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Sensei Sakaguchi, left, head of the Kake Institute in Fukuyama, Japan, addresses his students and the Great Falls families that gathered to meet them at Langley High School last Friday, as Kyle Jensen, also with the Kake Institute, translates. This is the fourth year that the Japanese school has exchanged students with the Great Falls area.

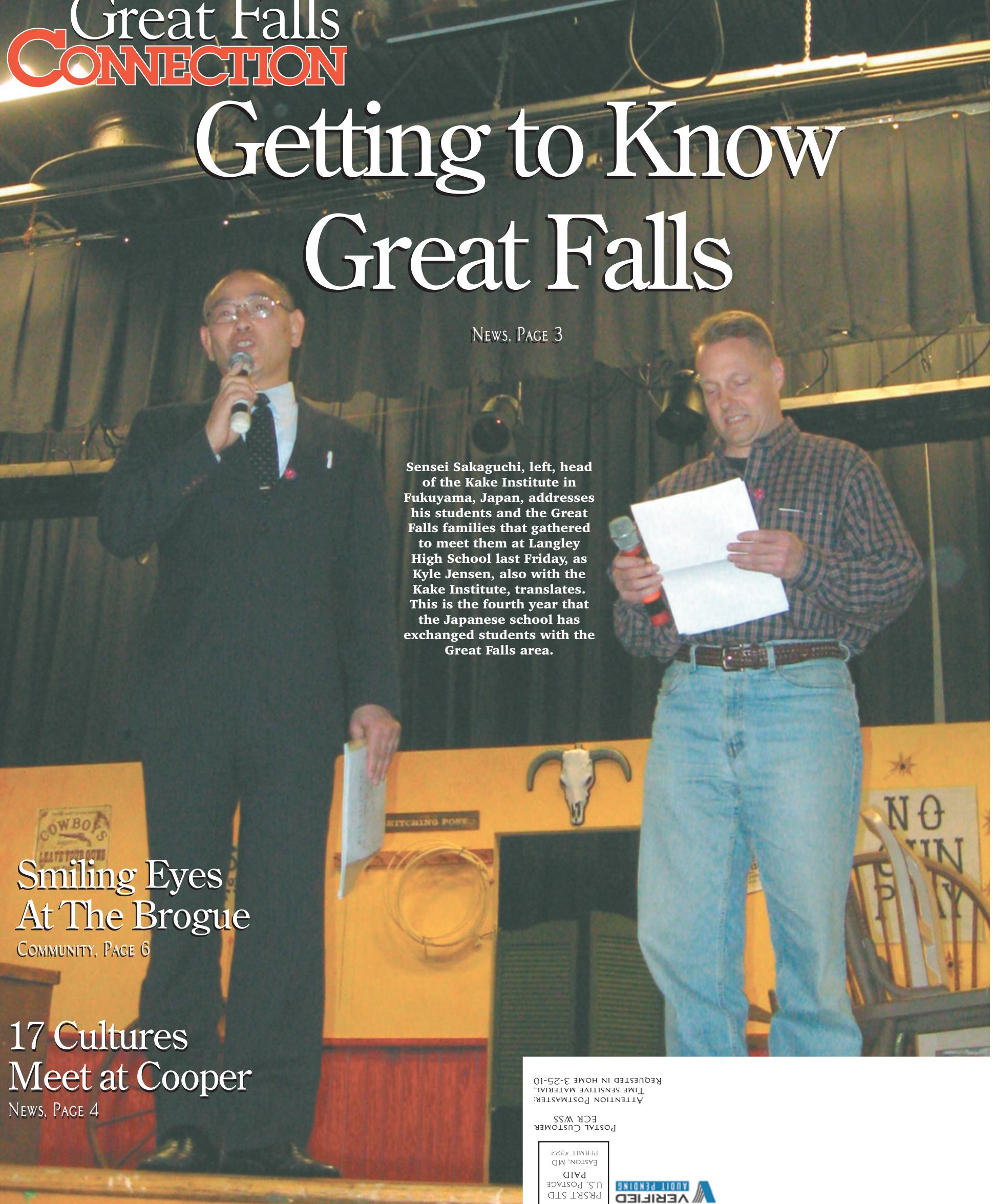
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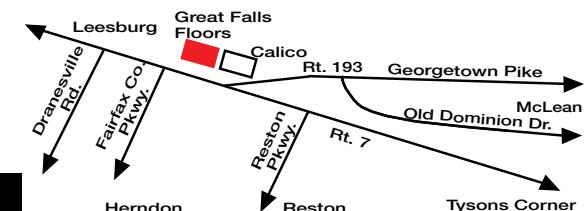
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NEWS

Japanese Students Get To Know Great Falls

Langley High School is drawn into Great Falls Elementary's partnership with Japanese school.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Kathy Amano said her family had planned a full weekend of activities for the two 14-year-old Japanese students that were staying with them for three days, beginning with a trip to Great Falls Park on Friday afternoon, March 19. They also planned to tour Washington, D.C., including the Newseum, and possibly see the movie "Avatar" at Reston Town Center. Shopping at Tysons Corner was also on the agenda. "The popular event is shopping. Everybody wants to go shopping," Amano said.

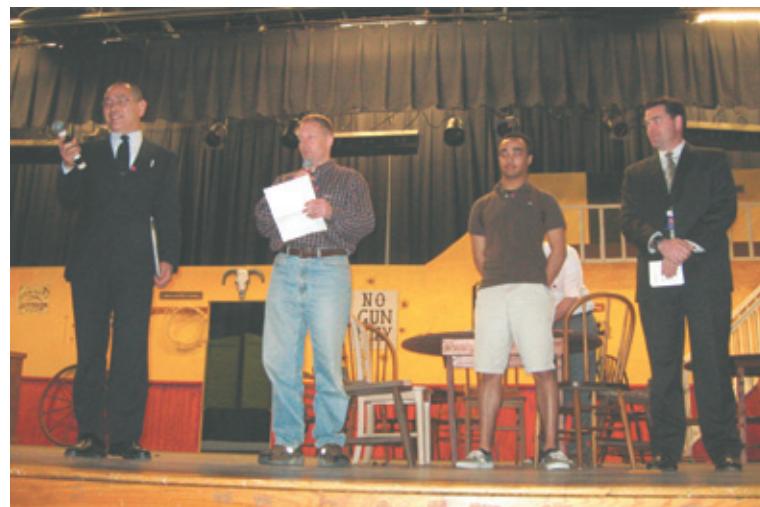
Hers was one of 27 Great Falls families hosting 49 students from the Kake Institute in Fukuyama, Japan last weekend. She said a number of families were thinking of going to the circus, since it was in town, and Trish Barber of Select Japan, the organization that coordinated the student exchange, told the visiting students they could also expect to watch some of their busy host families' weekend sports activities.

"We are very excited that you're here. We have been planning for quite some time," Barber said with Yoko Quinn, also of Select Japan, translating into Japanese, noting that the weekend was the result of about four months of preparation. "You are our biggest group ever. So we think it's getting bigger because you guys have a good time when you come."

THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR of a partnership between Great Falls Elementary School and the Kake Institute. Each summer, Great Falls Elementary sixth-graders and their families travel to Japan, and the students spend a few nights in Japanese households. For the first time, Langley High School was involved in the program, hosting Friday's reception for the visiting students. Many of the families that participated in the first exchanges now have students at Langley. Both the elementary school and the high school have Japanese language immersion programs.

With classmate Alexis Unwalla translating into English, Langley student Madison Abboud told the visiting Japanese students and the Great Falls families gathered to meet them in the Langley auditorium about the difficulty of beginning to study the language 10 years earlier and the excitement of visiting Japan in sixth grade. "We made mochi, we visited Tokyo, we bought Japanese things and we spoke lots of Japanese," she said.

Langley Principal Matt Ragone told the crowd about his own eye-opening experience when his family hosted a Japanese exchange student while he was in 11th grade. "Back in the '80s, we didn't have any concept of globalism or other countries or people from other countries," he said.



From left, Sensei Sakaguchi, head of the Kake Institute in Fukuyama, Japan, and his translator Kyle Jensen address the crowd as Langley teacher's assistant Jeremy Murray and Principal Matt Ragone look on.

He explained to the visitors that Langley High School was exceptional in some ways but in others represented a typical American high school. Coming from affluent neighborhoods, he said, students arrived at the school well prepared and were high academic achievers, with Langley annually ranked among the country's top 50 high schools. "We are part of a very good, academically focused community," Ragone said.

However, like pupils in any other high school, Langley students participated in school sports and a variety of other extracurricular activities, with many of them involved in at least one such activity each season, he said. For example, he noted that the auditorium stage, set up to resemble a Wild West saloon, was currently the set for the school's spring production of the play "Deadwood Dick."

RAGONE said the school had a number of student exchange programs, including Russian, German and British. "It's exchange programs like those that are very beneficial to young people," he said, noting that cultural differences, when viewed from afar or on television, could seem insurmountable, while students from different countries could learn after just a few short minutes together that they were actually more alike than different.

In addition to learning other cultures, the exchange also provided a chance to practice language. "This is your chance to speak English and it's our chance to speak Japanese with you," student Meg Quinn said with classmate Justine White translating.

Sensei Sakaguchi, head of the Kake Institute, said his school had just celebrated its 30th anniversary and was now happy to be celebrating its relationship with Great Falls. "It's a very valuable experience for our students to come and visit the U.S.A. and stay with you in your houses," he said with the help of a translator. He added that his students might be a little frightened or shy and could make some cultural missteps, so he asked the host families to treat them with patience.

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More than 70 members of Christ the King Lutheran showed up to package meals for Stop Hunger Now last month.

Christ the King Packs 10,000 Meals

On Sunday, Feb. 21, members of Christ the King Lutheran Church came together to do their part to help the world's hungry. Organizers had expected 45 to 50 people to help. However, more than 70 people showed up.

"When you plan any event, you can never be sure what the response will be," said Deb Cantrell, the youth and family minister. "The members at this church have a special passion for service and their participation in this event was no different," she said.

The event at Christ the King Lutheran was a multi-generational service project in which 10,000 meals were packaged, assembly line-style. These meals consisted of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals spe-

cially formulated for the malnourished.

The Youth and Family Ministry at Christ the King organized the service project in collaboration with Stop Hunger Now, a Raleigh, N.C.-based international hunger-relief agency which ships emergency food and supplies to more than 71 countries, including Haiti and Chile.

The congregation at Christ the King youth also collected \$2,500 in order to purchase the materials for the meals. The children of the congregation collected \$1,280 in quarters, \$10 at a time, in empty prescription bottles. The adults donated \$650, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gave matching funds of \$600 to complete the total.

Pastor Paul Opsah, the interim pastor at Christ the King, said he felt the event was a great success.



From left, Lois Pulman, Joni White, Prue Welsh, Tracey Shenk and Taylor Shenk join other volunteers at Christ the King Lutheran Church's latest service project.

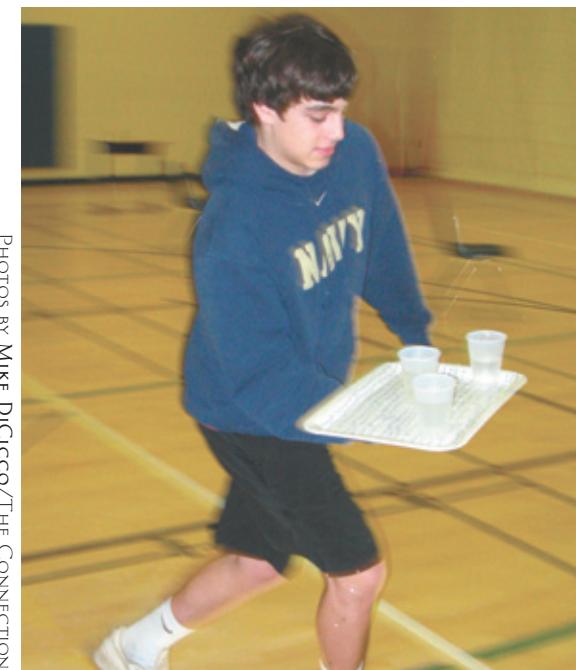
SCHOOLS



From left, seventh-graders Sloane Gillum and Sophie Becker, both of McLean, and eighth-graders Neal Manchanda of Reston and Ross Callaghan of Great Falls try their hands at origami at the Japanese activity station in the library.



Seventh-grader Oliver Nguyen of McLean hurls a beanbag at a target in the Mexican Beanbag Toss.



Philip Antypas, eighth grade, of McLean, races with glasses of water on a tray in the café contest.

17 Cultures Meet at Cooper

Cooper Middle School students toured 17 cultures in one night at the school's International Festival on Thursday, March 18. Parents from a variety of backgrounds put together displays of information about their families' countries of origin, as well as examples of food, clothing and

other items, which students could investigate throughout the evening.

Volunteers also ran contests and craft activities, and an ethnic potluck dinner was followed by performances in the cafeteria.

— MIKE DICICCO



Uzma Hayat of Great Falls, representing the country of Pakistan, draws a henna tattoo on eighth-grader Michaela Weiler, also of Great Falls.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
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 A group photograph of the Randolph-Macon College Men's Basketball team. They are posed in three rows: a back row of standing coaches and administrators, a middle row of seated players, and a front row of seated players. They are all wearing matching grey basketball uniforms with "R-MC" and numbers on them. The team logo, "RANDOLPH-MACON" with a yellow jacket mascot, is overlaid on the bottom of the photo.

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COMMUNITY



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On Wednesday, March 17, the front porch of The Old Brogue in the Village Center was a sea of green as customers decked out in Saint Patrick's Day-themed clothing celebrated the holiday. The Irish Pub hosted live music entertainment and food all day long and into the evening.

At Katie's Coffee, customers who had a reservation could eat traditional Irish food and listen to Irish music during one of the four shows hosted in that dining room throughout the day. Reservations to attend this meal had to be made in advance and ranged from \$35 to \$50 per person.

Smiling Eyes at The Brogue

The Old Brogue hosts its annual Saint Patty's day celebration for 1,100 guests.

The Old Brogue Irish Pub in the Great Falls Village Center held its 29th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration Wednesday, March 17, on one of the first days of warm, spring weather of the year.

From the front and back porches to the dining areas of the restaurant, customers dressed in green and sporting four leaf clovers on their clothing could be seen enjoying the Irish food and drinks and listening to various musical acts that The Brogue had hired for the occasion.

"We're expecting about 1,100 people today," said owner Mike Kearney, dressed in Saint Patrick's Day gear from head to toe, including a pair of bright green pants that he has worn for this occasion for the past 25 years. Both the front and back porches were filled with customers celebrating the holiday with traditional Irish beers, while the main bar and dining room were filled with customers singing along to music performed by Ted Garber, who was planning to play and sing for over twelve hours until the last customer left.

In the Katie's Coffee half of the restaurant, an Irish band was playing four different shows to people who had booked a reservation to eat there. "I came almost every year back in the 70's and 80's," said Mark Kennedy of Ashburn, one of the many customers in attendance at the event in the afternoon. "I've started coming back in the recent years. It's always a good time, a lot of green and a lot of celebrating." The Brogue hosted all-day long festivities, including serving meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with various live music performances throughout.

— JENNA PUGRANT



The Old Brogue owner Mike Kearney greeted hundreds of guests dressed in St. Patrick's Day green from head to toe.



Musician Ted Garber played in the pub on St. Patrick's Day for nearly 12 hours to entertain the nearly 1,100 people who joined in The Brogue's holiday festivities. Inside the main bar, customers could have traditional Irish beers as part of the 19 beers on tap.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Riverbend Park to Host Campfire

Riverbend Park is hosting a Riverside Campfire on Friday, March 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for the whole family. A naturalist will lead an exploration of hibernation and migration. Families will enjoy games and activities followed by s'mores around the campfire. Bring your own toasting sticks, a blanket and flashlight. Reservations are required. The fee is \$4 per person. Call 703-759-9018 to register.

Riverbend Park is the Park Authority's only riverfront park and includes a portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail linking national and re-

gional parkland. Come early to enjoy the visitor center's new exhibits including rocks that were part of an ancient ocean floor and local Native American artifacts.

Riverbend Park and Nature Center are located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls.

Correction

In last week's story, "Mourning for 'Superman,'" March 17, the Great Falls Connection incorrectly reported that Farshud "Shaun" Farokhzad had been accepted by the Air Force Academy shortly before his death in early March. Appointments to the academy have not yet been finalized.

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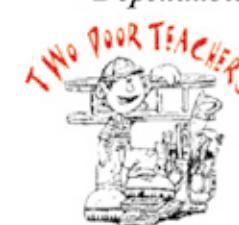
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Connection Wins Awards

The Connection Newspapers won more than 30 news awards — Virginia Press Association announced at the annual news conference held in Roanoke on Saturday, March 20.

Honors included multiple awards for business and financial writing, education writing, investigative reporting, election coverage, breaking news, public safety writing, editorial writing, photography, design, sports, special sections.

Political and education reporter Julia O'Donoghue won first place for her education writing, in particular three stories which appeared in the Connection's new special section,

A-plus. O'Donoghue also won multiple awards for business and financial writing and investigative reporting.

Reporter Michael Lee Pope won 11 awards in all, including first place for his breaking news coverage of the arrest of Alexandria's police chief for DUI. Pope also won awards for investigative reporting, election coverage, business and financial writing, education writing, government writing, feature writing and in-depth obituaries.

Photographer Louise Krafft won nine awards, including pictorial photo, picture story/essay, news photo and for her contributions to two special sections, HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus

Education, Learning, Fun.

Reporter Mike DiCicco won four awards, including first place for his coverage of a burglary spree that targeted local South Asians' gold jewelry. DiCicco also won for feature writing and education writing.

Mary Kimm won second place for editorial writing for a group of five editorials about education in Northern Virginia.

The Connection's design team also won awards, two for special sections HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus Education, Learning, Fun.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet also won second place in general makeup, a measure of overall excellence.



Winners

The Connection award winners include Mike DiCicco, Mary Kimm, Louise Krafft, Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue and Michael Lee Pope.

Here is a partial listing of stories, photos, special sections and more that won awards in the Virginia Press Association news contests. For a full listing, see www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, or www.vpa.net.

Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue, first place, Education writing. Public School Art Programs, private school facilities and what community college has to offer. Stories written for our A-plus, Education, Learning, Fun section. Judges' comments: Good range of sources, including students, in stories, sidebars on transfer data and private school timetables provide good information outside of narrative. Strong story openings focus on individuals. Springfield Connection

Michael Lee Pope, first place, Breaking news writing Police Chief Busted for DUI. Judges' comments: Amazing coverage, lots of voices and comment." Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, first place, Feature series or continuing story, Missing Children, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, first place, Personal service writing. Three obituaries, an officer, a gentleman and a savior. Judges' Comments: Michael offers a new spin on the obituary by offering the reader an in-depth profile of the deceased. He goes to great lengths to provide an accurate portrayal of his subject, including interviewing family far and wide as well as former colleagues. His work amounts to a tremendous reader service. His writing is exemplary, and he uses skillful techniques to share a complete picture of the person. Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, first place, Business and financial writing. Judges' Comments: "What a joy to find heavy subjects - unemployment

benefits, obligation bonds, stimulus money - explained in such a way that reader understands the issue. Such clarity, background, I was enticed to read it all." Arlington Connection

Louise Krafft, first place, Pictorial photo, May Dance Recital, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Louise Krafft first place Pictorial photo, Arlington Connection

Robbie Hammer, first place, General news photo, Clinton on the campaign trail, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection

Mike DiCicco, first place, General news writing, Burglary Spree Targets South Asians' Gold Jewelry Judges' Comments: "Well written, with strong narratives in every report. Good balance of sources, and well-rounded examination of a public safety issue." Oak Hill/Herndon Connection

Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Jean Card, Michael Lee Pope, second place, General makeup. Judges' Comments: "Elegant typography; clean, consistent pages. Well organized & easy to use." Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, second place, Education writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope second place General news writing, Election 2009. Judges' Comments: "This reporter's coverage of an ongoing news event - the pending elections - kept readers well informed of the issues and circumstances that affected them, and the nuances of the various local races. Leads are strong and stories show a depth of reporting. Great job of preparing the community for critical election decisions." Alexandria Gazette

Packet

Michael Lee Pope second place Feature series or continuing story, Quackgate, Mount Vernon Gazette

Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue second place In-depth or investigative reporting, local discussion of race and politics. Judges' Comments: "Good choice of timely enterprise topic with statistical presentations to show underlying patterns. Story had varied viewpoints and multiple sources for quotes - nice to quote to tie up story at end." Mount Vernon Gazette

Mary Kimm second place Editorial writing. Five editorials about education. Judges' Comments: "Crisp writing, well thought through."

Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Mary Kimm, Julia O'Donoghue, second place, Specialty pages or sections, A-Plus, Education, Learning, Fun. Judges' Comments: "Solid reporting, good writing and a variety of subjects offer readers insights into education issues in their community that any parent would appreciate." McLean Connection

Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue, second place, Business and financial writing, Impact of economic downturn and construction on local business. Judges' Comments: "Very comprehensive report on what is going on, especially Tyson Corner story. Well written, well organized. I don't live in McLean but this gave me a good overall picture of the business climate."

Mike DiCicco, second place, Feature writing portfolio, Judges' Comments: "Wonderful topics of human interest - making them even better are stories well told. The Groveses seemed like old friends by the article's end - and I was sure I could smell the leather in their

shop." Great Falls Connection.

Ken Moore, Bonnie Hobbs second place Public safety writing. Stories of embezzlement, murder, rampage, and more. Judges' Comments: "We get a pretty good idea of how the victims of Jeffrey Koger have been impacted by his actions. Their comments give the readers eerie details of what it's like to be shot and survive as well as what difficulties they faced in the aftermath. The Nathan Jones story also reinforces the mental [health] aspects. The wide-eyed Koger mug shot is chilling."

Jason Mackey, second place, Sports writing portfolio Judges' Comments: "Any reporter can go to an event and file a story. The good ones have a knack for spotting not-so-obvious stories and developing them. That's what Mackey did with his smartly-reported article on the lengths - literally - families will go to have a child seen by college recruiters. That story was bolstered by a nice feature that tells the story behind a scholarship and an in-depth look at an office manager who, at age 47, still gets in the ring as a regional wrestler." Centre View.

Louise Krafft, second place, Pictorial photo, Arlington Connection

Michael Lee Pope, second place, Government writing, Arlington Connection

Michael Lee Pope, third place, Government writing, Perks Pitfalls and Plastic, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, third place, In-depth or investigative reporting, City Misses Potential Threat, Judges' Comments: "Clearly written story

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OPINION

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Louise Krafft, third place, Picture story or essay, Halloween, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Louise Krafft, third place, General news photo, Mount Vernon Estate celebrates 4th of July

Gerald Fill, third place, Public safety writing. *Judges' Comments:* "Good thorough coverage. Interesting material with details that inform readers of all aspects." Mount Vernon Gazette

Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue third place, Business and financial writing. *Judges' Comments:* "Interesting and well-written stories on often forgotten niche businesses. Especially liked the

story on the private school situation. Liked the sidebar on how to help non-profits." Laurel Hill/Fairfax Station Connection

Louise Krafft, third place, Picture story or essay, HomeLifeStyle, Garden tour of Domaine St Charles, Great Falls Connection.

Louise Krafft, Laurence Foong,

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Boosting Public Schools Through Private Donations

Private fundraising gives some public schools more resources than others.

By Julia O'Donoghue
The Connection

Vienna resident Michelle Kohl has been helping to raise money for the Madison High School cross country and track programs for the past four years. Her son, now a senior, runs with a Madison team during all three sports seasons.

Madison's running program needs the extra money, Kohl says. Some of the more selective events are held at locations several hours from Vienna.

"Chartering a bus, the school system doesn't pay for that.

Sports teams just take it on themselves to do the extra stuff,"

said Kohl.

Last fall, the Madison cross country team was able to attend a meet in New York, in addition to a selective event they go to every year in Delaware, largely because its annual fundraiser was successful.

Kohl said the team's local five-kilometer foot race – which benefits both the running program and Madison's All Night Graduation Party – brought in \$6,000 to \$7,000 this year. The road race generated revenue primarily through local businesses – who pay to be listed as a sponsor – and registration fees.

"Most of the money we raise usually goes to the [Delaware] meet. This year, we did really

well with our 5K run and so our kids were able to do more invitational meets," said Kohl.

"The amount of money we raise largely dictates what we can do," she said.

donations and outside money during the 2008-2009 school year to help pay for everything from sports team trips and equipment to guest speakers and teacher training.

FAMILIES with children in local public school systems may not be getting an annual tuition bill but many will tell you their financial contributions to the school go above and beyond what they pay in taxes each year.

In addition to paying for things like sports uniforms, prom dresses and musical instruments, parents contribute and help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to fund everything from professional development for teachers to artificial turf fields.

According to an audit of local school activity funds, 14 Fairfax County high schools brought in at least \$1 million in private

donations and outside money during the 2008-2009 school year to help pay for everything from sports team trips and equipment to guest speakers and teacher training.

In Fairfax, the amount of private money raised for schools is likely to be much higher than what is reflected in an audit, since many school fundraising organizations, including booster clubs, are independent and have their own bank accounts. As such, boosters and other independent non-profits can make some purchases for the school or sports teams themselves, without reporting it to the school system.

For example, Thomas Jefferson High School already has one of most prolific fundraising efforts of any school in Fairfax.

According to the audit, the science and technology magnet program deposited \$1.67 million into its local school activity fund for the 2008-2009 school year, thanks almost entirely to private fundraising efforts.

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Fairfax County High Schools Money Raised:

An audit shows how much money flowed in and out of Fairfax County's local high school activity funds at the high school level in 2009. This figure reflects some, but not all, of privately-raised money that comes to the school from activities like selling tickets to sporting events, bake sales, charity auctions and business contributions and individual donations. It is used to pay for everything from photography equipment and new theatre lights to sports team travel and sending teachers to education conferences.

School	Population	Private Money Raised	Private Money Spent	Private Money Spent Per Student	Percentage of Student Population Considered Poor
Centreville High School	2,210	\$1.12 million	\$1.14 million	\$514	17.38
Chantilly High School	2,758	\$1.39 million	\$1.36 million	\$492	12.15
Edison High School	1,767	\$612,427	\$548,607	\$310	33.84
Fairfax High School	2,196	\$1.02 million	\$971,992	\$442	21.27
Hayfield Secondary School	2,289	\$1.01 million	\$998,542	\$436*	26
Herndon High School	2,120	\$1.01 million	\$1.03 million	\$487	23
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Lake Braddock Secondary School	3,811	\$1.38 million	\$1.41 million	\$369*	14
Langley High School	2,014	\$1.59 million	\$1.47 million	\$730	1.46
Lee High School	1,753	\$584,854	\$557,378	\$317	39.46
Madison High School	1,921	\$1.21 million	\$1.24 million	\$646	6.72
Marshall High School	1,386	\$775,905	\$764,969	\$551	17.6
McLean High School	1,746	\$826,678	\$788,725	\$451	7.79
Mount Vernon High School	1,756	\$730,045	\$740,900	\$421	42.31
Oakton High School	2,352	\$1.37 million	\$1.35 million	\$572	8.97
Robinson Secondary School	3,959	\$1.83 million	\$1.73 million	\$437*	11.28
South County Secondary School	3,010	\$1.46 million	\$1.33 million	\$433*	16
South Lakes High School	1,626	\$765,184	\$798,991	\$491	33
Thomas Jefferson High School	1,797	\$1.67 million	\$1.69 million	\$937	1.73
West Springfield High School	2,259	\$1.09 million	\$1.06 million	\$469	11.07
Westfield High School	3,173	\$1.66 million	\$1.72 million	\$542	14.4
Woodson High School	2,064	\$699,558	\$759,925	\$368	7.22

* Spending per student might appear lower at secondary schools, since both middle and high school students are included



The Spring Hill Elementary team of fifth and sixth graders managed to beat seven of the 11 middle schools teams and three of the four elementary schools teams they faced at the regional tournament.

Science Olympians

Spring Hill Elementary team scores high at regional science tournament.

On Saturday, March 13, the Spring Hill Science Olympiad team participated in the Virginia Science Olympiad Regional Tournament. Competing against the teams from 11 middle schools and four other elementary schools from Northern Virginia and around the state, Spring Hill students earned a sixth place finish. The 15-student team of fifth and sixth graders managed to beat seven of the 11 middle

schools teams they faced and three of the four elementary schools.

Spring Hill's team effort was bolstered by two first place finishes (William Furlong and Kerry McConaughay in "Meteorology" and Sneha and Ramya Ravi in "Can't Judge a Powder") and three fourth place finishes (Matt Fox and Justin Sher for "Elevated Bridge", Jack Martin and Katie Pruitt for "Compute this" and Maile-Rose Smith for "Physical Science Lab").

Other strong performances were turned in by remaining team members Susie Kim, Phillip Carr, Jasmine Sher, Shirali Nigam, Ananya Suri and Jake Baker.

Spring Hill will compete in the State Tournament on April, 24.

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SPORTS

Defending State Champion Saxons Open New Season

Langley boys defeat Madison in lacrosse opener.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Coach Earl Brewer's Langley High boys' lacrosse team lost just one game all of last season, a regular season contest versus Liberty District opponent Madison. That was the Saxons' only setback in a spectacular spring that saw them go on to finish 21-1 overall and capture district, Northern Region and state AAA crowns.

On Saturday afternoon, March 20, Langley began defense of its district, region and state titles with an impressive 9-6 district victory over visiting Madison, the lone team to experience victory over the Saxons in 2009. Langley was led in scoring by sophomore Sean Ahearn, who tallied three goals for the winners. Senior Ethan Bailey, meanwhile, added two goals. In the net for Langley was sophomore goalie Andrew Spivey, who had nine second half saves in helping the Saxons overcome a 5-3 deficit.

While Madison accounted for Langley's only loss last year, the Saxons ultimately avenged that setback by defeating the Warhawks in the district tournament championship game.

So Saturday's season opener was the first meeting between the Liberty contenders since that title game meeting.

Langley was scheduled to play again earlier this week against visiting district opponent Marshall on Monday night. The Saxons are not scheduled to play any more games later this week but will take part in a sprig break tournament at West Springfield High School next week (March 29-31).

While it will be difficult to match the success of a year ago, Langley will certainly be giving it their best shot. The 2009 season ended in spectacular fashion with a 4-3 overtime win over Chantilly in last season's state finals contest at Westfield High School. In that title game, Saxon midfielder Alex Devlin, who has since graduated, scored the game-winner a minute into the overtime to give the Saxons their first-ever state championship.

Now, in the season after, Langley will be looking to create more championship memories.

"We really worked hard in the offseason," said Brewer, of his team's solid offseason preparations for this spring. "We played in a lot of tournaments in the summer and fall."

Team Langley, as the Saxons' summer and fall league teams are known, competed in showcase tournaments in such places as Baltimore and New Jersey this past autumn. Former Saxon players coached the locals during the summer and fall schedules.

THIS YEAR'S SAXONS will receive outstanding leadership from senior team captains Thomas Robinson, Robbie Bennett, Joey Byrne and Bailey — all of whom were key juniors on last year's squad.

Robinson, a defender and third year starter, earned First Team All-District accolades last year. He brings size (6-foot-3 inches) and outstanding speed to the Saxons' line-up. Robinson is committed to play the sport at Loyola University in Baltimore next school year.

Also helping keep other teams' offenses at bay will be Bennett, a long stick midfielder and defensive stopper.

"He's even better this year, incredibly fast and a physical player," said Brewer, of Bennett.

Byrne, a First Team All-District midfielder last year who has committed to play at West Point, will be one of Langley's key face-off men this spring.

"He's one of the center pieces of our offense," said Brewer, of Byrne.

Bailey, an attack player who scored the game-winning goal in Langley's region finals overtime win over Robinson last year, has one of the hardest shots in the region, according to Brewer. Bailey is set to play the game at Virginia Military Institute next school year.



Langley lacrosse is coming off a 2009 season in which it captured district, region and state titles.

"He looks like a college player already," said Brewer.

Key non-seniors on this year's roster include juniors Brendan Dwyer (defense) and Jack Lundeen (attack).

Lundeen will give the Saxons' offense a terrific boost.

"Jack is a second year starter with great vision and good speed as well," said Brewer. "He will create offense for us."

At goalie, both Spivey, the JV net-minder last year, and junior Ryan Long, the varsity back-up last year, will bring stellar play at the critical position.

"Both guys are fighting it out right now," said Brewer, of the competition to earn the starting role. "Both are very talented."

With talent across the line-up, this is sure to be another excellent season for Langley lacrosse.



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McLean sophomore Rummer Bershtein scored four goals in the Highlanders' 14-9 girls' lacrosse victory over Falls Church last Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The McLean High girls' lacrosse team opened its spring season with a pair of non-district games last week. The Highlanders lost at Yorktown, 10-2, on Thursday, March 18. But they came back strong the following day with a decisive 14-9 triumph over Falls Church.

Leading the Highlanders' offensive drive against the Jaguars was sophomore Rummer Bershtein, who racked up four goals. Two-goal games for the Highlanders came from Sam Lockhart, Hannah Kirby, Jacqueline Rose and Nina Zegler. Notching one goal each were Mackenzie May and Marielena Planas.

"[The girls] learned the value of possession and draw control first hand in their victory over Falls Church," said Anne Inzerello, the McLean head coach. "Rummer Bershtein had an explosive offensive game with four goals, mostly off of draw control fast break situations."

Defensively, McLean goalkeeper Hanna Longwell had six saves and two interceptions in the first half as the Highlanders built an 8-3 halftime lead over Falls Church. In the second half, senior Jessica Donnell posted five saves in her first regular season action in goal as a Highlander.

In the loss to Yorktown, McLean's goals came from sophomores Mackenzie May and Bridget Smith. Longwell, the Highlander goalie who is headed to Colgate University next school year, saw plenty of action with 10 saves, four interceptions and two caused turnovers on the night.

Andie Romness scored three goals and Fueller Overby netted two in McLean High's 9-0 girls' soccer win at Wakefield High School in Arlington on March 15. Single goals for the Highlanders in the non-district victory came from Abby Evans, Melissa Downey, Amy Kochert and Kristina Bettner.

Romness, along with her hat trick, also dished out two assists. Also earning assists were Downey, Kate Hansen and Amy Kochert. Three McLean goalkeepers saw action in the shut-out win — Logan Tapscott, Kaylin Stigall and Malalai Nawabi.

Coached by Tiffani Washington, McLean lost a tough 1-0 contest two days later in a non-district home game against Westfield. The game's lone goal came in the second half when the Bulldogs' Kirsten Miller found the net.

McLean will be home this Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. versus Centreville.

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Donors Keep Activities Going

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Because of its deep pockets, Jefferson was able to spend far more money per pupil, approximately \$937 for each student, from its local school activity fund than any other Fairfax high school.

The next biggest spender, Langley High School in McLean, topped out at \$730 per student and most high schools range between \$350 to \$550 per student.

But what shows up in the student activity fund does not even come close to reflecting the amount of corporate and individual donations Jefferson receives.

The Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund, a non-profit that seeks financial support for the school, raised more than \$500,000 for the science magnet school last year, money that was not accounted for in the \$1.67 million student activity fund.

The considerable funding brought in by the partnership was used, in part, to buy a \$25,000 circuit board plotter for the school's robotics, optics, energy systems, prototyping and electronics labs.

"The county basically funds us at the same level as every other school and we require much more equipment in our labs," said Gary Bottorff, the partnership fund's executive director.

ALLOWING TOO much private fundraising for individual public schools raises questions about equity in school budgets.

While Jefferson may be the most successful high school at soliciting private money in Fairfax, the school also has one of the county's wealthiest student bodies.

Only 1.73 percent of Jefferson students are considered poor enough to qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch. In Fairfax County overall, 22.47 percent of the student body receives free or reduced-price lunches.

Approximately \$250,000 of the \$500,000 raised by the Jefferson fund last year came from parents directly. Just one family with a child at the school agreed to give the magnet \$50,000 over the next four years, according to an organization newsletter.

Fairfax's other schools with the largest local school activity funds — those that were able to spend the most per pupil from that fund last year — are also among its most affluent.

Langley, where 1.5 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$730 per student. Madison, where 6.72 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$646 per student. Oakton, where 8.97 percent of students are considered poor, spent \$572 per student.

"A very large portion of the money we raise comes from people who have some

sort of connection to the school," said Walsh, who is in charge of soliciting funds for Langley's "all night" graduation party this year.

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY school board does try to make sure a school's ability to raise money privately does not mean they have an advantage when it comes to instructional programs.

"You can't pay for certain things. People should not think that the PTA is going to be able to fill a \$100,000 difference in the school's budget," said Susan Wisseman, a Madison High School parent.

A booster club or local parent teacher association [PTA] is not allowed to raise money to keep their class size smaller or to implement a full-day kindergarten program for example. In general, private funds cannot be used to hire full-time teachers or coaches, said several officials.

"We are not going to have a situation where rich communities can buy more teachers," said Meir Zupovitz, assistant comptroller with Fairfax County Public Schools.

STILL, MANY OF the things that academic boosters and the local PTA pay for with private funding directly impact the classroom. Langley's parent, teacher and student association has created an entire professional development fund, which is used solely to pay for extra training or courses Langley teachers want to take.

The local parent organization at all three schools Walsh's children attended — Forestville, Cooper Middle School and Langley — has paid for extra SMART boards, which allow teachers to transfer information directly from their computers onto boards at the front of classrooms.

Pam Rawlinson, a Madison High School teacher, has worked with several Fairfax County schools on planning and funding the annual "all night" graduation parties for high school seniors. She said some schools could have an easier time raising money because they are located close to a large commercial district.

Madison, for example, is located right off Route 123 near downtown Vienna and has a very strong relationship with many of the local businesses in the area. Several Vienna business owners contribute to events like Madison's all night graduation party, even if they don't have children that attend the school.

"I think it is much easier for us to find donations from our businesses than, let's say, Marshall High School. We are so closely identified with Vienna by the local business community and close by. Marshall serves students from all over and it is kind of at the crossroads of Falls Church and Tysons Corner, in a no man's land," said Rawlinson.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 25

An Evening with Joseph Arthur. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Potomac Rose Society March Meeting and Rose Growing Program. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. How to prune rosebushes to maximize spring growth. Free and open to all. 301-869-4948.

Opening Reception for Middle and High School Students Art Exhibition. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The art of students in kindergarten through 12th grade in the McLean area. For more information, call 703-790-1953 or visit www.mpaart.org.

The Hint, Struan Shields and Ever Since Beginnings. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles with Memphis 59. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Swing revival with the music of Cab Calloway. \$38, \$33 district residents. 703-790-9223.

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 31

American Life History Camp. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Discover the different lifestyles of the Lee family and the enslaved African Americans. Explore how textiles were woven and dyed. Cook in the 18th century kitchen and slave quarter. Bring a bag lunch. Lemonade and dessert provided. Ages 7-12. \$25 per day or \$70 for three days through Friday, April 2. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

An Evening with Pierre Bensusan. 8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Civil War Soldiers and Spies. 10 a.m. at Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave. Falls Church. Learn about the lives of soldiers and spies, make hard tack and decode messages. Ages 8 and up. \$8. 703-248-5171.

THURSDAY/APRIL 1

Benjy Davis Project CD Release, Matt Duke and Seth Glier. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 2

Tango Band Cuidado. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Music and dance from a contemporary tango ensemble. Pre-performance discussion at 7 p.m. \$10, tickets available night of performance only at theater box office. 703-993-1380 or www.pgtangoconnection.com.

Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

I am Judas Iscariot. 8 p.m. at the Korean United Methodist Church in McLean, Lewinsville Road at Swings Mill Road. A drama with 70 chorus members and 25 orchestra members; music includes Highlight of Mozart Requiem and Dubois "Last 7 words at Cross."

Humble Boy. 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Old-fashioned Cooking for Kids. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cherry Hill farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Ages 8 and up can grind corn, bake bread and churn butter. \$8. Call 703-248-5171.

SATURDAY/APRIL 3

Pianist Lang Lang with the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Under Maestro Christoph Eschenbach, the orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 1. Lang Lang solos with the orchestra on Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$30-\$60. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

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

Willie Nile. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Popa Chubby CD Release Show and Moreland & Arbuckle. 10



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The cast of the McLean High School's 'Twelve Angry Jurors' during one of their rehearsals.

McLean High Drama Presents '12 Angry Jurors'

Just after completing their snowstorm-delayed One-Acts last Tuesday, the McLean Highlanders are diving headlong into their next Theatre Department venture, "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose. Based upon the popular 1950's movie "Twelve Angry Men," this inside look into the deliberations of a murder trial get unpredictable when one lone juror votes "Not Guilty" on a seemingly open-and-shut case.

McLean High School's production will be anything but traditional, mixing a diverse cast with an intimate staging that will include arena seating and a nearly closed-in room with partial walls and ceiling. To see what comes out of this extraordinary jury room, come see "Twelve Angry Jurors" will be presented at McLean High School on April 21-24 at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit www.mcleanhstheatre.org

p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Humble Boy. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Members \$10, non-members \$12. Under age 18 \$5, PSDC members \$10. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

LeAnn Kalita Show and Reception. 6 p.m. at Applegate Gallery, 101 Church St. NW, Suite C, Vienna. Exhibition opening for local watercolorist. info@applegateframing.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 4

In Alcatraz 1962, Life After Hours, Kodiak, A Gentleman Calling, Villiska and more. 4:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the

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MONDAY/APRIL 5

The Heavy Pets. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 6

DC101's Last Band Standing. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 7

Making Life Easier: Gadgets, Gizmos and Home Modifications. 1 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Home modifications and inexpensive devices that can help maintain independence. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

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National Zoo

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Hershey Park

Friday, April 2 8 a.m.–7 p.m.



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Camp will be held at a Fairfax County School in McLean.

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The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run welcomes the public for its 2010 season on Thursday, April 1, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Visit this privately operated National Park and working farm to see authentic colonial American history hands-on. The 2010 season features self-guided tours, seasonal Market Fairs, other special events, apprentice and internship programs, colonial workshops, plant and book sales, farm skills educational program and more.

Farm is open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Dec. 12. GateHouse Gift Shop also open. Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and during inclement weather. Regular admission: \$3 adults; \$2 children and senior citizens. Group visits welcome. Farm memberships available.

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9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Saturday

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 4
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Claude Moore Foundation Supports Homeless through PACT

Lynn Tadlock, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation's deputy executive director, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Park Foundation in support of the Parks and Community Together (PACT) program at the Park Authority Board meeting on Wednesday, March 10. For the past two years, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation has contributed to ensure children residing in Fairfax County homeless shelters have a chance to attend summer camp.

The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation was established in 1987 by the late Dr. Claude Moore, a successful physician and Northern Virginia landowner. The vision of the Foundation is to instigate programs and partnerships that increase academic competence and encourage leadership abilities, with an emphasis on the underprivileged.

Since 1997, the PACT program, in partnership with the county's homeless shelters, generous private sector sponsors and local grant makers, has provided summer fun and education for 404 children between the ages of 3 and 15. Last summer, PACT successfully



Park Authority Board Chairman Bill Bouie; Lynn Tadlock, representing the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation; and Park Foundation Executive Director Paul Baldino.

integrated 37 children from local shelters into Fairfax County Park Authority camp programs. Program partners include Alexandria's Mondloch House, Falls Church's Shelter House, Fairfax's Bethany

Home, Lutheran Social Services serving local area shelters, Northern Virginia's Nova Family Services, New Hope Housing, and Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, both of Alexandria.

iams International also surpassed Re/Max to become the #3 largest real estate company in the U.S. by agent count. This is the first time in 20 years that the order has shifted.

"Of course it takes a lot of hard work to achieve this kind of success," said McLean Team Leader Vickie Christianson. "But when you have a company behind you that places the interests and success of the agents above all else, it makes it a lot easier."

J.D. Powers & Associates recently named Keller Williams Realty #1 in cus-

tomer service; Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Keller Williams Realty as the #1 real estate franchise, and the industry ranked Keller Williams Realty as the Most Recognized Real Estate Franchise Brand.

Nikki Ryan of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

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Keller Williams Realty International announced at its annual "Family Reunion" Conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with \$6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100. Keller Will-

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FRIDAY/MARCH 26

Mclean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Mclean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Jane McElvane Coonce will present a program on painting night scenes in acrylics and oils. Guests welcome. 703-701-0123.

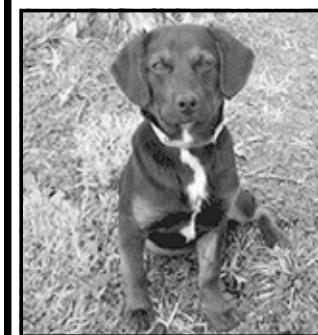
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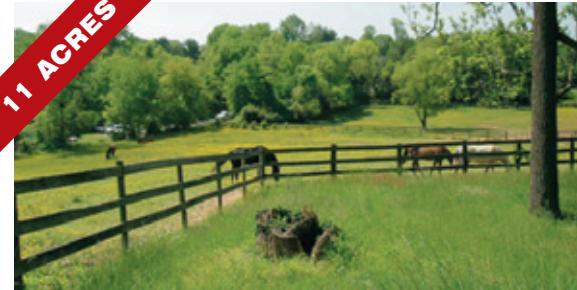


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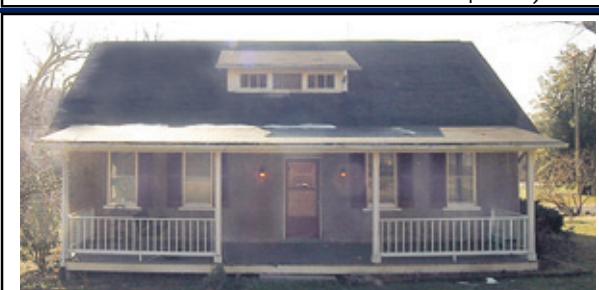
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