lyme in Virginia are important to insure that the disease is better understood and better reported. Next week, on July 22, Supervisors Herrity and Frey will be hosting experts at a Town Hall Meeting at Centreville High School to raise awareness of the dangers of Lyme disease and the practical steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of contracting the disease.

In addition, Virginia might also look to legislation recently passed in Connecticut, where Gov. Jodi Rell signed the Lyme disease doctor protection bill, which will protect Lyme disease treating physicians from prosecution by the State Medical Examining Board solely on the basis of a clinical diagnosis and /or for treatment of long-term Lyme disease.

According to the advocates of this legislation, one of the burdens of Lyme disease is finding treatment from physicians who are knowledgeable about Lyme dis-

ease. While there is disagreement among medical experts about treatments and even the existence of long-term Lyme disease, the Connecticut State Medical Society supported the legislation because it frees physicians from undue liability threats in evaluating the disease and providing a variety of treatment options. "Doctors will have the right to use treatment guidelines based on their clinical experience and best medical judgment," Governor Rell said. "This bill does not, however, shield any physician who provides substandard care."

Connecticut is only the third state in the nation to have a law that protects physicians who treat Lyme disease long term, but with Virginia's incidence of Lyme disease increasing, we should continue to look for ways we can improve reporting and education efforts, as well as find ways we can provide our physicians the ability to meet the treatment needs of their patients without undue liability threats.

Barbara Comstock is a resident of McLean and the Republican candidate for the 34th District House of Delegates seat.

Highway Robbery At Toll Road

To the Editor:

At the risk of seeming frivolous, my opinion of our public officials deciding to fund the lion's share of the cost of building a rail line to Dulles Airport on the backs of Dulles Toll Road users is highway robbery ["Toll Increase Supports Metrorail," Connection, July 8-14, 2009]. I believed this before I commuted daily on the toll road, especially after reading about studies finding that the rail line would not appreciably decrease traffic congestion. Now that I own a video game store just off the toll road in Herndon and I travel there seven days a week from Great Falls, my opinion has only got-

ten stronger. The public officials you quote seem to agree that the decision to raise tolls is arbitrary but consider it necessary. However, I am reminded of Germanic barons in the Middle Ages who strung chains from their castles across the Rhine and Ruhr rivers and extorted tolls from traders moving their wares by boat. Commuters on the toll road are just such an easy target. Hopefully they will rise up as the traders did in the Middle Ages and force a more equitable solution than ever-increasing tolls.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean District of the Fairfax County Police Department through July 10.

BANK ROBBERY/ ARREST

8200 block of Greensboro Drive. A 24-year-old woman was arrested after a bank robbery on Wednesday, July 1. Around 4:05 p.m. a woman entered the Cardinal Bank, located at 8270 Greensboro Drive, and approached two female tellers, 20 and 42 years old, at the counter. She reportedly brandished a handgun and demanded money from the victims. They complied and the suspect fled from the bank. No one required medical assistance. Detectives investigating the bank robbery developed a suspect and in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 2, they arrested a 24 year old female of the 4400 block of Holly Ave. in Fairfax. Further investigation determined she was reportedly responsible for an additional bank robbery on Friday, June 5 at the M&T Bank, located at 11721 Lee Highway in the Fairfax area. The suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Cash stolen from business.
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- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Clothing stolen from business.
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- 8300 block of Merrifield Ave.** Muffler stolen from vehicle.
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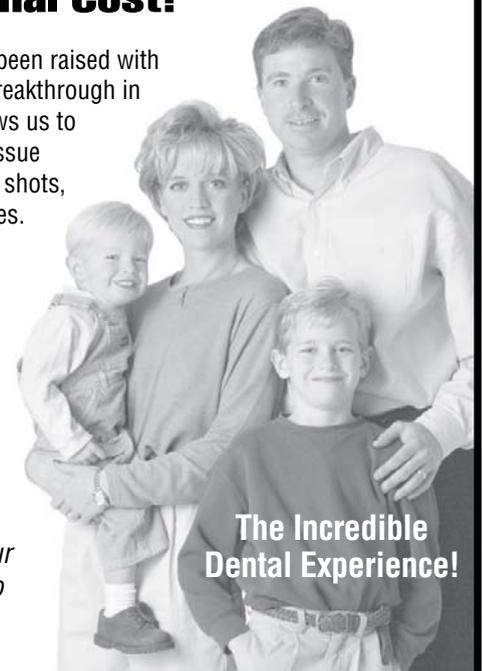
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Mid-Atlantic Band Battle. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

V.I.P. Vienna. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Support group for adults with vision loss. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Improvisation. 2:30 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. A fast-paced, high-energy, creative workshop with Lois Walsh for actors and non-actors alike. Age 12-18. 703-356-0770.

Nottoway Nights Concert with Hokum Jazz (Vintage Jazz/Blues 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. For rain cancellation, call after 6 p.m. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances. The free, summer

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Luke Brindley and Parliament Hill. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

42nd Street. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20 - \$70. Wolf Trap

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Junior Ranger Day. 12-3 p.m. Includes activity books, scavenger hunt and a variety of ranger programs with topics including costumes, musical instruments, recycling, puppets, and park history. Free; for ages 5-12. www.nps.gov/wotr/forkids or 703-255-1893.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 18th Century Summer Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Traditional dancing and singing. Muster with the Colonial Militia and try hands-on crafts. Enjoy local ale and porter at the Tavern. Period wares, food and beverages available. Costumed re-enactors, chickens, turkeys and more. Adults \$5, children 3-12 and seniors \$2.50. Weather permitting; call 703-903-9330 day of event. Free parking. www.1771.org/directions.htm.

42nd Street. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20 - \$70. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Family Fun Weekends at Colvin Run Mill. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 12-3 p.m. Hand-crank ice cream then sample your efforts for \$1.25 a cup. Watch grinding while on a mill tour, \$6 adults, \$4 children and seniors. Visit the farm animals on loan from Frying Pan Farm Park and play old-fashioned games. 703-759-2771.

Charles Krohn, author of The Lost Battalion of Tet: Breakout of the 2/12th Cavalry. 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Free, registration required. 703-790-8088.

David Davol. 8 p.m. at the Great Falls Tavern, 9835 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-4770.

McLean Orchestra Community FunFest. 1-6 p.m. at the St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Featuring Red, Hot & Blue Barbecue and The Parklawn Ramblers Bluegrass Band. \$25 per person, \$50 per family. Children under 10 free. All proceeds will benefit the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra. www.mclean-orchestra.org

SUNDAY/JULY 19

42nd Street. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20 - \$70. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Curtis Peoples (full band), Keaton Simons (full band). 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Music on the Green, with the Vienna Community Band. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Family Fun Weekends at Colvin Run Mill. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 12-3 p.m. The Northern Virginia Wood Carvers will teach free carving lessons with a nominal charge for wood blanks. Watch grinding while on a mill tour, \$6 adults, \$4 children and seniors. Visit the farm animals on loan from Frying Pan

Farm Park and play old-fashioned games. 703-759-2771.

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St. John's Episcopal Church Friends of Music Benefit Concert. 4 p.m. at St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Chuck Seipp and Christian Hinkle on trumpets playing The William Tell Overture, La chi darem La Mano from Don Giovanni by Mozart, Loudoun Lyric Opera's soprano Teri Bickham and baritone Rob Thomson. The concert benefit church music programs. No tickets required. Donations accepted. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

The Woodschmidders. 3 p.m., McLean Central Park, at the intersection of Old Madison and Dolley Madison (Route 123). The character and charisma of the Jazz Age, old-time, bluegrass, celtic, country, rap, rock, and rhythm and blues are brought forward by this talented bunch. Free. 703-790-0123.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

The Waybacks, Devon Sproule and Carsie Blanton. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.



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'Oliver!' at Alden Theatre

Brown's guileless orphan Oliver. The McLean Community Players present musical 'Oliver!' on July 17, 18, 24 and 25, at 8 p.m.; and on July 19, at 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Tickets cost \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and senior citizens. Group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased through the box office by phone at 703-790-9223 or by mail. An order form is available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.mcleanplayers.org"](http://www.mcleanplayers.org) www.mcleanplayers.org. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.ticketmaster.com/Alden-Theatre-tickets-McLean/venue/172035"](http://www.ticketmaster.com/Alden-Theatre-tickets-McLean/venue/172035) www.ticketmaster.com. The box office is also open for an hour before all shows.

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Read Yourself Silly With Flow Circus. 2:30 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Juggling, magic and more. Age 6-12. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

The BBQ Across America Tour with Ace Enders & A Million Different People. Person L, The Gay Blades, The Dangerous Summer and School Boy Humor. 6:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Magic Around the World With Fish the Magish. 2:30 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Storytelling, magic and fun. Age 6-12. 703-356-0770.

Nottoway Nights Concert with Swing Shift (Swing), 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Free. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. For rain cancellation, call after 6 p.m. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Rick Beck Exhibition. 5:07:30 p.m. at the Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. Cast glass implements and sculptural groupings. 703-989-7110 or www.habatatgalleries.com/va.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

"Split Personality" Shane Hines and the Trance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Jazz on the Green, with the U.S. Navy Commodores. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Movie in the Park. Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Vienna's Glyndon Park at dusk, about 8:45 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs or

blankets for seating. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on July 22.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Civil War Camp for ages 8 to 13, at Vienna's historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. "Recruits" will learn about basic soldiering and camp life. The day will also include music and games. \$30 for Town of Vienna residents, \$37.50 for out-of-town participants, includes 'ratons' and a souvenir. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Donate Used Books. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will collect used books, CDs, tapes and software. No records or textbooks. This collection is in preparation for the AAUW Used Book Sale in Sept. Cosponsored by the MCC. 202-337-2294 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

Big Tow. 8 p.m. at the Great Falls Tavern, 9835 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-4770.

SUNDAY/JULY 26

Gordon Lightfoot. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$40 in-house, \$22 lawn. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Adrian Duke Projek. 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free. 703-790-0123.

Sun and Shade Container Gardening with Annuals. 4 p.m. Pear Tree Cottage, 130 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-938-1331 or thepeartrecottage.com.

The Mick Taylor Band (from The Rolling Stones). 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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COMMUNITY

McLean Orchestra Hosts FunFest, Cookout

Saturday's event supports orchestra's mission.

The McLean Orchestra will host a Community FunFest and Cookout on July 18, 6-8 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls. Residents of the greater McLean and Great Falls communities are invited to join orchestra members, patrons and friends of the McLean Orchestra and McLean Youth Orchestra at a fun-filled day which will feature the live music of the Parklawn Ramblers Bluegrass Band, the McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet and other featured groups. There will be food from area restaurants, including Red, Hot & Blue and the McLean Family Restaurant, as well as games, raffles, prizes and a "moon bounce." A Redskins football autographed by quarterback Jason Campbell and donated by Easterns Automotive Group will be the premier item in a live auction.

The first in what is hoped to become an annual event, this community picnic is a fundraiser designed to generate income to help the orchestra move beyond the current economic difficulties and expand its offerings to new audiences. The McLean Orchestra and McLean Youth Orchestras have been playing to crowds for many years at Oakcrest School in McLean. To guarantee the opening of the 2010 season, the 38-year-old institution is turning to the community to help raise the necessary funds.

The Board of Directors of the McLean Orchestra recently announced a fund-raising goal of \$60,000 to be raised by Sept. 21. Monies raised at the FunFest will support the orchestra's mission to extend the appreciation and enjoyment of orchestra performances to all sectors of the community.

"This is perhaps the most exciting time in McLean Orchestra history. We have one of the best orchestras on this side of the Potomac and we'll spotlight our orchestra next season with some electrifying programs," said Maestra Sylvia Alimena. On the orchestra's 2009/2010 schedule are performances of Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony, Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony and Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Highlights include solo perfor-



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The event features food from area restaurants, as well as games, raffles, prizes and a "moon bounce."

McLean Orchestra Community FunFest

Saturday, July 18, 1 - 6 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

Featuring: Red, Hot & Blue Barbecue.

Entertainment: The Parklawn Ramblers Bluegrass Band.

Tickets are \$25 per individual and \$50 per family. Food and beverages are included. Children under 10 are free.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by going online to www.mclean-orchestra.org.

mances by 11-year-old prodigy flutist Emma Resmini and renowned National Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef.

A new offering this season will be innovative multimedia presentations and a series of pre-concert lectures. Along with pops concerts, chamber music programs, McLean Youth Orchestra concerts and in-home musicales, the orchestra also provides community outreach programs to local retirement homes, homeowners associations, local civic organizations and many area school children.

"We constantly ask ourselves what we can offer the local community," said executive director John Huling. "The July 18 FunFest is the latest and most inviting way for us to bring the community together to spend an afternoon with family, friends, and fans, while helping to fund an exceptionally worthy cause," he said.

Major supporters of the FunFest are Red, Hot & Blue, Easterns Automotive Group, Allegra Print & Imaging and the McLean Family Restaurant.

Call 703-893-8646 for more information.

FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Charity Baptist Church - 1328 Spring Hill Rd., McLean presents Polar Extremes! Join the Extreme Adventure with Bible Stories, crafts, games, skits, snacks and prizes. Bring your friends ages K-4 - 6th grade each day starting July 13-17 from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call 703-893-2177 and visit the church website at: charity2u.org

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would like to invite you to attend the Vacation Bible School this summer. The program is Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere), which invites God into children's lives through stories, games and Science. It takes place on July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All children ages 3 1/2 to 12 are welcome. Contact Church of the Holy Cross at (703)698-6991 or admin.assistant@holycrossepiscopal.org to register. Church of the Holy Cross is located at 2455 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring.

NEWS

Good News Received in China

Madeira's Elizabeth Gambal discusses her Cappie Award.

BY CAROLINE ADAMS
THE CONNECTION

Elizabeth Gambal, a rising senior at Madeira, was awarded the Cappie Award as "Cameo Actress" for her role as "The Mute King" in Madeira's performance of "Once Upon a Mattress." Upon receiving the award, Gambal said, "I was shocked and I thought how could I get one? I wasn't even there to accept the award because I was studying abroad in China at the time. My mom texted me that I had won and I was floored. It feels so great that my work was acknowledged and the award inspires me to continue working hard."

Student critics give Cappie Awards and 60 schools participated in the program last year. Each school has six student critics and each critic sees at least five productions where they nominate an actor from each school's performance for every one of the 12 categories. Then the actor who has been nominated the most by all the critics for each category wins the designated award.

Krista Cowan, the director of theater for Madeira, explained why Gambal won, saying, "Out of all of our cameo roles, her vivaciousness and sense of humor really came through. She gave 100 percent and the audience simply



Krista Cowan

loved her." Cowan said Gambal's charismatic personality didn't stop once she left the stage. "Elizabeth is a delight on and off the stage. She has tireless energy, is full of ideas, is willing to try again when something isn't quite right, and is very funny while still being authentic."

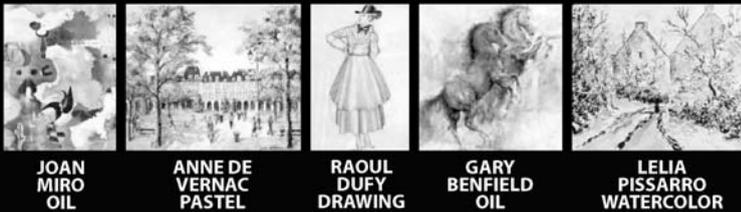
"I love being different characters. I enjoy working with each role perfecting it to how I want it to be. I just love being onstage," Gambal said of her passion for acting. She feels she has come a long way since her first play when she was six years old. "I had stage fright and I would only participate



Elizabeth Gambal

if I didn't have to say any lines. Now, I have participated in about 10 plays. Theater has taught me a lot about myself and has pushed me to be more confident. My public-speaking skills have improved and I am no longer as introverted. It has really been a great experience, and I am so thankful to Madeira for all of the opportunities they have given me."

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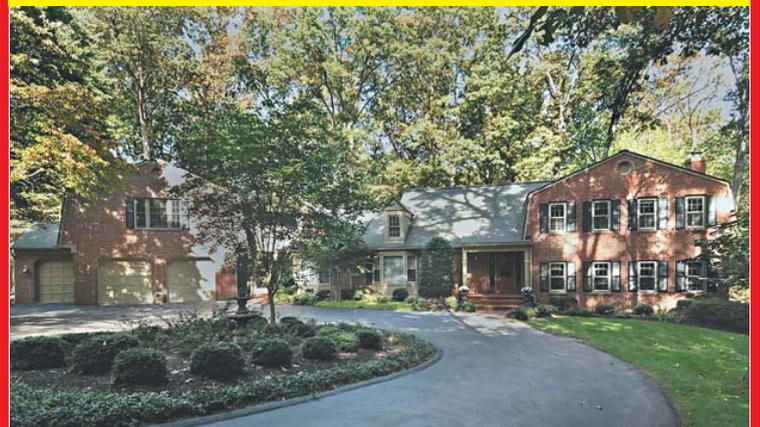
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SPORTS

Fitzgerald Follows Fighting Irish Family

McLean ace Sean Fitzgerald verbally commits to play baseball at Notre Dame in 2010.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

Baseball managers tend to resort to vague compliments to describe their star players, largely because being successful on the diamond often involves having an innate sense of the game.

So when McLean baseball coach Jon Thomas is talking about first team all-region selection and rising senior pitcher/shortstop Sean Fitzgerald and says, "I give Sean a ton of credit. He has always, from the minute we got him as a freshman, understood how to pitch," it's much more of a tribute than it seems at first glance.

While having velocity closing in on 100 mph certainly gets one noticed more quickly, the art of pitching, like what count to throw a curve ball in the dirt or how to throw a pitch just far enough off the plate that a batter swings, could be the hardest skill to teach.

But Thomas might need to take that praise to another level soon after Fitzgerald cemented his status as one of the area's best baseball prospects last week, verbally committing to take his talents to Notre Dame in the fall of 2010.

The junior led the Highlanders to their first Liberty District tournament title since 2000, finishing the year with an unblemished 8-0 record and 1.52 earned run average on the mound and a .468 batting average at the plate.

Formally, his college choices came down to Notre Dame, Virginia, and Virginia Tech, but informally, the 6-foot-1 righthander knew what college he would be attending ever since his father, a Fighting Irish alum, sat him down in front of the television to watch Saturday afternoon football games.

"It was a family thing, Notre Dame was my No. 1 school coming into high school," said Fitzgerald, who has already set a school record with 19 career wins and has several uncles that are Notre Dame alumni.

THOUGH FITZGERALD made an immediate impact on the McLean baseball team the minute he joined as a freshman pitcher, finishing with a 5-4 record and a 2.07 ERA, it was the improvements he made once getting to high school that set him apart,



COURTESY OF SEAN FITZGERALD

McLean pitcher Sean Fitzgerald verbally committed to play baseball at Notre Dame in 2010 after a junior season this past spring in which he gave up 11 earned runs all year.

according to Thomas.

After topping out at between 80 and 84 mph his first two years at the high school level, Fitzgerald added 15 pounds of muscle to his frame last summer and saw his velocity jump to the 88-89 mph range this past spring.

"That's when he became a really high quality recruit," said Thomas. "He's really committed to getting the most out of his talent."

Currently down in East Cobb, Ga., playing with a collection of the Mid-Atlantic region's best players in the World Wood Bat Association 17-under National Championships, Fitzgerald has started re-molding his lower body by running every day and lifting weights, in hopes of making his fastball even more potent.

As for making it to the big leagues one day, the thought has crossed his mind every once in awhile. But with McLean losing just two players from last year's regional tournament team and a Golden Dome in his immediate future, the pros can wait for now.

"My aspirations have always been towards D-I ball," said Fitzgerald, who mostly pitch in college. "Now that I've gotten here, I'm gonna try to do well at Notre Dame first before worrying about anything else."



PHOTOS BY BRITTANY JOHNSON/CONNECTION

McLean/ Great Falls Babe Ruth U14 player Colin Cantwell gets ready to pitch.

Coach Scott Tomlinson gives advice to his players during a timeout.

All Stars Shine in McLean/Great Falls Win

The U14 team wins District Championship.

The U14 Mclean/Great Falls Babe Ruth All Star team defeated the Vienna baseball Knights on Saturday, July 11 at Langley High School,

winning the 2009 District Championship. That helped them deal with the bitter memories of the last year's loss in the finals. So this year the Mclean/Great Falls All Star team was committed to come back for a win. The key to winning this time was, "lots of running, steal-

ing bases, and having a positive attitude no matter what," said coach of two years Scott Tomlinson.

Jonathan Korobkin and Colin Cantwell provided a strong performance throughout the game, complemented by the effort of all of the other teammates, who helped them pull through with a win. "Play hard and don't give up" was the advice that the team was given before a game, said Mclean/Great Falls Alex Fishman. Although the team won the championship, Fishman still believes that they could have played better.

— BRITTANY JOHNSON



COURTESY OF JULIE CASSO

McLean/Great Falls U13 All Stars

The McLean/Great Falls 13U Babe Ruth All Stars are, front row, from left, Will Bollinger, Bryan Even, Cal Jadecki, Josh Crummer, Cole Oldenburg and John DeFries; second row, Kevin Wood, Nick Casso, Jake McSteen, Yuhei Hashimoto, Austin Jenkins and Blake Coolidge. Coaches are, from left, Mark Casso, Troy Allen and Randy Baugh.

Attempted Robbery With a Firearm

On July 11, 2009 at app11:04 p.m. several individuals were walking home along Park Street, SE in Vienna. Near the area of Park Street and Talahi Road,

two armed individuals confronted the group and demanded their belongings.

A short time later during the confrontation one of the victims was struck in the head with a small caliber handgun. The two assailants then fled the area.

The Fairfax County Police Department's helicopter and K-9 units responded and assisted in a search of the area. The assailants were not located.

The two assailants are described as black males, approximately 20 years of age, average build and approximately 5' 10" tall. One subject was wearing a white tee shirt and the other a black one. Both subjects had bandanas covering their faces. One subject was wearing a red bandana, the other a black and white one.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Jim Sheeran at 703-255-7826.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the McLean District of the Fairfax County Police Department through July 10.

BANK ROBBERY/ ARREST

8200 block of Greensboro Drive. A 24-year-old woman was arrested after a bank robbery on Wednesday, July 1. Around 4:05 p.m. a woman entered the Cardinal Bank, located at 8270 Greensboro Drive, and approached two female tellers, 20 and 42 years old, at the counter. She reportedly brandished a handgun and demanded money from the victims. They complied and the suspect fled from the bank. No one required medical assistance. Detectives investigating the bank robbery developed a suspect and in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 2, they arrested a 24 year old female of the 4400 block of Holly Ave. in Fairfax. Further investigation determined she was reportedly responsible for an additional bank robbery on Friday, June 5 at the M&T Bank, located at 11721 Lee Highway in the Fairfax area. The suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

SPEED TO ELUDE / RECKLESS DRIVING / DRIVING OUTSIDE OF LISTED DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTRICTIONS / ARREST

I-66/Cedar Lane. A man was arrested for reckless driving on Monday, July 6. Around 2:22 a.m., an officer attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic charges near Interstate 66 and Cedar Lane. The vehicle appeared to accelerate away from the officer and a traffic pursuit was initiated. The officer lost sight of the vehicle and the pursuit ended. A short time later, another officer located the suspect driving near I-66 and Arlington Blvd. An investigation determined the suspect allegedly consumed alcohol prior to driving. A 33 year old male of Richmond was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with speed to elude, reckless driving, and driving outside of his listed driver's license restrictions.

LARCENIES

- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Pants stolen from business.
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Cash stolen from business.
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Now That's Heavy



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Do you want to know what "heavy" is? I'll tell you what "heavy" is.

"Heavy" is when you ask your oncologist what you perceive to be a rather ordinary question about dental health, as it relates to your ongoing treatment/chemotherapy for stage IV lung cancer and he responds as he knows (and you've told him) how you want him to: honestly and succinctly.

He advises you not to bother spending the money on hardware if a band-aid/temporary solution will work. Specifically responding to the question, now that I'm nearly finished with my primary chemotherapy, if it's OK to have my dentist put in two crowns that we've delayed since I was diagnosed (and had treatment begun).

My oncologist asks how long will the crowns last. I shrug and say I don't know. He guesses/estimates 10 years. I guess back that I suppose that's right. To which he replies that it might not be necessary for me spend money on something that will last 10 years. Puzzled for a moment by his answer, I process the information, then I nod and say: Oh, I get it. I don't have 10 years so why spend money on something that will outlast me. So much for dental work.

But I'm not thinking that way. Nor would my oncologist want me to be thinking that way. All things are possible.

Everybody is different and responds to treatment differently. Medications; prescription or otherwise, chemotherapy; approved or experimental, homeopathic, non-western/alternative medicine; what's not effective for persons 1-99 might be perfectly effective and suitable for person 100. And not that I see my self "the one" (the surviving one against all statistical odds and case histories), but as I've written previously, it ain't over simply because the chemotherapy is completed and the "standard of care" sort of says it is (so far as the treatment protocols for the next 12 months are indicated).

Nevertheless, I don't have any reason to believe that I am "the one;" that somehow forces beyond my control (in conjunction with some forces within my control) and somehow unique to me, will physically, spiritually, chemically, anatomically and miraculously combine to track me on an alternative route that will change the course of my recently predicted (abbreviated) life expectancy. However, thinking that all is hopeless and preordained seems foolish and shortsighted.

What will be will be; moreover, what has been diagnosed has been diagnosed and it's my responsibility, my duty, my job, if you will, to see that it becomes prudent and meaningful that I pay the \$700 or so per crown for the more permanent hardware because life is for the living; it's not for the waiting and wondering if.

So I'm going to follow Red's (Morgan Freeman) advice from the 1994 Oscar-nominated film, "The Shawshank Redemption," "Get busy living or get busy dying." Given the alternatives, what choice do I have? What choice would I want to have? Granted, I've been dealt a bit of a bad – and quite unexpected – hand, but so what? It's not like it's my fault.

I didn't cause it; I just got diagnosed with it. I can live with it, hopefully long enough to replace these two crowns with a new pair in another 10 years. Hey, stranger things can happen; after all, a lifelong non-smoker like me was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. What's up with that?

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

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NEWS

Foust Announces Improvements

Funding approved for over twenty intersection, pedestrian, and bicycle projects in the Dranesville District.

Dranesville Supervisor John announced that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved the funding of over twenty intersection, pedestrian, and bicycle projects in the Dranesville District. These improvements are in addition to several recently completed projects and seven projects previously funded and scheduled for completion this summer or fall.

In selecting these projects, Supervisor Foust listened to the concerns of numerous constituents, Dranesville homeowner associations and civic organizations, the McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force, as well as the Dranesville representative to the

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

Supervisor Foust will be vetting and refining several of these projects with well-publicized community meetings.

"Some of the newly-funded projects have been on citizen 'waiting lists' for years," said Supervisor Foust. "I am gratified that in these days of an extremely tight budget, we were able to get funding to move a wide variety of pedestrian and road projects forward in my district."

For more information please contact Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by email at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

NEWLY-FUNDED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Westmoreland Street**
Add sidewalk along north side of Westmoreland between the bridge over Saucy Branch and the property of Redeemer Church
- Georgetown Pike**
Add flashing beacon warning signal on Georgetown Pike east of Swinks Mill Road.
- Ingleside Avenue and Dolley Madison Avenue**
Improve intersection.
- Old Chesterbrook Road at Westmoreland**
Add a median island to help safe pedestrian crossing.
- Colvin Run and Route 7**
Install ADA compliant pedestrian crossing for cross-county trail, including crossing signals and crosswalk
- Old Dominion Drive / Spring Hill Road**
Extend shoulder and relocate or cover dangerous ditch
- Old Dominion Drive / Towlston Road**
Extend shoulder and relocate or cover dangerous ditch
- Route 123 and Waverly Way**
Extend east bound left turn lane from Route 123 to Waverly
- Walker Road**
Install traffic calming features and access lanes at business district intersections south of Georgetown Pike.
- Fleetwood Road**
Add bike route signage from Elm Street to Chain Bridge Road
- Kurtz Road and Calder Road**
Add bike lane between Dolley Madison Blvd. and Calder Road, and then on Calder Road between Kurtz Road and Brawner Street.
- River Bend Road and Beech Mill Road**
Add "Share the Road" signs on River Bend Road from Old Dominion Drive to Beech Mill Road and on Beech Mill Road from River Bend Road to the County Line via Brockman Lane - a distance of 7.8 miles.
- Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive**
Install pedestrian crossing lights at all four corners of Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive
- Dolley Madison Blvd and Churchill Road**
Add pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps on south and east legs.
- Georgetown Pike and Balls Hill Road**
Add crosswalks, pedestrian signals and curb ramps on north and east legs.
- Great Falls Street**
Add pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps

- on east leg of Great Falls Street from Grande Lane to Haycock Road.
- Leesburg Pike and Lewinsville Road**
Add crosswalks, pedestrian signals and curb ramps on north and east legs.
- Lewinsville Road**
Connect missing link in existing trail along McLean Hundred frontage on Lewinsville Road at curve on Lewinsville Road between Altamira Court and Woodside Drive.
- Lewinsville Road**
Complete trail segment on south side of Lewinsville Road between Snow Meadow Lane and Elsinore Avenue, and between Scotts Run Road and Windy Hill Road.
- Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue**
Install pedestrian crossing lights at all four corners
- Powhatan Street**
Improve pedestrian access on Powhatan Street between Orland and Overbrook Street.
- Raymond Avenue**
Improve pedestrian access on Raymond Avenue approaching Churchill School.

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- COMPLETION THIS SUMMER OR FALL**
- Dolley Madison Blvd and Great Falls Street/ Lewinsville Road and Balls Hill Road**
Install crosswalks and pedestrian signals and complete missing trail segment on Lewinsville Road from Dolley Madison to Balls Hill.
- Route 7 and Dranesville Road**
Add signalized crosswalks across west leg of Route 7 and south leg of Dranesville. Add curb ramps, sidewalk and signage.
- Route 7 and Magarity Road**
Install or upgrade pedestrian ramps, including across Lisle Avenue. Upgrade existing crosswalk across Leesburg Pike and upgrade pedestrian signals.
- Seneca Road & Georgetown Pike**
Install traffic signal at intersection.
- River Bend Road Signal**
Traffic light will be installed at intersection of River Bend and Georgetown Pike.
- Old Dominion Drive East of Old Gate Court**
(construction just completed)
Extend east bound shoulder and eliminate dangerous ditch.
- Bridge over Clarks Branch, Great Falls**
Construct a pedestrian, bike and equestrian bridge over Clarks Branch.

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crosswalk and pedestrian signal at the high traffic volume intersection of Route 123 and Lewinsville Road and Great Falls

Street, and adding a missing trail segment from Route 123 to Balls Hill Road.

"Slowly but surely we are making progress," said Foust.

Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt.
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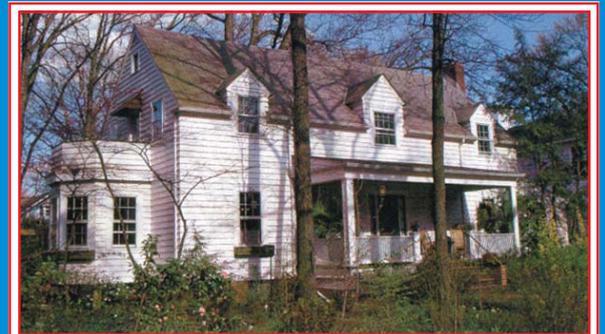
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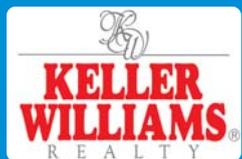


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