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Langley Drama Visits 'Shakespeareland'

Diary of a 'trip to remember.'

DAY 1 (THURSDAY, MARCH 25)

We arrived at 7 a.m. London time — exhausted. We went to the London Eye on the River Thames, the #1 attraction in the city. Imagine a Ferris wheel where people can sit and enjoy a beautiful view of London, as far as Windsor Castle.

We also visited the National Theatre, commonly known as "the National," one of the UK's two most prominent publicly funded theatre companies, alongside the Royal Shakespeare Company. We spontaneously broke out into song and performed "Stand Up!" a musical number from our Langley High School fall show, "Time's Square 2090." It was really cool because there are a lot of street performers at the National and we got to be a part of that performance experience.

— CAROLINE CALLAHAN, CLASS OF 2012

DAY 2 (FRIDAY, MARCH 26)

We went on a two-hour bus tour of London and climbed to the top of the St. Paul's Cathedral, which marks its 300th Anniversary in 2010. The tour also included stops at Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and the Tower of London. Some of us went to the Sea Life London

Aquarium, which was overrated: There were no seals. I bought a soda drink hat.

— NICK CALANDRA, CLASS OF 2012

I met Ian McKellen, renowned Shakespearean actor, and Gandalf, from the "Lord of the Rings" movies. We saw "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in the West End. We waited for Mr. McKellan at the stage door. Ms. Jaffe took a video of him speaking to us. He is my favorite actor.

— BECCA ALLEN, CLASS OF 2011

DAY 3 (SATURDAY, MARCH 27)

We took a day trip to Bath, Stonehenge and Salisbury. The Roman Baths were so cool. Stonehenge was so awesome. We had great weather which made the day even better. Ryan, Nick and I got to perform a scene from "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" at



Enjoying 'a jolly good cup of tea.' Pictured, from left, are Hayley Mueller, Brian Patterson, Phyliss Jaffe, theater faculty, Becca Allen, Ryan Poyner and Caroline Callahan.

Stonehenge. When we returned to London, we visited Hammersmith, and attended a "Ceilidh," an Irish dance, which was a local fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. A Ceilidh is a traditional Gaelic social gathering, which involves playing Irish folk music and dancing. It was really fun, and the whole group loved it. A perfect end to a great day.

— TESS HIGGINS, CLASS OF 2011

We all had a blast dancing these crazy folk dances with the locals. My son, Alex, won a prize at the raffle.

— ADAM LICHTENSTEIN, CHAPERONE

DAY 4 (SUNDAY, MARCH 28)

We went to Hampton Court Palace, the home of King Henry VIII. We visited the Palace maze, "the most famous maze in the history of the world." The maze covers one-third of an acre.

It usually takes tourists 20 minutes to explore it, and I got through it in five minutes. Ms. Jaffe, our drama teacher, and Mr. Lichtenstein, one of our chaperones, took much longer.

Our tour guide, Jonathan, arranged a fun scavenger hunt that took us to Abbey Road, Kings Cross Platform 9 3/4, and the British Museum, to name a

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Roland Tibbetts looks on as Great Falls Historical Society board member Kathy Heberg presents Bill Garrett with the history award named for his late wife, Jean Tibbetts.

Local Canal Led To National History

Bill Garrett receives Tibbetts History Award.

In the course of his 34 years as a writer and photographer for National Geographic magazine, Bill Garrett was imprisoned three times, he told the crowd that gathered at Riverbend Country Club to present him with the Great Falls Historical Society's Jean Tibbetts History Award last Sunday, April 11. "Now that I'm in Great Falls, there's no problem," he said.

Garrett traveled around the world in pursuit of stories for the magazine, but he found the cover story for the June, 1987 issue almost literally in his own backyard. Less than half a mile from his house at the end of Seneca Road, the stones that once formed a segment of the Patowmack Canal can still be seen.

In his story, which, combined with maps and photo spreads, spanned nearly 40 pages, Garrett laid out the history of the canal and its influence on the U.S. Constitution, as well as on towns along its path, such as Matildaville, which sat in what is now Great Falls National Park. According to Garrett's article, talks between Virginia and Maryland that led to the creation of the canal also spurred discussions between delegates from all 13 colonies to discuss interstate problems. This spirit of cooperation eventually led to the framing of the Constitution, and George Washington, who spearheaded the project, went from president of the Patowmack Company to

president of the United States. The canal bypassed Great Falls and was the most complicated of five side routs that Washington's company built to allow boats to travel up and down the Potomac River between Georgetown and Cumberland.

It was for his story about the canal that Garrett was selected to receive the award. "I really don't think I deserve the Tibbetts Award," he said. "However, I'll keep it forever."

On presenting the award, Historical Society board member Kathy Heberg said it was named for Jean Tibbetts, who was a member of the group and wrote a history of Cornwall Farm. Tibbetts died in 2004, and the annual award was established two years later to recognize excellence in historical research and writing. Winners receive a \$200 stipend and their names are placed on a plaque in the Great Falls Library.

Tibbetts' husband, Roland, remembered his wife and another member of the society being invited to look through a trunk of letters found in the historic house at the corner of Swinks Mill Road and Georgetown Pike. The first one they opened was an eyewitness account of the Lincoln assassination. "They were delighted to find it," he said. "She loved doing it and I'm sure she'd be delighted with what has happened with this award being named for her."

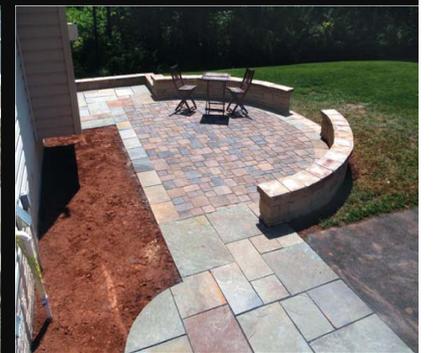
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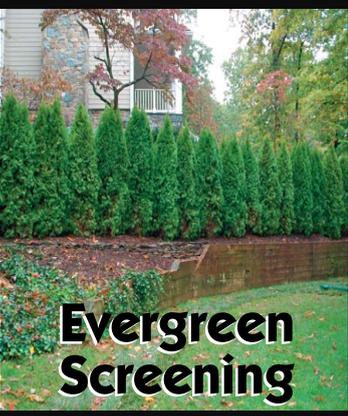
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Marnee Duffus, Jillian Romano and Natalie Femia help print the Langley High School Rock purple.

Community as One

Friends, neighbors support Brad Rock's fight against cancer.

BY COLLEEN SHEEHY ORME

Two months ago, my friend and local resident Brad Rock began his fight against stomach cancer. His wife Franny and their four boys, Alex, Tyler, William and Michael along with Brad's brother and parents were in disbelief that this vibrant, strapping, handsome man had cancer. Life changed for them that day. That day also changed a community.

Brad Rock grew up in the close-knit Greenway Heights subdivision, nestled between Great Falls and McLean. He attended Langley High School and graduated with the Class of 1984. A happy, kind and gentle guy, Brad Rock has maintained many of those relationships from youth and many more throughout the years as he, Franny and their boys bought homes and resided in both Great Falls and McLean.

ONE OF BRAD ROCK'S CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, both a Greenway Heights family neighbor and a Langley High School buddy, has inspired a movement that has swept over the community and culminated in the painting of the Langley High School Rock. Great Falls resident Joe Duffus, overwhelmed with both love and worry, is determined to accompany Brad Rock during this diffi-

cult journey.

Duffus and his wife Tina, have designed a purple wristband inscribed, "It Begins With Me," and have asked friends, family and community residents to join them in a show of solidarity and support in the difficult months to come. Joe and Tina Duffus began distributing the purple wristbands about six weeks ago. They christened the bands "Rock The Purple," and, before they knew it, nearly 5,000 people were wearing the bands as a promise of inspiration and support. Joe and Tina Duffus are in awe of the extraordinary rippling effect that has followed.

When asked why he initiated the "Rock The Purple," movement, Joe Duffus said, "The inspiration for me was the long term relationship Brad and I had and that Brad is like a brother to me. He is an all around good guy. He gives back to the community and is a stellar citizen. Growing up in Greenway Heights, we weren't just neighbors. Neighbors were family and when family's in trouble we come together. It's not the first time we have banded together like this."

"After Brad was diagnosed, I found his attitude remarkable and very inspiring especially after receiving this terrible diagnosis," Joe Duffus said. "It shook me to the core. What resonated with me in multiple conversations we had was that Brad knew he was going to

beat this. Brad insisted that, 'It Begins With Me.'"

The apple not falling far from the tree, it was 15-year-old Marnee Duffus who initiated the Rock at Langley High School being painted purple. "I knew I wanted to help because, when we visited Brad, he was going through chemo and he was still so happy," said Marnee Duffus. "He was in the worst situation a person can go through and he still had a smile on his face. I knew I wanted to give support and spread support."

When asked how she decided to paint the rock, Marnee Duffus said, "The idea just kind of came to me. My friend Natalie Femia and I went to our administration to get this approved and they said, 'You girls are doing a great thing.' It was a lot of fun and I knew we were helping Brad. It was such a great feeling. When my dad told Brad about the Langley Rock it meant so much to him that it brought him to tears. It made me feel good."

Marnee Duffus was shocked by the response. "The next day in school, when we finished painting the rock, so many people came up to me to ask about Brad and wearing purple wristbands to support him," she said. "That was very cool because we ended up having so many additional supporters for Brad and so many more people know about him now. I accomplished what I set out to do."

When asked about her role in

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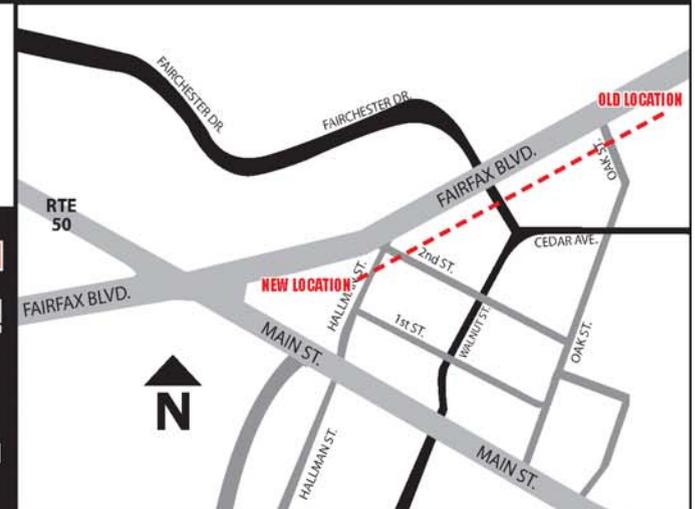
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'Celebrating the Arts in Great Falls'

Spring Art Festival brings 18 artists from community, public from across region.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Last weekend was the first time Bob Blackwell had put his photography on public display. "It's very exciting to have people buy your stuff," said his wife, Carol, as she helped him man his station at the Great Falls Studios' fourth annual Spring Art Festival.

The event ran all weekend, April 10 and 11, at the Colvin Run Schoolhouse, where 18 artists displayed work ranging from paintings to pottery to jewelry and woodcarving.

Blackwell knew of Great Falls Studios through a friend who is also a photographer and member, and he joined the group about four months ago. His wife said the experience had been therapeutic for

her husband, who has Alzheimer's disease, giving him a weekly coffee to attend, as well as a reason to take a lot of photographs.

"It gives you something to go to and aim for," Bob Blackwell said. Some of his work is photographed locally, although much of it was shot during his travels, including the time he spent working as an intelligence agent in the Soviet Union.

THE EVENT was also Michael Long's first time showing his work. Professionally, Long does design and construction for Fairfax County Public Schools. But for the last four years, he has been picking up pieces of wood on walks through the forests in Oxen Hill, Md., where he grew up, and carving them into walking sticks. "They've been filling up my living room for so long, it's time I showed them," he said. He joined the studio group about six weeks ago, and he said he enjoyed getting feedback on his work from other artists, as well as the public.

"It's wonderful for him to join us because it's another art form," said Linda Jones, a painter and the chair of the group's sales commit

"It's not just a sale. It's a festival celebrating the arts in Great Falls."

— Linda Jones

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Bob Blackwell shows his photography, taken in Great Falls, Russia and other parts of the world.



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Michael Long poses with the walking sticks he has hand-carved from wood he finds on hikes.

Sheila Qamer displays her mixed-media artwork at the Great Falls Studios Spring Art Festival.

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OPINION

Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts

BY ELIZABETH MURPHY
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Three years ago the arts and cultural community of Virginia embarked on a great adventure. The Virginia Council on the Arts convened the heads of the major arts organizations of the Commonwealth to encourage us to take more leadership on behalf of the entire cultural sector. Despite the many challenges facing our individual agencies, we all agreed that we needed a high visibility project to demonstrate the breadth, diversity, and intrinsic value of the arts to state decision-makers in Virginia.

The 23 major arts organizations of Virginia selected a theme, picked a time period, and invited all artists and cultural agencies of the state to create programs on the common theme during a defined time period with a statewide and regional marketing campaign. Thus was born our first endeavor: MINDS WIDE OPEN: *Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts*, with planning underway three years ago. The celebration began March 1, 2010 continues through June 30, 2010.

Through the regional meetings, local gatherings, email listserves, and speeches and presentations at every possible opportunity, we invited every artist in the state, every arts or-

ganization, history museum, library, college, and university to join the statewide celebration of women in the arts. As of this writing, we have listed more than 2,000 events on our website www.vamindswideopen.com. (Altria, Dominion Power, SunTrust Bank, the Norfolk Southern Foundation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the Virginia Tourism office have all made significant financial contributions to the statewide marketing campaign.)

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is pleased to participate in this initiative, with a special program planned for May 1, 2010. The FSO

GUEST EDITORIAL

wanted to explore the theme of Women in the Arts within the somewhat narrow confines of symphonic repertoire, and to bring attention to the different ways in which women contribute currently to our art form. The guest artist for this concert is a woman (Julie Albers, cello), playing Elgar's Cello Concerto. Additionally, the orchestra will perform a piece (blue cathedral) by a popular, living female composer and 2010 Grammy winner, Jennifer Higdon.

What will MINDS WIDE OPEN accomplish? First and foremost, we hope to raise the visibility of the arts industry in our state. Of equal importance is building more collaboration within the Virginia arts and cultural community. We hope that MINDS WIDE OPEN: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts will lead to many more partnerships and alliances within

serve the community in any way we can. I would like to encourage community members to call me with suggestions and concerns regarding what you would like from your library, which I hope does contribute in some way to the very important "sense of place" in Great Falls.

Daniela Dixon, Manager
Great Falls Library

Extremely Misplaced

To the Editor:

I am writing to respond to the editorial article in the April 7-13, 2010 edition of the Connection papers ["Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs"]. I find the two main points of the article extremely misplaced. The first argument, that our Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, is misleading Virginians on the cost of his legal suit against the federal government regarding Obamacare makes me wonder why we are not discussing the much larger costs of Obamacare itself. Many Americans have become like ostriches burying their heads in the sand, ignoring the true financial peril that our nation is facing. Fortu-

nately, Ken Cuccinelli has not. States across the country are under enormous budgetary pressure. We have the highest unemployment rate in decades, existing entitlement programs are on the verge of insolvency, we are printing money as if it were Monopoly money, and the Obama Administration's answer is to engage in more reckless and profligate spending. Given this environment, the one-time cost of Mr. Cuccinelli's lawsuit is no doubt trivial when compared to the ongoing cost that Obamacare will force upon all Virginians. The second point questions whether the Attorney General's lawsuit represents an overreach of his power. According to the mission statement of the Virginia Attorney General's office, the State Attorney General is empowered to "bring all legal resources to bear in order to protect the people, the customs, and the welfare of the Commonwealth of Virginia." As a resident of the Commonwealth, I believe that Mr. Cuccinelli's legal action is in fact an effort to protect me from an out of control federal government that is grossly overstepping its power. More specifically, the Virginia legislature passed, with strong bipartisan support, the

Events in Our Area

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Library Contributes To 'Sense of Place'

To the Editor:

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Gina Ryan
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Thrilled at AG's Action

To the Editor:

You can be embarrassed all you'd like about Mr. Cuccinelli, Ms. Kimm, ["Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs," Editorial, Connection, April 7-13, 2010], but personally I am thrilled that he and other Attorneys General across this great nation are fighting the odious "health care" law (actually the increase-government-control-over-our-lives law), not to mention other job- and economy-killing policies the Obama administration is trying to jam down our throats. Just don't kid yourself that you are in the majority on this, Ms. Kimm. You will see come November how much in the minority your opinion is.

Michelle Dufay
McLean

High Bar for AG Impeachment

To the Editor:

So what are the chances of and procedures for impeaching Cuccinelli? I assume the bar is pretty high.

Maybe we could do a package deal with our Confederate governor?

Actually, neither are an embarrassment to Virginia.

The voters of Virginia are an embarrassment to themselves.

Neil Silver
McLean

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Great Falls Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This year's topic is Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem? Students from Great Falls, Reston and McLean, under age 16 compete to win scholarships. sandjoolidge@verizon.net or www.greatfallsoptimist.org.
Neil Innes (Monty Python, Rutles). 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.
Singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

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. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.
Pianist Edvinas Minkstimas. 7:30 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Music by Schumann, Liszt, Debussy and Piazzolla. Tickets \$25, seniors and students \$15. 703-356-0670, www.minkstimas.com or www.saintlukemc.com.
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.
Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Giselle.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The tragic tale of the heartbroken peasant girl. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.
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SATURDAY/APRIL 17

Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala. 6-10 p.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. The Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP) raises funds for the medical care of uninsured children in the community. Silent auction, sit-down dinner, DJ and dancing, family photographs taken and more. \$300 Family Ticket includes up to 2 adults and 2 children. \$100 per extra adult, \$75 per extra child. The \$300 cost of one family ticket is the cost for medical care for an entire year for one child in the MCCP program. mishers@mccpfoundation.org.
Harry the Dirty Dog. 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 4 and up. 703-790-0123.
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.
Katie Pickard Fawcett and Renee Fisher Book Signing. 12-4 p.m. at The Artisans, 1368 Chain Bridge

Road, McLean. Local authors of 'To Come and Go Like Magic' and 'Saving the Best for Last: Creating Our Lives After 50.' info@theartisans.biz or 703-506-0158.

Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Coppelia.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A young villager falls in love with a life-size dancing doll. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

Country Western Dance. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., beginners Waltz at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. NVCWDA members \$10, non-members \$12, children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.
Jason Reeves and Chelsea Lee. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. jamminjava.com.
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Master Class with Capt. Michelle A. Rakers, Assistant Director of the U. S. Marine Band. 2 p.m. at George Mason University School of Music, 4400 University Drive, MSN 3E3, Fairfax. Free and open to the public. www.fairfaxband.org

City of Fairfax Band: Spotlight on Women in the Arts. 8 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Capt. Michelle A. Rakers, Assistant Director of the United States Marine Band, conducting. \$13 adults, \$7 seniors 60 and up, age 18 and under free. www.fairfaxband.org.

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Colvin Schoolhouse Dance. 9 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Traditional ballroom, latin and swing music to The Family Band, with an 8 p.m. West Coast Swing lesson available. Lesson \$5, dancing \$12. Sodas and snacks available for purchase. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

Wildflower Hike. 10 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Identify spring ephemerals and explore their folklore as you walk along the banks of the Potomac River with a naturalist. \$5 per adult. Reservations required at 703-759-9018.

Scouting Opportunities. Spring Hill RECenter, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Aquanaut badges for Webelos are offered from 1-2 p.m. and Swimming for Girl Scouts from 2-3 p.m. \$10 per scout for a badge. Reservations required at 703-827-0989.

SUNDAY/APRIL 18

Colvin Run Mill Spring Reopening and Civil War Encampment. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mill will reopen 12-3 p.m. Tour the mill and watch the miller grind this year's first batch of cornmeal. \$6 adult, \$5

McLean Orchestra's Gala, Casino Night Set for April 17

The McLean Orchestra's 2010 Patrons' Gala, Casino Night, will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 6-10:30 p.m. at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, and will feature live music by the Grammy Award winning band, "The Winstons," as well as members of the McLean Orchestra.
 The event includes:
 ♦ Elegant dinner, open bar, casino games, music and dancing, and silent and live auctions, 6-10:30 p.m. (\$150/person)
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student, \$4 child and senior. Visit the Civil War Encampment from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Talk with the members of the 49th Virginia Volunteer Infantry and watch drilling and firing demonstrations. Free. 703-759-2771.

Wolftrap Elementary 5th Annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. 8 a.m. at Wolftrap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Road, Vienna. Both races start from the school and go throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. Awards, raffle and silent auction, music, cake walk and face painting. www.wolftrappta.org.

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Led by viola and violin soloist Julian Rachlin. Edvard Grieg, Beethoven, Schubert and more. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 3:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$30-\$60, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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Wildflowers at Riverbend. 2 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Katy Simenson will share her knowledge of spring wildflowers. Register at info@audubonva.org or 703-256-6895.

Jammin' 4 Haiti. 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. jamminjava.com.

Roman Candle, Paper Bird and Tao Seeger Band. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Mill Run Dulcimer Band Concert. 2-4 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Free. 703-759-2771.

MONDAY/APRIL 19

Earthquakes, Geysers and Volcanoes. 4 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Make a volcano, watch a geyser in action and conduct earthquake experiments as we explore the Earth. Ages 8-12. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/APRIL 20

Historic Vienna, Inc. Spring Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. With speaker WWII veteran Roger B. Neighborgall, a member of the 5th Ranger Battalion which fought in Germany. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. 703-938-5187.

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

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'Beauty and the Beast' at Cooper Middle

Cooper Middle School will present a special matinee of their spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast," on Sunday, April 18. The matinee will be preceded by a character tea party hosted by Belle, Mrs. Potts, Chip and all of your favorite "Beauty and the Beast" characters. The character tea party will begin at 1 p.m. at Cooper Middle School at 977 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Cast members will serve punch and cookies and pose for pictures with your students - please bring your own camera. The show starts at 2 p.m. Tickets for tea party and matinee are \$8 per child (Recommended for children ages 11 and under). No reservations are necessary. Tickets for the show for adults are \$8. "Beauty and the Beast" is also being presented on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.



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NEWS

London Diary

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few places. Later that night, in dreary and rainy weather, we went on a spine-chilling, creepy “Jack the Ripper Tour,” in the East End. Our trip to London was awesome, and got better every day, and I want to go back.

— RYAN POYNER, CLASS OF 2012

DAY 5 (MONDAY, MARCH 29)

We took a bus ride to Stratford-Upon-Avon, William Shakespeare’s birthplace. His home, on Henley Street, receives 3.5 million visitors each year. We also visited the cottage of Anne Hathaway, his wife, which was lovely. A 2000 renovation houses different rooms with mini-movies, photos and diagrams of Shakespeare’s life and works. We then made our way to the house where he was actually born. We walked around inside it and toured all of the rooms. It was great. Much of the original stone, oak beams and fireplaces are still in place.

That night, we went to see “Romeo and Juliet” by The Royal Shakespeare Company, which was absolutely fantastic. We had front row seats, next to stage right, so we were right up in the action. There was some audience participation, too; Romeo and Benvolio incorporated Hayley into one of their scenes. We waited at the stage door afterwards, and met some of the cast. What a great day!

— BRIAN PATTERSON, CLASS OF 2012

DAY 5 (MONDAY, MARCH 29)

After dinner, we saw “Romeo and Juliet” performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. I must say that it was an outstanding performance ... our kids loved it and gave the actors a standing ovation, whistling, etc., likely to the horror of the rest of the audience (reserved Brits as they are).

— ADAM LICHTENSTEIN, CHAPERONE

DAY 6 (TUESDAY, MARCH 30)

We went on a tour of the Globe Theatre and took a master class. We participated in a workshop with Shakespearean actors from the Globe Theatre Company. After the workshop, we had free time, which some students used for shopping. Some of us went to Hamleys, on Regent Street, “the greatest toy shop in the world,” founded by William Hamley in 1881. We purchased cool toys, the coolest being replicas of wands used by Harry Potter characters.

That evening, we attended the play, “Enron,” a political satire on corporate greed, at the Noel Coward Theatre. It was very interesting. Later, at the hotel, we had a wand fight with other theater kids visiting from New York; it was fun.

— JUSTIN CECIL, CLASS OF 2012

DAY 7 (WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31)

We had a free day. At noon, we met at Kensington Palace for a jolly good cup of tea at the 18th century restaurant, the Orangery. We enjoyed premium teas, succulent, delectable crumpets, scones with clotted cream and berries and other assorted pastries. After tea, some students headed to London museums, while others “chilled” in the hotel. On our last night in London, we partied down, 1980s style with karaoke and bowling in the Bayswater area, City of Westminster.

— ANGIE GARELICK, CLASS OF 2012

How many people can go to London and come home talking about bowling? The final night of our visit was so much fun, and the perfect way to end our trip. We took the Tube (of course) with the kids

Participants

Students participating in the Langley High School theater trip to London include: Adam Lichtenstein, Angela Garelick, Brian Patterson, Nick Calandra, Becca Allen, Chris Tabassi, Garrett Graham, Jay Rajan, Caroline Callahan, Yasmin Shahkarami, Tess Higgins, Ryan Poyner, Justin Cecil, Hayley Mueller and Gretchen Burke.

all dressed in their 80s get-up. (Good grief, did we really look like that?) The looks from people on the street, in buses passing us, on the subway, would make a great video all by themselves. As an ending to a wonderful trip, it was the perfect event. Imagine a laughing, cheering mass of day-glow, pony-tails, and leggings and “guy-liner,” all dancing and high-fiving.

I have known most of the kids in the group since middle school, so being their chaperone was a no-brainer; I knew what I was getting into, and enjoyed every minute. What I didn’t expect was how much they seemed to appreciate every experience they had, whether street performers or Stonehenge. Yes, everyone came home with a wand from Hamleys Toy Store, and yes, they ran around the hotel one night yelling “Stupefy” at each other. But they also won over a whole roomful of people at a breast cancer fund raiser with their enthusiasm and friendliness, receiving many thanks and an ovation when they left. They asked interesting questions of the docents at the historical sights and marveled at the contrast between how they live today and life 500+ years ago. And they were extremely respectful of the ancient places we visited. I couldn’t have been more proud to travel with them.

— WENDY MUELLER, CHAPERONE

You could see the excitement in the students’ faces when they learned and explored new things. One example being our visit to Oxford University. Not only was touring the campus magnificent, but visiting the Great Hall was a particular favorite (a setting for the Harry Potter movies). The students took instantly to our tour guide, Jonathan, a grad student attending Cambridge University, with an interest in theater and music. We saw so much in such a short time, but it felt like we were in London for a month. I’m sure it will be a trip that the kids will talk about and remember forever. I know it will be for me.

— ADAM LICHTENSTEIN, CHAPERONE

Teacher: Best Trip Ever

I have done student trips for over 20 years. This was by far the best. The students were wonderful, engaged and very active, sometimes a bit more vocal than the Brits were accustomed to. Our ACIS guide was Jonathan Franklin. He brought London to life for us and has become our favorite person. Already, the students are brainstorming for places to travel with him next spring break.

One of the most gratifying aspects of the trip was the students did not have phones. No texting their friends at home. As a result, they were in the moment. Students from different social circles came together to form one very close, magical group of people. There were a lot of tears at the airport. No one wanted to leave the other.

The theater was electric. The “Romeo and Juliet” in Stratford knocked us out. Juliet in Converse all-stars and Romeo in a hoodie, this was a production the students connected with.

The joy for me is bringing the students together to experience London Theatre and all the sites along the way. They enjoyed themselves and I enjoyed them. We had two great chaperones, Wendy Mueller and Adam Lichtenstein. It was a trip never to be forgotten.

— PHYLISS JAFFE, THEATRE ARTS FACULTY

Festival Promotes Arts

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tee.

On Sunday afternoon, Jones said attendance at the festival had been about the same as last year, although people seemed to be coming from a wider region. "We're becoming established and known in the area," she said.

Photographer Walt Lawrence, who is a regular participant in the group's events, said traffic had been heavy but he thought sales might be down. The economy, he said, had put a dent in art sales.

Jones said sales had been down a bit last year but hadn't yet been totaled for the weekend's event. However, she said the festival was about more than selling work. "It's not just a sale. It's a festival celebrating the arts in Great Falls," she said, adding that meeting the public, generating interest in local artists, networking and letting people know about programs like the Great Falls Studios' art classes were also important to the group's events. And, she said, a number of commissions had come out of the weekend.

MIXED-MEDIA ARTIST Sheila Qamer said she had gotten a commission from a designer who wanted her to create something larger than the pieces she had on display. It was Qamer's first time participating in the Spring Art Festival, although she had exhibited work in a few shows since she joined the group last year. A professional artist, she said the organization, which now consists of 88 Great Falls artists, had not only given her opportunities to show her work but had also provided support and encouragement from "a group of artists with common goals trying to work together."

"It's very exciting to have people buy your stuff."

— Carol Blackwell

Based on last weekend, she said she planned to participate in the organization's Holiday Art Festival later this year.

Jones said a partnership with George Mason University had also sprouted from the event, after a professor teaching an art management class saw the festival advertised in the paper and contacted the group. Three of her students ended up helping with the event as interns.

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SPORTS

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Washington Redskins Reed Doughty and GFL players on Opening Day, April 10.

Great Falls Little League Opens its 21st Year

Washington Redskins Reed Doughty throws first pitch.

BY BARBARA KELLEY

More than 200 fans lined the fence at Nike Field on Saturday, April 10, to watch the parade of players from 44 baseball and softball teams march to the drum line of the Langley High School Band. The event offered family fun for all — moon bounce, fast pitch machine and the grand opening of the popular Snack Shack. The varsity and junior varsity Langley High School baseball teams, all graduates of Great Falls Little League, lined the first and third-base lines to welcome the first official pitch of the season.

Reed Doughty, safety, of the Washington Redskins, threw out the first pitch for Great Falls Little League Opening Day ceremonies with his son, Micah, 3, at his side. Great Falls Little League (GFL) President Mike Cerrentani noted that Doughty was a scholar athlete and encouraged all players to strive to be the same. Reed signed autographs after the first pitch and talked with the players, parents and coaches.

“I played baseball where I grew up in Colorado, but we had one team in our small town that played other small-town-teams,” said Doughty, “nothing as big and as organized as this.”

Doughty, 27, hails from Greely, Colo. and graduated from Northern Colorado University as the school’s first ever three-time Academic All American with a 4.0 grade point average. He is married to Katie and they have two sons, Micah, 3, and Caleb, 18 months. In 2008, he won NFL’s Ed Block Courage Award. He is involved in community events that promote awareness about kidney disease. His son, Micah, was born with kidney disease and Reed and Katie advocate on behalf of more research and education. He also served as the 2009 Honorary Chair of both the Walk4Hearing and the Kidney Foundation walk.

Great Falls Little League (GFL) offers a quality baseball and softball program for youth ages 5-16, including the levels of Blast Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, AA, AAA, Majors, and Seniors. Its primary fields are located in the Nike complex on Utterback Store Road



AAA Dodgers join the Parade of Players.

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T-Ball players take in the excitement of the day at Nike Field.

in Great Falls, adjacent to Forestville Elementary School. The Nike Field complex is located on the former United States Army Nike Missile Site that was in operation during the Cold War.

Let’s Dish was on hand with tasty samples. It partners with Great Falls Little League to donate 10 percent of sales to customers who use a promotional code from now until July 1, 2010.

Barbara Kelley, along with hundreds of other parents and friends of GFL, volunteers for the Great Falls Little League.

Coming Back to Win

Saxons storm back from seven runs behind to defeat Statesmen.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

One baseball team that is quietly putting together a good season in the Liberty District is Langley. The Saxons, 6-2 going into this week, could be a contender in a district where teams such as defending champion McLean, along with Madison and Stone Bridge are looked upon as the clubs to beat.

“We lost nine seniors from last year’s [13-8] team, but we have lots of talented players who didn’t play a lot [in 2009],” said Kevin Healy, Langley’s second year head coach. “It’s good to see them having some success early on.”

One particularly impressive aspect to this year’s team thus far is its ability to fight its way back into games. Twice thus far, the Saxons have found themselves way behind in games before roaring back to win.

In the teams’ season opener back on March 23, Langley trailed district opponent South Lakes 6-0 before ultimately winning the home contest 8-7. Last Friday night at district rival Marshall, the Saxons overcame a 9-2 deficit to defeat the Statesmen, 14-9.

“There were a lot of opportunities to fold up the camp,” said Healy, of the Marshall game. “But that was a big win to come back like that.”

Healy loves the fact that his team does not stop playing hard or trying to win even if it falls behind by several runs. Langley trailed Marshall by seven runs after two innings. That was a tough spot for the Saxons to be in. In their prior game on April 6, they had lost big to visiting district opponent Fairfax, 17-3. Now, two innings into their next game, Langley was losing big once again.

But the Saxons hung tough and got back into the game.

Healy said the lopsided loss to Fairfax was simply a situation in which the Rebels hit the

ball hard. The coach and his staff have been encouraging Langley pitchers to throw strikes and not fall behind in counts. Against Fairfax, Langley pitchers threw strikes. Fairfax simply hit the ball particularly well that night.

A key to Langley’s ability to come back in games has been its plate discipline. Healy said Saxon hitters, after the team had fallen way behind on the scoreboard, stayed within their hitting game plan of being selective, forcing the opposing pitcher to throw strikes and hitting the right pitches.

“The kids have had some good approaches at the plate and had some good at-bats,” said Healy. “Early [against Marshall] we were trying to hit the ball deep. But then guys started going the opposite field, working the count and waiting for their pitch.”

Langley is receiving solid seasons in the batters’ box from senior first baseman Carl Hollinger (.350 batting average), senior center fielder Ian Wood, the team’s No. 3 hitter in the lineup with two home runs, and senior clean-up batter Ben Johnson.

On the mound, Langley has received contributions from a number of players. Healy said pitching depth has been a real positive for his squad. Senior Robbie Hart, who is tabbed to pitch at Lehigh University (Pa.) within the Patriot League next school year, is having a solid season. Other good starting efforts have come from Hollinger and junior Robert Hood.

“We’ve got a lot of guys who can throw on the mound for us,” said Healy.

One of the season’s better pitching outings came from sophomore Andrew Pechstein, who entered Friday’s Marshall game in the third inning with his team way behind. Over five innings of long relief, Pechstein allowed no runs and just three

“We’ve trailed in five of the six games we’ve won. The kids have done a good job of fighting back.”

Kevin Healy, Langley’s head coach

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NEWS

Wolf Hosts Federal Grant Work Shop

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) will host a conference for organizations who may be interested in applying for federal grants April 23 at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun County campus. The event will take place from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Federal officials from the departments of education, justice, health and human services, and agriculture will be on hand to discuss different grant offerings and successful strategies for applying.

The conference is free but space is limited. Those attending must also be a local non-profit or local government in the 10th Congressional District.

Groups can register by clicking on the grants icon at <http://wolf.house.gov/>.

Grandparent Respite Day May 15

Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax will host a respite day for grandparents and other relatives raising children ages 3 to 12 on May 15.

Caregivers can drop off the children from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at two locations, Gum Springs Community Center (8100 Fordson Road in Mount Vernon) and Mott Community Center (12111 Braddock Road in Fairfax). The county will provide snacks and organized activities for the children at no charge.

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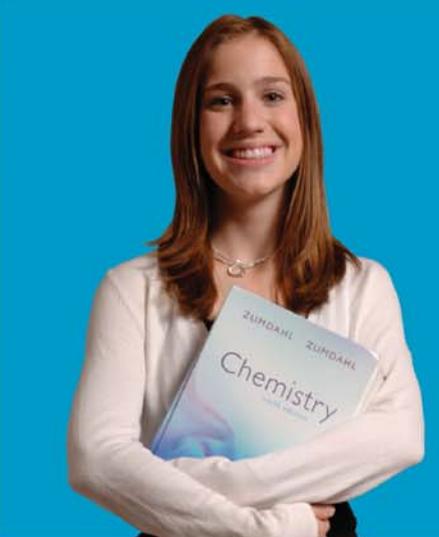
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Surprised To See Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a stage IV lung cancer patient, I was told by my oncologist on March 5, 2009 that he couldn't "cure me;" he could "treat me," a distinction I've been able to live with ever since (thank God!). At that initial Team Lourie meeting, my doctor clearly recited and reviewed the results from the various scans, and a subsequent biopsy, that I had completed, and then presented his recommendations/my options and reasons for them. We listened intently. Asked a few questions (incredulous as it was even asking them), received straight-forward answers, and acted accordingly, meaning: I started chemotherapy six days later. (When an oncologist speaks, it's hard not to listen.)

To say I have a terminal condition is a bit too scary for me to admit; to say I have a serious health problem (my being asymptomatic notwithstanding) is a bit easier for me to accept. However, how other people (friends, family members, co-workers and other health care professionals) perceive you can be quite telling and perhaps indicative of the real severity of the underlying diagnosis (not that I need any convincing, but neither do I need make-believe). Nevertheless, after witnessing multiple people's reactions to seeing me/speaking to me - after not having done so for varying intervals of time (pre-diagnosis to be sure), has led me to a conclusion: you can judge the seriousness of your sickness/disease/affliction by the level of surprise of people when they next see you/hear your voice, etc. (post diagnosis) after not having done so for a while.

I remember the first time I experienced this "oh-you're-still-alive" moment. I had been referred to a nephrologist (kidney specialist) due to a recurring abnormal level of something in my blood. At this first meeting, very little was medically apparent - and discussed - other than the effects of the chemotherapy, which was likely the cause of the elevated level. Since my chemotherapy was ongoing and not likely to be stopped, the doctor recommended that I begin taking a magnesium supplement, and to return in three months for a follow up. My meeting with the nephrologist was cordial, professional, not particularly social and fairly brief. When I left, I still wasn't sure how to pronounce the doctor's name and I expect I was nearly as forgettable. I was grateful the evaluation yielded so little of concern and off I went with the rest of my day.

Three months later I returned as instructed to see the same nephrologist. After being called in from the waiting room, I was led by a female nurse to an examining room and asked to take a seat. She blood-pressure cuffed me, took my vital signs and told me that the doctor would be in shortly. A few minutes passed before the doctor walked in holding my chart. She sees me, smiles, greets me by name and in a more animated manner than I previously remember says: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. It's great to see you!" To which I reacted/replied instinctively to her obvious (to me, anyway) surprise at seeing me (even though I had a scheduled appointment and presumably the doctor reviews her daily schedule of patients in advance to know who's going to be who) and said: "Hello. It's great to be seen," and laughed uneasily.

Then I thought: Was I not supposed to be seen? I had an appointment. Did she not know who I was? Ah, no. She had my chart. Was she not expecting to see me again? Why would she not be expecting to see me again? Oh. The stage IV lung cancer. Maybe she wasn't expecting to see me because, well, you know, the terminal disease. I didn't ask. She didn't offer. But I presume. Reading people's reactions to health news is almost like talking to children; you often receive the unfiltered, unvarnished truth verbally or non-verbally, whether you expect it or not. That's my interpretation of this doctor's reaction anyway. And of course, she didn't mean anything by it, it was an honest reaction (given what she knew). Nor was I offended by it. I was amused by it, sort of.

Still, this cancer thing is a bitch. Sometimes, your prognosis can be seen and heard in the eyes, and from the mouth, of the beholder.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$25,541.00, recorded as Deed Book 3617 at Page 127 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned Trustee, will on April 28, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., by the front main entrance to the Arlington County Circuit Court, 1425 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon commonly known as 2300 South Dinwiddie Street, Arlington, Virginia 22206 and more particularly described as follows:

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Air Force 2nd Lt. **Courtney N. Hintz** has entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student, to be trained as a physician. She is the daughter of Roger M. and Nancy K. Hintz of Seneca Knoll Drive, Great Falls, a 2005 graduate of Langley High School, and a 2009 graduate of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

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

Army 2nd Lt. Roman A. Terehoff has graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Alex G. and Irina P. Terehoff of Borge St., Oakton, Va. Terehoff graduated in 2001 from Oakton High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from George Mason University.

Jennifer E. Fulco has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Fulco is a student at George Mason University, and a 2007 graduate of James Madison High School. She is the daughter of Bruce R. and Judy A. Fulco of Podium Drive, Vienna.

Jerard M. Paden has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Paden is a student at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., and is the grandson of Eleanor Clark of Carrhill Road, Vienna.

Air Force Airman **Kimberly J. Werman** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Frank Werman of Silverstone Court in Oakton, and sister of Kyle Werman of Plum Run Court in Fairfax. Werman is a 2005 graduate of James Madison High School.

Air Force Airman **Kristen N. Farmer** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert Farmer of Gosnell Road, Vienna, and Michelle Farmer of Fairview Heights, Ill.

Coast Guard Seaman **Nicholas C. Pfautz**, son of Terry Pfautz of Warrenton and Richard Pfautz of McLean, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

Army National Guard Pfc. **Nathaniel A. Rausch** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. He is the son of Charlotte Rausch of New Providence Drive, Falls Church, and brother of Craig Johnson of Westwood Drive, Vienna. Rausch graduated in 2004 from James Madison High School, and received an associate degree in 2007 from Jefferson County Community College, Louisville, Ky.

Air Force Airman **Hyun H. Jeong** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Jeong is the nephew of Sunny Chung of Spring Gate Drive, McLean.

Army 2nd Lt. **Andrew S. Oh** has entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student, to be trained as a physician. He is the son of Dai H. and Soon M. Oh of Falstaff Court, McLean. Oh is a 1997 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and he received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Langley as Cornerstone Of Community Life

FROM PAGE 5

the, "Rock The Purple," movement, Tina Duffus said, "It looks to so many that we are helping Brad, but the truth is he has helped us. Sometimes we get caught up in the daily grind of life and we don't take a moment to pause and reflect on what is truly important in life and how blessed we really are to have each other and support each other. It's as if the whole community is saying, 'This isn't just Brad's fight it's a community fighting to help him beat cancer.'"

SEVERAL DAYS AGO, Brad Rock and his family awaited the results of the scans to determine the success of his treatments. And all over the area caring residents were "Rocking The Purple," and the purple multiplied. In church, there were purple clothes and at lunch wrists touting purple wristbands. On their familiar routes there were road signs shouting, "Rock The Purple," cars with purple ribbons on their grill and mailboxes wrapped with purple bows. There was positive purple energy fueling Brad and his family everywhere one looked.

A few days later, Brad Rock received good news. The treatments are working. The road ahead is still a difficult one, but his family feels grateful to the community.

"Fran, Brad, Corky and I, Doug and Walter are so grateful for the abundant love and

help from all of you," said Betty Ann Crovato, Brad Rock's mother. "Your prayers mean the world to all of us. Please don't stop. They lift Brad and Fran and the boys and all of us to a place of peace."

A childhood friend, a 15-year-old girl, a courageous man, his close family, a school, a town and its people have revived our sense of community. And emphasized the small town phenomenon existing in this largely metropolitan area

As I write this article and I remember speaking to Franny Rock the day they got the news, I could never have imagined the strength Brad Rock would drag out of each of us. I also attended Langley High School and graduated in 1981 with Brad's brother Doug. There was a day when we all stood together at school cheering on our own. I pass by the Rock at Langley, and I am happy that they are embracing Brad Rock and cheering him on years later. I am also proud to be a part of a school that is truly a part of its town. Langley and a young girl have reminded us that schools are a cornerstone, part of the path the community follows and that they still symbolize, foundation, unity, tradition and spirit.

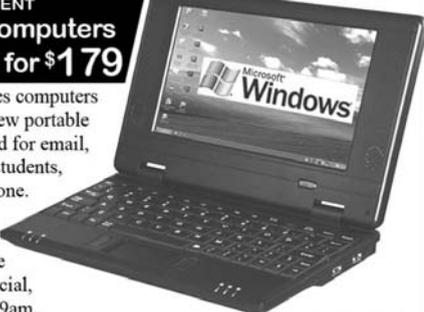
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SPORTS

Saxons to Face Highlanders on Friday

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hits. Meanwhile, the Langley offense got untracked. Pechstein, who began this season on the JV, earned the win.

Two memorable base hits in the win over Marshall were a three-run double off the bat of Artie McGonigal in the third inning that got the Saxons within 9-5, and a seventh-inning grand slam by senior second baseman Connor Greening that extended a 10-9 Saxons' lead to 14-9.

"We've trailed in five of the six games we've won," said Healy. "The kids have done a good job of fighting back."

ONE OF THE STRANGEST scenarios Langley has experienced this season had nothing to do with the opposition. That occurred on March 25 at Madison when, with Langley batting in the top of the sixth inning, a transformer blew and all of the stadium lights went out. The loss of power, which was not weather related, affected the two blocks surrounding the Vienna school.

"It happened around 8:15 or 8:30," said

Healy, whose team was winning, 4-3, at the time of the power outage. "There was a weird explosion sound and these funky green lights. We didn't know if it was [the result] of thunder or the weather. No one knew what to do."

The game, with no lights, was not able to continue that night. It will, however, ultimately be resumed. However, no plans to finish the game had been finalized earlier this week.

The two teams are scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 27 at Langley. There is the possibility that last week's suspended game could be played ahead of that regularly scheduled meeting on the April 27.

Langley spent the first part of April competing in the BATR Up tournament in Myrtle Beach over spring break week. There, the Saxons went 4-1. Two of the wins came over fellow Northern Region rival Annandale High. The latter of those two wins over the Atoms secured third place for Langley.

Langley was scheduled to play district games this week at Stone Bridge on Tuesday, April 13 and at home against visiting McLean this Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

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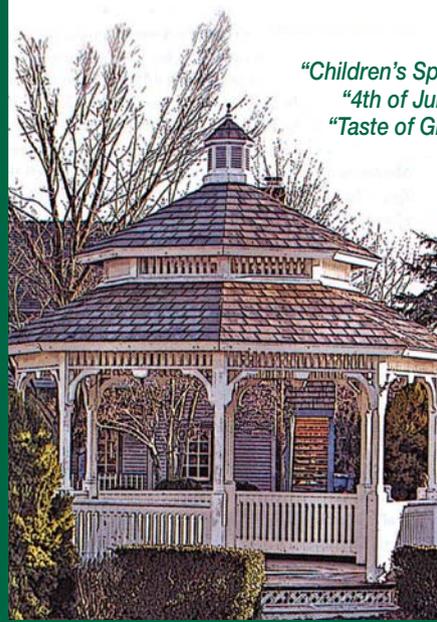
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