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Jenna Klimchak poses with two abstract pieces she is working on simultaneously in the Artists' Atelier, one of 29 stops on the sixth annual Great Falls Studios Tour, held last weekend.

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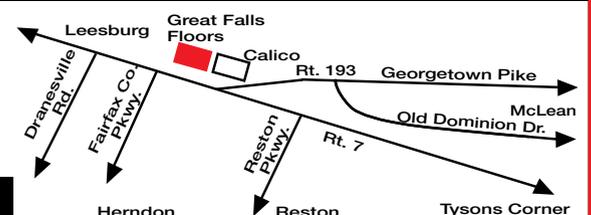
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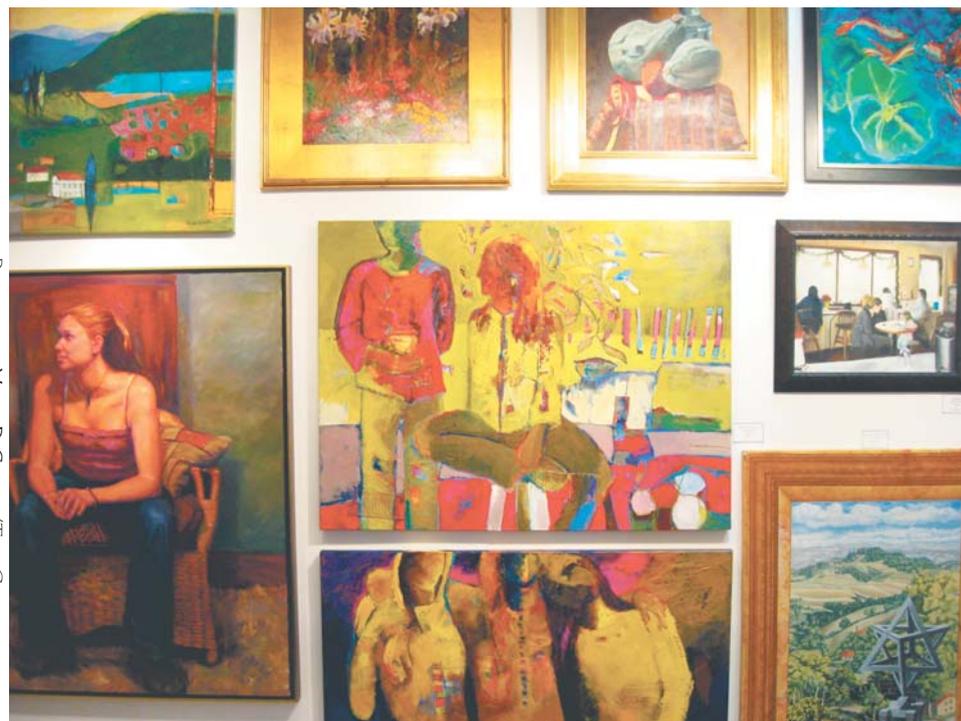
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From left, 9-year-old Susan Suh, Amy Schlenker, 10-year-old Suzanne Mun and artist Jennifer Duncan look over one of Duncan's paintings in the Artists' Atelier.



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A wide variety of colors and styles adorned almost every surface of the Artists' Atelier in the Leigh Corners office park.

Residents, Artists Connect on Tour

Rain puts no damper on sixth annual Studios Tour.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

"I'm trying to make the grass sparkle. It's a challenge," Great Falls Foundation for the Arts chair Mollie Vardell told two children watching her work on a landscape painting in the Artists' Atelier at Leigh Corners Sunday afternoon. The girls agreed that the painting looked "way better" than it had the day before.

Vardell was one of 13 artists working that day in the atelier, which was just one stop on the sixth annual Great Falls Studios Tour last weekend. As the streets and sidewalks were finally drying after days of rain and cold, Vardell said the dismal weather had not hurt attendance. "I think, if anything, it worked in our favor yesterday," she said, noting that residents had not had the option of outdoor recreation, so many had opted instead to drop in on the atelier and the home studios of artists throughout the Great Falls community.

THE TWO-DAY EVENT, staged by Great Falls Studios, was the community's largest art tour to date, with 44 artists spread across 29 stops. Last year, 38 artists participated. Residents of all ages had a chance to drop in on a wide variety of artists, from painters and potters to jewelers, a lithographer and a leathersmith, watching them work, talking technique and perhaps making a purchase.

"I think it's amazing for a community our



Photographer Robin Kent talks with Margaret Hayes of Falls Church about the matte he used for printing some of his work.

size that we have this many artists," said Malia Kishore, who was visiting the atelier with her 12-year-old son Ben. "It's such a treat to see what they're working on and to support them if we can." She was buying a still-life painting she had seen earlier in the newspaper.

"It seems like Great Falls has become this hotbed for artists, and I don't know why," said Luke McCabe, the son of one of the painters stationed in the atelier. He said he thought the annual tour had "definitely grown" in quantity and quality and that it brought high-caliber work in a range of prices that made it accessible to everyone.

"I was very pleased with the result and

the place looks beautiful," said Jenna Klimchak, who was participating in the tour for the first time. She was alternating her attention between four abstract, multimedia pieces affixed to both sides of the board on her easel in the atelier. "People like to see how artists work, and we sold some paintings. That's always good."

When photographer Robin Kent first participated in the tour two years ago, it had been on "one of those perfect days," he said. Yet about the same number of visitors — 80 or so — had dropped in on him in his basement this year. "I'd consider it pretty successful, given the lousy weather, especially yesterday," he said. Kent said he had

sold about 20 pieces, as well as books and greeting cards, but he added, "The main purpose of the tour is to let people in to see what the artists are doing in Great Falls."

He said he had been chatting with visitors about digital photo processing techniques, printers and how he manages to get the moon to show up where he wants it in a photograph. (He uses a compass.)

ONE SUCH ENTHUSIAST was longtime Great Falls resident Tanya Beauchamp, who had made a special point to drop in on photographers on the tour. As an architectural historian, she used photography in her job and still had a darkroom she hadn't used in years. She and Kent were discussing the more cutting-edge technology of Epson printers. Beauchamp said she had also visited painters, quilters and the lithographer who was giving demonstrations on his antique printing press. "It's a wonderful way to see what people are doing and also to see the neighborhood," she said.

It was painter Bob Gilbert's first time participating in the tour, and he said his house would definitely be a stop again next year. "I really enjoy the people side of it," he said. "I sold several pieces. Got a lot of questions about technique, a lot of feeling about the diversity." His work included landscapes, cityscapes, sports paintings, portraits and portraits of pets in oils, acrylics and watercolors, on a variety of surfaces. "I enjoy the diversity. I think it shows your strengths," he said.

"We know Bob as a real estate person and we had no idea," said McLean resident Lola Reinsch, who was visiting Gilbert's home studio with her husband Almont Pierce. "That's shocking, to do three different media and then to mix them too." A longtime

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Well and Septic 101

In addition to update on gas contamination, GFCA gets advice for the pipeline-free.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Kurt Kochan, remediation specialist with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), said his agency had found low levels of gasoline contamination in one of the wells surrounding the Exxon gas station at Great Falls Village Centre. Nineteen wells have now been tested, he told the crowd at the Great Falls Citizens Association Meeting last Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The topic of the meeting was well water and septic systems, and Kochan was one of several environmental and health workers to speak.

In late August, Exxon discovered low levels of the gasoline constituent methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) on the gas station property and reported the results of its testing to the DEQ. Both ExxonMobile and the environmental agency hired contractors to test the wells of homes surrounding the gas station, and Exxon's contractors found MTBE in five wells, at barely detectable levels. The DEQ's contractors, however, have found the contaminant in only one well. The levels were far below what would require action in the public water system, but the state has a zero-tolerance policy for well contamination.

In two other wells, the chemical Perchloroethylene (PCE), which is used in dry cleaning, was found, and one of those wells had enough of the pollutant that it was quantifiable, Kochan said. His department, funded by taxes on gasoline, only deals with petroleum contamination, but he said all seven wells where contaminants were found would be sampled on a quarterly basis, and the rest of the 19 wells tested would be re-sampled annually.

Exxon was offering bottled water to homes where MTBE had been found, and those families may receive water filters or other remediation.

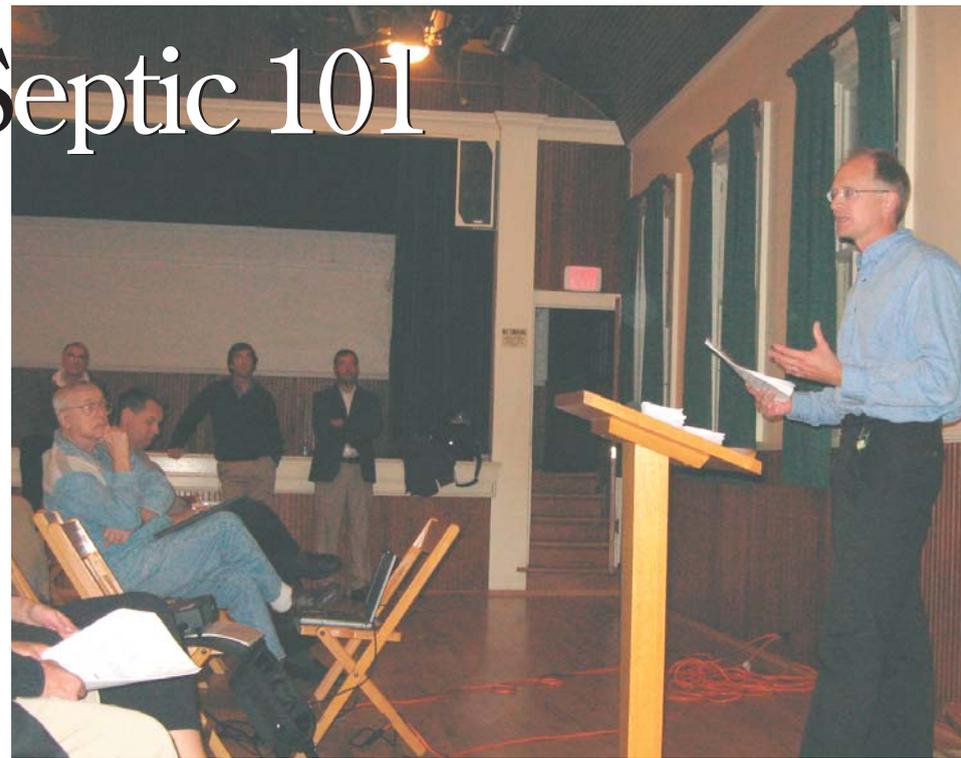
A report on further studies at the Exxon station is expected on Nov. 7, and the DEQ will determine what actions, if any, need to be taken by Exxon then. It still has not been determined that the station is the source of the contamination, as there is another gas station across the street, and levels of contamination are very low.

"We're trying to be transparent here. Our files are open," Kochan told the crowd.

More common than gas station leaks, though, are leaks in home heating oil tanks,

"We're trying to be transparent here. Our files are open."

— Kurt Kochan, DEQ



Alex Wardel, an environmental geologist with the Department of Environmental Quality, addresses the crowd at last week's GFCA meeting.

said Randy Chapman, senior geologist with the DEQ. He talked to attendees about maintaining residential tanks, which he said are responsible for about two-thirds of all incidences of petroleum contamination. "Unfortunately, a lot of home heating tanks are right next to where people have wells," Chapman said.

He said the tanks had a life expectancy of about 20 years. For tanks above ground, he recommended that owners occasionally apply rust prevention finishes and inspect the valves and connectors. "It's a piece of metal. It will corrode over time," he said. If a tank is underground and old, or if the owners smelled or tasted anything strange in their water, he suggested that they call their oil company and have soil samples taken. In the case of an oil leak, he said, the DEQ would cover any costs over \$500 associated with assessment or cleanup. He also noted that less leak-prone tanks with coating and double walls are now available.

"The great thing about petroleum, it breaks down over time," Chapman said. "I tell people all the time, if you had to pick a contaminant, this is it."

"If you suspect a petroleum leak, contact us,"

said Alex Wardle, an environmental geologist with the DEQ. He said petroleum in the well water was the worst-case scenario but added, "Most properties that have drinking wells have or have had heating oil wells."

Marty Thompson, supervisor of onsite water and sewage for the county Health Department, spoke about how to maintain wells and septic systems. "Our goal is to protect the public health and protect environmental quality," Thompson said. He said

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— Randy Chapman, DEQ

Contact

The Fairfax County Health Department can be reached at 703-246-3218. The Northern Virginia regional office of the Department of Environmental Quality can be reached at 703-583-3800.

his department would come out and look at wells and septic systems for residents who had concerns.

Owners of drilled wells, which are relatively deep and only about six inches across, should make sure that the cap is on tight and that there are no perforations in the well's casing or cracks in the cap, he said. These could allow rainwater, contaminants, insects and rodents to get into the well. If the well is in a pit, the hole should not be allowed to flood.

Bored wells, which are wider and shallower, require more maintenance, Thompson said. The joints in the material lining the well can deteriorate, and the pressure tank, treatment systems and chlorinator should be inspected. He said water samples

could be brought to the county Health Department's laboratory to be tested for chloroform, fecal chloroform, acidity, hardness and nitrates and iron for a \$20 fee.

He said bored wells should be tested every one to two years. "With a bored well, if you test it, chances are you're going to get a bad water sample," he said, adding that the problem was usually easy to treat. Drilled wells should be tested every three to five years, he said.

In a septic tank, he said, heavy waste sinks to the bottom, while fats and greases float to the top. These are digested by bacteria, and the water, still polluted, flows into the

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Cleaners Support Cancer Research

Great Falls Cleaners, located at 9900 Georgetown Pike, by 7-Eleven, has been participating in the fight against breast cancer since the start of October. Sun Park, manager of the 20-year-old establishment, has pledged to contribute 10 percent of all sales generated from Wednesdays drop-offs to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). Additionally, the BCRF has provided pink ribbons for all customers. For more information, call 703-759-3239.

McLean Orchestra Opens 38th Season

The McLean Orchestra opens its 38th season this Saturday night, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School in McLean. The concert will feature a performance of the seldom heard Henri Tomasi "Trumpet Concerto" featuring Steven Hendrickson, the principal trumpet of National Symphony Orchestra. Also on the program are Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" and "Symphony No. 10" of Dmitri Shostakovich. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow the concert in the foyer. All are invited to enjoy cake and champagne. To order concert tickets visit <http://www.mclean-orchestra.org/tickets.htm>

Equestrian Improvements at Turner Farm Park

A new riding ring and associated equestrian improvements are set to open at Turner Farm Park in Great Falls. The official dedication of this \$900,000 project is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11:30 a.m. The project was completed by Park Authority staff in order to maximize the scope of the project that was originally estimated at more than \$1.3 million to complete. The public is welcome to attend the brief ceremonies featuring remarks by local officials as well as area equestrians, followed by a ribbon cutting.

The project was funded using Park Authority capital improvement funds approved by voters in 2004, as well as a \$10,000 contribution from the Friends of Turner Farm. Improvements include an oversized, state-of-the-art outdoor fenced equestrian arena, a small pony pen, new trails from the improved parking area which can accommodate horse trailers, landscaping, and low impact development storm water management facilities.

Turner Farm Park is located at the intersection of Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and Springvale Road (Route 674) at 925 Springvale Road in Great Falls. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Vocal musicians from 12 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2009. The 45 students will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention Nov. 19-21 at the Homestead. The following students from our area were selected for the 2009 VMEA Honors Choir:

❖ Herndon High School: Sara Talebian, Joey Truncala, Clair Vogel, alternates Trevor Morgan and Mary Peterson.

❖ Langley High School: Rachael Bumsted, Adam Check, Jackie Dinarte, Paul Goldberg, Ariana Gover-Chamlou, Kelly Hubbell, Virginia Lee, Chelsea Raitor, Katie Scalia, and Arianna Zell.

❖ McLean High School: Laura Landes, Raha Mirzadegan, Paul Ruess, and Sarah Wilcox.

❖ South Lakes High School: Stefanie Brown and Yoan N'Komba.

❖ Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology: Kimberly Hann.

Auditions were open to seniors enrolled in choral programs at their respective schools. Twenty percent of the audition scores were based on the students' ability to sight-read music.

McLean residents **Lee Betancourt**, a senior, **Catharine Comstock**, a junior, and **Caitlin-Marie Ward**, a sophomore, have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa.

Cara Roddy of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. Roddy is the daughter of Diana and Timothy Roddy of McLean.

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Really Scary

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, and Halloween being the sort of holiday that young adults and others can embrace in the midst of a recession, it could more than

live up to its reputation as a holiday associated with drinking and driving.

More than half the fatal car accidents over Halloween weekends are caused by drunk drivers, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

EDITORIALS

As a means of making the Washington-metropolitan area's roadways a little less frightening this Halloween, the local organization will sponsor free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 31.

We encourage Halloween celebrants to plan ahead, party near public transportation, bring a designated driver, or make other arrangements to stay off the roads after drinking. But if all of that fails, you can call for a free cab ride home.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning Halloween at 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older and celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$50 fare), safe way home.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 44,120 free cab rides home to would-be impaired drivers on specific holidays in the Greater Washington area. See www.soberride.com.

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Virtually any Virginia voter can vote ahead of time in person or by mail if for any reason you expect to be away from home, including commuting to your job, on election day. You can mail in an application for an absentee ballot by downloading it at www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html. A ballot will be mailed to you for you to fill out and mail back.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shocked and Disappointed

To the Editor:

I am shocked and disappointed at the opinion section of the Great Falls Connection, dated Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 for being so unfair and unbalanced. All the papers this week note that the delegate race for the 34th District is hotly contested and is a very close race. However, The Connection saw fit to print no less than five letters to the editor in favor of Margi Vanderhye and not one in support of Barbara Comstock. Could it be possible that in this close race no letters to the editor were sent this week advocating Barbara Comstock? I am having a hard time believing it. This week's opinion section is a sad and disturbing reflection of what journalism in this country has become.

Gina Ryan
Great Falls

Falls Connection, Oct. 14-20] was very informative. While no fan of any tax increases, I am shocked by the disingenuous argument offered by Ms. Comstock on the state funding formula. It is easy to say "we have to change the formula" but the downstate delegates (mainly GOP) have for decades steadfastly refused to consider any such change. Does Ms. Comstock have a realistic plan to break that logjam? Even Vince Callaghan and other prominent Northern Virginia Republicans could not budge their colleagues from their own narrow self-interest. If they refuse once again, will she simply wring her hands while we all wait two more years while nothing changes? A refusal to consider any new taxes just paints us into a corner and strengthens those delegates who benefit from the status quo. Perhaps the threat of a tax that would hit their constituents' wallets may end their stubborn refusal to be fair to all Virginians.

When I grew up, Republicans were the party of intellect and reason, before this simplistic sloganeering and "no-more-taxes-ever" attitude. I am disappointed the party refuses to accept economic reality: you must sometimes accept unpalatable things (like

taxes) to get the benefits they provide (like roads and transportation). How much money do we all waste sitting in traffic every day? Why exclude any consideration of a tax that could eliminate that daily sacrifice, without at least weighing the cost-benefit analysis? What business could survive if it refused to even consider any new capital expenditures, even those that would increase profitability?

We need delegates who will fight for Northern Virginia and work across the aisle to find workable, non-partisan solutions for our unique problems. Leaders must put our region's needs above party platforms, and it is Ms. Vanderhye who has earned our support by recognizing this reality.

Robert J. Marro
Great Falls

In-State Cap Has to Change

To the Editor:

The number of Virginia students admitted to state schools is shrinking. Universities have a vested interest in admitting out-of-state students. Out-of-state tuition yields a greater financial return because it

is significantly greater than the cost of in-state tuition. In these tough economic times when students cannot afford the cost of college tuition or may not qualify for sufficient academic loans for school, more Virginia students want to stay in-state. This cap on accepting in-state college students must change to reflect this increase and to reflect the challenging economic times in which we live.

Many parents I speak with have expressed this same concern. An important job of a parent is to help prepare our children for success, but we feel helpless when competing against this arbitrary cap. Our legislators in Richmond have the power to make these changes and right this wrong. We are very close to Election Day and this is an issue of great importance to me. I have studied both candidates running for delegate in the 34th District. I've heard their plans on improving Virginia's education system. On Nov. 3, I will vote for Barbara Comstock (R). One of the many reasons I am supporting Barbara Comstock is that she strongly believes in increasing the number of in-state students accepted at our

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Haunted House Gets Facelift

Thanks to Jason Granstedt, Newcomers of Great Falls, and local volunteers, the children of Great Falls have a new haunted house to explore this Halloween. Fifteen-year-old Granstedt, a member of scout troop 1128, took on the task of refurbishing the haunted house as his Eagle Scout project. Newcomers of Great Falls, which has put up and run the haunted house for the community for many years, supported Granstedt's efforts and provided funding. The total budget for the project was roughly \$750.

The idea for an improved haunted house came up last Halloween. Newcomers' previous haunted house was gradually wearing out. Its boards were full of holes and the unwieldy structure was difficult to handle. Granstedt's design fits under the same tent that has been used in previous years, and the entrance to the house will continue to include an eerie graveyard scene.

"Not only does [the improved haunted house] offer new scary scenes inside for the kids, it also will be much easier for the many



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Jason Granstedt, project leader, holding his design for the layout of all the panels in the house; Maggie Mobley, President, Newcomers of Great Falls; Laura DiCarlo, Community Liaison, Newcomers of Great Falls; and Jacqueline Pifer, the high school artist who designed these panels of the Mad Scientist Lab.

volunteers we call on to set up and take down the structure," said Laura DiCarlo, community liaison for Newcomers of Great Falls.

Granstedt sent out notices and used word-of-mouth to recruit middle and high school artists to

volunteer to design and paint the various sections. The volunteers worked in their own homes and in Granstedt's basement.

The theme for the haunted house is an ante-bellum mansion

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Melanie Baker, Joyce Weyrich, Mary Baroody and Mary McPherson make date ma'amoul, date-filled shortbread fingers, to sell at McLean's Holy Transfiguration Church's annual Arabic sweets sale. Father Joe Francavilla considers their skill is a gift to the church.

Sweet Treats for Sale in McLean

Middle Eastern pastries available for pre-orders.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The women of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in McLean are rolling out — literally — hundreds of rich homemade Middle Eastern sweets for the upcoming holiday season. The Ladies Guild is currently taking orders for Dec. 6 pick-up. Last year, the bake sale netted the church more than \$7,000. Proceeds are disbursed to Holy Transfiguration's building fund, the diocese, to orphans and to the poor.

"Most church buildings are built on concrete foundations," said Father Joe Francavilla. "Ours is built on cookies and meat pies."

In the church kitchen, a team of women sit around a table, preparing each sweet by hand. Long-time Holy Transfiguration members and younger ones are learning to carry on the traditions.

Every year, the demand for the homemade sweets goes up, Joyce Weyrich said. "Most of the young [church] women work during the week, so they come in to help on Saturday," said Weyrich of Fairfax, who has shared her expertise for the past 30 years. "The old-guard is trying to pass its skills along to the younger women."

Lani Kanakry chairs the sweets sale. This is her fifth year doing so. She has helped make the sweets, intermittently, for 30 years. It is the church's major fund raiser, but, she said, it's more than that. "It's a coming-together of the community, too, something that unites us," she said.

"We have women in the Ladies Guild who are not Arabic. They want to learn the culture, to help and support their faith."

Since Holy Transfiguration was established, the Ladies Guild has run an annual Christmas Arabic

Middle Eastern Sweet Sale at a Glance

All baklava/two layers \$20; Mixed variety/two layers \$20; Date kaak \$13 per dozen; Nut ma'amoul \$13 per dozen; Pistachio ma'amoul \$16 per dozen; Birds' Nest pistachio baklava \$16 per dozen; Anise ma'kroon \$10 per dozen; Ghraybeh \$12 per dozen

To order: Contact Lani Kanakry, sweets sale chair, at 703-866-1516 to order, or by e-mail at Kanakry@cox.net.

Sweets pick-up at Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, Sunday, Dec. 6, 12-1 p.m.

sweets sale. From date-stuffed shortbread fingers, called ma'amoul, to baklava and nut-filled buttery pastry cups, the women of the church dedicate three days each week making and baking treats. Clarified butter extends the natural shelf life but the pastries are frozen as they are made, as well.

For those on sodium-restricted diets, Middle Eastern sweets fill the sweet-tooth craving. No salt is ever used in Middle Eastern sweets. Butter, yes; sugar, yes ... salt, no.

For the date ma'amoul, dates are mashed with clarified butter and spooned on to shortbread dough. The dough is rolled around the date mixture and pinched to hold the sprinkled confectioners' sugar using a special tool. A package of baklava is \$20; a mixed selection of sweets is also priced at \$20. Prices vary for other sweets.

"The ladies have skills they're willing to share with the church and the community," said Francavilla. "They said, 'we can do these things and help our church.'

"These sweets make wonderful gifts. As many as we make, we could sell more. We're at the limit of how much we can produce."

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church is located at 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Contact Lani Kanakry, sweets sale chair, at 703-866-1516 to order, or by e-mail at Kanakry@cox.net. Kanakry will e-mail customers an order form if they wish. Orders must be received by Nov. 1. Pick-up Sunday, Dec. 6, 12-1p.m.



From left are friends and family, Park Authority board Chairman Bill Bouie, Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), Barbara Bleiweis, Park Authority Director John Dargle Jr., Dranesville District Park Authority board member Kevin Fay and players from the local Red Sox and Tankee teams.

Baseball Diamond Named for Coach

Bleiweis Field to be updated through donations.

More than 100 friends, family members, players, coaches and officials turned out on Saturday, Sept. 12 to celebrate the designation of the baseball diamond at Lewinsville Park as Mark Bleiweis Memorial Sportsmanship Field.

Bleiweis was a valued member of the McLean community and a popular coach who died in 2004 of pancreatic cancer. He coached in McLean's Little League, Babe

Ruth, soccer and basketball programs since 1998.

The field is to be updated to a state-of-the-art facility, with amenities including a new scoreboard, new dugouts, new stadium seating, field grading and irrigation improvements, and a tree-shaded berm. The improvements are to be funded by donations, and a tiled tribute wall for donors will also be a feature of the field.

Two Area Students Earn Eagle Scout Award

Boy Scout Troop 128, chartered at St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, has awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America, to two scouts in the troop.

Nick Pallante, a 15-year-old sophomore student at Marshall High School, and Scott McCrery, a 15-year-old sophomore student at Langley High, were presented the award on Monday, Oct. 12, during an Eagle Court of Honor. Approximately 70 guests attended the ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church following a Louisiana supper given in honor of the boys.

Nick is the son of Joseph J. Pallante and the late Arlene Alai. He is in the International Baccalaureate Honors Program at Marshall High and is a Cadet in the Civil Air Patrol of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Scott is the son of former U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery (R-La.) and wife Johnette. He is currently a member of the junior var-



Scott McCrery and Nick Pallante show off the new Eagle medals they received at Eagle Court of Honor on Oct. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean.

sity football team at Langley and a member of the BSA Order of the Arrow. Clark McCrery, Scott's 13-year-old brother who is also a Life Scout, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Court of Honor.

New Regulations Discussed

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septic field, where it is further treated by bacteria in the soil. By law, owners of septic systems must have their tanks pumped every five years, otherwise, the sludge at the bottom and scum at the top can begin to deposit into the field and clog the soil.

"They have components. They have parts, and they need to be maintained," Thompson said. Some systems run on pumps, which generally last seven to 10 years, he said. "They're going to have to be looked at every five to seven years to make sure they're working properly." Alternating systems, which use half of their septic fields at a time, need to have their flow diversion valve turned each year.

And, he said, "You must protect your drain field." Tree roots can damage septic systems, and soil compaction, such as that caused by vehicular traffic, impedes aeration and can harm components of the system. Asked whether horses

could cause a problem, he said they were not a good idea on septic fields.

He also advised against putting harsh or toxic chemicals, fats and grease, and excessive table scraps down the sink. "On a drain field, you've got to be very cautious what goes down the drain."

But Thompson said reducing water use was the single most effective way to extend the life of a septic field.

Asked whether draining a backyard pool could pose a problem, he said, "You don't want to drain it toward your septic system."

He also noted that the General Assembly was about to pass new regulations regarding alternative septic systems, such as PureFlow technology, and the public comment period on the proposed changes runs through Wednesday, Oct. 28. The new rules would set performance standards and require annual inspections. "There are only a few requirements. They're not large," Thompson said.

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Boy Scout, Volunteers Upgrade Haunted House

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that is occupied by a strange and quirky family. Upon entering the house one sees a foyer decorated in a medieval theme with a roaring fireplace and suits of armor. An immediate left turn takes the visitor past weird portraits and to a group of witches brewing a potion. Next is a room full of ghosts, followed by a mad scientist laboratory. Dracula's coffin is after the following turn, adjacent to dungeon cells and a hanging skeleton. The final scene is a werewolf-

haunted forest. Eerie sounds and fog complete the spooky yet fun atmosphere for young children.

Particular thanks go to the young Great Falls artists Ed Granstedt, who did the séance and witches scene; Abby Hargroves, who drew the portraits and dungeon scene; Weseley Kovarik, who made the werewolf; Keaton Lee, who painted the medieval hallway; Fiona Muir, who drew the ghost room; and Jacqueline Pifer, who created the mad scientist lab.

The Newcomers Haunted House

will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Green during the Halloween Spooktacular, which is sponsored by Great Falls Friends. It is estimated that between 1,200 and 1,500 people attend the Spooktacular, which gives young children the opportunity to trick or treat on the Village Green. This year's trick or treating will be preceded by a Pet Costume Parade starting at 4:30 p.m. The Haunted House and Halloween Spooktacular are recommended for children up to age 12.



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Car Wash To Support Theater at Langley High

The Langley High School Theatre Honor Society had a car wash at the Great Falls Exxon on Saturday, Oct. 10. Student honor society officers and members staffed a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in spite of some inclement and cloudy weather, raised funds to support the theater arts at Langley High School. In a picture above, the Theatre Honor Society President Kate DaRocha, Vice-President Jane Yurechko, Grace Worm, Tess Higgins, Sam Mayman and Brian Patterson.

In a photo below: Sarah Korn, Sarah Mendelsohn, Becca Allen, Virginia Lee, Tu-An Truong, Alvin Kuai, Chaffee Duckers, Sean Lyons, Yusuf Goal and Lulu Walker.



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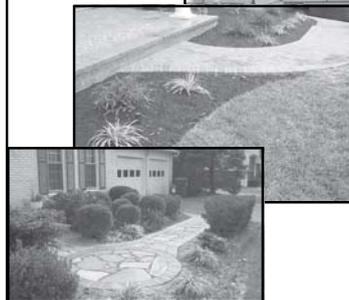
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McLean resident Maddie Zug, left, teaches visitors to Claude Moore Farm about being a Stationer. From left are Jamie, Ally, Bella and Lily test out their skills with ink quills.

Residents Experience 18th Century Farm Life

Market Fair attracts hundreds to Claude Moore Colonial Farm.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm conducted its Annual 18th century Market Fair last Sunday, attracting hundreds of participants despite the cold weather. For more than 25 years, volunteers have been giving their time and expertise to put together this fair that gives an accurate sense of life in 18th century Virginia.

Families who spent the afternoon at the fair had the opportunity to observe candle makers, basket weavers, woodworkers, a blacksmith and other volunteers demonstrating various trades that were common in the 18th century. Kelly Wynn, a professional fencing instructor, and Helen Miller demonstrated advanced lunges with different foils. Their presentation drew many children who watched the action. Shortly afterward, viewers enjoyed staged readings of scenes from Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet." Blacksmith Jeff Dunkelberger demonstrated the intricate process of shaping iron, at one point creating an intricately shaped hook while children looked on. Making the experience even more authentic, two large hogs roamed the grounds freely.

Visitors were offered a variety of food selection, from whole roasted chickens cooked over a blazing fire, sausages specially imported from Edwards of Surrey in Surrey, Va. and roasted chestnuts. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm is open from April through mid-December and is run largely by volunteers. For more information



Volunteers wait to perform a staged reading of a scene from Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet.'



Dennis Burnett, a 25-year veteran of the annual Claude Moore Market Fair, watches over the roasting chickens, sausages and chestnuts.

about events at the farm, visit <http://www.1771.org/>.

— CHRISTY STEELE

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/OCT. 22

Justin Trawick. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 7 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.

Ari Hest with Elizabeth and the Catapult. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Dan Hicks & The Hot Licks. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.

Friends of the Great Falls Library Book Sale. All day. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

Pat Goslee, Redux: Recent Work. Exhibition and reception 7-9 p.m., in conjunction with The Soundry's open mic Verbal Assault at 8 p.m. at the Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 703-349-7178.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

15th Annual VolunteerFest, a community-wide day of service, offers 35 volunteer projects, such as building outdoor classrooms, assembling care packages for troops overseas, creating a wildlife habitat and assisting with community events. There are 33 project locations throughout Fairfax County at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. See www.volunteerfairfax.org for specific project descriptions and locations.

Great Falls United Methodist Church annual Fall Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Fun for children, food, crafts, book sale, silent auction and more. 703-582-1640.

Langley Crew Gala and Silent Auction at Meadows Farms Nursery at Rt. 7 and Reston Parkway in Great Falls. Gala opens at 7 p.m. with sampling of food from local restaurants. Silent auction, 7-9:30 p.m., live auction 9:30 p.m. followed by 50/50 raffle drawing. Music, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages all night. \$25 per person. Raffle tickets \$4 or 3 for \$10. www.communitytickets.com.

McLean Symphony with Piano Soloist Carlos Ibay. 7:30 p.m. The Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto #1 in B Flat Minor, Opus 23, Kalinnikov Symphony #1 in G

Minor and more. Adults \$25, seniors and youth \$20, under age 12 \$5. 703-790-9223 or www.mclean-symphony.org.

An Acoustic Evening with Five For Fighting. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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McLean Orchestra Concert: Revolution. 8 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Berlioz, Roman Carnival Overture; Tomasi, Concerto for Trumpet, featuring Principal Trumpet Steven Hendrickson of the National Symphony Orchestra; and Shostakovich, Symphony No. 10 in E minor. 703-893-8646 or www.mclean-orchestra.org.

Epilepsy Advocate Take Charge Tour. 10 a.m. at Marriott Tyson's Corner, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. With Dr. John Cochran, Medical Director Neuroscience and Stroke, Inova Fairfax Hospital, and Alyssa Keys, epilepsy patient. Free. Epilepsyadvocate.com.

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Wolf Trap 5k and Howl-o-ween Fun Run. 8 a.m. USATF-certified course through the National Park for the Performing Arts and the Shouse Village neighborhood. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Filene Center's upper parking circle after an 8 a.m. warm-up session with Equinox Fitness Group. One mile fun run, costume contest for children, live entertainment from roots-rock band The Grandsons, and a special children's performance from Wolf Trap teaching artist John "Kinderman" Taylor. Wolftrap.org.

Understanding and asserting your rights to marital assets in a divorce. 10 a.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Leslye S. Fenton, Esquire. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

The Dear Hunter, Annals and Storm The Beaches. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Saint Luke Concert Series with Eric Himy (piano) and Emilio Colon (cello). 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Gershwin, Debussy, Cassado, and Fabeagas. Adults \$20, students under 23 \$10. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

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All listings are due by Monday at 3 p.m.

NEWS



Reg and Christine Miller talk about painting with artist Bob Gilbert in his home studio.



PHOTOS BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Karen Bateman poses with some of her oil paintings at the Riverbend Park Visitors Center. Much of Bateman's work attempts to capture the park's beauty.

Great Falls Celebrates Arts

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friend of Gilbert's wife, she had just learned the month before that he painted.

IN FACT, Gilbert is the resident painter at the Old Angler's Inn in Potomac, Md. and is about to put on a show at Washington Technology Park in Chantilly.

Many artists on the tour had other, full-time sources of income. Karen Bateman, who was stationed at Riverbend Park, is a scientist with the National Institutes of Health whose husband encouraged her to pick up a hobby a couple of years ago. She started painting landscapes at Riverbend Park with resident artist Jack Warden, whose work was also on display for the tour, and her third work was juried into a show in Reston. She now has had two solo shows and was recently sought out by a Manhattan art gal-

lery. "It's been life-changing," Bateman said.

Although this was the second time she had been a part of the tour, she said it was the first time her stop was in her "natural habitat." "I think there's something special about seeing the art in the place it was created," she said. She and Warden had planned to paint outdoors throughout the weekend, as is their custom, but were deterred by the rain.

However, she said the weather had not discouraged visitors, more than 100 of whom had dropped in on the two painters. Many, she said, were passing through the park or seeking shelter during a picnic that was held nearby on Saturday.

"Even though we have stuff up for sale, I think the emphasis has been toward a presence in the community and having people see the artists at work," she said, although she noted that she had made some sales. "Which is kind of icing on the cake. I'm not doing this for a living."

BULLETIN BOARD

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

The McLean Art Society will feature artist Robert Johnson, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Rd. (703 790-0123). Johnson paints in oil and is a life member of the Art Student's League of New York City, as well as a signature member of Allied Artists and Oil Painters of America. His work has received numerous awards. Guests are welcome.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Northern Virginia Family Service invites you to join their free 7-week training course for prospective Foster Parents. The course will begin Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and will continue on Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. through Dec. 1. Training will be at NVFS's Oakton office, 10455 White Granite Dr., Ste. 100, Oakton. Attendance does not obligate participants to become foster parents or guarantee placement. www.nvfs.org or 703-219-2184 to register

MONDAY/OCT. 26

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia

5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. The organization is preparing a community event to be held Saturday, June 26, 2010, that will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of McLean. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

Route 7 Construction Briefing

7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Headquarters, 1st Floor Auditorium, Concourse Building, 1595 Spring Hill Road, Vienna. All sessions are one hour in length and contain the same presentation. Katelin.walker@dullesmetro.com or 703-448-5550.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

McLean Community Center Governing Board Monthly Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tax district residents (Small District 1A-Dranesville) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda. www.mcleancenter.org

FAITH

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

Pumpkin Fest at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Saturdays and Sundays in October; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 7 p.m. Moon bounce, popcorn, face painting, story telling for kids. Pumpkins for sale (small pumpkin free to children under 12, while they last). The public is invited.

Aging and Wellness Conference and Expo 2009 at McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. With resources including community resources, housing, finance, health and wellness, and county government services for caregivers and their families, and a Speaker's Forum where professionals in their fields will speak on issues such as handling medication, dementia, and end-of-life issues. Free; refreshments provided. wayne.thompson@mcleanbible.org or contact the church at 703-639-2000.

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CALENDAR

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www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.
American Legion Auxiliary
Breakfast 'Boo-ffet.' 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Post 180, 330 Center St., McLean. \$7 adults, \$3 age 12 and under. 50/50 raffle. 703-625-5736.

MONDAY/OCT. 26

Oatlands Paranormal Tours. 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. Take an evening tour through Oatlands mansion to hear about ghostly legends and paranormal investigations and maybe experience something of your own. Adults \$12, under age 12 \$5. Space is limited, call 703-777-3174 for reservations.

China's National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts. 7 p.m. at the Harris Theater at George Mason University in Fairfax. Free. A sampling of Chinese operas by a troupe from Beijing. At 6:15 p.m. there will be a free film which explains the history and theatrical styling used in Chinese opera. 703-993-7780 or cimason@gmu.edu.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

Transitioning your career: find out how to keep your finances in check. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Steve Salley, Financial Advisor and Financial Planning Specialist. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

Monster Bash. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Come in costume for Halloween stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 29

Joshua James. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Treasured Threes to Fives. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Stories and songs. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.

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An Evening with Melissa Manchester. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolftrap Park for the Performing Arts. \$35. 703-938-2404 or Wolftrap.org.

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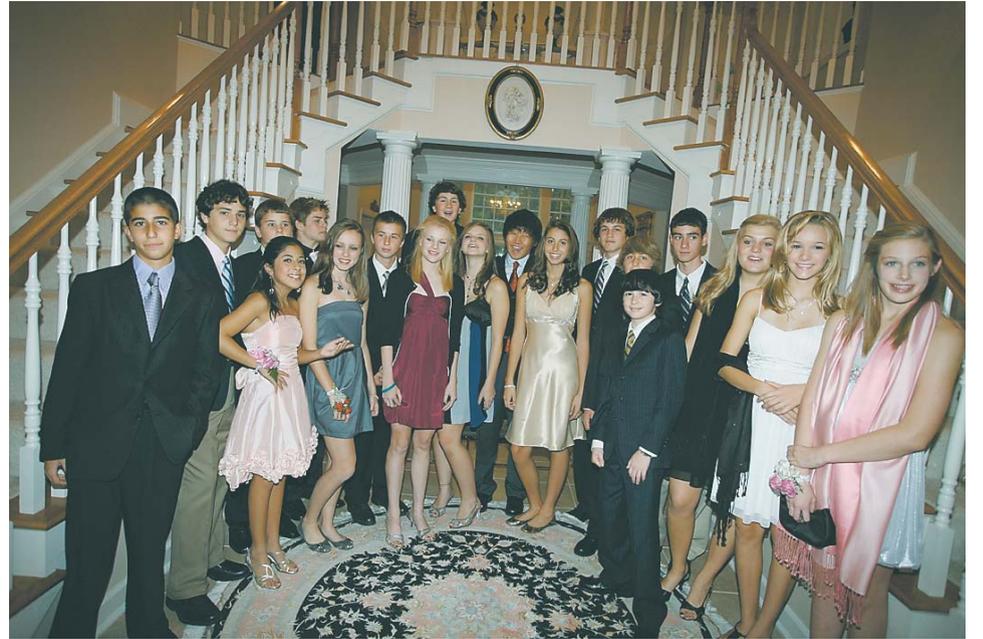
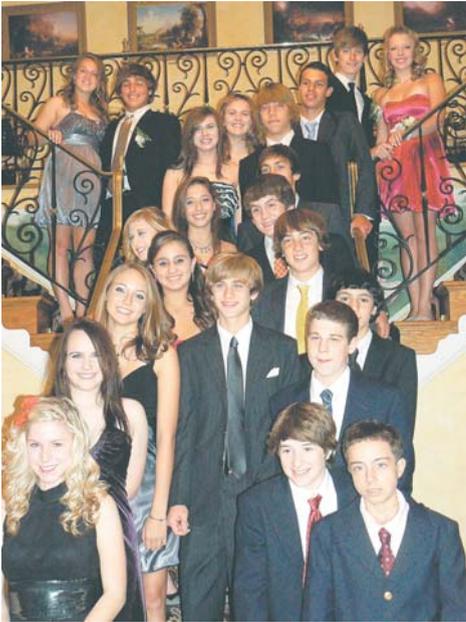
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2009 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word limitations. A "/" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, or for additional information on the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150. Funding for the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide provided through the LWVFA Education Fund and contributions in memory of Sally B. Ormsby.

For additional information on the November 3, 2009 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. For information in the City of Fairfax, contact the General Registrar at 703-385-7890 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp. You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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Acceptable forms of identification can be any **ONE** of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Valid United States passport
- Military Identification card
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
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BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What will your top legislative **PRIORITY** be, if elected?

Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial **REDISTRICTING**? If so, please explain your proposals.

What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state **BUDGET**?

How do you propose to **BALANCE** economic interests with environmental concerns?

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell Republican – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Maureen and I have been married for 32 years and we have 5 children. I served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. I've been a business manager for a Fortune 500 company, a Virginia Beach Prosecutor, a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years, and Attorney General.

PRIORITY: I will be a jobs Governor! I will focus on growing Virginia's economy, creating new jobs, and re-training our workforce for 21st century jobs. Everyone will benefit from my vision of a reinvigorated private sector, more incentives for businesses locating and expanding in Virginia, and a government that lives within its means, allowing citizens to keep more of what they earn to invest and spend.

REDISTRICTING: I will ensure bipartisan citizen involvement in the redistricting process. Legislative districts must be drawn to maximize voter participation and reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and a strong community of

interests. My bipartisan commission, comprised of citizens who haven't held elected office for at least 10 years, will provide citizens with access through public meetings, proposed maps online, and a website accepting public comment.

BUDGET: As Attorney General I cut my office's budget by 14%, took a pay cut and gave back my state car. Those are the kinds of tough decisions Virginians expect to see from their Governor. We must look for every opportunity to be creative in our budgeting, consolidate state functions, and implement innovation and budget prioritization in Richmond. We must focus on supporting policies that facilitate growth in the private sector, encourage entrepreneurship, allow Virginians to achieve their dreams, and expand our economy.

BALANCE: I championed legislation to ban the use of phosphorus in household detergents and successfully filed suit to stop a wastewater treatment operator from polluting the

Shenandoah River. I helped establish an income tax refund for contributions made to restore the Bay and supported the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act and the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. As Governor, I am committed to protecting our environment using innovative technology, pollution prevention programs and holding polluters accountable. I will also establish "Green Jobs Zones" to incentivize companies to create quality green jobs.

CONTACT: www.bobmcdonnell.com

R. Creigh Deeds Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: State Senator Creigh Deeds is an accomplished legislator, having served eighteen years in the General Assembly. He lives in Bath County with his wife Pam, and their four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School and Concord College.

PRIORITY: As governor, I will restore confidence in Virginia's economy by fixing transportation, investing in education, and giving a tax credit to any business that creates a job. I also have a plan to cut spending through aggressive performance reviews that reduce government waste and improve efficiency. And I will put Virginia on a path to be a global leader in clean energy, medical research, and cutting edge technology.

REDISTRICTING: Public policy in my administration will be based on science, not on ideology or partisan politics. For the

past seven years I have proposed bipartisan redistricting legislation. As governor, I will sign such a bill into law. Transparency and honesty are my guiding principles.

BUDGET: I believe we must invest in education even in tough times and my budget will reflect that. I will create an additional 70,000 degrees over the next ten years and commit an additional \$40 million per year to financial aid and guarantee student loans up to \$15,000. Under a Deeds administration, all Virginians will have access to an affordable higher education.

To fix transportation I will bring Republicans and Democrats together and pass a plan that connects every part of Virginia. I will consider all options so we can reach a bipartisan consensus on dedicated, long-term funding that does not drain funding from education and other core priorities.

BALANCE: I have a strong record of protecting the environment and balancing environmental and economic interests. In 1996, I authored the landmark Agricultural Stewardship Act, a bipartisan approach to reduce pollution that was supported by both farmers and environmental advocates. And in 1999, I sponsored a land preservation tax credit program that has helped Virginia conserve 500,000 acres.

CONTACT: <http://deedsforvirginia.com>

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$36,321

DUTIES: Presides over the State Senate and casts a vote in case of a tie. Fills the office of Governor should the office become vacant by reason of death, resignation or disability.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

How do you envision your **ROLE**, if elected?

How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative **PROCESS**?

What do you see as Virginia's most urgent **PROBLEM** over the next two years?

William T. "Bill" Bolling *Republican – Incumbent*



BIOGRAPHY: Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is the son of a coal miner and first in his family to graduate college. He and his wife Jean Ann live in Hanover and have two sons. He has 18 years of public service as Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and in local government in Hanover.

ROLE: In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I'll serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer.

As Virginia's Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I'll help coordinate all economic development and job creation initiatives across the various agencies of state government. Having the states second highest elected officer actively involved in recruiting new industries signals the importance of bringing new jobs to our state.

In addition, I'll work to find solutions to our

current energy, education, and transportation challenges.

PROCESS: Over the past four years serving as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, I've promoted an aggressive legislative agenda, which I'll continue.

In order to bring more jobs to our state, I co-sponsored legislation allowing more businesses to qualify for Economic Opportunity Fund money, which has brought \$125 million in new capital investments into Virginia.

I have also worked to strengthen our education system by forcing the Senate to direct lottery proceeds towards education, and by seeking to pass legislation that requires that at least 65% of our education dollars be spent in the classroom.

Finally, I'm very proud that during my time in the Senate, I was able to pass legislation pro-

viding health insurance for children in low-income families.

PROBLEM: The most urgent problem today and in the near future is the need to bring new quality jobs to our state. Current unemployment rates are the highest in 20 years, and all regions of the state have been impacted by the recent economic downturn. In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I will serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and my number one focus will be on growing our workforce.

Additionally, our state faces numerous challenges to our education and transportation systems. I've proposed detailed plans to confront these challenges, which you can find on my website, www.billbolling.com.

CONTACT: www.billbolling.com

Jody M. Wagner *Democrat – Challenger*



BIOGRAPHY: I'm the proud mother of four wonderful children. For 16 years, I was a practicing attorney in Norfolk. From 2002-2005, I served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and from 2006-2008, as the Secretary of Finance. In addition, I'm the owner of Jody's, a small popcorn business in Virginia Beach.

ROLE: I will serve as a key member of the state's leadership team, and a partner of the next Governor. I'll use my experience working across party lines to help reach commonsense, bipartisan solutions that improve the lives of Virginia's families. The most important role I can have is to help create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy. In addition, I would spend much of my time advocating for improvements in public education, such

as raising the graduation rate, expanding funding for pre-Kindergarten programs and promoting mentorship and internship programs for at risk students. Finally, I would be a member of five important boards and commissions.

PROCESS: In addition to presiding over the Senate, I would be active in the legislative process by helping to advance the goals of the next Governor, as well as priorities I consider to be important, like creating new jobs and improving education. I have a record of working across party lines to get things done as evidenced by the 2008 Education Bond Package that I negotiated (which passed unanimously) and I would continue to negotiate compromise in order to get things done.

PROBLEM: Virginia's biggest problem is the

global economic decline, and creating new jobs is the only way to confront the issue. We need to take a multi-faceted approach, which involves attracting new industries; helping small businesses start and grow; improving education to ensure our students have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy; and solving the transportation mess that is threatening our economic viability. Virginians have suffered as a result of the recession, and while we have weathered the storm better than most other states, the top priority of the next Lt. Governor must be to lead Virginia out of the national downturn, and help direct the Commonwealth towards future prosperity.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$150,000

DUTIES: Chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, serves as counsel to the Governor and to all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What do you think will be the major **ISSUE** facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?

As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative **PROPOSAL**?

How do you envision **BALANCING** economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

Ken T. Cuccinelli II *Republican – Challenger*



BIOGRAPHY: An attorney and small business owner, Senator Cuccinelli grew up in Northern Virginia. He graduated from UVa. as a Mechanical Engineer, then received his J.D. and Masters degrees from GMU. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Teiro, and they live with their seven children (and many pets) in Centreville.

ISSUE: Given current circumstances, the major issue for the next Attorney General will be helping to get Virginia's economy growing again in order to support job creation. In addition, the AG will also be looked to for leadership on public safety issues such as fighting gangs, sexual predators, drunk driving and mental health. These are all issues that I will continue to aggressively address, as I have in my 3 terms in the State Senate.

I would also bring 5 years of juvenile delinquency prevention work and over a decade of working with mental health professionals and patients to the AG's office.

PROPOSAL: Among my major legislative proposals as Virginia's next AG would be proposals to continue to improve our mental health system. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Virginians have awoken to how much more we need to do to improve our mental health system, and I will continue my leadership on this issue. Additionally, I will continue the work I've been doing in the Senate Courts Committee to toughen our laws addressing gangs, sexual predators and repeat drug dealers. Finally, I will continue my efforts to get property rights protected in Virginia's Constitution.

BALANCING: The balancing of economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations is similar to the balancing in any regulatory decision. First, an AG has to enforce the law, but may exercise such discretion as the law allows to factor in circumstances such as first offenses, technical (e.g., paperwork) violations vs. substantive violations, in coming to conclusions about appropriate responses. We want our environmental regulations to be part of our stewardship of the environment, and like other Virginians, I want to preserve a clean and healthy environment for my children. I also want to undertake reasonable steps to preserve economic opportunities and jobs for Virginians.

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Stephen C. Shannon *Democrat – Challenger*



BIOGRAPHY: Occupation: Attorney; Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC – Fairfax, VA Education: Bachelors Degree, Fairfield University; Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and J.D., University of Virginia Experience: Steve Shannon is a former Fairfax County Prosecutor who has a strong record on Public Safety. He and his wife Abby co-founded Virginia's first AMBER-Alert //

ISSUE: In the next two years, the Attorney General's office must be focused on public safety. As the economy gets back on track, we need to be sure that Virginia creates an environment that is attractive for people and businesses so that they want to come here and flourish here. By keeping Virginians safe, I will work to create that type of environment.

PROPOSAL: My top priority as Attorney General is going to be keeping Virginians safe. I have outlined a number of policy proposals – available on my website at www.shannon2009.com – that will help protect Virginians from drunk drivers, gangs, drug dealers, and other public safety threats. As a father of three and helped found (with my wife, Abby) of Virginia's AMBER Alert system, I am particularly committed to protecting Virginia's children. Specifically, I am committed to keeping Virginia children safe from Internet predators. We know that there are at least 20,000 unique computers trafficking child pornography in Virginia. Law enforcement officials do not have the tools and resources they need to track these online offenders down and put them in jail. I will work

with the Governor and General Assembly to find these resources.

BALANCING: As Attorney General, my job will be enforcing Virginia's law. I believe we need to move towards things like energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy in order to protect our environment. I also believe we must understand our current economic climate and make sure that as we make the move toward the use of efficiency and renewables, we are balancing the needs and economic constraints of citizens and businesses in Virginia.

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**GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009
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VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$17,640

DUTIES: Legislative power in the

Commonwealth of Virginia is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Delegates.

Chief responsibilities are to make laws, levy taxes, and adopt the state budget.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What measures would you support to make the **REDISTRICTING** process less partisan?
Should the allocation of public

EDUCATION funds throughout the Commonwealth be revised? If so, what would you propose?
What other state **ISSUE** would you like to discuss?

CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 34TH DISTRICT (Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



Barbara J. Comstock *Republican - Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: Barbara Comstock, a 25+ year McLean resident, is a small businesswoman and attorney. Barbara worked as a senior aide to Rep. Frank Wolf, a Congressional Chief Counsel, a senior Justice Department official and senior partner in a law firm. She is a graduate of Middlebury College and Georgetown Law School.

REDISTRICTING: I support a process that is transparent and bipartisan with citizen involvement and input through legislation or a Blue Ribbon commission. Legislative districts should reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and communities of interest. I support public meetings, putting pro-

posed new district maps online, and a website that will allow public comment and interaction.

EDUCATION: Yes. As with our transportation dollars, Northern Virginians are shortchanged on our education dollars. We have 25% of the population but provide 40% of the state revenue. We need Northern Virginia representatives who will fight for our fair share of education and transportation dollars and who understand that shortchanging Northern Virginia – the economic engine of the state – hurts all of Virginia.

ISSUE: Improving our economy is my top priority. I will protect and promote Virginia's right-to-work, job friendly environment. In deciding whether a policy is good for Virginians, my test will be: "Does it help retain, create, and grow jobs?" Raising taxes in a recession fails that test. The policies I will promote for strengthening our economy will include

a 10% small business tax cut to stimulate job growth, and a bipartisan commission to address our transportation funding crisis and focus our transportation dollars on easing congestion and economic growth. Supporting our transportation and education infrastructure is critical for economic growth. That is why I also will work to create a "Virginia Scholars Program," for our top 100 math and science students, which will fully fund their undergraduate and graduate studies so that we provide our kids with the education they need for our future jobs. Finally, I will support legislation to provide more in-state student slots at Virginia state colleges and universities.

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Margaret G. Vanderhye *Democrat - Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Member, Virginia House of Delegates. Government relations specialist and previous appointee of three governors and U.S. president on transportation, environment, and planning. Graduate of Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at U. VA; Northwestern University, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advance International Studies.

REDISTRICTING: I support the appointment of a state level, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw district lines along natural geographical, infrastructure, and population lines to make sure elections were about real choices within communities.

EDUCATION: Yes, the allocation of public education funds

should be revised to give Fairfax County K-12 students a fair share that reflects our highly diverse population with respect to income, international background and wide spectrum of educational requirements. Currently the state provides less than 20% of our county education funding, leaving us to carry the burden at the local level with our main source of revenue being the property tax. At the college level, we should adhere to the 25-30% level for out of state acceptances, and we should fund our higher education programs so our Virginia students receive the acceptances and the financial aid they deserve.

ISSUE: I want to discuss transportation and its relationship to our economy and quality of life in northern Virginia and throughout the state.

We are in a transportation crisis with dwindling funds necessary to receive matching federal dollars for our most

crucial projects. We need dedicated, sufficient, and sustainable transportation funding, and we need to make sure that everyone who uses our infrastructure pays for it – not just Virginians.

Dulles Airport and the Virginia Port both require additional capacity to handle the growing statewide demands of our global economy, and we are not providing the necessary funds. Once the economy rebounds, we need new resources at the state, regional, and local levels to address already identified road, rail, and transit projects, and we need to make sure that the Dulles Rail project through Tysons Corner helps create a walkable urban center.

We have studied VDOT; we have studied options; we have tried gimmicks. It is time for bi-partisan action.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOND VOTE YES OR NO

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$232,580,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance, including reimbursement

to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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SCHOOLS

Twenty-One Students Nominated for Leadership Award

Twenty-one students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) were nominated for the College of William and Mary Leadership Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate leadership both in the classroom and in their communities.

Recipients of the William and

Mary Leadership Award are:

❖ Desmond Lee of Annandale High School; Bennett Salmon of Centreville High School; Christina Dang of Chantilly High School; Kelly Flanigan of Edison High School; Jack Becket of Fairfax High School; Excy Guardado of Falls Church High School; Nikita Dodbele of Hayfield Secondary

School; Kelsey DeFord of Herndon High School; Adrienne Engel of Langley High School; Brian Head of Madison High School; Delanyo Kpo of Marshall High School; Anna Glendingen of McLean High School; Corinthia Evans of Mount Vernon High School; Jay Tucker of Oakton High School; Rachel Moody of Robinson Secondary

School; James Armstrong of South Lakes High School; Rachel Boots of Stuart High School; Lisa Nam of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Gwen Fishel of West Potomac High School; Molly Gift of Westfield High School; and Alexander Willard of Woodson High School. Every student nominated by his

or her high school receives the William and Mary Leadership Award and is invited to come to campus for one weekend the following fall during the senior year to attend the William and Mary Leadership Conference.

For more information, contact the FCPS Department of Communications and Community Outreach at 571-423-1200.

SPORTS

Langley Football Getting That Winning Feeling

Saxons have won three straight since 0-4 start.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When Langley High running back Marcus Harvey crossed the goal line from five yards out for a third quarter touchdown against visiting Fairfax on Sept. 25, it looked as if the Saxons were well on their way to winning their first game of the season after an 0-3 start.

Harvey's score, followed by Farhan Khan's extra point kick, gave Langley a 14-7 lead with just over five minutes left to play in the third quarter. But as it turned out, the 14 points were not enough for coach John Howerton's team that night in Great Falls. Fairfax scored a late fourth quarter touchdown to tie the game and then won it in overtime, 21-14.

It was a deflating loss for the Saxons, who had seemingly been on their way to their first win of the 2009 season. Instead, following the loss, Langley stood at 0-4.

"It's one where we thought we had a very good chance of winning," said Howerton, the Saxons' seventh year head coach. "We were in control. It was one that got away that should not have."

But since that loss to the Rebels, Langley has slowly started to put things together. On Friday night, Oct. 16, the Saxons soundly defeated Jefferson, 46-14, in a Liberty District game played at Langley. The victory was the third in a row for Langley (3-4).

"It certainly makes you feel good," said Howerton, of his team's three-game win streak following the 0-4 start. "We knew we had a young team and that it was going to take some time. We had some tough games early."

Langley opened the season with a 38-0



Langley running back Ryan Hofgard runs through an opening during the Saxons' recent game at Herndon. The Saxons will meet visiting Stone Bridge this Friday night.

home loss to Lake Braddock, followed by another setback at home, 42-20, against Chantilly the following week. Then, in its first road game on Sept. 17, Langley fell to Madison, 14-0, in its district opener. The loss to Fairfax came the following week.

Langley finally got into the win column on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 3 when it defeated Herndon, 28-13, on the Hornets' homecoming.

"The Herndon win was huge for the program," said Howerton, of defeating a Hornets' squad that qualified for the Northern Region Division 6 playoffs last year and had started this season 3-0.

The Saxons followed that up with a triumph at Marshall, 21-7, on Oct. 9, followed by the lopsided victory over Jefferson last week.

Langley will host unbeaten district opponent Stone Bridge Friday night, Oct. 23, in the Saxons' final home game of the season. Langley's final two games will be at district

opponents South Lakes (Oct. 30) and McLean (Nov. 6).

THE WIN OVER JEFFERSON last Friday night came in sloppy, rainy field conditions. The Saxons dominated the winless Colonials from the start, scoring 14 points in both the first two quarters to surge out to a 28-0 halftime lead. Langley junior quarterback Braden Anderson (7-of-14, 176 yards) tossed three touchdown passes in the win, all in the first half. The scoring strikes went to senior running back Abe Li (24-yard scoring catch), senior fullback Austin Pritchett (30 yard catch) and senior Ben Johnson (30 yard catch).

Pritchett and Harvey (team-high 77 yards rushing) both ran for a pair of touchdown runs. Harvey, a sophomore who missed two games in recent weeks with an injury, scored his touchdowns on runs from 38 and 26 yards out.

"It was pretty sloppy with the weather,"

said Howerton, of the win. "We still have a tough road with Stone Bridge [this week] and much better South Lakes [6-1] and McLean [5-2] teams."

The coach said a key to his team's offensive success against Jefferson was the short passing game. Most of Anderson's seven completions were short passes that ended up picking up good yardage.

"We were able to throw and control the ball," said Howerton. "We had some huge catches. Braden Anderson played very well. He's gotten better each week."

For the season, the 6-foot-3 inch junior signal caller has completed 66-of-142 passes for 1,020 yards with seven touchdown passes and seven interceptions. He has an outside shot at surpassing former Saxon quarterback Blake Jones for the school record of passing yardage in a season. Jones threw for 1,594 yards during the 1989 season.

Howerton said Anderson has been particularly efficient in recent weeks in the passing game.

"This kid's very good," said Howerton. "I think he has big potential down the road. He's tall, smart, throws a good ball and has big hands so he can get a grip on the ball. This is a kid who has all the tools. And he's strong in the classroom. He's a potential [college] scholarship player."

Howerton credited his offensive line with playing solid across the board. Running backs Yi (232 rushing yards on the season), Harvey (225, 4 TDs) and junior Bryan Hofgard (185 yards) have had good seasons rushing the football. Harvey suffered a sprained ankle early in the Fairfax game and missed most of the next two games (Herndon and Marshall). But he looked to be close to top form against Jefferson.

Howerton, with his team's win over Jefferson, surpassed Bill Renner for the most coaching wins in Langley football history with 32. Renner won 31 games during his 1994-98 tenure at Langley.

"It's a good little piece of history and gives our staff something to hold its hat on," said Howerton, who has been head coach at Langley since 2003.

SPORTS NOTES

The annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) wrapped up on Sept. 23. Six hundred and eighteen seniors participated in the 12-day Olympics, including 265 new participants.

"This is a record breaking year for us," said Alexandria's Jack Hobbs, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. "Registration was up in nearly all the events and our two new events, Wii bowling and mini javelin throw, proved successful."

Participants ranged from 50-years old and older. At least 10 of the athletes were 90 or over, including Ray Kaminski, of Springfield. Kaminski, age 93, competed

in bowling, tennis, softball hit and throw, mini javelin throw, frisbee throw and horseshoes. Mary Lathram of Falls Church, 94, competed as a swimmer in the backstroke and half mile events, as well as in track in the 800 and 1600-meter walks.

Hobbs said over 25 events took place in nine different venues throughout Northern Virginia.

"We are extremely grateful to the sponsoring jurisdictions for providing the venues for these events, particularly Thomas Jefferson Community Center and Wakefield High School in Arlington and Wakefield District Park in Annandale," said Hobbs.

He added, "It is also important

to recognize NVSO's Gold, Silver and Bronze Patrons, whose support is essential in the administration and promotion of NVSO each year."

Gold Patrons included Greenspring Retirement Community, Goodwin House Incorporated, Sunrise Senior Living, Verizon Wireless and the Senior Advantage Program at George Washington University Hospital. Silver Patrons were Realtor Debbie Miller, McEneaney Associates, and Bronze Patrons were Envoy Health Care of Alexandria and The McDonald's Family Restaurants of Greater Washington D.C.

For more information about NVSO, call 703-228-4721 or

check the website at www.nvaseniorolympics.com.

The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Community and Recreation Services have announced this year's winners of the Champions of Character Awards. Winners are selected based on their contributions to youth sports in Fairfax County and their service in pursuing victory with honor. A coach, parent, and two athletes were chosen from each magisterial district. Awards ceremonies were held on Oct. 6 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Athletic Council pre-

sented the awards. Locals to earn honors included: Dranesville District - Maggie Natal, Female Athlete (Great Falls Little League Softball); Nick Fouty, Male Athlete (Great Falls Lacrosse Association); Mario Guillen, Coach (McLean Youth Soccer); and Jim Long, Coach (Great Falls Lacrosse Association). Providence District - Corey Hall, Male Athlete (Vienna Youth Football); Nicholle Harris-Depaz, Coach (Marshall High lacrosse); and Richard Montano, Parent (Vienna Youth Soccer). Hunter Mill District - Emma Evans, Female Athlete (Reston Youth Basketball League) and Todd Casey, Coach (Vienna Youth Incorporated).

Ready, Willing, and Hopefully Able



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Throughout my "consuming" life, I have often expressed a desire to be the consumer who appears in a commercial testifying, sincerely, as to the one-of-a-kind price and/or above-and-beyond-the-call service/benefit he or she received while using/buying product "A", "B" or "C." Most recently, I have been reminded of this desire while listening to the radio; specifically the radio spots for Novartis, a pharmaceutical company. The spots feature real people (as opposed to fake people, like the ones in those Charles Schwab television commercials) discussing their cancer diagnosis and the helplessness – and disappointment (to put it mildly) – they felt when they realized they couldn't afford the medication that could possibly save their cancer-affected lives.

On one level, the commercials are image-branding Novartis as a pharmaceutical company that cares, one that doesn't necessarily let the cost of the medication/inability of a patient to pay, prevent that patient from receiving potentially life-saving medication. Their sensitivity – and generosity – knows no bounds, or at least that's part of the message.

The other part of the message, which most resonates with me (a currently-under-treatment cancer patient), is that the "experimental" medication (cost issues aside), at least as they relate to the radio spots I've heard: the grandmother who, due to the medication Novartis has generously provided has now lived six or seven years to see two new grandchildren (after receiving a grim prognosis initially); and the college student who, a few hours after attending a class, is told by his doctors that he has cancer and approximately two and a half years to live, a revelation he characterizes as "surreal," a description with which I'm intimately familiar and in total agreement (although, if truth be told, as accurate a description as "surreal" is to describe one's feelings after receiving a diagnosis of this severity/seriousness, it really doesn't begin to detail the layers of emotional bedrock that are torn apart when receiving this kind of news) saved their lives and/or at a minimum, gave them years and quality of life they had not anticipated. They lived, and are alive to share their, I-survived-cancer success stories.

And who doesn't want to hear success stories, especially anyone battling to overcome major health problems. If nothing else, hope always lives. Now whether it's realistic for cancer patients to damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead; for my money/attitude/perspective, it sure beats the alternative. So yes, I'm hopeful. One day, I want to be on a radio/television commercial testifying to the unexpected success of a medication that shrunk my tumors and/or prevented their movement/metastasis and then there I am, 10 years later, alive and well, and living the dream: cancer free and healthy – and fortunate – enough to have seen the Boston Red Sox win two more World Series Championships; (totaling four so far in this century), one each for my father, mother, brother and myself. Is that too much to ask? Hopefully not.

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LETTERS

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this issue during her two years in this office. Providing accessible and affordable education for our talented students is the best way to ensure the prosperity of our Commonwealth. Barbara Comstock understands this and her plan will make this happen. This is why Barbara Comstock has my vote on Nov. 3.

Carla Lanzara
Great Falls

colleges and universities. Not only does she believe in increasing the cap but she also supports full-scholarships for the top 100 math and science students in Virginia. This is a sound higher education plan for Virginia students and Virginia families.

I am disappointed that our current delegate, Margi Vanderhye (D), chose not to address

Delegate's Record Deserves Support

To the Editor:

As a woman who has seen cancer strike members of my family, I am acutely aware of the benefits of early detection and treatment for breast and other cancers. The leadership that Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) has shown to increase access to cancer treatment for Virginia women has already saved lives and will save many more in the future.

In her first term as delegate, she crafted a bill to expand cancer screening that passed the House of Delegates unanimously, and

by securing private funding, implemented the plan with no cost to Virginia taxpayers.

With this innovative program now in place, the American Cancer Society is calling it a model for other states.

For this innovative program and her record of accomplishment for the citizens of the 34th District, Margi Vanderhye deserves re-election.

Nancy Hopkins
Vienna

Running Away

To the Editor:

If candidate for governor Robert McDonnell's (R) repulsive views on women were not enough, we now have his repulsive views on money issues. McDonnell would sell the state-run liquor stores thereby giving away a steady stream of future income for a short-term gain. Then there is the borrowing by authorizing more

bonds so Virginia can be saddled with greater debt payments. After eight years of Republican rule [in Washington] that brought our great country to near fiscal ruin, we should not walk away from McDonnell, we should run.

Rebecca Horahan
McLean

Clear Choice on Energy Issue

To the Editor:

The Virginia Delegate race in the 34th District offers a clear choice between the candidates, not least on the issue of energy policy. Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) champions a 21st century energy policy that focuses on lowering use through cost-effective energy efficiency measures and development of clean, renewable energy supplies. Her opponent, Barbara Comstock (R), supports more consumption of dirty fossil fuels, including building coal plants and opening up the waters off Virginia to oil and gas drilling.

The benefits of Vanderhye's approach are obvious: since the cheapest watt of energy is the one you don't use, it makes sense to pursue policies that reduce energy use. And with the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global climate change, the only responsible way to increase energy supplies is to support renewable sources like wind and solar that don't release carbon dioxide.

But Vanderhye's program is better for Virginia in other ways. Virginia has enough offshore wind resources to meet the entire energy demand of the state. Wind can supply more energy than is in all the oil and gas estimated to lie off our shores, and it won't run out. According to government estimates, developing even a tiny fraction of the available resource will create thousands of new jobs in the commonwealth — jobs that can't be exported.

This isn't some futuristic dream. Europe has had offshore wind farms for 15 years, and four other East Coast states are in the

process of developing them. Just this month, two wind developers filed applications to build offshore wind farms off the Virginia coast.

In addition to climate change, there are other reasons to reject Comstock's fossil fuel-dependent plan. Congress would have to pass a law allowing Virginia to share revenues from oil and gas drilling (right now federal law gives us nothing), and any such revenues would not appear for about 15 years. As a source of funding for transportation or anything else, this is laughably inadequate.

Worse, drilling off our coast would endanger our coastal wetlands, beaches and wildlife, as well as our multi-billion-dollar fishing and tourism industries. In August of this year, a two-year old oil well off the Australian coast blew out, sending 400 barrels per day into the surrounding waters and creating a slick covering 9,000 square miles. As of the latest newspaper reports on Oct. 12, engineers have not yet managed to plug the leak. The well uses the same technology proposed for drilling off Virginia.

As Vanderhye has said, Virginia needs an energy plan that is both fiscally and environmentally sound. Comstock's "drill, baby, drill" approach is neither. We must expand supplies of renewable energy and reduce demand through energy efficiency measures. To do that, we must elect politicians who are willing to meet this challenge.

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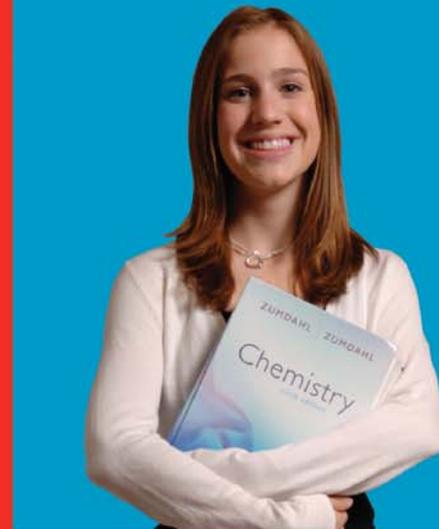
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