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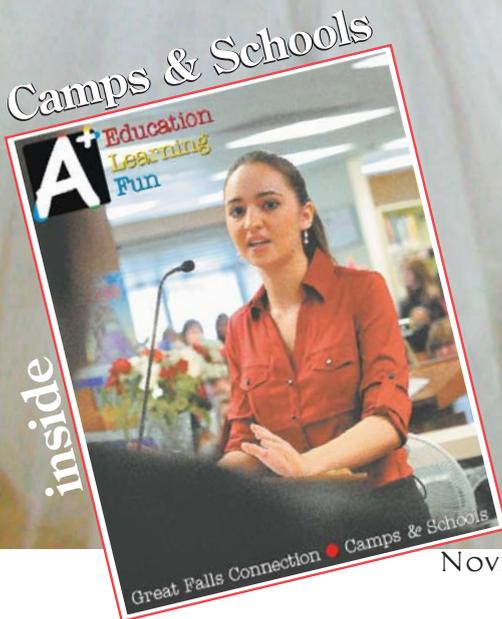
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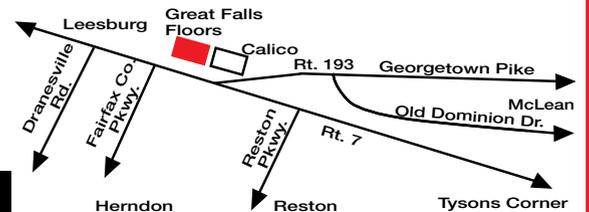
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Third-graders Nick Hodge and Marisa Mihori testify to the value of Great Falls Elementary's Japanese immersion program.

No More Japanese Immersion?

Program joins host of others on chopping block as county revenue continues to dwindle.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Hodge told members of the Great Falls Elementary School PTA that she still could not wrap her head around the idea that the school's Japanese immersion program could be cut. "The reality is, in very tight budget times, you have to look at everything," she said.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and the district's School Board representative, Janie Strauss, made an appearance at the PTA's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to discuss the possibility that the language immersion programs currently in place at 12 elementary schools in the county could be cut out of the budget. As revenue continues to drop off, the county is entering its third year of budget cuts, and Strauss said that virtually all non-mandatory school programs face the possibility of elimination.

Because it represents only a \$1.4 million expense in the face of a possible \$176 million shortfall in the school system, Foust said he would be surprised if the elementary school language immersion program ended up getting cut in the coming budget cycle, but it would be the School Board that decides how school funds are allocated.

"We will cut as far away from the classroom as we possibly can," Strauss said.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT than teaching students Japanese, Hodge said, the language immersion program had taught her children to think globally. "They come to have this real awareness of global issues and being understanding of different cultures," she said. Also, she said, because languages like Japanese are so different from English, students need to begin learning them at a young age. "You literally cannot learn these languages at an older age," she said, noting that she had tried.

"It's such a selling point for people who are looking at Fairfax County as a place to move into," said Diane Hara, who has also had children in the program. She noted that the county's Economic Development Authority listed elementary school language



Dranesville District School Board representative Janie Strauss and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) discuss the county's budget woes with members of the Great Falls Elementary PTA.

immersion as one of the school system's selling points and that foreign language proficiency was one of the stated goals of the School Board.

Several students also testified at the meeting. Third-grader Nick Hodge confirmed that his mother was unable to pronounce many of the Japanese phrases he had tried to teach her. "It's really hard to learn Japanese, but once you learn it, it's really fun," he said, adding that he hoped the program did not get cut "because I have so much more to learn" and because he was eagerly anticipating the trip to Japan that the students traditionally take in the sixth grade to visit their sister school.

Eliza Campbell, a freshman at Langley High School who had gone through the program at Great Falls Elementary, said it had made her a better student, given her the confidence to be a high achiever and introduced her to some of her favorite teachers. "It's a great challenge that has tons of benefits," she said. "All these kids deserve to have the same opportunity I have had."

Strauss assured the audience that she and Foust supported the program. "That's not the issue," she said. In the last few years, she said, the school system had grown by 9,000 students, and an additional 2,000 were expected next year, she said. "We don't exactly understand it, but they're here." And, Strauss said, under the No Child Left Behind Act, schools are held to higher standards each year. Meanwhile, the county has not been able to increase the school

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Kindergarteners from the Village Green Day School read their messages of appreciation for war veterans.

Great Falls Recognizes Veterans

Ceremony carries on in spite of rain.

As Great Falls residents gathered to demonstrate their appreciation for war veterans, perhaps none gave the veterans more credit than the kindergarteners from Village Green Day School, who thanked them for saving people, the planet and the universe, as each student read off his or her message of thanks.

The rain didn't dampen this

year's Veterans Day ceremony, which takes place normally at the Freedom Memorial behind the library but was moved into the library's meeting room on Wednesday, Nov. 11. In addition to the kindergarteners, more than 70 people showed up, including the Langley High School Madrigal singers, who sang the national anthem.

The speaker at the event was Lynne Roots, co-director of admissions at Village Green, whose military family includes members of the Navy, Air Force and Marines.

— MIKE DICICCO



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Shop Great Falls Campaign Launched

The Great Falls Business and Professional Association has launched "Shop Great Falls," a community wide campaign designed to promote local businesses and stimulate sales during the holiday shopping season. Calling on residents to "Think Locally, Act Locally and Shop Great Falls," the GFBPA is seeking to raise the profile of local retailers and other businesses within the community and encourage holiday shopping closer to home.

Between Nov. 16 and Dec. 24, shoppers can visit any participating business and enter to win one

of three Great Falls Gift Baskets, each containing hundreds of dollars in merchandise, gift certificates and free services exclusively from local providers. Most participants will also be offering special Shop Great Falls incentives and other limited-time opportunities during the campaign.

"We felt it was important in these difficult economic times for the GFBPA to get out front and actively promote the individual small businesses that serve our community," said Ralph Lozaro, GFBPA president. "People are look-

ing for value, now more than ever, and we wanted to give local businesses a platform to spotlight the selection and savings available right here at home."

"Even if many residents feel they already know the local businesses," said Lozaro, "we wanted to give them reason to visit again and experience anew what their hometown business community has to offer."

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Captus Communications, LLC, a McLean-based comprehensive health communications firm, was recently honored with a 2009 Silver Davey Award, bestowed by the International Academy of the Visual Arts. Chosen from more than 4,000 entries from around the world, Captus' award-winning entry — Pharmaceutical Industry Profile 2009 — was created on behalf of the Washington, D.C.-based Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

The Davey Awards, whose name is derived from the story of David and Goliath, honor the finest creative work from the best small firms, agencies and companies worldwide.

"Each year PhRMA asks Captus to develop a unique look and message for the book," said Captus President Deborah Mullen. "This year presented an extra challenge. When the publication was released in the second quarter, the economy was in the thick of the recession. Our task was to effectively present the successes and ongoing investments of PhRMA member companies against the backdrop of a challenging economic environment and the incredibly complex drug discovery process. I am so proud of the diligent and creative work the Captus team did to bring the idea to life."

Profile 2009 is one of PhRMA's signature publications. Much like an annual report, it covers such topics as the value of medical innovation for patients and the economy, ongoing efforts to reduce the burden of chronic disease, the promise and challenges of ongoing research and development, and corporate giving. It is one of the most widely used publi-



Captus President Deborah Mullen and Bob Walters, creative director, hold the Davey Award.

cations at PhRMA, serving as the go-to resource for the latest industry information.

The Captus creative team was responsible for the writing, graphic design, print production, project management, and editing of the 60-page publication.

Deborah Mullen and her husband Mike Mullen have lived in Great Falls for 20 years. Their son attends Langley High School and their daughter just graduated from Langley and is a freshman in the Honors Program at Virginia Tech.

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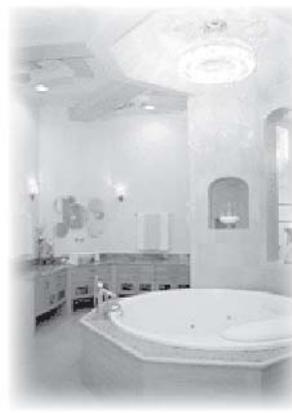
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The show's mice line up for a picture.



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Alexis Unwalla and Aleksei Tochilin perform as Clara and the Nutcracker.



Emily Ngau stands in as the Flower Queen to Aleksey Kudrin's Flower Prince during the rehearsal.

'Nutcracker' Comes to Life

Haddad ballet studio brings ballet classic back to Madeira School.

The Margaret Haddad Studio of Classical Ballet will put on its 18th annual production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" on Nov. 28 and 29.

The studio puts on two major productions each year, but "Nutcracker" is the biggest, with 96 performers this year, including three Russian dancers and two members of the Richmond Ballet. Aside from the guest artists, the dancers in the production range from 5-years old to four college-age girls. "They really enjoy coming back to perform with the group," Haddad said.

She said three of the students' fathers work as the show's stage managers, while many of the mothers help with ironing and altering the costumes, "so it's definitely a family, community event."

The production features more than 700 pieces of costume, a Christmas tree that grows onstage and falling snow. While many groups perform abbreviated versions of the show, the Haddad Studio puts on the entire ballet each year. Many of the scenes are huge, with 47 people onstage during the battle scene and 57 dancers in the opening Christmas Eve party.

The group will perform "The Nutcracker" at the Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$19 for students and \$16 for children under 12. For tickets, call Margaret Haddad at 703-759-3366.

"It's definitely a family, community event."

— Margaret Haddad

— MIKE DICICCO



The group rehearses the snow scene.



The dolls surround Clara, played by Alexis Unwalla, and Aleksei Tochilin as the Nutcracker during the party scene.



Emily Ngau and Aleksey Kudrin are surrounded by lights during the snow scene.

Former Great Falls Resident Pleads Guilty to \$16 Million Fraud Scheme

Hanif Hassan Moledina, 46, formerly of Great Falls, pleaded guilty to a fraud scheme that resulted in illegal gross proceeds exceeding \$16 million.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI Washington Field Office, made the announcement after the plea was accepted by United States District Judge T.S. Ellis III.

Moledina pled guilty to four counts of wire fraud, which each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. He will be sentenced on Jan. 29, 2010.

According to a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, Moledina was the majority owner and operator of Bean East Corporation, a coffee roasting company located in Luray, Va. Beginning in 2004, Moledina began operating a Ponzi scheme, borrowing large sums of money at high rates of interest from friends and associates and telling them that he had contracts to purchase coffee beans from suppliers in Colombia, South America, and a contract to supply beans to The Folgers Coffee Company. Over the next five years, Moledina borrowed more than \$8.3 million from approximately 26 persons. In fact, no such contracts existed, and Moledina used the money for personal expenses as well as to make interest payments to some of the borrowers.

In addition, Moledina admitted to conducting several other fraudulent ventures during this period. In 2006, Moledina obtained a \$2.3 million mortgage on a building in Luray from BB&T, without disclosing to the bank or the building's co-owner that he had moved tenants from that building into one that he solely owned. Later, in a successful

effort to sell the second building, he presented forged tenant leases to the intended purchaser to create the illusion that the building had a guaranteed income stream. In the meantime, over a period of three years, Moledina withdrew more than \$800,000 from a corporate account set up for the first building without his co-owner's knowledge and for purposes unrelated to the operation or maintenance of the building.

Moledina also admitted that in January 2007, he drafted and forged signatures on fictitious leases to assure

a potential purchaser that a building, which Moledina owned, had a guaranteed income stream. The purchaser later bought the building from Moledina for \$3.4 million.

Finally, in 2007 and 2008, Moledina admitted that he presented fraudulent Bean East financial statements to Washington First Bank in support of three loans totaling approximately \$1.2 million.

This case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael E. Rich.



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We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are

home schooled. Past contributions have come from children from nursery schools through those preparing to graduate from high school.

Sometimes an art or English teacher will assign a project and submit the work of an entire class, but individual submissions from any young person in the community are welcome.

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We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible. Our address is 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. E-mail to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and include age, grade, school attended and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making a Case For Public Option

To the Editor:

Open Letter to Our Congressional Representatives: Senator Mark Warner, Senator Jim Webb and Representative Gerry Connolly:

We agree with President Obama's assertion to Congress that "now is the time to deliver on health care." Moreover, we strongly endorse the views expressed by many reform advocates, such as Dr. Howard Dean, that "the healthcare reform bill is not worth passing unless the American people have the choice of signing up for a public option — a real public option." And last but not least, we thank you, Mr. Connolly, for your vote on Saturday.

Some detractors argue that a public option would bring with it a bloated, inefficient, "big government" program, and that our hard-earned dollars should not be cavalierly siphoned into a taxpayer-funded, perpetual revenue sink that citizens end up regarding as their inalienable right. If you have a visceral reaction against federal taxes in any amount or for any purpose, we have no counterargument to convince you. But if you are open to a more nuanced assessment, we offer the following comments for your consideration as you debate, amend, reconcile, and vote on health care legislation over the next few weeks:

We also don't like paying taxes, and take personal offense when our hard-earned dollars are squandered on special-interest projects large and small. We are, however, prepared, indeed enthusiastic, to pay hard-earned dollars for programs that benefit the citizenry at large — tangibly or intangibly, now or in the future. We understand that the executive departments, from Commerce to Veterans Affairs, and the independent agencies must be funded, to administer and enforce federal laws. Thus, while we may quibble about this or that funding decision or

look askance at this or that mission priority, we shed no tear about our dollars invested in the likes of the EPA, FBI, FCC, FDIC, NASA, NEA, NIH, NOAA, NSF, SSA, etc., as well as the GAO that keeps tabs on them all.

Now, with respect to health care, we submit that such a nuanced assessment resoundingly affirms the need for a true public option. Would a public option slather a slippery slope to socialism? Of course not: one more agency added to the alphabet soup of agencies would not transform the underpinnings of this country. Is private industry inherently more cost-efficient than the public sector? Not at all: without generating income over expenses, a corporation ceases to justify its existence; and a corporate executive's compensation dwarfs that of the civil service counterpart, regardless of job description. Moreover, private industry shoulders expenses for advertising and lobbying that the public sector can largely avoid. Thus, the health care industry is currently spending well over \$500,000 of our insurance premiums a day to lobby your colleagues to abandon or dilute a public option. Is a public option redundant to the private insurance industry? Apparently not: the private insurance industry fails to enroll over 30 million citizens of this country. And many of the insured are denied coverage under any of a multitude of fine-print exemptions and exceptions, including lack of portability, preexisting conditions, deductibles, notification and claiming failures, etc. Estimates for the number of claims denied varies wildly, from around 20 percent by state agencies and public advocacy groups, to 2.36 percent by an insurance industry trade association in testimony submitted to Congress. In any event, well over 60 percent of this year's bankruptcies in the United States stem

from medical bills, even though over three-quarters of the bankrupt had some form of medical insurance. And this is no wonder: medical bills following a single auto collision can cost thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of dollars; the cost for treating a typical breast cancer runs about \$50,000 to \$100,000 or more. This is not the sort of money that ordinary folks can set aside for a rainy day.

Thus, a respectable public option strikes us in many ways as analogous to our National Park Service. Just as we can choose between the Everglades and Disneyland for our Florida-vacation, we should be able to choose between a public option and private insurance for covering our health-care needs. Some of us can't afford Disneyland, and are happy to have "nationalized recreation" as a fallback. Others of us are simply put off by the rampant commercialism of the private sector and prefer the public, unadorned approach.

Like Great Falls, Gettysburg and the Grand Canyon, a public health insurance option would cost us some of our hard-earned dollars. But at Great Falls, Gettysburg and the Grand Canyon, we are amazed at how much our park rangers do with so little funding, and wish that more of our tax dollars were channeled in their direction. Our biggest fear regarding a public option would be chronic underfunding rather than rampant waste and abuse.

And finally, we note that our national parks are a source of national pride and actually weave into the fabric that defines us as Americans. That fabric would be stronger and even more precious with the added thread of a national healthcare option.

George, Christine and Karin Lehnigk
Oakton

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow

To the Editor:

Please forgive the line lifted from the Fleetwood Mac song. But it's oh, so true.

Americans cannot stop thinking about the impact that enacting true healthcare reform will have upon our generations to come. Despite the doomsday prophecy fodder that the ultra-conservative, ultra-right wing is pushing, the reality of this legislation would simply be twofold: accountability mandated for the huge insurance companies and a cost-effective public solution for the 50 million plus citizens and permanent residents without healthcare.

That's it.

Let's revisit those lies again, shall we?

No, undocumented workers/illegal aliens would not be given access to this public program.

No, small businesses would not suffer from the public program. They are already paying through the nose for expensive private health insurance.

No, America will not become a socialist state because we do what every other country (count'em, every single one) in the developing world did decades ago — invest in the long-term health of their most prized possession, their human capital.

Why do you think medicine here costs a grossly more amount than in Canada or Cuba? Somebody's getting very, very rich, and it's not you or me. Or at least not me.

There's nothing unethical about stopping private insurers from denying care and discriminating against small groups based on an individual's health status, gender or age. There is something sickly, though, about leaving a fellow American to die because of money.

Parvez Khan
Herndon

FAITH

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

St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean will hold a Thanksgiving Day service of Holy Eucharist on Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. The Thanksgiving Offering will support SHARE, a non-profit organization founded in 1969 to meet emergency needs in McLean, Great Falls, Pimmit Hills, and surrounding areas. All are welcome. St. John's Church is located in McLean at 6715 Georgetown Pike. For more information, call 703-356-4902, or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, Vienna, is celebrating the 400th birthday of Baptists. Sunday service is at 11 a.m.; Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. 703-281-4400 or www.vbc-va.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. Services are at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. Sunday School classes and an adult forum series are at 10:15 a.m. 703-759-2082 or www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org. Fall events include:

- ❖ Voice recital at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, with music from the British Isles.
- ❖ Choral Evensong for All Saints, 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1.
- ❖ Country Fair, Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ❖ Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, Oct. 4 at the 9 a.m. service.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

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

Great Falls United Methodist Church at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705 offers "All Things New," an ecumenical worship service, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

A **Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

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

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The GMU Players present Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen's "The Exonerated." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater. \$6, \$3 students and seniors. 703-993-8888.

Workshop Jazz Band Concert. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Radio Astronomy: More Than Meets the Eye. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. With Professor Harold Geller, George Mason University. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Joe Purdy and Julie Peel. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Our Daily Bread 25th Anniversary Celebration. 7-9 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Fairfax. Business casual. Light appetizers, cake, wine tasting provided by The Wine House. Children's activities for age 5 and up. Donations welcome. 703-273-8829 or info@ODBFairfax.org. www.our-daily-bread.org.

Robbie Schaefer and Lucy Wainwright Roche. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolftrap Center for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$18. Wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Aquila Theatre Company Presents "As You Like It." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive,



Iona performs on Sunday, Nov. 22, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required. \$15. 703-759-3309 or www.IonaMusic.com.

Fairfax. Tickets \$17-\$34. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468. www.patriotcenter.com.

The GMU Players present Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen's "The Exonerated." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater. \$6, \$3 students and seniors. 703-993-8888.

Charity Citrus Fruit Sale. Seedless Grapefruit, Navel Oranges, and Sunburst Tangerines fresh from Florida via American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Fruit available on Friday, Nov. 20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. Pure Maple Syrup

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GFBPA Activities:

• **GFBPA Breakfast** – Wednesday, November 18

• **GFBPA Holiday Party** – Wednesday, December 16 6:30-10:30 P.M., home of Ralph Lazaro

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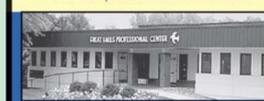
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Bedheader's Home features a sampling of holiday hand towels and cocktail napkins, as well as seasonal cooking aprons. Hand towels start at \$10.50, cocktail napkins are \$21, and the 'Cookie Queen' apron is \$36.



Among the items featured at Cathy's Corner in the village center are various duffel and garment bag combos, available in a wide range of patterns and colors. Monogramming is also available to add a personalized touch to the gifts. Duffel bags start at \$23 and garment bags start at \$25.

Great Choices in Great Falls

Variety of gifts on offer in local stores.

BY JENNA PUGRANT
THE CONNECTION

If the idea of battling the crowd at the neighboring mall does not look that attractive this holiday shopping season and you'd rather not battle the traffic on Route 7, plenty of gifts and knick-knacks are available right in town.

One place to start gift shopping is Cathy's Corner, a store filled with small gifts, stationary and jewelry, located in the center of town. Some of the items for the holiday season include beaded clutches and handbags, ranging from \$60-\$80 that will spruce up any casual or formal outfit. In ad-

HOLIDAY GIFTS

dition to the entire wall filled with Vera Bradley merchandise, another item from Cathy's Corner, which storeowner Cathy Moran calls her "best sellers," are the various duffel and garment bags in different patterns that would work as a gift for any age. To add a personalized touch, many items at Cathy's Corner can be monogrammed with names or initials.

Looking for gifts that add to the festive cheer of the winter months? Head across the street to Bedheader's Home, a furniture and accessory store located across the parking lot from the Great Falls Tavern. Bedheader's Home, owned by Joan Barmat, just unloaded its stock for the holiday season.



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Traditional Holiday Gifts

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Those looking for a gift for a furry friend, can check the Great Dogs in the village center. Great Dogs has holiday-themed dog toys (\$11 each) and plush beds for dogs of all sizes, starting at \$109.



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Vienna Arts Society's 40th Annual Arts Show & Sale. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Music by the Serenata Quartet. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.viennaartsociety.org.

Grant Lee Phillips and Winterpills. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$18. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Passafire and MOJO. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance/ \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Jean-Luc Ponty and Clara Ponty. 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolftrap Center for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. Wolftrap.org.

Jason Killian Meath signs Hollywood on the Potomac. 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. 703-506-6756.

Dancing under the Stars. 8-11 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$25 per couple, \$15 per person for district residents and \$25 per person for all others. Free dance instruction at 7 p.m. Music by The Hot Society of Washington. Appetizers served; wine available for purchase. 703-790-0123, TTY 711 or www.mcleancenter.org.

Meet Me in St. Louis. 7 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Theater, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. \$10. TJ.TheatreBoosters@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Masterworks 3 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with Chu-Fang Huang, piano. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Falla's The Three-Cornered Hat, Suites 1 and 2, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Ravel's Piano Concerto in G, and Ginastera's Estancia. 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture, free to ticketed patrons. 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com

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Nation Coalition of Black Women 25th Anniversary Luncheon. 12 p.m. at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner. Speaker will be Joe Madison of WOL-AM. Music by David Cole & Main Street Blues. \$70 per person. 703-920-1626 or tshirleyanderson@yahoo.com.

GMU Saxophone Ensemble. 3 p.m. at the George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia's 29th Annual Fall Gala. 7:30 p.m. at Westfields Marriott, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Casino night, art auction, dancing and entertainment, dinner buffet stations, desserts and open bar. Tickets start at \$180 per individual/\$360 per couple, sponsorships begin at \$550. Proceeds benefit the JCCNV's Special Needs program. www.jccnv.org or Sara Moore, 703-537-3024 or SaraM@jccnv.org.

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SUNDAY /NOV. 22

Young Soloists Recital. 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

Amadeus Concerts, A. Scott Wood conducting, presents Amadeus Virtuosi, along with the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists singers from the Washington National Opera. 4 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Works by Czech composers Dvorak and Janacek, plus opera arias by Mozart. \$25, age 17 and under free. www.amadeusconcerts.com or 703-759-5334.

Iona. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required. \$15. 703-759-3309 or www.IonaMusic.com.

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6-7 p.m.: Christmas Carolers
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7:30 p.m.: Live presentation
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In closing, on behalf of the entire Great Falls Village Centre, I would like to thank all of those who participate in keeping this special tradition going year after year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all,



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THURSDAY/NOV. 19

Lewinsville Road and Spring Hill RECenter Information Meeting. 7 p.m. at Spring Hill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Supervisor Foust has requested that Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Department of Transportation conduct a community meeting to present their revised plans for a proposed median design along Lewinsville Road and a new entrance to Spring Hill RECenter. The revised plans are in response to input received from residents. Contact

Cheryl Patten at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov
Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Board Election Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy, 2001 International Drive, McLean. With speaker Sally Strackbein, on Strategic Bragging: Speak Out or Miss Out! Members \$40, non-members \$50. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 23

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group is planning an event, for June 26, 2010, commemorating the 100th

anniversary of the beginning of McLean. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

Providence District Council will have Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and staff from VDOT and the Virginia Megaprojects Team speak to the community regarding road maintenance issues and the status of the Northern Virginia "Megaprojects": I-495 HOT Lanes, I-66/I-495 Interchange and Metro Rail "Silver Line". The meeting will be held at the Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road, at 7:15 p.m. in Training Room 1 (enter through door #2). This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Denise Rodgers, 703-698-7852 or email PDCouncilChr@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

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Christmas-themed handtowels and cocktail napkins line the store, along with holiday aprons for any baking-enthusiast.

The Saddlery off of Walker Road, a store primarily for horse products and clothing, offers choice for those who are not necessarily horse enthusiasts. "You don't have to be a horse person to shop here," said The Saddlery's Flor Dougherty. The Saddlery also sells various holiday gifts that would decorate a house, such as "Monty" the singing dog. Press

Monty's paw and he breaks out into holiday song, complete with mechanical dancing ears choreographed to music. The Monty dog is selling for \$35.99.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I would have thought – or expected, that after nearly eight months since I received my cancer diagnosis and six months since I've been column-writing my thoughts on the subject, that I would (perhaps even, should) be able to actually talk about it. And in talk about it, I mean, actually say the word cancer out loud in response to a friendly inquiry about my appearance, my hair (or lack thereof), my water-drinking, my diet, my work schedule, etc. But I can't, apparently, at least not without a lot of stammering and stuttering, and hemming and hawing, anyway.

And here I thought I was so well-adjusted, so comfortable in my cancer-affected skin; Mr. Positive, Mr. What-A-Great-Attitude, Mr. I-Can-Handle-This, that a simple question asking the obvious wouldn't illicit such a verbal vacuum. I know silence is supposed to be golden, but this silence seems so awkward, so inappropriate, sort of, that I find myself trying, occasionally, to avoid the conversation/situation altogether. Sometimes it feels better to be simply left alone with my own unspoken thoughts rather than struggling to express them in public to a sincerely interested person but one who is not, quite frankly, someone who my life is not dependent upon (the kindness of others notwithstanding).

And not that my life is dependent upon anyone right now, thank God! And not that cancer patients in general, or anyone with serious medical issues, are not dependent in some way on said kindness and queries – and prayers of others, because I've certainly come to realize that we are. Moreover, it's not that I'm a private person fearful of the invasion of that privacy. Hardly. I'm comfortable writing about it (obviously) and comfortable having people know about it. But in the past few weeks, social situations have presented themselves that have made it clear that I'm not nearly as comfortable talking about it as my writing would have lead me to believe.

I don't think I'm in denial; I think I'm in reality. Heck, when they stick a needle in your arm every three weeks for chemotherapy and every week for lab work, there's not a minute (make that second) that goes by when you're not keenly aware that you're "Not in Kansas anymore," unless of course, you're a cancer patient who actually lives in Kansas. I know exactly where I am, what I'm doing and more importantly, why I'm doing it. I don't know the outcome, yet. However, if I were to guess as to why my words are more easily written than they are spoken, I would bet that not knowing my future may be the cause of some of the verbal problems I'm having in the present.

It's that uncertainty that ties my tongue, I believe. And in recounting various conversations I've had with my oncologist, my oncology nurse and miscellaneous other health care professionals with whom I interact (and who know my diagnosis), my prognosis is so interdependent on variables impossible even to predict and/or anticipate that receiving a definitive assessment/scenario/future summarizing them and in turn comforting me, is unrealistic, apparently.

Therefore, when I ask the existential question, "What does it all mean, doctor?" the answer I usually receive is unsatisfactory. But at least I'm alive to ask it (and to hear the answer, too).

For a stage IV lung cancer patient that may be as good as it gets.

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

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Budget Creates 'Language Barriers'

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budget accordingly, and state funding has decreased. Strauss said the schools were expecting a \$28 million decrease in state funding next year but had heard that more might be cut.

Foust said the Board of Supervisors intended at least to keep school funding at the same level by further cutting back spending on other county programs. "At the county level, what we're doing is ripping into the way we operate," he said. He noted that \$1.7 billion, more than half the money in the county's general fund, went to the schools this year, in addition to the money spent on school resource officers, clinic aides and interest on school bonds. "Our number-one priority in Fairfax County at the government level is public schools," he said.

However, he said the county had some options for raising revenue. One would be to equalize the real estate tax rate by raising the rate so that the bill for the average homeowner would not change as real estate values fell. However, he said results would not be the same across the board, noting that home assessments in Great Falls fell by only 8 percent last year, while the county tax rate went up 12 percent, resulting in a net increase. Another option, he said, would be to reinstate the car registration fee, although he thought it was a regressive tax. "This year, I'm not sure we're going to have the luxury of saying no to that," he said.

Local governments cannot run at a deficit, Strauss said. "We are individually, criminally liable."

She said the language immersion program required an increase in staff because another teacher was needed to keep down class sizes among the students not in the program. As to whether the program could be run without those teachers, "I expect we're going to have some tough discussions," she said.

Asked whether the schools could charge for elementary school language immersion, Strauss said it would probably be deemed illegal, but the School Board would again request permission to do so.

SEVERAL PTA MEMBERS suggested that the county needed to come up with creative ways to raise money, but Foust noted that, as part of a Dillon Rule state, the county only had powers explicitly granted to it by the state and was left with few funding options.

"I believe that the people in this county have always been and are willing to fund world-class schools and world-class services," said Rich Sargent, PTA president at Kent Gardens Elementary, which has a French immersion program. "We need to tax ourselves enough to pay for the services we want." He was one of a number of audience members who suggested raising the tax rate.

Foust said the county was early in the budget process and needed to hear from the public about what approaches it should take to address shortfalls.

COUNTY FUNDING

represents about three-quarters of the schools' budget. For the current budget year, the schools did receive \$42 million in federal stimulus money, but that was a one-time payment, Strauss said. In spite of the federal money, the School Board froze all pay in the schools, eliminated 788 positions, downsized summer school, raised class sizes twice and cut back on custodians.

She said the list of proposed cuts and additional fees circulated at the meeting would cover about \$120 million of the possible shortfall of about \$176 million. Proposals listed included, among others, the elimination of general education summer school, one of the county's alternative schools, and elementary school band and strings, as well as reductions in full-day kindergarten, sports and equipment replacement. More than 1,700 positions were considered for elimination.

Foust said the county was looking at another decline in revenue in large part because 64 percent of its funding comes from real estate taxes, which are projected to continue declining. About a fourth of the real estate taxes come from commercial properties, which are expected to depreciate by about 18 percent next year, while residential assessments are projected to fall by another 10 percent.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Cara Murnan of Great Falls, a sophomore diver at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg has been named to the Women's All-ACC All-Academic Team for 2008-2009.

Christopher Martin of Great Falls, a junior majoring in physics in the College of Science, was chosen to be a resident advisor at Virginia Tech.

The annual Mclean High School Band Fruit Sale is currently underway. Boxes of fresh Florida oranges and grapefruits, fruit baskets, and jumbo pecan halves are on sale through Nov. 25. Visit <http://mcleanband.org/annual-fruit-sale.html> to place an order or to prepay via credit card (PayPal). Payment and pick up day is Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mclean High School. Payments on December 12th must be by cash or check.

Byron Van Nort Hughey of McLean has been awarded a bachelor of arts in English from Denison University of Granville, Ohio. Hughey received the Alumni Endowed Scholarship and studied abroad with the Goldsmiths program in England.

Duncan H. Hardock of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Hardock, a graduate of McLean High School, is the son of Randolph and Anne Hardock.

Rebecca Ellen Berenson and **Alaura Rose Maglio**, both of McLean, have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the University of Wisconsin College of Letters and Sciences.

Julia Christine Glasgow of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Glasgow is the daughter of James A. and Alice H. Glasgow.

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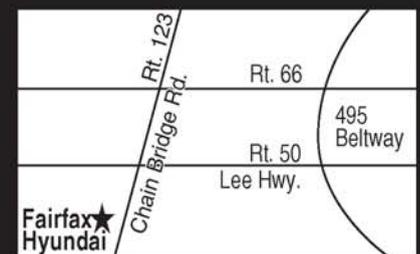


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SPORTS

Playoff-Tested Saxons Competing at States

Langley volleyball has toughened up during the postseason.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, Susan Shifflett's Langley High girls' volleyball team struggled with nerve problems at times during the postseason. Perhaps the Saxons were trying to live up to the previous year's success in 2007 when they had won the Northern Region title. Langley's 2008 squad never was quite able to get things rolling during the playoffs and ultimately was swept by Herndon in a second round region tournament match. Even so, it was still a good season for Langley, which went 17-7.

But, this season, the Saxons have broken through in a big time way. Langley, an overall young team much like last year, has improved as the fall season progressed. Shifflett was most concerned with her team's offensive firepower at the beginning of the season. She loved her team's passing and defense, but hoped the offense would round into top form. It did.

On top of that, Langley's ability to play well and handle the high energy tension of big matches has improved, as indicated by the Saxons' outstanding postseason roll the past several weeks.

"I always felt physically we had it," said Shifflett. "I wasn't sure if emotionally we were ready to deal with the big stress [of big matches] and winning. Emotionally, they've made so much progress and their



Senior outside hitter Carlie Owen (3) makes a hit during the Saxons' region semifinals win over Robinson last week.

awareness of the game has improved."

Langley has hardly buckled under during this year's postseason, but has instead thrived under the pressure. Behind the stellar play of standout players Elysse Richardson, a senior setter, and Kathryn Caine, a junior middle hitter, the Saxons have made a playoff charger similar to two years ago.

As the No. 2-seed at the recent Liberty District playoffs, Langley reached the finals before losing to top-seed and defending district champion Stone Bridge, three games to one. But Langley re-grouped for the 16-team region tourney, dominating in 3-0 match wins over both West Springfield and Hayfield before upsetting Robinson (19-6

record), three games to one, in a region semifinals match triumph last Thursday.

That put the Saxons into last Saturday night's finals against South County, which had reached the title match with a semis win over Stone Bridge. The Stallions got the better of play against Shifflett's bunch and defeated the Saxons, three games to one, for the title. Both Langley and South County, by reaching the finals, qualified for this week's state AAA tournament.

THE REGION FINALS LOSS hardly spoiled what has been a postseason joyride for the Saxons (16-7), who return to the state playoffs for the second time in three years. Langley was scheduled to travel to

Loudoun Valley (Purcellville) for a state quarterfinals match on Tuesday of this week. Valley (20-5) is a part of the Cedar Run District and a member of the Northwest Region.

Langley hosted Loudoun Valley during a regular season match on Sept. 24. The Vikings topped the Saxons, 3-1, that night.

"They are strong all the way across the board," said Shifflett.

The first round state playoff winner was scheduled to advance to Thursday night's state semifinals at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center in Richmond. Langley, if it moves on to Richmond, would play the second semifinals contest on Thursday at 8 p.m. The region finals are scheduled for Saturday at 2:30 p.m., also at VCU.

Langley played one of its best matches of the season in its region semifinals triumph over Robinson last week.

"We just played so well against them," said Shifflett. "We had to play one of our best matches to beat them. It really was a whole team effort."

Then at the region finals, Langley started off well before South County re-grouped.

"South County was really nervous at the beginning," said Shifflett. "Once they settled in and got their passing going, we got a little down."

Both Richardson, this year's Liberty District Player of the Year, and Caine were named to the All-Tournament team.

Members of this year's state qualifying Langley volleyball team are: Christine Baek, Kathryn Caine, Nikki Hero, Olivia Justus, Maddie Kotoriy, Lainey Le Blanc, Maureen Marsh, Kat Ngov, Carlie Owen, Allison Prell, Elysse Richardson and Lindsay Warden.

Highlanders' Successful Football Season Concludes

McLean, following playoff loss to Lee, finishes 6-5.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A remarkable turnaround football season ended for the McLean Highlanders Friday, Nov. 13, when they lost to Lee, 42-18, in a Division 5 Northern Region quarterfinals playoff game.

With the loss, McLean finished the season 6-5, a vast improvement from last year's winless season.

The Highlanders, under second year head coach Jim Patrick, took a 9-0 first quarter lead against Lee, thanks to a two-point safety and a Riley Beiro scoring run from 6 yards out. Lee came to life in the second quarter with a couple of touchdowns, but

McLean's Beiro scored on a 3-yard run and the Highlanders led 16-14 at halftime. The Lancers, however, dominated second half play with four touchdowns to advance to Friday night, Nov. 20's region semifinals game against Hayfield. Lee, a member of the Patriot District, is 8-3.

It has been a remarkable season for McLean, which opened the season with a convincing 44-14 road win at Washington-Lee and never fell under .500 thereafter. Perhaps the team's biggest win of the season came on Sept. 25 over Liberty District opponent Madison, 24-21, improving the Highlanders' record to 3-1. Madison, later during the season, went on to defeat region powerhouse Stone Bridge. This past weekend, Madison defeated Edison in another Division 5 quarterfinals game. This Friday, the Warhawks will travel to Ashburn to take on the Bulldogs in a Division 5 semifinal.

McLean's toughest stretch of the season came in back-to-back losses to Fairfax, 55-



Will Hecht, McLean's senior quarterback, was behind center for the winning Highlanders this season.

17, and Stone Bridge, 38-21. But a week later after the loss to the Bulldogs, McLean completed the regular season with a dramatic 35-34 district overtime home win over cross-town opponent Langley to clinch a

winning record.

The loss to the Lancers last week hardly diminishes the memorable, victorious fall of 2009 experienced by the Highlanders and their fans.

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MONDAY, NOV. 23

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MILITARY NOTES

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Air Force Maj. **Park D. Ashley** is returning to the U.S. after a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ashley, a security assistance officer with 18 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 82nd Aerial Target Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is the son of Clarence and Clara Sue Ashley of Beach Mill Road, Great Falls, a 1985 from Langley High School, and a 1990 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

Keith A. Tooley has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. Tooley is the son of Jean D. Reimers of Donmore Drive, Great Falls and is a 2004 graduate of Langley High School.

Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas E. Russo participated in Proud Shield II/Giant Sword II, a bombing, navigation, weapons loading, and security forces competition conducted by the Eighth Air Force to demonstrate the military's readiness and ability to project airpower around the world, set up a strategic deterrent to threats to American interests, and meet national defense objectives. Russo is director of operations assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, La., and has served in the military for 16 years. He is the son of Vincent and Reeta Russo of McLean; his brothers are Brian Russo and Mark Russo, also of McLean. Russo received a bachelor's degree in 1993 from Davidson College, N.C., and a master's degree in 2002 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College.

Army Pfc. **Eric Z. Reynolds**, a 2007 graduate of Oakton High School, has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of James and Susan Reynolds of Oakton.

Michael Thompson, of Vienna is among 10 James Madison University students that trained for three days with Special Forces soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the Army ROTC Ranger Group.

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Ben Gunn (Camille Speer) tries to avenge her abandonment on an island by Long John Silver (Shomin Mathur).



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Rachel Mayman portrays 14-year-old Jim Hawkins in Cooper Middle School's drama production of 'Treasure Island.'

Cooper Middle School Stages 'Treasure Island'

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel, "Treasure Island" comes to life this week at Cooper Middle School. Based on the 1883 novel, the play "Treasure Island" is the story of young Jim Hawkins and his adventures in the search for the buried treasure of the notorious pirate Captain Flint. Cooper's theater teacher and the play's director, Meg Baber, has been working with the cast of 36 middle schoolers since the middle of September. "I went through many different versions of the script and was glad to find Ken Ludwig's. His version feels more current than some of the others out there," said Baber.

In order to make the fight scenes with the pirates look authentic, Baber brought in local fight choreographer and actor, Matt Wilson, to work with the young actors. The play includes a 20-person sword fight. "Matt taught us how to sword fight in a way to make it look real but without getting hurt," said seventh grader Tucker Reilly who portrays pirate Ezekiel Hazard. Eighth grader Ida Rezvani, who plays the pirate Black Dog, said she enjoyed learning cool sword techniques and how to react when she gets stabbed in a fight scene.

Two eighth grade students share the role of the young adventurer, Jim Hawkins. "Jim Hawkins is a very dynamic character who goes through many different experiences that allow me to express many emotions. It's a lot of fun,"



Seventh graders Cayhan Movaghari, left, and Tucker Reilly appear as pirates in the 'Treasure Island' at Cooper Middle School.

said Rachel Mayman.

"Jim starts out as a wimpy dude and ends up being a strong person who can get through anything," said Madison Van Volkenberg.

"The show has been really fun. It is nice being with all my friends doing something I love," said Davis Gibson, an eighth grader who plays the role of Long John Silver.

Two afternoon shows are presented on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 18 and 19 at 2:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Cooper Middle School is located at 977 Balls Hill Road in McLean.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Anne and Kenny Collins, of Sterling, announce the birth of their son, Kenneth Leo Collins IV, born Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10:10 a.m. at Fair Oaks Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He has a 3-year-old sister Lucy. The maternal grandparents are Joanne Warner of Great Falls and Ronald Hunter of Herndon. The paternal grandparents are Cathy and Ken Collins of Herndon.

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9am to 1pm

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