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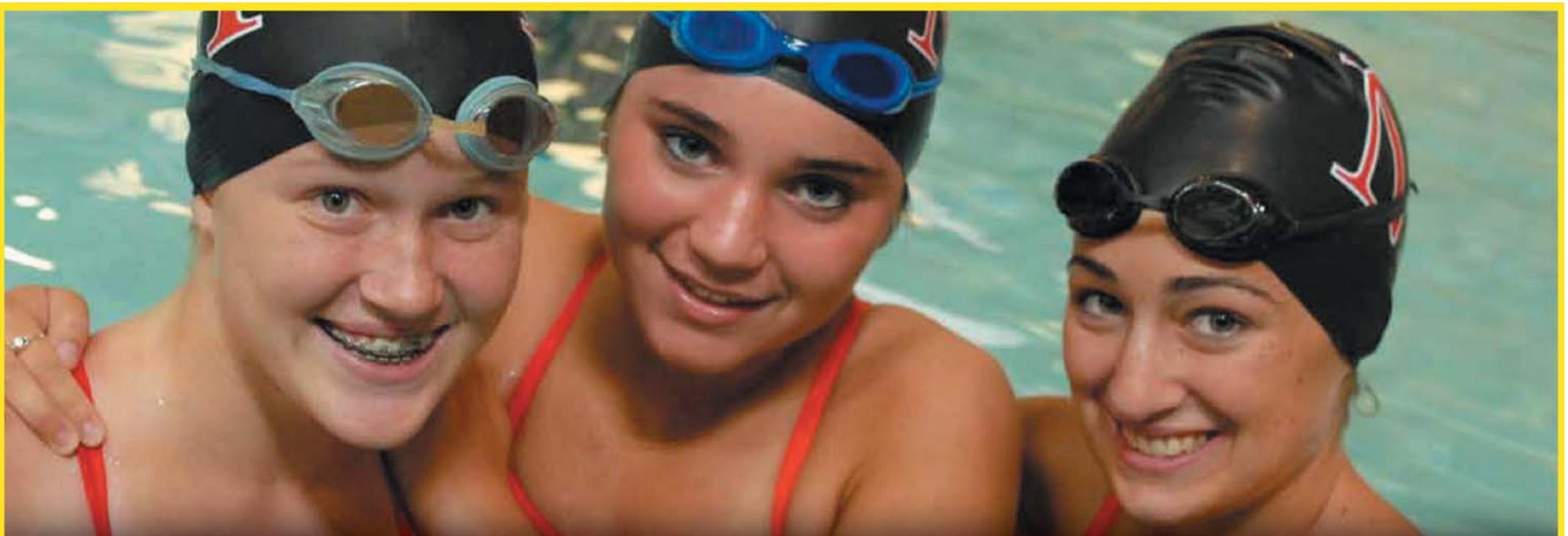


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"JJ Singh took a coral and gold necklace and a sentimental piece of my mom's costume jewelry and re-designed them into four matching cuff bracelets so that I could share a piece of my mom with each of my sisters for their birthdays.

Her incredibly magnificent bracelets created an unexpected "moment" at our family dinner table as I watched my family stumble back to a time when our mom still graced our family table along side of us. It was like resurrecting her love and passing it along to them."

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Olympic swimmer and Great Falls resident Kate Ziegler reads a story about swimming, called "Last One in Is a Rotten Egg" to a group of children.

Bedtime Stories at Forestville

Night of 1,000 Stars features Olympics, pajamas.

The dress code was informal at Forestville Elementary School last Friday night, Feb. 26, as students in kindergarten through third grade showed up wearing their pajamas for bedtime stories and a magic show.

The occasion was the school's annual Night of 1,000 Stars program, which highlights literacy and accomplished local residents. Attractions included performances by magician Louis Meyer and storyteller Marcia Wines, as well as a story read by Great Falls' own Olympic swimmer Kate Ziegler.

The Olympics were the theme of this year's event, and parent volunteers led children from one activity to the next with paper Olympic torches. In addition to reading a story about swimming called "Last



First-grader Jack Ellinger admires Abbot the Rabbit, whom he helped magician Louis Meyer bring to life.



Third-grader Nick Ruszkowski and children in the audience spot Rodney the Rabbit before magician Louis Meyer does.



Storyteller Marcia Wines enacts one of the many scary characters in the traditional stories she tells.

One in Is a Rotten Egg," Ziegler shared some of her own Olympic experience with the children. "I started out as the rotten egg," she said. "But it takes a lot of practice and that's how I got to where I am today." She said she woke up at about 4 each morning for her first swim practice and trained for a total of four hours per day. She said she also was an avid fan of vegetables, with red and green peppers, broccoli and asparagus among her favorites.

Asked whether she came from an athletic background, Ziegler said she was the only athlete in her family. "My dad plays golf, but ..." she said, trailing off amid noisy throat-clearing from several fathers in the room.

— MIKE DiCICCO



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Michela Mansuino with her sculpture

Great Falls Artist Recognized

Michela Mansuino's sculpture earns Honorable Mention in Portrait Society of America's 2009 Competition.

Local artist and Great Falls School of Art teacher Michela Mansuino received an Honorable Mention in the Sculpture Category of the Portrait Society of America's 2009 Members Only Competition for her work "Miss Ellen Sedgewick."

"The number of entries was again unprecedented, and the quality of the work made it particularly challenging for our judge," said the Society's Executive Director Christine Egnoski.

In a departure from past competition formats, participants were eligible to submit entries in the medium of their choice.

Sculpture is only one of Mansuino's areas of artistic accomplishment. She also teaches drawing and painting at the Great Falls School of Art, shares studio space with other local artists at the Artists' Atelier in Leigh Corners and is a member of Great Falls Studios. This spring, Mansuino will be teaching courses on color mixing and the art of Japanese cartooning, with classes beginning in early April.

As the daughter of professional musicians, her education and professional journey have been influenced by her life in

the arts. After graduating magna cum laude from Tyler School of Art at Philadelphia's Temple University, she traveled to Europe to study in the art museums of France, England and Spain where she painted and drew from original works. Later, she studied in Italy under master fresco painter Otello Chiti, and painted the Tuscan countryside.

Mansuino describes herself as a "realist." Like many artists, she believes that art relates to the viewer through personal experience.

"From the Italian Renaissance to the French academies of the last century, the classical masters of composition and draftsmanship are my examples," Mansuino said. "My goal is a discipline affected by their ideal, the ancient representation of reality, perceived within a contemporary viewpoint."

The Great Falls School of Art shares space with the Artists' Atelier at 1144 Walker Road, in Leigh Corners. The School and Atelier are two of three programs operated by Great Falls Foundation for the Arts (GFFFTA) to promote the arts in the community. www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org

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Community Honors 'Life Well-Lived'

Deborah Smith-Mardelli served twice as president of The Great Falls Republican Women's Club.

BY MARY STRAUB AND
JOYCE SUTCLIFFE

In politics, we recognize, grieve and mourn the passing of well-known political figures at the national level while often failing to give due recognition to those who served at the local levels, such as in our Great Falls Community.

This is a tribute to Deborah Smith-Mardelli, who served not once, but twice, as president of The Great Falls Republican Women's Club. Deb, as she was affectionately known, died Feb. 9 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Deb devoted countless volunteer hours to many Virginia political campaigns with an unmatched enthusiasm, and desire to ensure her fellow Americans — regardless of political affiliation — would continue to enjoy the American ideals of family, freedom, success and respect we all too often take for granted. In both 1995 and in 2002, as she served as vice president of the GFRWC, she was suddenly thrust into becoming presi-



Deborah Smith-Mardelli

dent after those elected to the position became unable to serve.

Her second presidency coincided with the early years of the Iraq War. Under her leadership, the women of the GFRWC gave support to the military men and women arriving from Iraq at the Andrews Air Force Base with most destined for Walter Reed Hospital for rehabilitation. She expertly guided the GFRWC in providing major support to families coming

"Deb's passing is a great loss. She was a loyal Republican activist and friend, who played a key role within our community."

— U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10)

from other parts of the USA to be with their men and women who were injured in war.

Today, we pay tribute to her gracious, can-do spirit, and offer a salute to Deborah Smith-Mardelli for her service and in recognition of a life well lived. On learning of Deb's passing, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) summed up the feelings of those who knew her best, "Deb's passing is a great loss. She was a loyal Republican activist and friend, who played a key role

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Northern Virginia Technology Council Luncheon. 11 a.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Speaker, Enrique Salem of Symantec Corporation. www.nvtc.org/events.

SUNDAY/MARCH 7

Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia LLC Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731, Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is open to public and individuals looking to volunteer in the community. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Public Library, 101 Maple Ave., Vienna. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

National Association Active and Retired Federal Employees Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Virginia Federation of Chapters Service Officers Dr. Constance T. Bails, Ph.D. and John D. Bails, CWO3 USN/Ret. will provide help regarding annuitant and survivor benefits. 703-698-1838 or shirleykeyes@aol.com.

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association. 8 p.m. at the Clifford residence, 2908 Oakton Ridge Court, Oakton. Bill Bogutski, 703-242-6395.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Free. 703-768-4841.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 10:30 a.m. at Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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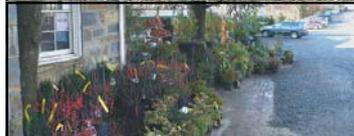


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Newcomers at the 'Be a Friend, Bring a Friend' Benefit Tea.

Great Falls Newcomers Supports Alternative House

'Be a friend, bring a friend' event kicks off campaign.

Newcomers of Great Falls is in the midst of a multi-week fund-raising drive to benefit The Alternative House, a refuge in Fairfax County that assists teenagers, single mothers, abused women and children. Newcomers has been active in Great Falls since its inception in 1982, and operates with a mission to bring new and long time residents of Great Falls together in friendship and fun. The group supports the greater Great Falls community with a number of social, philanthropic and community events throughout the year.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the group kicked off its fund-raising drive with an afternoon tea party. The event, "Be a friend, bring a friend" Tea took place at the home of Joda Coolidge. Guests were treated to a traditional high tea, a silent auction and an afternoon celebrating good friends and a great cause. Laurie Bell of Great Falls Tea Garden donated all of the tea and created a special "Friendship Blend" for the event.

Next up for the group's benefit drive is a "Wine, Cheese and Everything Irish" social on March 12, where members will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food, fun and drinks while they continue to raise money for Alternative House.

The third and final event will be March 23, at Saks Fifth Avenue at Tysons Galleria, when designer Kay Unger makes a personal appearance to introduce her spring line. The guests will be treated to a fashion show and special discounted shopping all day throughout the store. Saks will be donating a portion of all proceeds to the Alternative House on behalf of Newcomers. This event is open to all residents of Great Falls and their guests.

Newcomers is recruiting new members to join the already more than 100 members who love to meet new friends and have fun. They organize and participate in monthly luncheons, a book club, a wine club, fund-raising events, community events, nature walks and much more. Membership is open to all residents of Great Falls and anyone in the Langley pyramid, whether you just moved to the community



Newcomers Karin Brown, Donna Mastran, Victoria Weseley and Bobbie Dewar celebrate friendship at the 'Be a friend, bring a friend' Benefit Tea.



Julie Maher, Joan Pifer, Michelle Labelle and Allison Granstedt enjoy catching up over high tea.

or have lived here for many years. To learn more about the club or these upcoming events, visit their Web site at www.greatfallsnewcomers.com or call Carol Kaminsky at 703-759-2809.



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Break the Silence summit - the 2nd HIV/AIDS Youth and Adult Faith Summit - is scheduled for March 6. The Fairfax County Health Department, Community Interfaith Liaison Office, the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention for HIV/AIDS and other community groups have partnered to hold the HIV/AIDS Prevention Faith Summit for Teens and Adults on Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW.

The summit is free and open to the public. Register online (cut and paste www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/breakthesilence/)

For more information call 703-324-3453, TTY 703-803-8598.

The Anglican District of Virginia's 'Anglican Insights' speaker series will explore the topic of Anglicanism. Anglican Church in North America Archbishop Robert Duncan will kick off the first event at 9 a.m. on March 13 at The Falls Church, 115 East Fairfax St., Falls Church, with Morning Prayer, followed by Archbishop Duncan's address and a time for the audience to ask him questions. Free and open to the public. www.AnglicanDistrictofVirginia.org.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide 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.

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.

McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and children's programs are provided for infants through 2nd grade. www.mcleanpres.org or 703-821-0800.

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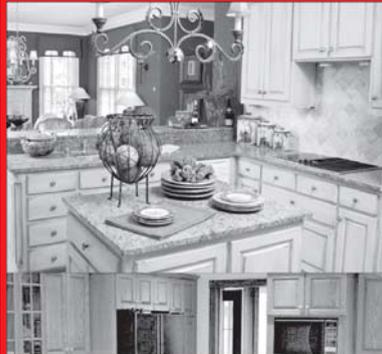
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OPINION

Increasing Burden, But No Tools

State will cut hundreds of millions in expenditures that localities will have to pay for; but how?

In Virginia, localities like Fairfax County, Arlington or the City of Alexandria, have only the exact powers that the Virginia General Assembly has bestowed upon them.

The right to extend protection from discrimination to particular groups? No.

The right to decide when school will open in the Fall? No.

The authority to tax income? No, only the state can tax Northern Virginia residents' income, and then the state spends that income everywhere but here. Northern Virginia gets

back less than 20 cents on the dollar it sends to Richmond. No "piggyback" income tax allowed.

The authority for local elected officials to consider a variety of broad based sources of revenue to fund schools and other services? No.

And let's be clear, voters could evict representatives who overstepped tolerances.

So now as the state budgets is shaping up, or shaping down would be more accurate, without knowing the exact details or numbers, it's clear that hundreds of millions of dollars in non-optional social services and education expenses (K-12 and higher education) will shift to localities.

Localities are already grappling with decreases in revenue because of the decline in real estate values. And taxing real estate, commercial and residential, makes up the vast majority of most localities' revenue base.

Arlington has proposed increasing the property tax rate by more than 11 percent, or 9 cents.

Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though the drop in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year.

Home values in Fairfax declined between 3 percent and nearly 8 percent, depending on location (see chart at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/photoview.asp?id=218615>). But consider the drop in value since the top of the market. In McLean, the jurisdiction that held up the best, assessments are down 12.5 percent from the top a few years ago. In Lorton, assessments are down 28.7 percent from the top of the market.

So while in Richmond, the General Assembly slashes and burns its way to a budget with no revenue increases, here where the rubber meets the road, there are few options, because the General Assembly won't allow them. They're passing the bill, but refusing to allow any reasonable method of making up the difference.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping Create A 'Sense of Place'

To the Editor:

I appreciate Glen Sjoblom's letter to the editor in your Feb. 3-9, 2010 issue entitled "More Involvement for 2020 Goals" in which he expresses the remarkable accomplishments of Great Falls volunteers over the last 35 years and calls for more volunteers today. Indeed, there are vision-holders among our most senior Great Falls citizens who have laid the groundwork for this very special sleepy hamlet known as Great Falls. Without all of their efforts, we would not find the nature, history and pride of place in tact for all of us to enjoy today. They are to be honored and applauded for their years of consistent volunteer effort and committed service to preserving Great Falls as a delightful and supportive community.

Nevertheless, we have been confronted with two recent realizations: (1) There are more jurisdictional authorities than just Fairfax County government who impact the quality of life in Great Falls. Within the Fairfax County government, there are numerous stovepipes that must be dealt with separately. If there are certain outcomes to be accomplished, representatives of Great Falls need to present our case to each authority — whether VDOT, the electric utilities, the telephone, cell phone or cable companies, the park authority, the planning commission, etc. — individually and credibly; (2)

Simply showing up en masse at public meetings to voice our views does not appear to be sufficient to impact the outcome, as we saw at the recent meeting with VDOT over the Route 7-Seneca lanes. Although our volunteers have been successful in the past, how should our approach be refined or altered to ensure our effectiveness going forward? I suggest that a more proactive approach is needed that anticipates the issues, prepares the research and completed staff work for community discussion and consideration. We need to deliberate alternatives and formulate a clear and specific position in advance of such meetings and have a technical rebuttal in hand if we are to be substantive players in such dialogues going forward.

Glen seems to think that we should keep on doing what we've been doing. We can rest assured that our volunteers will carry the day. He made reference to a "rice bowl" as something he did not want to be initiated as it is just more money going somewhere that he may not agree with. I have personally witnessed or participated on committees of highly esteemed volunteers who have been in need of a consultation with an expert, or more information or analysis to understand the options. It is not right to expect volunteers to have the time or specific expertise required to perform detailed staff work needed to understand a specific issue. Experts may need to be brought in. Options may need to be researched. Studies may need to be done.

The formation of a Special Tax District might be one way to bring necessary resources to bear on creating a stronger experience of community through a community center. There are models to explore in the Reston and McLean Community Centers. These include many features we need to investigate but one is the availability of funding to enable the necessary staff work to be performed in a timely manner. The idea of a Special Tax District is that every household within the designated area is taxed by some specific rate — say 2 cents per \$100 of property tax. You might say that every resident contributes to one single community rice bowl, using Glen's terminology, and thereby becomes entitled to vote for how that money — the contents of the community rice bowl — is spent. A byproduct of this initiative is that we will have the full participation and engagement of the entire community and be able to speak on behalf of all property owners within our Zip code as a result of their participation and votes. This will markedly strengthen our voice.

Deciding on the institutional framework of the "Community Center" must be approached through open community discussion and brainstorming. Once an entity is established it can also raise funds through events and promotions, apply for grants, invite donations, and take steps to build an effective community support program.

This is an idea that seems appropriate for consideration. I look forward to your thoughts and comments.

Kathleen Murphy
Great Falls

Storm Well Supervised

To the Editor,

Now that the snows are somewhat behind us, I want to publicly thank Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and his staff for keeping his office open and the telephones staffed under difficult circumstances. Many of my neighbors called his office to inquire or complain about snow removal, and members of his staff were on the phone with VDOT all the time trying to get roads plowed. They had the ear of VDOT and they bent it plenty.

Mr. Foust and his staff were also on the phone with Dominion Power helping people who were without power and getting frustrated and cold. Even if Dominion could not fix the problem right away, the resident still got a call from John Foust's staff to tell them, "nothing yet, but we're staying on it". I like that.

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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Kent Jenkins was the Duke of York in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" three years ago.

Local children and teenagers launch their show business careers early in life.

By **Julia O'Donoghue**
The Connection

Think of the Helen Hayes Awards as the Washington D.C. professional theater community's local version of the Tony Awards. To be nominated for the honor means an actor gave one of the best performances or was part of one of the best shows of the year in this region.

So the fact that Rachel Boyd was part of the Signature Theatre "Les Miserables" cast that won the Helen Hayes Award for outstanding musical ensemble last year is a big deal. And Rachel is now part of the "Show Boat" ensemble at Signature, nominated for the same award again.

The Fairfax resident has had the type of critical and professional success that many actors have to wait years to accumulate. But at only eight years old, she hasn't exactly been toiling away at her craft as a starving artist for years.

While another child might talk about joining the local soccer game, Rachel said she participates in professional shows because it is "cool." She doesn't get nervous when she is, for example, singing "Castle on a Cloud" as Cosette in "Les Miserables," despite the fact that it is one of the most recognizable musical theater moments of all time.

"It is fun to pretend you are the actual person and not just playing the character. It is fun to get emotional because it is an emotional part," said Rachel, who has logged almost enough hours on stage to qualify for her union card with the American Equity Association, not that she is that concerned about pay scale and benefits at this point.

"I like doing big shows, like that a lot. You have fun backstage experiences," she said in an interview.

LOCAL THEATRES have a need for talented children and young adults to play age appropriate roles. And Northern Virginia is home to many families who invest time and money on talent agents, dance classes and voice coaches so their children stand a better chance of landing

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Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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a role in a production at the likes of Arena Stage or The Kennedy Center.

If a child is lucky enough to be cast in a role, it can devour hours of both the child's and the parents' time, going to and from rehearsals and performances that can run four hours on a week night and up to 12 hours on the weekend. It can be exhausting for everyone involved.

"This is all new to me. I was in athletics growing up and I don't remember it taking up this much time. My daughter spends three or four times as many hours on a production than I ever did at sports practice," said Tom Weichbrodt, whose teenage daughter Angela is in "That Face" currently running at the Studio Theatre downtown. The family lives in Belle Haven.

Most families said it is the child, not the family, who is the driving force behind devoting so much time and energy trying out and performing in professional productions.

"She goes to bed after a rehearsal or a show at midnight and gets up at 6 a.m. for school. I can't remember the last time she hung out with her friends. I don't know that many high school students who would be willing to give up time with their friends to do anything," said Weichbrodt.

STILL, some parents, particularly those with younger children, said they had a few reservations about getting their child involved in professional productions, which require being out late on several school nights.

When Kent Jenkins III, now 13 years old, was part of The Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" a few years ago, he had to perform in 72 shows in 74 days.



Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Burgundy Farm County Day School student Kent Jenkins juggled 74 performances of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of Richard III on top of his schoolwork in 2007. He played the Duke of York.

The demanding schedule caused Kent, who also plays sports, to drop off his ice hockey team for a good portion of the season. When the show was running that winter, Kent, as fourth grader, didn't step off stage until 10:30 p.m. and usually got home around midnight on school nights.

"It is a real, significant commitment of time and energy and you do worry if it is simply just too much. But what we have found is that he really enjoys doing the shows. It is a lot of fun for him and he handles all the work just fine," said Kent Jenkins Jr., whose son also starred as Tiny Tim for two seasons in Ford Theater's "A Christmas Carol."

IN SOME CASES, children also have more flexibility in their schedule because their families have chosen to home school them.

"I actually enjoy teaching her myself and it helps with the scheduling. If she on stage until 11, she doesn't have to turn around and get up at 7 a.m. the next morning. We can also accommodate the other actors in the show because we can do daytime rehearsals and stuff like that," said Lori Boyd, mother of Rachel Boyd.

Brian Reimer, now a sophomore at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., was also home schooled earlier and said the flexibility benefited his interest in acting.

Reimer also played Tiny Tim in Ford's "A Christmas Carol" and had a part in a Kennedy Center production of "Hecuba."

The McLean resident has worked on commercials and as an extra in several movies, including "Night At The Museum II" and "National Treasure II."

"Because I was homeschooled I could go to extra rehearsals or early rehearsals and just watch the other

actors, who were really really good at what they did, work," said Reimer.

OTHER PARENTS, like Jenkins, said their children benefit from attending school.

"Kent is very social and a very outgoing guy. He likes being in school and it wouldn't be right to deprive him of that experience," said Kent Jenkins, who added that his son's school, Burgundy Farms Country Day School, had been very flexible about homework and other matters when Kent is in the middle of a show.

At the high school level, many students who are seriously considering a career in theater and the arts opt to attend the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, where they take special classes designed to prepare them for a creative career.

Academy teacher Mike

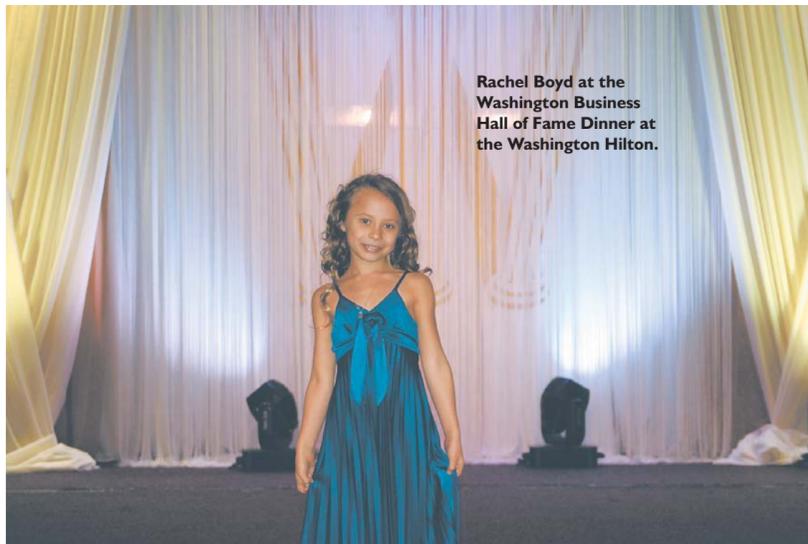


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— Mike Replogle, Fairfax Academy

Kent Jenkins played Tiny Tim for two years in the Ford's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."



Rachel Boyd at the Washington Business Hall of Fame Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

Replogle, who worked as a professional actor for 22 years, said it can be a good lesson for his students on how to juggle school during the day time and performances at night, since that is what they would typically have to do as an adult.

Most actors, even those who work regularly as professionals, have to hold down a day job to pay the bills, even if they perform in productions regularly.

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professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night," he said.

APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD of Replogle's students, mostly juniors and seniors in high school, have been paid to perform already. Approximately 90 percent of them have been on a professional audition, the teacher said.

Replogle encourages students to audition for professional productions not

only to improve their presentation and performance but also so they have a better understanding of how much rejection is involved in the performing arts world.

"If you are going to work in this business, you have to be in the top 25 percent in your age group and sex in terms of talent. And even then, you will only get called back once for every 25 auditions you go on. If you are Harrison Ford, maybe you get called back once every seven

times," said Replogle. When Kent first started auditioning for professional shows, Jenkins said he was extremely concerned about the amount of rejection his son would receive and the toll that might take on his self esteem as a child.

"It was a big, big concern of mine. But happily, he figured out early on that he shouldn't take those things too personally and

so he just kind of shrugs it off," said Jenkins.

Kent said he tries not to think about shows where he doesn't get call backs or gets a call back but ultimately doesn't get the part.

"The best way to handle it is not to think about it. Rejection doesn't mean you were bad. It just means that you weren't necessarily what they were looking for," said Kent.

THERE IS NO better insight for a child or a young adult into what it is like to try and make a living as a performer than to work on a professional production, said several students and parents.

After her experience at Studio, Angela Weichbrodt has been considering not majoring in theater and coming up with a better "back up" plan to acting professionally.

"After getting involved and doing this professionally, I think she has talked to some people and realized it is good to have a fall back plan. If I, as her father, had told her that, she never would have listened to me. She had to hear that from a peer," said Weichbrodt.

At 13, Kent said his experience working with adult actors has made him doubtful about

whether he would want to pursue an acting career.

"It is certainly a fun hobby but pursuing acting as a career is really hard. You have look for work every few months and the pressure and the stress from that could get nerve racking," said Kent.

BUT SOME STUDENTS, particularly those who attend Fairfax Academy, could never see themselves doing anything else.

"It was never really a choice for me. It is something that has happened to me," said Ally Milewich, a Fairfax Academy student and Mantua resident who said she couldn't see herself doing anything else as a career.

For the right opportunity, academy student Alex Alferov, said he would be willing to forego college altogether and leave high school early.

A few weeks ago, Alex rode the bus to New York City and got in line at 6 a.m. for the opening cast call of the musical "Hair." If he gotten cast in the show, Alex said he would had no qualms, outside of upsetting his mother, about dropping out of high school.

"Who needs a high school education if I can get work and this is what I want to do?" said Alex.

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SPORTS

Saxons Run at Region Crown Falls Short

But Langley boys give Chantilly all it can handle in title game.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In the end on Monday night, March 1, it was John Manning who grabbed the final rebound just seconds before the final buzzer sounded to give his Chantilly Chargers their first Northern Region boys' basketball title in 20 years. And that was kind of fitting, being that the star junior center was the primary focal point on a Chantilly squad capable of hurting opponents in so many ways.

Chantilly held off a determined, never-say-die Langley squad that had not lost a game since midseason and was competing in its second region finals contest in three years. The final low score of 50-43 paid testament to both teams' outstanding defensive prowess. On this night, the Chargers were just a little bit better.

"It feels great to finally get it," said Manning, the 7-foot center who was named tournament MVP. "We came close in recent years. We finally broke through."

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— John Manning,
tournament MVP

Manning, who averaged eight blocks per game over Chantilly's four region playoff wins, scored a game-high 16 points with 10 rebounds and six blocks in the title game played at Robinson Secondary School.

Both Chantilly (19-7) and Langley (22-4) will play first round state AAA playoff games this Saturday. The Chargers, who last qualified for states during coach Jim Smith's first season with the program back in 1992, will play their quarterfinals round game in their home area at Robinson on Saturday, March 6, at 4:15 p.m. Lan-



Joey Kiffe (33) of Langley contributed six points in the finals.

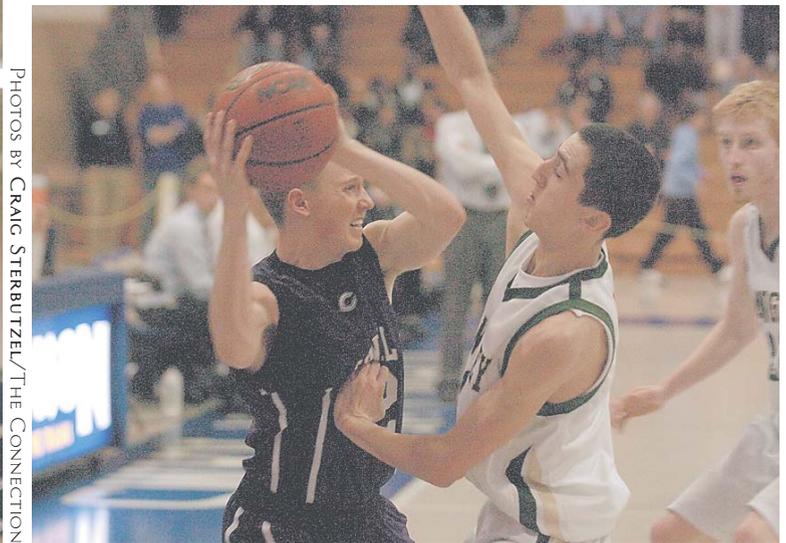
gley, meanwhile, will travel to Salem to face Patrick Henry of Roanoke Saturday, at 3:45 p.m.

THE REGION CHAMPIONSHIP encounter was highlighted by an outstanding matchup of big men Manning and Langley senior Austin Kriz, who has emerged into one of the finer front court players in the region after seeing one year of limited playing time for the Saxons. Kriz, who made the five-member all-tournament team, held his own against the Chargers and Manning, scoring a team-high 10 points with seven rebounds.

"He's a great player and can really shoot for a big man," said Manning, of the 6-foot-6 inch Kriz.

Chantilly, which scored the game's first eight points, led all the way, although it could never pull away for good. After falling behind 20-9 after one quarter, the Saxons outscored the Chargers, 11-2, in the second quarter to get within 22-20 at half-time.

But Chantilly's Adam Fridy (14 points), a senior forward, connected on two of his game-high four, long range three-point shots in the third quarter to help give the Chargers some breathing room at 35-26



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Langley's Colin Jones plays defense against Chantilly point guard David Ballam during the Saxons' region title game against the Chargers on Monday night. Jones, on the offensive end, connected on three, 3-pointers and finished with 12 points. To the right in the picture is Langley guard David Adams, who scored 11 points. The Saxons reached the finals by defeating Yorktown in a round of four game last Saturday. To read about that win go to connectionnewspapers.com and go to Great Falls Sports.

going into the fourth quarter. Chantilly's lead stretched to 41-28 when Manning, after taking a pass from Jamie Danehower, scored on a two-handed dunk shot off the right side with five minutes left to play.

But then Langley charged back, scoring 13 of the game's next 15 points and getting within 43-41 on a driving basket off the right side from junior guard David Adams (11 points) with 1 minute, 18 seconds left to play.

Following a pair of free throws from junior guard Kethan Savage that made the score 45-41 Chantilly, Langley's Joey Kiffe (six points), a senior forward, made a pair of clutch free throws of his own to get the Saxons within 45-43 with 1:03 left.

Savage (14 points) made another free throw to make it 46-43 with 41 seconds. Then, on Langley's next possession, Manning snatched an errant pass with 25 seconds showing. Moments later, Chantilly junior point guard David Ballam (six points), after being fouled, made two free throws to pretty much ice the game and make the score 48-43 with 22 seconds left. Langley missed on its next possession and Manning, after grabbing a rebound and getting fouled, scored the game's final points with two free throws with nine seconds remaining.

For the game, Chantilly made 22 of 26 free throws. Manning made all eight of his foul shots, all coming in the second half.

"We've just been practicing [foul shots] so much," said Manning. "We know it can make a difference. It really paid off for us."

FOR LANGLEY, both Kriz and Adams made all-tourney. Also having a fine tournament for the Saxons was senior guard Colin Jones, who scored 12 points in the title game. Jones fueled the Saxons' fourth quarter comeback by nailing a pair of three-pointers midway through the final period to get his team within 41-34.

Travis Hess, the Langley coach whose team also made it to the region finals two years ago, was pleased with the way his Saxons fought their way back into the ball game against Chantilly.

"Hats off to Chantilly, and congratulations to their team."

— Langley coach
Travis Hess

"I was proud of the way we battled back," said Hess, who has led Langley to three consecutive Liberty District tournament titles. "We could have easily mailed it in. We made some big three's [down the stretch] and made it interesting. Hats off to Chantilly, and congratulations to their team."

Of going up against Chantilly's Manning, Hess said, "It's hard to score against him because he's inside [the paint] and does so much in the middle. And he's a good offensive player."

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An illustration of the rebuilt Great Falls Fire Station of late 2011, sans traffic cut-through.

Cut-Through to Close

Pavement will be broken up for utility relocation.

The traffic cut-through across the Great Falls Fire Station property will close in perpetuity on Friday, March 12. The passage,

though never a legal roadway, has long served drivers traveling from southbound Walker Road onto westbound Georgetown Pike and has helped to keep traffic from backing up on the north side of the two roads' intersection. However, a long, new right-turn lane is in place to mitigate the effect of closing the cut-through.

The closure does not mean demolition of the existing station will begin immediately, though, said project manager Ken Lim of the

county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. "You won't see the station coming down right away because we need to order the temporary facility." He said workers would begin breaking up the pavement on the cut-through in April in order to relocate utilities. Utility relocation will accommodate the temporary fire station facilities, which will be located onsite, and will also include new storm drainage and the burying of utility wires, Lim said.

"You won't see the station coming down right away because we need to order the temporary facility."
— Ken Lim, project manager

He said the temporary facility would probably go up around August, followed by demolition of the station sometime around December, although he said the contractor had not yet worked out a final schedule. After the contract was awarded on Feb. 25, he said, the company had 30 days to figure out a schedule to meet the completion deadline of fall 2011.

— MIKE DICICCO

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Langley High School and Saxon Stage (Phylliss Jaffe, Theatre Arts Chair) presents "Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold," on March 18, 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m., in the Langley High School Auditorium. "Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold" by Tom Taggart is based on the Dime Novels of Edward L. Wheeler. The play, based on the serialized novels from 1890s, features a Robin Hood of the West, Deadwood Dick. Taking the most exciting situations, the more colorful characters and the most amusing dialogue from these novels, Taggart has fashioned a blood and thunder melodrama. Long lost daughters, stolen gold mines, kidnapped heroines and hairbreadth escapes abound. Add to that the saloon girls, cowhands and other outlaws.

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The following Great Falls residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: **Lily E. Goodson, Stephanie A. Hintz, Johanna L. Hsu, Emily Y. Khan, Kohl K. Kianpour, Erik J. Kiffe, Skye W. Lu, Thomas C. Montague, Matthew S. Ning, Caitlin E. Perna, Michael V. Rapp, Mitchell K. Ruloff, Lawrence K. Satterfield, Walter S. Scheib, Raumi N. Sidki, Tara Talaie and Andrew W. Watson.**

Steven A. Christopher of McLean has been named to the headmaster's list at Virginia Episcopal School. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Christopher.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 4

The Guggenheim Grotto and Tiger Cooke. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Tennessee Williams' 'Orpheus Descending.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University TheatreSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$12. 703-993-8888.

Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. 6:45 a.m.-8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$128, \$118 district residents. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

FRIDAY/MARCH 5

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Chase Coy. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

That 1 Guy 'Packs a Wallop' Tour. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Opening reception for 'Figurative Works' at the GFFFTA Gallery. 7 p.m. 1144-D and 1144-G Walker Road, Great Falls. Works by the 16 members of the Artists' Atelier. Exhibit continues through March, and is open 12-4 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment. www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org or 571-214-6784.

Ryan McCoy: Intersections of Meaning Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St. N.E., Vienna. McCoy structures memories and experiences to create what he calls Intersections of meaning and association. The exhibit will run through April 4. 703-349-7178

Tennessee Williams' 'Orpheus Descending.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University TheatreSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$12. 703-993-8888.

American Legion Post 270 Citrus Sale. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Seedless grapefruit, valencia oranges, murcot tangerines and pure maple syrup will be available. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Holes. A cast of more than 15 elementary, middle and high school students will perform in a play based on the Newberry award-winning book by author Louis Sacher, and a 2003 movie on the book starred Shia LaBeouf. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-573-SEAT.

SATURDAY/MARCH 6

Indoor Flea Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center Cafeteria, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Lunch available for nominal cost. Booth proceeds benefit the Senior Center. 703-359-2487 or jormesher@fairfaxva.gov.

New Zealand Dance Troupe Black Grace. 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A fusion of traditional Pacific cultures and contemporary dance, thundering stomps and syncopated body slaps, and three-part harmonies with movement that softly curves and sways. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket



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holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$21-\$42. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Jane Seymour: A One Woman Show. 6 p.m. at the Wentworth Gallery, Tysons Galleria, 1731 M. International Drive, McLean. 703-883-0111 or 800-732-6140.

Jimmy Lange vs. Chase "The White Tiger" Shields Boxing Card. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$30-\$500, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 members, \$12 non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.

Ronald McDonald House Charities 13th Annual "Kaps for Kids" Airbus 5K Walk. 8-10 a.m. at Tysons Corner Center in McLean. \$25, to benefit area Ronald McDonald Houses. www.rmhc.greaterdc.org.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 7

City of Fairfax Band Young Artist Competition Recital. 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Four high school instrumentalists vie for a scholarship in the final round of the competition. The finalists are Dominic Favia of Vienna with Hummel's Trumpet Concerto Movements 2 and 3, Weily Shay of Chantilly with Debussy's Clarinet Premiere Rhapsody, Jacob Shochet of McLean with Grundman's Concertante on the alto saxophone, and Stacey Kropaczek of Fairfax with

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Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Jeffrey Siegel: Chopin the Storyteller. 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$38, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

The 5th Annual Ticket to Art Fundraiser Afternoon Tea and Preview. 3:30-5 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Each person that buys a ticket will receive an original piece of art work created by a local artist. The minimum value of the artwork for selection is an average a great deal higher than the value of the raffle ticket at \$125.

www.viennaartssociety.org.
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Audubon Society Bird Walk. 9 a.m. in Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Meet in the upper parking lot at the Visitor Center. 703-256-6895 or www.audubonva.org.

Boiling Down Maple Syrup. 12-2 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road, Great Falls. Mason Maddox, Colvin Run's miller for over 12 years, will demonstrate the maple syrup-making process as he reduces sap down to syrup over an open fire. Visitors can sample syrup served on freshly baked cornbread made from stone-ground grains milled onsite. 703-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/.

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McLean Orchestra Winter Musicales. 3 p.m. at the home of The Honorable Jan Lodal and Elizabeth Lodal, 1651 Quail Hollow Court, McLean. Music by the McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet. Tickets \$75 per person, per couple \$125. All proceeds benefit the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra programs. 703-893-8646.

MONDAY/MARCH 8

Jonny Craig (Emarosa), Tides of Man, Romance on a Rocketship and Eye Alaska. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Lunch N' Life. 12 noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Local author and entrepreneur Karetta Hubbard will discuss her spy thriller "Satan's Chamber." \$10 per person. Reserve at 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

Toddlin' Time. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-757-8560.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 11

The Battle of the White House in 1814. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Historian and archaeologist Patrick L. O'Neill will speak on the Battle of the White House after the burning of Washington in 1814. Free, no reservations required. 703-442-9370 or schulm@erols.com.

Swing Dance with Daryl Davis. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Storyteller Jim Weiss. 7 p.m. at the Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax. Meet characters from a range of classic literature and folk tales. Bring used books to donate at the event and receive a coupon for a free book at the Gesher Used Book sale. gesherjimweissevent@gmail.com.

Stage Door Canteen with the Wayne Tympanick Group. 3-5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Artist's Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. Local artists Jennifer Lo and Craig Schaffer. www.habatatgalleries.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road,

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Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir and Chamber. 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church. A diverse, mostly a cappella program of sacred and secular choral works in original languages. Free and open to the public. 703-534-1719.

Annual 10th District Congressional Art Show. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington University, 44983 Knoll Square, off Route 7 in Ashburn. Featuring works by area high school students. The winner will be announced at 7:30 p.m. All submitted artwork will remain on display at the GWU campus until March 18. The winning piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year alongside other 'Best in Show' entries from congressional districts across the country. Contact Donna Crowley at 540-667-0990.

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Claude Moore Colonial Farm Winter Book Sale. 5-8 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Most books \$1 to \$2, standard paperbacks five for \$1. Free admission. Proceeds benefit the museum's educational programs. www.1771.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 13

McLean Storybook Festival. 11 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. www.mcleancenter.org.

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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Sunday Afternoon Soiree

Sunday, March 7, 3-5 p.m.
\$5, pay at the door

"The Stage Door Canteen" is the theme of this dance featuring the music of the **Wayne Tympanick Group**.

Open a World of New Possibilities

Spring Class Registration Begins

Monday, March 8, for district residents
Monday, March 15, for all others

More than 100 classes for adults and children, exciting special events, day trips to interesting destinations, and riveting performances are in full blossom.



Storybook Festival

Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
\$5 per person; free for children 2 years old and younger

For ages 3-8. Come and enjoy entertainment by special guest **Barry Louis Polisar**, stories, craft projects, books and book-related materials, refreshments and more! Children can meet some of their favorite storybook characters in person.

Grey Seal Puppets

A Show of Virtues

Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.
\$14/\$10 McLean district residents

For ages 6+. Inspired by **William J. Bennett's** *The Children's Book of Virtues*. Make a puppet at the puppet workshop that follows at 4:30 p.m.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Public Hearing on Programs

Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Residents of Small District One of Dranesville are invited to come and share their suggestions on current and future programs.

Run for a Seat on the MCC Governing Board

You CAN Make a Difference in Your Community!
Nominating petitions are due on Friday, March 26, at 5 p.m.

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Hearts and Hope for Haiti

Great Falls teenagers raise money for Haiti.

Caitlyn Cobb of Great Falls, an eighth grade student at Kilmer Middle School, used Valentine's Day weekend to help the citizens of Haiti in their continued hardship. She used her joy for baking and cooking to raise money for the Red Cross under the slogan "Something Sweet: Hearts and Hope for Haiti." The missed school days resulting from the snowstorm were used to prepare and plan for two events. Two days alone were just spent baking and packaging.

First Caitlyn made special order treats for neighbors and friends to deliver on Valentine's Day weekend in return for a donation. These items included raspberry custard kuchen, linzer torte, chocolates, decorated heart shaped cookie "necklaces" as well as homemade, all natural dog biscuits.

In addition, Caitlyn and friend Becca Pifer, also a Kilmer Middle School eighth grade student, baked goods for a bake sale they ran at St. Francis Church in Great Falls on Valentine's Day. Their items included heart shaped fudge pies, raspberry bars, brownies, heart shaped cookies and many more. Caitlyn and Becca served their baked goods and hot chocolate, asking for a donation in return.

Caitlyn was thrilled with the generosity of the community, raising \$750 to go to the Red Cross for Haiti relief.



Caitlyn Cobb with her baked goods.

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Global Mission Church ... 703-757-0877

Peace Baptist Church ... 703-560-8462
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Deborah Smith-Mardelli Remembered

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within our community. Her leadership will be greatly missed.”

In addition to her political volunteer contributions, Deb was employed variously with Planning Research Corporation, Sahouri Insurance Agency of McLean, RGS Title of McLean, the CIA and DEA of the federal government, and most recently as an editor for Apptis.

She was also active in Chi Omega sorority, Chi Kappa (George Mason University Chapter) and was the treasurer and new member trainer while in the chapter. She was also president of the Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Chi Omega at one point.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy E. Smith of Annapolis, Md. and her sons, George Matthew Clayton Mardelli and John Paul Petty Mardelli, both of

Potomac Falls, Va., and her former husband, Paul Mardelli M.D. Her father Lt. Col. John Kennedy Smith preceded her in death.

A Memorial Mass takes place Friday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, 1020 Springvale Road Great Falls. 703-759-4350.

Mary Straub served as the vice president for the GFRWC in 2002-03 and Joyce Sutcliffe was a president in 1998 and 1999.

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