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From left, Langley freshman Tim Higgins, his mother Una and Nils Keilhau, the German student who stayed with them, visit Great Falls Park. Twenty-two German students stayed with Langley families for the last month through Langley High School's exchange program. In the summer, Langley students will stay with their new friends in Germany.



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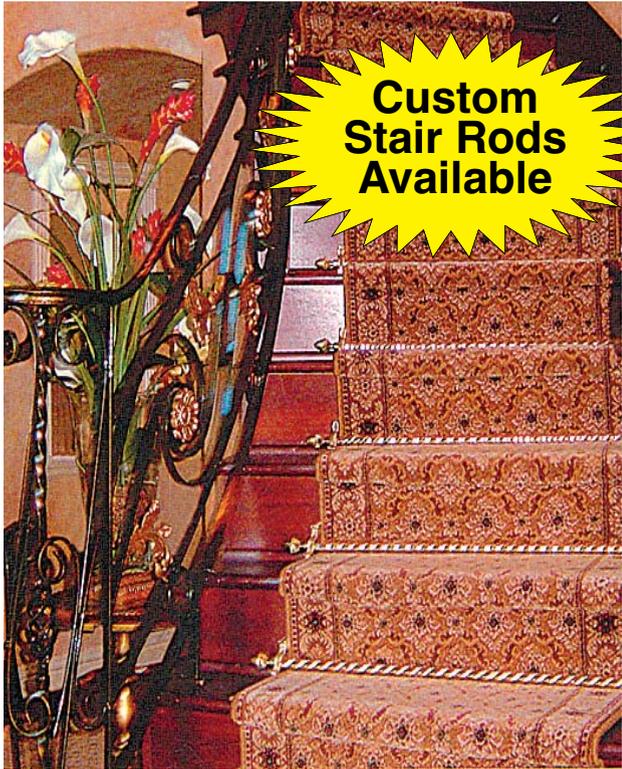
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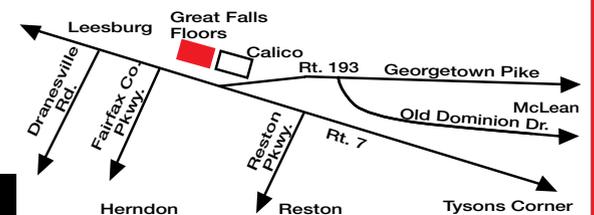
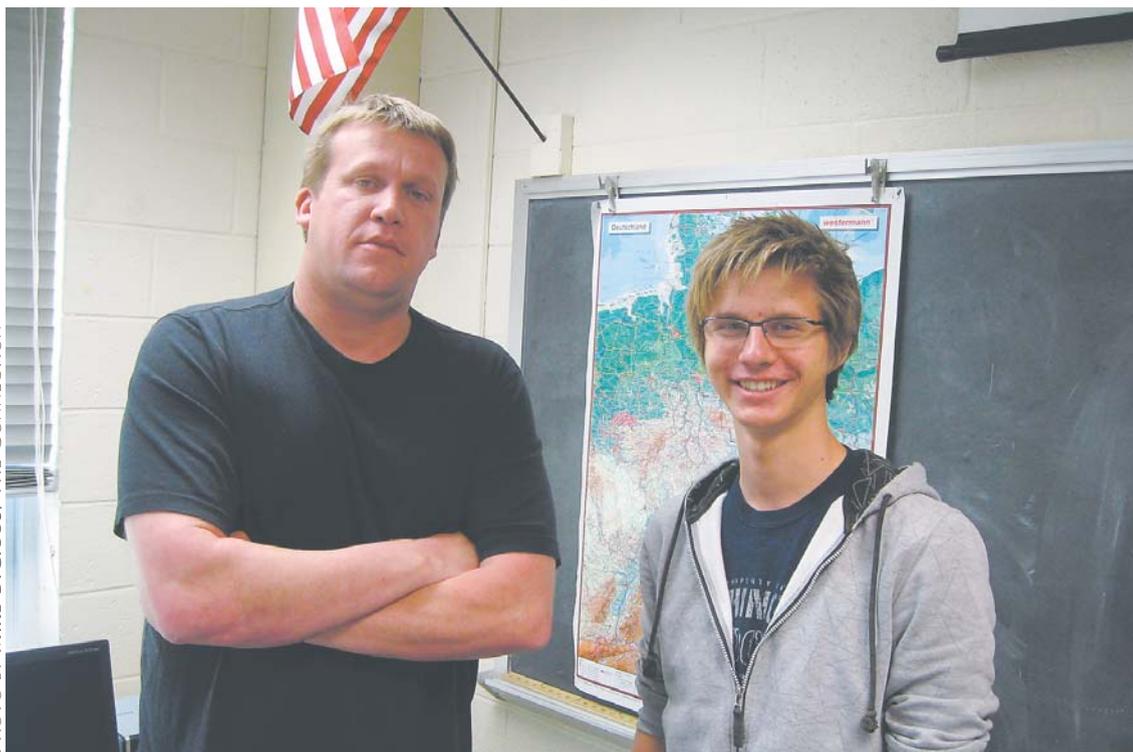


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**Chris Rademacher, German teacher at Langley High School and Cooper Middle School, poses with German exchange student Dominik Janetzko.**

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BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lthough they are from different continents, Langley High School freshman Tim Higgins said he and the German exchange student who stayed with him for the last month found they had a lot in common, including a love of basketball and bands like the Hives, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Offspring. Both of them play several instruments. "I think it makes the whole experience better if you're both into the same kinds of things," Higgins said.

For the last month, 22 German high school students have stayed with Langley families through the school's student exchange program. In the summer, Langley students will spend a month in Germany at the homes of the teens they hosted here.

**"I'm teaching a language. I want them to experience the language."  
— Chris Rademacher**

Higgins said his German teacher, Chris Rademacher, who teaches at both Cooper Middle School and Langley High School, had been telling students about the exchange program since Higgins started taking German last year.

**RADEMACHER** started the program when he began teaching five years ago. "I'm teaching a language. I want them to experience the language," he said, adding that a language class

**German, Langley families trade students through exchange program.**

without a stay in the country that speaks the language was like a chemistry class without a lab. He said his students' German skills improved dramatically during their time abroad. "All the kids really gain from this."

Higgins said the student who stayed with him, a ninth-grader named Nils Keilhau from the city of Wiesbaden, had been learning English since second grade. Nonetheless, he said, "I can see that his English has gotten better since he's been here, and hopefully it'll be the same for me."

Keilhau said his experience of the United States had been about what he expected. "There's much more fast food [than in Germany] and everything is bigger — the cars, the stores, mostly everything." He said Langley students had to wake up too early for school but were able to get away with a little more in class than him and his classmates back home, such as chewing gum, napping and sending text messages.

Dominik Janetzko, an 11th-grader from a town outside Frankfurt, said American teachers and students had friendlier, less formal relationships than their German counterparts, collaborating more and discussing their personal lives. In Germany, he said, "It's like a curtain between the teacher and the students." However, he said the material seemed easier than in his school and students were often studying subjects he had learned a year earlier.

This was Janetzko's second stay with Langley junior Vincent "Gus" Einck and his family. Einck stayed at Janetzko's house last year and will return in the summer.

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**Seventy people showed up for last year's Great Falls Great Strides Run-Walk, in spite of pouring rain.**

## Guests To Tend Bar at the Tavern

**Next week's Guest Bartender Night supplements next month's Great Strides Run-Walk for cystic fibrosis.**



**Rachel Wood, an eighth-grader at Cooper Middle School with cystic fibrosis, inspired her mother, Stacey, to start the Great Falls Great Strides Run-Walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.**

**N**ext Thursday, eight Great Falls residents will work the bar at the Tavern at Great Falls, while the rest of the community will get a chance to help the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by ordering drinks. The eighth annual Guest Bartender Night at the tavern will start Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Each year, Karen Ehrensaal, one of the owners of the tavern, selects eight people from around Great Falls to supplement the bar staff for the evening. "I try to get different people who represent the community in different ways," she said, noting that local business people, community leaders, PTA mothers and the winner of the 2003 Marine Corps Marathon would be among the bartenders.

"People are really happy to do it. I actually have people who offer to do it," Ehrensaal said. She said she chose people who were outgoing and could draw a crowd. "I just call the people that are real firecrackers."

**ALL TIPS** and 10 percent of drink sales for the evening will

go to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation, and each \$10 in tips buys a raffle ticket. Raffle prizes will include gift certificates for businesses like Maison et Jardin, the Nail Salon at Great Falls Shopping Center, Cozy Gift, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Banana Republic, the Cheesecake Factory and others, as well as gift baskets that Ehrensaal put together.

The event is tied to the Great Falls Great Strides 10K Run-Walk, scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Ehrensaal has been organizing Guest Bartender Night ever since her friend, Stacey Wood, started a Great Strides

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**NEWS**



By JULIA O' DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Tysons Corner will need a new grid of streets if it's to transform into an urban community.

# Tysons Requires a New Road Map

Staff calls development of a 'grid of streets' challenging but essential for transformation.

BY JULIA O' DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

"Critical to the success of a new Tysons is a grid of streets," said Jim Zook, director of Fairfax's planning and zoning department.

Neighboring residents, landowners and Fairfax County planning officials have had a hard time agreeing on many details of the plan to transform Tysons Corner from a suburban office park and retail center to a cutting-edge urban community.

They have different opinions on how to expand the area's stock of affordable housing and what type of green building elements should be required for new construction. Above all, they clash over the amount of new development and density Tysons Corner will ultimately be able to absorb after four new Metro stations open in 2013.

Currently, 46 million square feet of development are on the ground in Tysons Corner. The Fairfax County planning department suggested a threshold of 116 million square feet of new building space in Tysons by 2050.

The business community, particularly Tysons Corner landowners who stand to benefit financially from new construction, has called for a far higher density cap than that proposed by the staff. Several local residents, who fear that too much new construction would snarl traffic, want the threshold for new development to remain lower.

But regardless of the amount of new development, residents, landowners and county officials agreed that the new, urban Tysons Corner would require a grid of streets.

CITIES are able to absorb more dense resident and commercial development, in part, because they generally have a street grid in place.

A street grid usually provides drivers with several alternative routes to a signal destination. Whereas suburban street networks, which typically rely on a few major arterials and make more use of cul de sacs, produce far more limited travel options, according to county staff.

"Once you get to the city of Washington, you can filter onto any number of roads because of the grid of streets," said Zook.

Street grids are not only beneficial to automobile traffic but also more pedestrian friendly. The blocks created by a street grid tend to be shorter and create more intersections, which provide more points for walk-

ers to cross the street comfortably, according to county staff.

"Research and experience indicates that in areas with a grid of streets ... people use transit more and make fewer auto trips than their suburban counterparts," wrote county staff in the proposed planning amendment for Tysons Corner.

Some are even hopeful that a new street grid could provide direction for Tysons Corner's overall development in the future.

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— Jim Zook, director of Fairfax's planning and zoning department

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# Challenges Facing Tysons Redevelopment

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“Once a street grid is in place, there would be a framework or skeleton for Tysons Corner to grow and develop,” said Walter Alcorn, the at-large Fairfax County planning commissioner who is chair of the Tysons Corner subcommittee.

**BUT JUST HOW** that street grid will come into fruition in Tysons Corner is not exactly known.

“The proposed grid of streets is critical to the future form and function of Tysons. ... The implementation of arterials and local streets will be extremely challenging,” wrote planning staff.

“That is a real challenge,” said Alcorn of street grid, echoing concerns of the county staff.

Fairfax County cannot find other examples where existing suburban communities have tried to transform their current road network into a grid of streets. Most other large-scale redevelopment projects similar to what is proposed in Tysons have taken place in areas like downtown Denver and Portland, Ore., where an urban road network already exists.

“We have not found another place to model after. Redevelopment usually takes place in a decaying area with a grid of

streets already in place,” said Zook at a meeting with the planning commission last month.

Far from decaying, much of the land and those buildings that stand on it in Tysons Corner turn a profit for their owners. And the fear is that those owners might not be too enthusiastic about tearing down a revenue-generating development to make way

for a new public road needed to form the proposed street grid.

Even landowners with undeveloped property in Tysons Corner generally have higher hopes for their valuable parcels than a new thoroughfare.

“You are not dealing with an empty slate here. You are dealing with 55 landowners or whatever and they need an incentive,” said Clark Tyler, a McLean resident who was head of the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, a county advisory group.

**FAIRFAX PLANNING STAFF** has recommended that the county require Tysons Corner landowners with smaller pieces of property to work with others and create joint development plans for parcels of at

least 20 acres in size.

Under these “consolidated” development plans, the potential profit made off of any one piece of property in a group would be shared by all the landowners. Staff hopes this addresses concerns from certain landowners, who might not want to run a local road through their particular parcel, and individual pieces of property losing a significant portion of their value.

“The main reason we need to coordinate development plans in Tysons Corner is to facilitate the urban street grid. ... because that urban street grid does not exist now,” said Alcorn.

Some Tysons Corner landowners have already pushed back when it comes to consolidations that affect their property and are included in the draft planning amendment.

But Alcorn does not have another strategy for creating a street grid.

“I don’t see how we can avoid requiring consolidation and create a street grid,” said Alcorn.

**EVEN WITH PROPERTY** consolidation as a tool, a street grid will be difficult to

achieve in Tysons Corner.

“A perfect grid of streets is unlikely in Tysons Corner due to the alignment of existing roads and topographical constraints,” wrote staff in the proposal plan amendment for Tysons Corner.

Staff has already had difficulty trying to include an appropriate grid of streets within its 28-acre “demonstration project” for Tysons Corner. The Georgelas Group has collected approximately 28 acres in and around the Tysons Metro West location and, along with county staff, put together a development proposal using the new urban development guidelines to test how well they work in reality.

“By having brought under its control over 28 acres of property surrounding the Tysons Metro West station, the Georgelas Group is in a key position to ensure that key positions for the grid of streets as envisioned for the area get built,” according to the Georgelas website.

But instead of a workable grid, the demonstration project has produced a plan with fragmented streets, awkward triangle intersections and roads that go to nowhere, said county staff and a few planning commissioners.

“There are gaps there. We still don’t really have a grid,” said Fairfax planning commissioner James Hart (At-large.)

**“You are dealing with 55 landowners or whatever and they need an incentive.”**

— Clark Tyler

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## THE COUNTY LINE

# Citizens Sound Off on Schools, Parks and Taxes

## Supervisors listen to residents' advice on Fairfax's budget for next year.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors conducted three days of public hearings on the locality's 2011 budget and spending April 6, 7 and 8. More than 300 people signed up to speak about cuts to county programs and potential tax and fee increases for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The supervisors must close a projected financial shortfall of \$257.2 million in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion general fund next year. They are scheduled to formally adopt the county's 2011 budget on April 27.

To fill the funding gap, Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin proposed raising the real estate property tax rate, though to a level where most homeowners would actually be paying about \$50 less in property taxes than they did last year. Real estate property values in Fairfax continued to fall in 2010, which means that the local real estate property tax rate could be raised without homeowners having to pay higher taxes.

Under Griffin's proposal, the Fairfax County real estate property tax rate would go from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. The supervisors have the option of raising the tax rate as high as \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed value, though any increase over \$1.09 would result in a higher tax bill for the average Fairfax homeowner in 2011.

In addition to raising the tax rate, supervisors will also consider three new annual fees. The Fairfax County board may raise the average citizens sewage bill by \$60, charge a vehicle registration fee that would cost most people \$33 per car, and add a \$2 courthouse fee for people involved in a civil lawsuit.

Griffin has recommended the new fees as an alternative way of closing the county budget gap that would not add to the tax burden of homeowners. The money raised would help pay for services like Fairfax County Public Schools, which accounts for 53 percent of the county's overall budget annually.

But even if the supervisors vote to implement a higher real estate tax rate and the new fees, Fairfax will still have to make many cuts to services like the Fairfax Connector bus, public libraries, community policing and drop-in centers for people with mental illness.

The Fairfax County School Board would also have to consider measures like increasing the county's average public school class size.

The following is what some residents had to say about changes to the Fairfax County

Budget next year:

Former Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn (R-Dranesville) called the Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin's budget recommendations "responsible" when speaking on behalf of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Mendelsohn is chairman of the business organization.

The county executive's proposed hike in real estate property tax rate — from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed property value — was reasonable, according to Mendelsohn.

The chamber also agreed with Griffin's proposal for a slight reduction in Fairfax County Public Schools funding this year, despite the fact that the local school board had asked for an increase in their transfer from the county.

But there was one of Griffin's recommendations — the reinstatement of an annual vehicle registration fee — that the Fairfax chamber does not support. Mendelsohn said a new fee, at \$33 per car and higher for large trucks, would hurt those county businesses that have large fleets.

The chamber might be willing to reconsider its stance on the vehicle fee, if the Fairfax supervisors agreed to dedicate the revenue generated from it entirely to local transportation projects, he said.

Arthur Purves said out-of-control benefit packages for Fairfax County government employees, including teachers, are to blame for a lack of funding for many services.

Purves, a Vienna resident, is a founding member of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance and has been advocating for lower taxes in the county for the past 20 years.

If local real estate property taxes had grown at the same rate as inflation, the average Fairfax homeowner would be paying \$1,500 less annually than they are currently, said Purves.

Taxes have been going up at a faster rate, in part, because Fairfax County is paying for its employees generous retirement packages and health care benefits, Purves said. Over the past 10 years, Fairfax County Public Schools has increased the amount of money it spends on employee benefits by \$1 billion.

"That is why class size has gone up," said Purves.

He added that the county should move away from paying out pensions to retired



**Stuart Mendelsohn, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce chairman and McLean resident**



**Arthur Purves, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance and Vienna resident**

employees and toward 401k plans and other programs regularly used in the private sector.

As head of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, Michelle Menapace is not only concerned about public schools funding but also the support given to other county programs that directly affect students.

Menapace is worried about the proposed reduction to staff and hours at the Fairfax's public library branches.

Menapace was also worried about the proposed elimination of middle school resource officers, uniformed police who are assigned to school buildings full time. These officers are often the best source for solutions on local bullying and gang problems in schools.

In 1977, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board oversaw 90 parks with 140 staff members. Last year, the same park board oversaw 417 parks with 131 staff members.

Fairfax County Park Authority board members said the county is already doing more with less and the proposed cuts to the park system for next year go too far.

"We would like to reconsider the maintenance cuts. These are simply too large a burden to carry," said William Bowie, Fairfax County Park Authority board chairman.

Bowie is particularly concerned about budget cuts that would eliminate seeding and aeration of athletic field, both those at county park and the ones located at elementary and middle school campuses.

He also said the drop in financial support would cause the park authority to close restrooms at many of its facilities, saving the county about \$250,000.

John Niemic, president of the local fire fighters and paramedics union, said his members are prepared to "share their burden" of county budget cuts, given the tough economic situation Fairfax County faces.

The fire fighters and paramedics are willing to forego a pay increase but Niemic said cuts to the department staff proposed by the county executive would result in delayed responses by emergency medical service teams and would impact the Hazardous Materials unit.

"If the HazMat Support Unit is cut from the budget, the department's ability to mitigate a chemical spill or prevent the threat of a weapon of mass destruction will be

hampered considerably," said Niemic.

The union supports implementing a vehicle registration fee and raising the tax rate to its highest allowed value, \$1.12 for every \$100 of assessed property, which would result in a tax increase for the average homeowner in Fairfax. Niemic hopes these actions would help restore some of the positions and staff that the county executive has proposed cutting from Fairfax's budget.

Joan Brady is concerned about a budget proposal to cut a mentoring program for older foster children that she has been working with since 2005.

The program, called Fairfax Families4Kids, facilitates older foster children forming last relationships with adult volunteers.

The adults and foster children, mostly in their teens, meet one to three times per month, most in group settings.

Brady takes pictures of football games, birthday parties and other events for the children enrolled in the program. Those in foster care often don't have photographs to commemorate special events, she said.

A recent study of foster children who "age out" of the system in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa showed that 60 percent of males had been convicted of a crime and approximately 75 percent of women were living on public assistance by the time they reached their mid 20s. Only 6 percent had completed as much as a community college degree.

Brady said these staggering statistics are often because teenagers who "age out" of foster care do not have adults in their lives that they can call for help and ask advice. Fairfax Families4Kids provides that type of relationship for local foster children.

McLean resident Mike Lewis said Fairfax County should engage in more competitive bidding and try to privatize more of its services.

Lewis, who represents the Virginia Waste Industry Association, said his suggestion should apply to more than just trash pick up. For example, the county could also use private contractors for lawn care and many of its driving services.



**John Niemic, president of the Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics and Fairfax resident**



**Joan Brady, Great Falls resident**



**William Bowie, Fairfax County Park Authority board chairman and Reston resident**



**Mike Lewis, Virginia Waste Industry representative and McLean resident**

# NEWS

## Great Falls Resident Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Tom McDonough, a 1966 Malden Catholic Alumnus and Great Falls resident, received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Celebration for Malden Catholic, on Sunday, April 11. McDonough, a Malden native, is the former president of Coventry Health Care, a Fortune 500 Company based in Bethesda, Md. He retired in 2008. Pictured here is McDonough with Headmaster Edward Tyrrell.



## Pedestrian Bridge Opens at Riverbend Park

The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail between Great Falls National Park and Algonkian Regional Park in Loudoun County was officially completed with the opening of a new, 90-foot steel frame bridge over Clarks Branch in Riverbend Park, a Fairfax County Park Authority property. Local officials and Park Authority representatives gathered with community members to cut the ribbon on the new bridge on Saturday, April 17.

Clarks Branch Bridge is six feet wide and will accommodate pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers. Designed by Bowman Consulting Group of Chantilly, and built by Harbor Dredge and Dock of

Richmond, the total project cost was \$426,069. The three-year project included \$30,000 in funding from the National Park Service for initial hydrology and feasibility studies and another \$30,000 for archaeological studies. Funding for design and construction of the bridge was included in citizen approved park bonds in 2006 and 2008.

The bridge is located more than one mile from the nearest paved road in a forest containing globally rare plant associations and an archaeological site rich in Native American artifacts. Due to the sensitivity of the site, great care was taken to protect the area during construction.

### MILITARY NOTES

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

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.



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# OPINION

## On 40th Anniversary of Earth Day...

### ... a Fortunate Potomac River.

BY MICHAEL LIPFORD

**O**n April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans actively participated in a new holiday: Earth Day. Inspired by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the event evolved into an annual celebration of the planet that gives us life.

In Washington, those first Earth Day celebrants assembled around the monuments on the National Mall, within sight of the Potomac River. But the Potomac of 40 years ago was far different from the river we know today.

That river would literally make you sick. Huge toxic algae blooms created such a stench that government officials steered visiting dignitaries away from the river. The algae also caused massive fish kills, and pollution made swimming unthinkable, even on the hottest days.

But those first Earth Day celebrants were part of a rising tide of environmental awareness, and ensuing landmark legislation would improve the health of rivers nationwide. Most notably, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prompted Virginia, Maryland and D.C. to modernize sewage treatment plants and reduce pollution entering the Potomac by 95 percent.

**A CLEAN POTOMAC** benefits us all, especially the more than 80 percent of Washing-



**Michael Lipford, Virginia director of The Nature Conservancy.**

ton-area residents whose drinking water comes from the river. The Potomac also is the second-largest tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, so the cleaner the river, the better our chances of restoring the bay's fish, crabs and oysters.

People also love to fish, boat and hike along the Potomac. In fact, more than 3 million people a year visit Great Falls alone, a place The Nature Conservancy helped protect a decade before the inaugural Earth Day. That year, 1960, also saw the establishment of the Conservancy's Virginia Chapter.

So in addition to observing the 40th Earth Day, the Conservancy throughout 2010 is celebrating the golden anniversary of our conser-

vation work in Virginia. Our earliest milestones, in fact, occurred right here in Northern Virginia. Besides helping spearhead a partnership that led to Great Falls Park, we established our first Virginia preserve in Fauquier County at Wildcat Mountain.

Along the Potomac, the Conservancy owns Fraser Preserve in Fairfax County and, with the National Park Service, co-owns Bear Island and the popular Billy Goat Trail. We continue to work with the Park Service and other partners to protect the entire Potomac Gorge.

**WE STILL HAVE WORK** to do to improve the Potomac's health, but Earth Day presents an opportunity to celebrate how far we've come. Not only have we turned around the health of the river in a generation, but also proven that we can restore our environment. In the shadow of our national monuments, we have achieved the rebirth of a natural monument.

This year, you can celebrate, have fun outdoors and help nature by running or walking in the Conservancy's annual Earth Day 5K in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Sunday, April 17. Hosted by Pacers Events LLC, this "Sprint for Spat" will raise funds to plant 5 million baby oysters (called spat) in the Chesapeake Bay. See [nature.org/earthday5k](http://nature.org/earthday5k).

*Michael Lipford is Virginia director of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the diversity of life on Earth. The organization cares for more than 50 preserves across Virginia and Maryland. On the Web at [nature.org/virginia](http://nature.org/virginia).*

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### THURSDAY/APRIL 22

**Beulah Road Al-Anon Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. [revku@cox.net](mailto:revku@cox.net).

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 24

**T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice.** 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org).

#### MONDAY, APRIL 26

**Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Meeting.** 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. George Braunstein, Executive Director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board on 'Budget Impact on Programming and the New Direction of the CSB-Transformation.' 703-256-2908.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 27

**VTRCC Chamber 2.0/Chamber Networking 2010.** 4:30 p.m. at Teqcorner, 1616 Anderson Road, McLean. How to maximize Chamber membership and build business. 703-281-1333 or [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

#### Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club

**Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and Individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. [www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org](http://www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org)  
**Body & Soul Strength & Flexibility class.** 12 p.m. at McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Exercise led by ACE certified instructor Dana Elsnick. Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 24. Register at 703-847-9814 or [great314dane@yahoo.com](mailto:great314dane@yahoo.com).

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 28

**Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse.** 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A monthly peer support group for survivors and others affected. Free. Confidential. No registration required. 703-538-6128.  
**Tax Relief Workshops for Senior and Disabled Citizens.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Vienna Community Center. Sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), on the County's real estate tax relief and car tax relief programs for citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Qualified taxpayers may also be eligible for rent relief.

**American Heart Association CPR Course.** 7 a.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$40-\$48. Age 15 and up. 703-790-0123.

## Call for Mother's Day Photos

### And Father's Day too ...

**E**very year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

We prefer digital photos in JPEG format; email them to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com), and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com), or mail to Great Falls Connection, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

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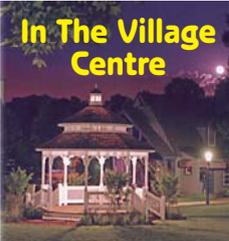
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**In The Village Centre**



**'The Gate,' a photograph by Walt Lawrence, juxtaposes a bright focal point against natural patterns and the lateral textures of a stone fence. It is one of many photographs in the Spring Exhibit shot in Great Falls by photographers who each have unique ways of 'seeing.'**

# Spring Art Exhibit at Great Falls Library

**New show highlights work of 28 Great Falls artists.**

An art exhibition featuring 66 paintings, pottery, photographs, jewelry and other new works by Great Falls artists, opened April 1 and will be displayed through the end of the month at the main conference room of the Great Falls Community Library. Many of the works are celebrations of the season and of the creative process.

The show is sponsored by Great Falls Studios, a network of artists based in Great Falls. The library is at 9830 Georgetown Pike and is open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. The public is invited to a reception in the exhibit room on April 24, from 3-5

p.m. The reception will also celebrate a smaller exhibit of paintings by Great Falls Studios member Gail Pean, whose works will be hanging in a separate exhibition in the library's small conference room starting April 15.

"There are more than 85 artists in Great Falls and about one-third of them have a piece in the exhibit," said Cindy Grisdela, a quilter who is chairman of the Exhibitions Committee of Great Falls Studios. "It's a terrific show that gives you a taste of the variety of work in many media produced in Great Falls."

The event is one in a series of monthly exhibitions at the library made possible by Friends of the Library. Most feature shows by artists from Great Falls Studios. The works on display are for sale, with

10 percent of the sale price going to the Friends of the Library to support library programs.

The Spring Exhibit includes paintings in oil, acrylics and watercolor. You can see portraits, abstract and decorative works, still lifes, wildlife art, and landscapes, among others. Photography focuses on artful local scenes and local wildlife, majestic views from overseas, and landscapes from other parts of the country. Three-dimensional works, such as pottery and jewelry, are on display in cases just outside the library's main meeting room.

To see more visit the group's Web site: [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).



**'Fawn in Burns Creek,' a photograph by Robert Blackwell, typifies the birth and regeneration of the season. Blackwell is one of 85 Great Falls artists and photographers, 28 of which are represented in the Spring Exhibit.**



**'Dogwood Blossoms,' a painting by Frances Vecchi, is a lush and cheerful celebration of spring. It is one of the featured pieces in the Great Falls Studios Spring Exhibit at the Great Falls Community Library.**

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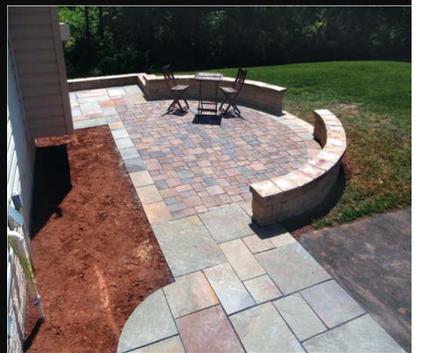
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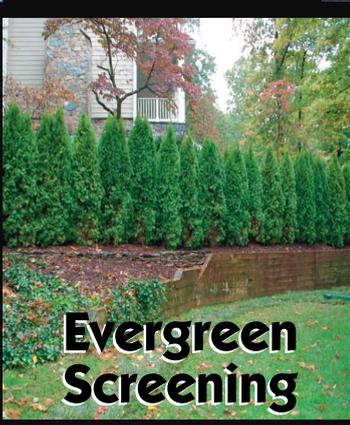
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**Adrian Belew: Painting with Guitar (An Electric One Man Show).** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$30. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).  
**Indie-folk rocker Luke Brindley with The Alternate Routes.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 23

**The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**Jerry's Girls.** 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music by Jerry Herman from 'Hello Dolly,' 'Mame' and more. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-790-9223 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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**The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.** 8 p.m. at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Volunteer Fairfax and more than 500 community members will honor 176 volunteer individuals and organizations. \$35 for individuals or nonprofits, \$50 for corporate guests. Tickets available at [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org). Contact Samantha Watson at [swatson@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:swatson@volunteerfairfax.org) or 703-246-3826.

**Benefit Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Arias and excerpts from 'Oh, My Son,' accompanied by the composer, Marcos Galvany. Proceeds benefit Partner for Surgery, N Street Village and Haitian earthquake victims. 703-356-3346 or [McLeanOpera@hotmail.com](mailto:McLeanOpera@hotmail.com).

**The Benefits of Chocolate.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$75. Supporting the Stroke Comeback Center. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Celebrate National Turn-Off TV Week.** 6 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Game night and a special school performance. [crm2238@bn.com](mailto:crm2238@bn.com).

**Tadpoles, Toads and Frogs.** 6:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Come to a campfire, learn toad and frog calls. Games, activities and s'mores. \$4 per person. Reserve at 703-759-9018.

**Art Appetizers.** 7 p.m. at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Everybody Knows This is Nowhere: A Photographic and Video Installation by Jeremy Drummond and works by Michael Mansfield. 703-790-1953

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Catherine Wu will demonstrate and lecture on techniques for painting on silk. Guests are welcome. 703-790-0123.

**Folk singer/songwriter Lucy Kaplansky.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

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**Jennifer Burke, Maggie Allman and Caroline Kenney perform a routine from the McLean Community Players' 'Jerry's Girls,' at the Alden Theatre in McLean.**

## SATURDAY/APRIL 24

**Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy.** 8 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. \$59.50, available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT.

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**FAZE Electro Dance Party with Menya, Ypsset and Santi.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8-\$21. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**World Tai Chi & Qigong Day.** 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Demonstrations of Taijiquan, Qigong and Yoga. Participate in mini-classes taught by instructors from a variety of schools. Free. [www.worldtaichiday.org](http://www.worldtaichiday.org).

**Blessings and Concerts for Peace.** 4-7 p.m. with Greater Washington D.C. Oneness Community at East Meets West Yoga, 144 Church St., Vienna. A Oneness Blessing for Peace and music by Ahmad and Emiko Nadimi. \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door.

**Artist Peter Max.** 6 p.m. at Wentworth Galleries, Tysons Galleria, 1807 U International Drive, McLean. Portraits of Van Gogh, Picasso, Rembrandt and da Vinci. 703-883-0111.

**Crabgrass Puppet Theatre.** 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A Mexican-American folk tale with rod puppets. For ages 4 and up. \$10-\$14. 703-573-SEAT.

**Folk duo Buskin & Batteau.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**'Musical Comedy Murders of**

**1940.'** 7 p.m. at George C Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Jonh Bishop's comedy set around doomed musical writers at the piano in an old mansion. \$10 adults, \$8, students. 703-714-5409 or [www.theatreatmarshall.org](http://www.theatreatmarshall.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 25

**The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.** 2 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**Jerry's Girls.** 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music by Jerry Herman from 'Hello Dolly,' 'Mame' and more. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-790-9223 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Opera Celebration: Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Michelle Krisel, education director at the Washington National Opera, and a quartet from the WNO Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists program. \$25, under age 18 free. 703-359-5334 or [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com).

**Half Brother and White Noise.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Anais Mitchell and the Hadestown Orchestra with Michael Chorney Sextet.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Choirs.** 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The combined children, youth and adult choirs will perform the Mass of the Children by John Rutter, accompanied by a chamber ensemble of winds, harp, percussion, double and organ, and conducted by Dr. Edward Alan Moore. Free and open to the public. 703-356-7200 or [emoore@lewinsville.org](mailto:emoore@lewinsville.org).

## MONDAY/APRIL 26

**JSSA Workshop: Considering Separation and Divorce.** 6:30 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. Experts will explain the legal, financial and personal issues of separation and divorce. [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Cadillae Sky and Jill Andrews.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 27

**Genealogy Databases.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Use the library's genealogy databases and other free

Internet databases. Age 13 and up. 703-293-6227.  
**DC101's Last Band Standing.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 28

**Toddlin' Twos.** 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Stories and songs. Age 2 with adult. 703-938-0405.

**Bobby Long.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 29

**Fairfax Saxophone Quartet with Amy LaCivita: Beethoven and Beyond.** 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring two Beethoven arrangements by James Francis. Free admission. 703-757-0220 or [www.fairfaxband.org](http://www.fairfaxband.org).

**Tips For a Cure.** 7 p.m. at the Tavern of Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Guest Bartender Night: all guest bartender tips will go to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a genetic disease that affects the respiratory and digestive systems of 30,000 children and young adults in the U.S. [BEhrensaa@aol.com](mailto:BEhrensaa@aol.com).

**U.S. Navy Commodores Jazz Ensemble.** 7:30 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Free. 202-433-2525 or [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil).

**David Knopfler.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Author Kitty Kelley signs Oprah: A Biography.** 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. [crm2238@bn.com](mailto:crm2238@bn.com).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 30

**Jerry's Girls.** 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music by Jerry Herman from 'Hello Dolly,' 'Mame' and more. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-790-9223 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**A Grand Night for Singing.** 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A revue featuring songs from hit Broadway shows. \$14, \$12 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**George Mason University Theater of the First Amendment: 20 Years, Only the Beginning.** 8 p.m. at theSPACE, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Featuring a selection of scenes chosen from the many productions staged by TFA since 1990. Free and non-ticketed, but reservations are recommended. 703-993-2195 or [fta@gmu.edu](mailto:fta@gmu.edu).

**Chotheeth Afrofunk Big Band and Funk Ark.** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).  
**'Guys and Dolls.'** 7 p.m. at Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$5. 703-846-8860 or [GEHazzlin@fcps.edu](mailto:GEHazzlin@fcps.edu).

## SATURDAY/MAY 1

**Jerry's Girls.** 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music by Jerry Herman from 'Hello Dolly,' 'Mame' and more. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-790-9223 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Cello Master Class.** 10 a.m. at Fairfax Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Virginia String Teachers Association, the Fairfax Symphony, Fairfax County Public Schools and The City of Fairfax jointly present a masterclass with cellist and master teacher Julie Albers. \$10, VASTA members \$5. [www.vastaweb.org](http://www.vastaweb.org) or 703-772-5212.



Cast of 'By the Sea' at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls.

## 'By the Sea' at St. Francis Episcopal

"By the Sea," an intergenerational musical for children, youth, and adults was presented recently at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls. The music is by John D. Horman with words by Mary Nelson Keithahn. Melissa Coombs was the director of the production for St. Francis.

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Family (Benjamin, Anna, and daughters), Front, from left, Sophia Kerns, Lindsey Bertin, and Julia Kerns; (Back) Ian Coombs and Emily Nesbitt



Older Girls (cast as servants), from left, Becca Pifer, Beverley Howard, Mia Clark, and Elizabeth Spoehel.



Little Girls (cast as the daughters of Benjamin and Anna), from left, Julia Kerns, Sophia Kerns and Lindsey Bertin.



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Joda Coolidge of Great Falls Optimist Club introduces the participant.

Jackie Ryan, a Cooper Middle School eighth grader, reads her speech.

# Taking On Technology Challenge

## Cooper eighth grader Jackie Ryan participates in Oratorical Contest.

The Great Falls Optimist Club hosted the annual Oratorical Contest on Thursday, April 15, at the Great Falls Library. This competition is available for students under age 16 from all over the area.

With the topic for this year being "Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?" only one brave student from Cooper Middle School was willing to step up to the plate and address this issue. "Cyber communication, to me, has become a problem. Cell phones and laptops are now touch screen. Laptops and iPods are becoming smaller and

smaller. Segways have modernized transportation. Kindles have changed the way books are read. Cars now park themselves, and GPS's talk to us. These are all pieces of modern technology that we base our life around. It seems to us that we can't live without them. But guess what? Many generations of Americans have lived without any variation of these technologies, and they are quite fine," said eighth grader Jackie Ryan said.

The Optimist Club is a national organization whose main goal is to support today's youth. The group in Great Falls raises funds to give scholarships or other support to local students. Ryan received a \$250 scholarship for participating in this year's contest.

"Not only was she the only one this year, but she also participated last year," said Joda Coolidge of Great Falls Optimist Club, commenting on Ryan's performance. "The time and energy she put in this speech is amazing, with all that these kids have on their plates today. I was so impressed. For her to be able to be so articulate about all the different avenues of technology, she did a great job."



Aimee Cho, a ninth grader at Langley High School and last year's winner, stands with this year's participant, Jackie Ryan, an eighth grader at Cooper Middle School.

For more information on the Great Falls Optimist Club, visit <http://www.greatfallsoptimist.org/>

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Owner of Cathy's Corner Cathy Moran works alongside her daughter Molly, 17, as they ring up customers. Cathy's Corners specializes in personalized gifts for any occasion.

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# Three Years Strong

Cathy's Corner celebrates its third anniversary.

BY JENNA PUGRANT  
THE CONNECTION

In February 2007, Great Falls resident Cathy Moran became one of the many local business owners in Great Falls when she opened her personalized gift store Cathy's Corner. As a 20-year resident of Great Falls, she had previously traded in her corporate job and started a small stationary business based out of the former Great Falls store The Silk Purse. After moving her small business around the Village Center a couple of times, she finally opened up her own store nestled in the corner behind The Brogue. Since its opening, Cathy's Corner has become a family business where Moran's daughters often help out around the shop. From the start, Moran has made her business locally oriented by always featuring made by local artisans.

**CATHY'S CORNER'S** opening coincidentally occurred almost simultaneously with the economic downturn. "When I opened the store, the average gift was around \$75," said Moran. "But since then, I've changed the merchandise and the average gift is between \$25 and \$35 to better suit the times." Moran has also modified her business in ways that ensure that people will continue to come back. A recent addition includes an in-house "Wish List" where customers can write down items that interest them so that their family and friends can get what the customer wants. Also, as part of Cathy's Corner shopping experience, customers can have any of their purchased items gift wrapped for no extra



**Cathy's Corner began carrying the popular brand Vera Bradley this past September. Cathy's Corner is open seven days a week, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m.**

charge. "We are also working on getting our Web site up and running," said Moran. On the Web site, www.cathyscornergreatfalls.com, customers can currently purchase various baby items and the merchandise featured on the Web site will continue to grow.

Moran is highlighting two of her items for sale in celebration of her third anniversary, both of which are made by local artists. The first item, made by Dana Johnston from Potomac Falls, is custom made fashionable flip-flops decorated in Swarovski Crystals, ribbons, buttons and decorative trim. The second highlighted merchandise is hand-made sea glass jewelry by Jean Forman. Each piece comes with a story by the artist of where she found the glass used in the jewelry. A large number of the

"I always stop at Cathy's Corner when I need to find a last minute birthday or hostess gift."

Great Falls resident  
Lisa Van Beuren

merchandise in Cathy's Corner is from local artists who wish to promote and sell their work.

Like all other businesses in Great Falls, Cathy's Corner has to deal with the challenges of having a local business in an area with so many other places to compete with. "I sometimes feel that people forget we're here. Some people tend to automatically head down Route 7 when they need to buy a gift for someone and don't think to stop in town," said Moran.

**UNLIKE SOME OTHER** area shops that are similar to Cathy's Corner, Moran's shop is open seven days a week. "I always stop at Cathy's Corner when I need to find a last minute birthday or hostess gift," said Great Falls resident Lisa Van Beuren. "There are gifts for people of any age and I know that I will always receive great customer service when I go there." While Cathy's Corner does advertise in local newspapers and online through its Facebook page, Moran says that the majority of her business comes from referrals from the customers who have visited her store. "I'm always trying to find ways to let Great Falls moms know about the convenient, affordable nature of the store and I have discovered that the best advertisement has been from my customers," said Moran.

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## Dominion Supports Environmental Programs

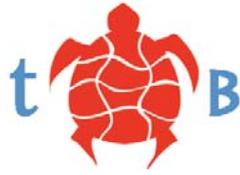
Dominion Resources is contributing \$1.1 million this month to environmental projects, including a \$10,000 grant to build and sell rain barrels, in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. Dominion's grants will be distributed to about 90 different environmental and conservation organizations in 11 states where the company operates during April. The majority of the grants are being made through Dominion's philanthropic arm, the Dominion Foundation. Other funding is being provided through corporate sponsorships.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church and the City of Alexandria, along with Dominion volunteers will team up and use the money to make 300 rain barrels. The barrels will then be sold and the proceeds used to provide educational programs on water conservation and water quality.

Across Virginia, the company is providing \$519,000 to 41 environmental and conservation groups, including Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

For a complete list of all grants please visit: <http://www.dom.com/news/2010/pdf/one-million-env-grants.pdf>.

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## Here's What's Happening at MCC

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**MCC Governing Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 28  
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**Cinco de Mayo Festival**

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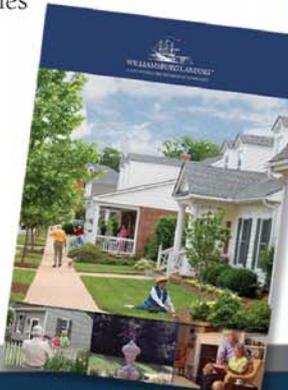


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The volunteers from the Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club in front of the carousel holding the \$500 check they donated to the park.

# Helping Hands at Clemyjontri Park

Clemyjontri Park, “where children of all abilities can play side-by-side,” because it’s also handicapped accessible, had some maintenance done by volunteers from the Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club on Saturday. They spread mulch, laid soil and placed sod around the park to celebrate spring.

Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club is a volunteer based community service group. Saturday was Kiwanas One Day, meaning that Kiwanas Clubs around the world got together to do service. Founded in 1998, the club has done stream cleanups, taught teenagers to be responsible babysitters, and volunteered for various charities in

the area. They also raise money through fundraising to give back to the community. Club President Stacy Bruss said, “I volunteer with Kiwanis because it’s great to help the community, but also to be friends.”

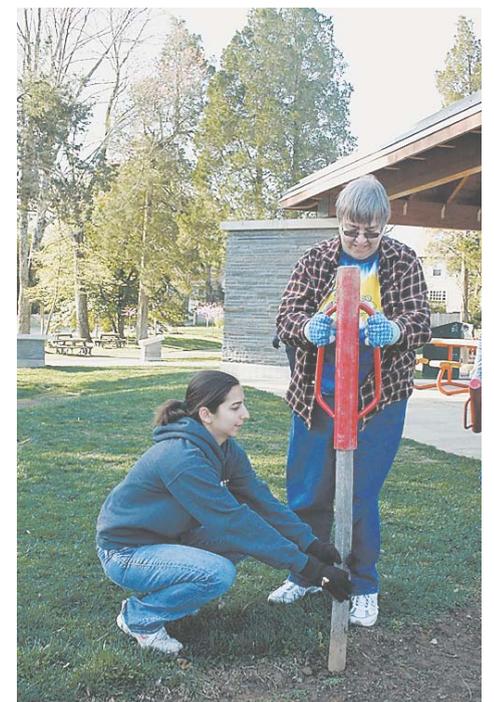
Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club also donated \$500 to the park for the instillation of the Liberty Swing, which will allow children in wheelchairs to be able to enjoy swinging like other children.

For more information of the Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club, visit <http://www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org/>.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



Jessica Gillovis, from Arlington, and Corey Goggin, Falls Church, volunteering for the cause.



Mitra Irdmusa, Fairfax, and Mariann Gabor, Reston, hammering in a stake

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**OBITUARY**  
**Emil Frank Mostek**



Emil Frank Mostek was born in New York City, New York, on February 12, 1915 to Frank and Marie Mostek. Emigrates from Czechoslovakia, they married in New York City where they also had a daughter, Lillian.

Emil died on April 9, 2010 at the age of 95 in The Woodlands, Texas. Emil attended elementary school through Fordham College in New York City. He then attended Georgetown University and graduated as a Doctor in Dental Surgery in June 1941. Emil started his practice in Arlington, Virginia until the World War II started in December. Emil served as a Naval dentist with the rank of Lieutenant. He was in many campaigns throughout the war and stationed in China until 1946. After his military tour, he returned to Arlington, Virginia and restarted his dental practice.

Emil married Cora Norton in May 1958. They lived in Fairfax and Arlington, Virginia until retiring in 1988 to Boca Raton Florida then, Stuart, Florida. He was a lifetime member of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library and president of the Men's Bridge Club at The Forum in The Woodlands.

He is survived by four step sons and their wives, Harold and Kay Norton, Tucson, AZ; Bruce and Marie Norton, College Station, TX; David and Concetta Norton, The Woodlands, TX; and, Colburn and Susan Norton, Plano, TX. Eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren also survive him.

He will be buried in Offerle, Kansas next to his wife, Cora Mostek. Donations can be made to South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, 2101 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380 or Odyssey Health Care of Conroe, 100 I 45 North Suite 300, Box 103, Conroe, TX 77301

**21 Announcements**

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## NEWS

# Bartending for a Cause

FROM PAGE 3

walk in Great Falls. "We wanted to figure out another avenue for promoting awareness of the walk and the disease," she said.

Wood, whose daughter Rachel, an eighth-grader at Cooper Middle School, has cystic fibrosis, said she started participating in the Great Strides walk in Centreville when she moved to the area more than 10 years ago. "After a couple of years, we figured, 'Why are we going all the way out to Centreville when we could have a walk right here in Great Falls?'" she said.

Great Strides walks, which will be take place across the country next month, comprise the largest fund raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which works to support the development of ways to control and cure the disease and improve the quality of life for those who have it. Cystic fibrosis affects the lungs and digestive system, making it difficult for the body to break down food and often leading to life-threatening lung infections. In the 1950s, few children with the disease lived to elementary school age. Now, almost half the patient population is 18 or older.

Wood said her daughter had fared relatively well with the illness. "When she was first diagnosed, they told us she would prob-

ably spend two weeks a year in the hospital, and she hasn't been back since," she said, adding that Rachel battled the disease by staying active, playing on traveling soccer and basketball teams.

**THIS YEAR**, Wood said, she hopes to raise about \$20,000 between the run-walk, Guest Bartender Night and a brunch that kicked off the fund raising last month. The brunch took in about \$13,000, and Ehrensaal said last year's Guest Bartender Night had raised more than \$4,000. Wood said turnout for the walk varied from year to year. "Last year, we ended up with 70 people even though it was absolutely, torrentially raining," she said. There is no minimal fee for registration.

"When you're a parent of a child with a disease, you kind of just forge ahead," Wood said. "We hope for a good turnout, but any turnout is better than none."

Guest Bartender Night will run until at least 10:30 p.m., with two guest bartenders at a time working one-hour shifts. Ehrensaal said similar events often feature celebrity bartenders, "but this works for us, having local community leaders and business people, because we're so hometown. People come out to support it."

— MIKE DiCICCO

# Volcano Delays Return Home

FROM PAGE 3

"It's nice to get to know the everyday life of people in countries abroad from Germany," Janetzko said. He said he had found Americans to be more open and friendly than his countrymen. "People in Germany are not unfriendly," he said. "They're just not that open to complete strangers."

He said his host family's home life was similar to his own family, with the teens spending much of their time after school on homework, watching television and surfing the Web. He said Boy Scouts seemed to be an especially widespread activity. "We have a kind of Boy Scouts too, but it's something that is not that popular," he said. Instead, he said, German students spend more time partying.

During his stay this year, Janetzko said, he did more tourist activities than last year, visiting New York City and the National Mall and spending spring break in Florida.

Higgins said he and Keilhau had also visited the monuments on the mall, as well as the Museum of American History, Dave and Buster's and a Nationals game. They had also gone shopping. "The one thing he wanted to get was an iPod because, with the exchange rate, it's cheaper here," Higgins said.

Janetzko said he hoped to return to the United States again, and he said he would recommend the exchange program to anyone. "People should do it. They should gain experience abroad. It doesn't matter where it is," he said.

"We have a lot of people repeat [the pro-

gram], and that just speaks for itself," Rademacher said. He said Langley families not only met German families through the program but also got to know each other better as they arranged activities for their exchange students. "Everybody gets to know each other a little bit better than your average class," he said.

**"I can see that his English has gotten better since he's been here, and hopefully it'll be the same for me."**

— Tim Higgins

**THE GERMAN STUDENTS** were scheduled to return home last Thursday, April 15, but that was the first day that flights in and out of Europe were grounded due to ash from Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Their flight was rescheduled for Monday, April 19 but has been delayed again until next Tuesday.

Higgins' mother, Una, said about 20 other German students were traveling to Dulles Airport from Texas, Ohio and Kansas when the volcano first erupted and now are also staying with Langley High School families. She said Keilhau didn't seem to mind missing a week of school.

# SCHOOLS

## Hoops for Haiti at McLean High

McLean pyramid schools play in charity tournament.

Five schools within the McLean pyramid gathered Friday night at McLean High School to raise money for Haiti. The five schools involved were Chesterbrook, Haycock and Timberlane Elementary, Longfellow Middle and McLean High School.

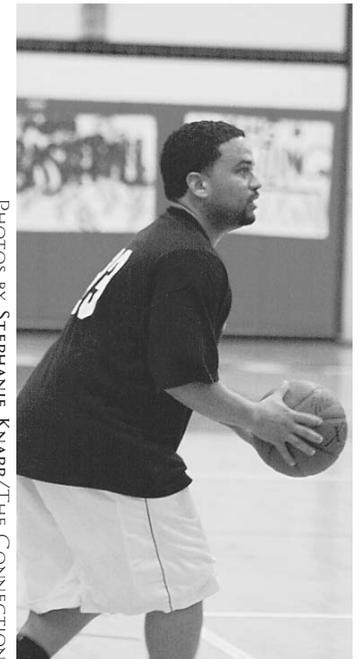
Teachers from each of these schools took the court in a fund-raising tournament. All proceeds from the event went to two nonprofit organizations, Project Hope and Shelter Box, which use the funds to help victims in Haiti.

A championship game was played between the Longfellow Middle and the team comprising Haycock Elementary, Timberlane Elementary and McLean High teachers, which won the tournament.

Students from the participating schools came out to support their teachers, but Chesterbrook Elementary had the most support. Students were also involved in the basketball that evening. In between games they took turns shooting foul shots and playing with some of their teachers.



Chesterbrook Elementary School students support their teachers.



Eric Stokes, teacher at Longfellow Middle School, about to take a shot.

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**The Women's Spirit Circle** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, presents Feminine Spiritual Heritages of Crete, Greece and the Aegean by Max Dashu, founder of the Suppressed Histories Archives. Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Dashu has built a collection of over 14,000 slides and 100 shows on global women's history, archaeology, Goddess traditions, priestesses and shamans. Visit [www.suppressedhistories.net](http://www.suppressedhistories.net).

Learn about God's principles for financial lives at the Financial Stewardship Summit at **Shiloh Baptist Church**, 8310 Turning Leaf Lane in McLean, every Wednesday April 21-May 19 at 6:30 p.m. [www.shilohbcva.net](http://www.shilohbcva.net).

**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 Williams 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

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# SPORTS

## Amato's Saxons — Playing the Game with Rigor

**Spirited Langley boys' coach has seen his squad win first six games.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**C**oach Bo Amato has no room on Langley High boys' soccer team for individual grandstanding or selfish play. It is all about the "team" in Amato's perspective. With that in mind, it is safe to say that the renowned soccer lifer, whose roots in the game come from his native England, loves what he has in this year's Saxons.

"Our teams the past two years didn't have enough heart," said Amato, rarely afraid to speak his mind. "When it required a certain amount of effort, it wasn't there. [This year] I don't have any egos on my team. We're pretty deep [depth wise] — not deep with superstars, but with athletes and kids who can play decent soccer. It's a pretty good group of kids who play well and get along. At the end of the day, you always need your teammates."

Langley, which has qualified for the 16-team Northern Region playoffs each of the past two years under Amato, has played terrific soccer this spring. The 6-0 Saxons are looking to continue to improve over the latter half of the season in hopes of ultimately going deep into postseason play at both the Liberty District and regional tournaments.



**Langley boys' soccer coach Bo Amato**

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**Langley boys' soccer coach Bo Amato**

The Saxons have had good squads the last two years but saw their seasons end with first-round region playoff losses to T.C. Williams two years ago and Robinson last spring.

Langley is working and building for better late season success this year.

"It would be real sad for this team not to get to regionals," said Amato. "Once there we have as good a chance as anyone to [ultimately] win a state title."

If Langley continues to play defense the way it has over the first six games, anything is possible in regard to future playoff success. The Saxons earned their fourth consecutive shut-

out win last Friday night, April 16 with a 2-0 triumph over non-district host Chantilly. Langley, in the win, got goals from junior midfielder Dylan Price (6 goals for the season) and senior midfielder Roshan Patel.

In its previous three games before playing the Chargers, Langley won games in shutout fashion at Lee, 3-0, on March 25, at Madison, 3-0, on April 8, and at home versus visiting Fairfax, 5-0, on April 12. Jan Gundersen, a senior forward, scored two goals in the win over Fairfax.

To start the spring season, the Saxons had won home games over both Stuart on March 19 and South Lakes on March 23, both by 3-1 scores.

So Langley, which was scheduled to play games this week against visiting Hayfield on Tuesday, April 20 and at Marshall on Thursday, April 22, had allowed just the two goals over its first six games.

"Everybody's working hard on defense," said Amato. "I raise my hat to the work ethic and desire to do well. Even with the substitutes, the boys desire to do well."

Amato is pleased with the goalie play the Saxons have received from both Jay Lupas, a 6-foot-4 inch junior, and Ray Walls, a senior.

"I'm very happy with both," said Amato. "We're very fortunate. I think they're both outstanding. One has something over the other."

Then, with a chuckle, the coach said, "If you combined the two you might not give up a goal all year."

**AMATO**, who serves as technical director of the Annandale Boys and Girls Club soccer program and also coaches the boys' under-16 Annandale United (reigning Virginia Cup champion), credited Langley's solid, timely passing with being one key to the team's offensive scoring prowess (19 goals going into this week).

"The kids are buying into passing the ball at the right point of the field," said Amato. "Most of my starting players play on travel soccer teams."

Langley is led by tri-captains Roshan Patel, Dylan Price and junior midfielder Farhan Khan. "I think they've been exceptional," said Amato, of the three leaders.

Amato said he has been fortunate to have an outstanding assistant coach — Rahul Chaudhry — by his side.

"He really loves it," said Amato, of his right hand man. "He's a good guy, level headed and very successful."

Chaudhry's son, also named Rahul, played under Amato at Langley and is now a member of the James Madison University men's soccer team.

Amato said one of the fascinating aspects of soccer is that there is no guarantee the best team will leave the field victorious.

"The game of football is probably the only game where you can be the best team and still not win," he said. "You can shoot all day long and still not score."

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS



PHOTO COURTESY LANGLEY LACROSSE

**The Langley High girls' lacrosse team, 6-2 after beating Jefferson last week, will play district home games against Woodson (Wednesday) and South Lakes (Friday) this week.**

**Both Margo Swomley and Elspeth McGarry** scored five goals apiece to lead the Langley High girls' lacrosse team to a 15-5 Liberty District road win at Jefferson on April 15. Swomley, a sophomore, converted all five of her shots on the night. McGarry, a senior, added three assists to her big goal scoring outing.

Megan Link, Langley's senior goal keeper, played an excellent first half as the Saxons built an 8-1 lead.

Jefferson, conceding nothing, came out with renewed vigor in the second half and crept within 10-5 at one point. But the Saxons, following a time out, regained their composure and control of the match with another stellar performance from junior Torrie Zarella (one goal, one assist), who won five draw controls. Helping to solidify the Saxons' victory cause were sophomores Ellie Glasgow and Kelly Martins, each with a goal and an assist. Senior Jill Canning (one goal) and Olivia Sisson (one assist) played fine games, using their speed to cause turnovers and generally keep the Colonials off balance most of the night.

The Saxons (6-2), who are ranked in the top 10 of the 120 Virginia schools recorded in laxpower.com, will face a stiff test this Wednesday, April 21, when they host arch rival Woodson.

"These two teams have a healthy respect for each other," said Langley coach Richard DeSomma, of the friendly rivalry between the Saxons and Cavaliers. "Both coaches know that their schools represent some of the finest high school lacrosse in Virginia. I think both teams are looking forward to the challenge."



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERNUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**The Langley High baseball team was 6-5 going into this week's play. The Saxons are coming off a tough 10-0 loss at non-region opponent Loudoun Valley last Saturday afternoon. Here, junior outfielder Jeffrey Solomon swings away in the game versus the Vikings. Langley is scheduled to play at South Lakes this Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m.**

# SCHOOLS



Colvin Run Elementary School students Azita Peters, Alex Hollis and Max Hollis participated in fund raising for Haiti earthquake victims.

## Colvin Run Students Raise Funds for Haiti

Students at Colvin Run Elementary School recently organized a fund raiser for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The students approached Principal Steve Hockett and proposed that, rather than just asking their parents and other adults to donate the money,

they would take on the responsibility of raising the funds. The idea was enthusiastically embraced by the children, some of whom donated their allowances. Others performed extra chores to earn money for the fund drive. Other students took an entrepreneurial approach

by, for example, setting up a lemonade stand in their neighborhood. Through their collective efforts and hard work, the children of Colvin Run raised more than \$3,000, which will be donated to Save the Children along with matching funds from corporate donations.

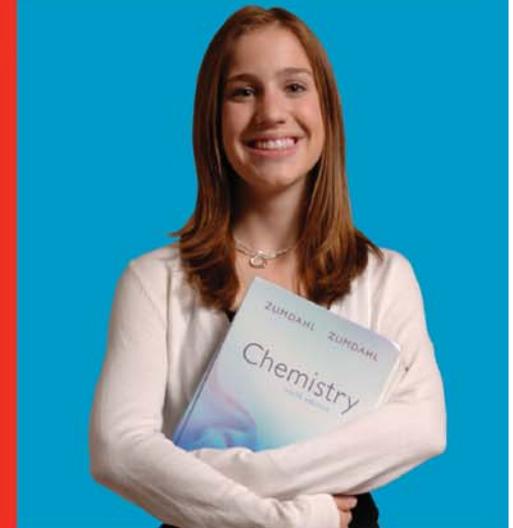
## The Blizzard of 2010

BY LAUREN LATEEF

It snowed and it snowed,  
until everything was white.  
It snowed and it snowed,  
until electricity and telephone lines went out.  
It snowed and it snowed,  
until trees came crashing, blocking roads.  
It snowed and it snowed,  
until shovels bent, and roofs had mighty loads.  
It snowed and it snowed,  
until my house grew cold, dark, and gloomy.  
It snowed and it snowed,  
until everyone was freezing and acting kind of loony!  
My family finally said, "Enough is enough!"  
So we made a path to the barn to gather dry wood.  
We lit candles, built up a fire, and gathered food and stuff.  
Soon the room was toasty and golden, we had done all that we could.  
Off came the mittens, the extra layers, and the frowns,  
Out came the marshmallows, the chocolates, and the s'mores.  
We were laughing, and dancing, and happy as clowns.  
Memories of the Blizzard of 2010 would not just be about the outdoors!  
It snowed and it snowed, I will remember,  
until we all had a great time!

*Lauren LaTeef, 10, is a 5th grader at Great Falls Elementary School.*

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