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Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Tree Commissioner Bob Vickers pose near the state's largest European larch, located on the Potomac School campus. Vickers led a tour of state champion trees last Friday, April 23 in preparation for Arbor Day and to draw attention to the Remarkable Tree program.

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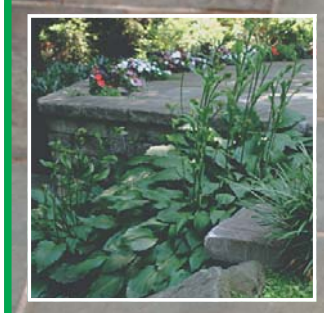

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Pictured from left are: Churchill Road students Patrick Mullery, Zach Yazdani (Row 1); Grace Chambers, Minh Pham, Rachel Granovsky, Alexandra DuBois (Row 2); Churchill Road art teacher and Scrabble Club sponsor Jen Whiteman, surrounded by CRS alumni Billie Males and Kirk Knutsen (Row 3).

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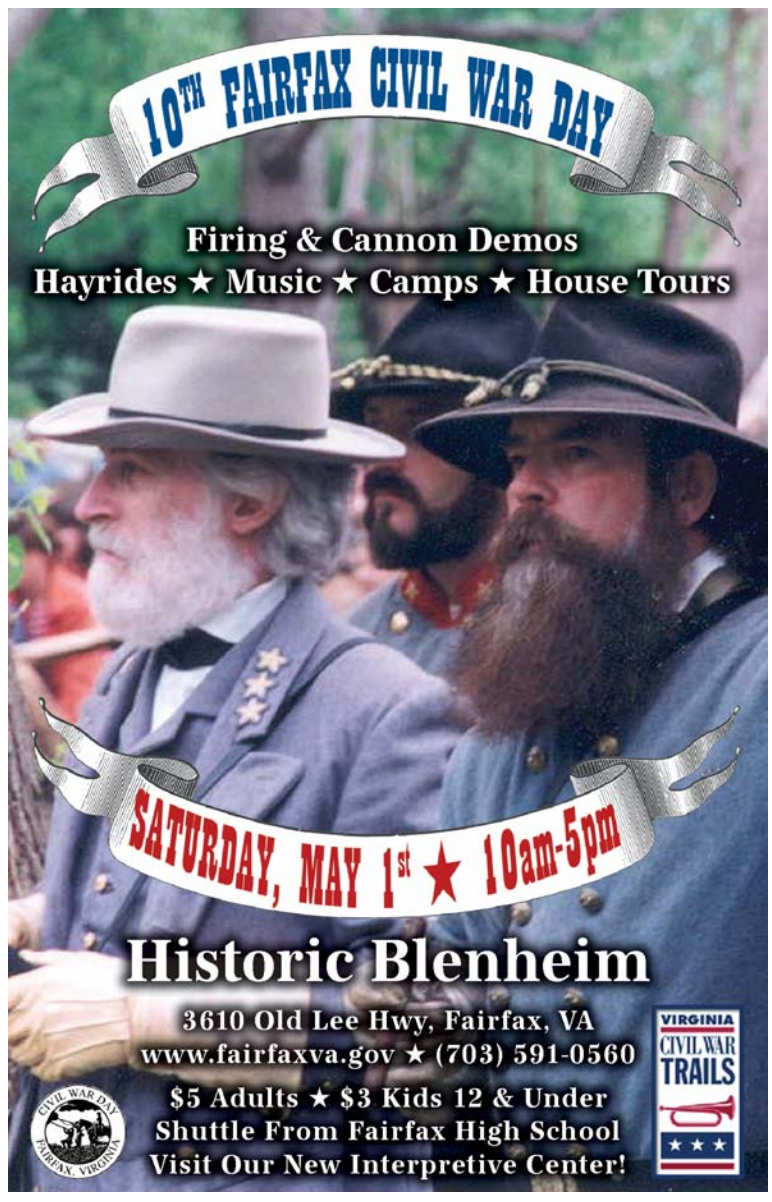
Churchill Road Students Participate in National Competition

For the second year running, Churchill Road Elementary School was represented at the National School Scrabble Championship. This year, the school sent four teams of students to Orlando, Fla. the weekend of April 10-11. The teams placed 30th (Billie Males and Kirk Knutsen), 60th (Alexandra DuBois and Minh Pham), 63rd (Zach Yazdani and Patrick Mullery) and 65th (Rachel Granovsky and Grace Chambers) out of a field of 96. The Scrabble Club and team members were coached by Jen Whiteman, CRS art teacher. For more information on the tournament, go to http://school.scrabble-assoc.com/main.asp?id=1.



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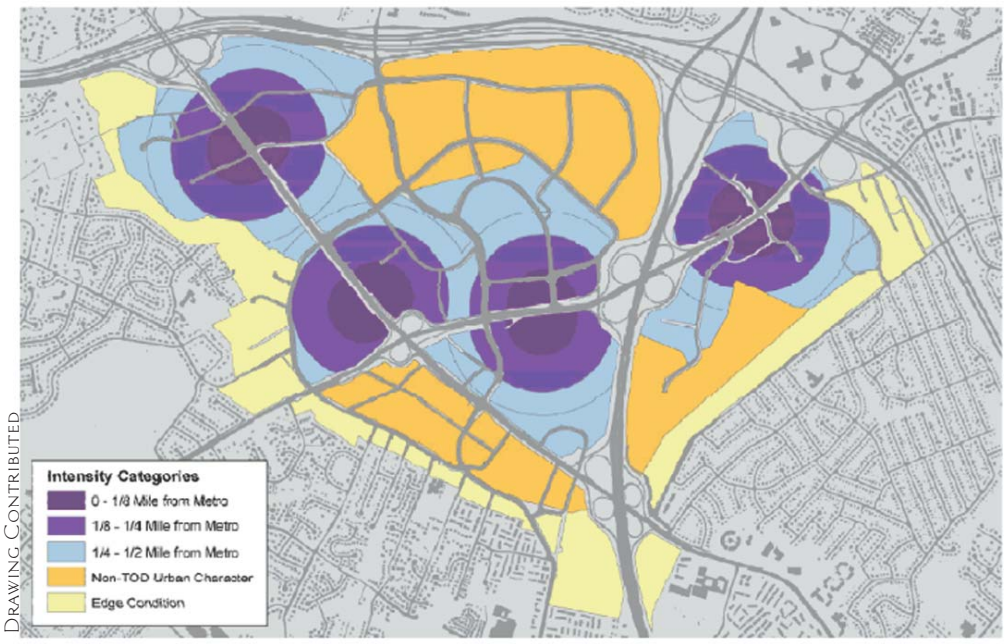

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Last week, the Planning Commission held a well-attended public hearing on the redevelopment of Tysons Corner, which is to orient high-density redevelopment around the future Metro stops.

Too Much Density or Too Many Disincentives?

Planning Commission hears debate on redevelopment of Tysons Corner at last week's public hearing.

By Mike DiCicco
The Connection

Ted Alexander of the Greater Tysons Citizens Association told the county Planning Commission that his group supported a recent proposal by Commissioner Walter Alcorn (at large) to reduce the planning horizon for Tysons Corner to 20 years out. "It seems pointless to go much farther ahead of that date of 2030 because of the saturation," he said.

The proposal would allow Tysons Corner to grow from the 46 million square feet of development already there to 84 million square feet, at which point, officials expect the transportation infrastructure to reach gridlock in the absence of significant new transportation options.

Alexander said he would hate to see the county lose its leverage with developers by approving all of the area's future density early on. He said his citizen group was also concerned about parks and wanted space allocated early in the process for the 12 to 20 ball fields county staff had recommended, so that the fields did not end up somewhere else in the county. And, he added, "We want to make sure [infrastructure] is primarily funded by those who will benefit the most from this plan, and that is the landowners."

However, Martin Walsh of the law firm Walsh Colucci, which represents a number of Tysons Corner landowners, said he thought the plan, as it stood, had too few incentives for developers and too many disincentives. "The disincentives do not exist elsewhere in Fairfax County," he said. The most significant among these, he said, was language asking for consolidated parcels of at least 20 acres for redevelopment, which county staff suggested in order to ensure the completion of a road grid and other goals of the plan. "We believe it will inhibit the fulfillment of the vision for Tysons," Walsh said, adding that he didn't think the requirement would help the development of a street grid.

OTHER DISINCENTIVES he cited as unique to the proposed Tysons Corner plan included counting cellar space as part of a development's floor area, which could reduce its allowable size, making developers pay for most public improvements, and requiring the replacement of all existing affordable dwelling units and a level of 20 percent affordable housing in residential developments, as opposed to the countywide policy requiring 12 percent affordable housing.

Meeting the affordable housing requirement would result in a 20 percent bonus in density, according to the proposal.

Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence said 20-acre parcels would be a goal, not a requirement. "You can get there with less than 20 acres," he said.

About 50 people testified at the commission's public hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance amendments for the redevelopment of Tysons Corner last Wednesday, April 21. Speakers represented a variety of interests, from citizens concerned about traffic and landowners urging that the plan be financially viable to sports, arts, environmental and bicycle groups.

Matt Ladd of the Department of Planning and Zoning laid out some of the specifics of the plan. County staff had previously recommended Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification for all redevelopment, but in recognition of difficulties in achieving that level for residential buildings staff was now suggesting that residential

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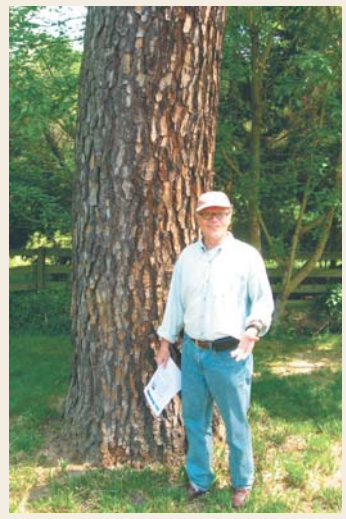

Bob Vickers stands at the base of the state's largest pitch pine, located in a yard off Georgetown Pike in McLean.

From left, Potomac School sustainability coordinator Bern Hoffman, sixth- and seventh-grade science teacher Mary Cahill and environmental studies coordinator Albert Pingree pose with a holly tree on their campus.

Photos by Mike DiCicco/The Connection

Touring McLean's 'Remarkable Trees'

Tree Commissioner takes supervisor, author on tour to draw attention to tree program.

By Mike DiCicco
The Connection

Dranesville District Tree Commissioner Bob Vickers was taking Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and "Remarkable Trees of Virginia" author Jeff Kirwan on a tour of state champion trees in McLean when he spotted a huge black gum tree on the campus of the Potomac School. "This could be the new state champion," Vickers said as he marveled at the tree's sprawling, knotted branches.

"This is a 'wow' tree," Kirwan agreed. A relatively small, slow-growing species, he speculated that the tree must have been much older than the 108-year-old school.

They set about measuring it on the spot.

Standing about 85 feet tall and with a trunk more than 14 feet around and branches that spanned about 110 feet, the tree turned out to be the second-largest black gum on record in Virginia, beat out by a tree at the Grange in Great Falls, and it would be added to the database on Kirwan's Virginia Big Tree Program Web site, which he runs from Virginia Tech, where he is a professor in the Department of Forestry.

The Potomac School already had the state's largest and second-largest recorded specimens of the European larch, a rare example of a deciduous conifer, meaning it's a pine tree that loses its needles in the winter. The larches, as well as a number of other exotic trees, were planted by a former headmaster who was interested in trees, Vickers said.

THE TOUR last Friday afternoon, April 23, was part of an effort to draw attention to the Remarkable Tree program, which is new to the county. Vickers said the program noted trees of four different categories: large trees, historic trees, memorial trees and favorite trees. "The whole idea is to get people to appreciate, preserve and protect trees in general," he said. While Arlington has a stock of big trees because it has long been built out and was developed at a time before builders raised all the trees from tracts of land before developing them, Vickers said, Fairfax County was still under the threat of losing canopy.

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Week in McLean

Three Arrested in DWI Patrol

Fairfax County Police officers conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the McLean District, to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Friday, April 23 from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. Saturday. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 82 motorists were stopped. Three arrests were made for DWI. Fifty summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

Eight officers participated in the operation.

Wolf's Website Wins Award

A non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting a more effective Congress has once again recognized U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) for having one of the best websites in Congress.

Wolf's site [wolf.house.gov] was one of the 135 websites commended by Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) in its 111th Congress Gold Mouse Project. Wolf's site received the "Silver Mouse" Award. In the 110th Congress, Wolf's site received the "Bronze Mouse" Award.

Del. Comstock Appointed to Jobs Creation Commission

Gov. Bob McDonnell announced that Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will be among the members of his Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, created by Executive Order Number One, which he signed after he took the Oath of Office this past January.

Comstock was named to the commission consisting of business leaders, entrepreneurs and state and community leaders throughout the Commonwealth. "During this past legislation session, job creation was our first priority and it continues to be so," said Comstock. "I look forward to working with the Commission to provide solutions that will keep us a Commonwealth of Opportunity for all."

MCC Board Meets April 28

The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Center. All meetings of the Governing Board are open to the public. MCC is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

Members of the public who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the agenda. For more information on the Center's programs visit: www.mcleancenter.org

Salon Daniel Hosts Open House

Salon Daniel of McLean is hosting its first open house on Thursday, April 29. from 6-9 p.m. featuring hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, hair demonstration techniques like the Brazilian Hair Straightening Treatment and hosting a Mother's Day gift basket raffle with 100 percent of all raffle ticket proceeds to be donated to Washington, D.C.-based, Zambia Orphans of Aids (ZOA), an organization committed to fund income-generating activities, provide skills training, and tend to the nutritional, educational and medical needs of the Zambian children, orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Open house visitors can purchase a raffle ticket for $5 and enter to win a Mother's Day gift basket filled with Salon Daniel products valued at $200, while the $5 is directly donated to Zambia Orphans of Aids (ZOA).

For more information about Salon Daniel's open house, call 703-893-05000.

Farmers Market Opens on May 7

The McLean Farmers' Market is opening earlier than usual this

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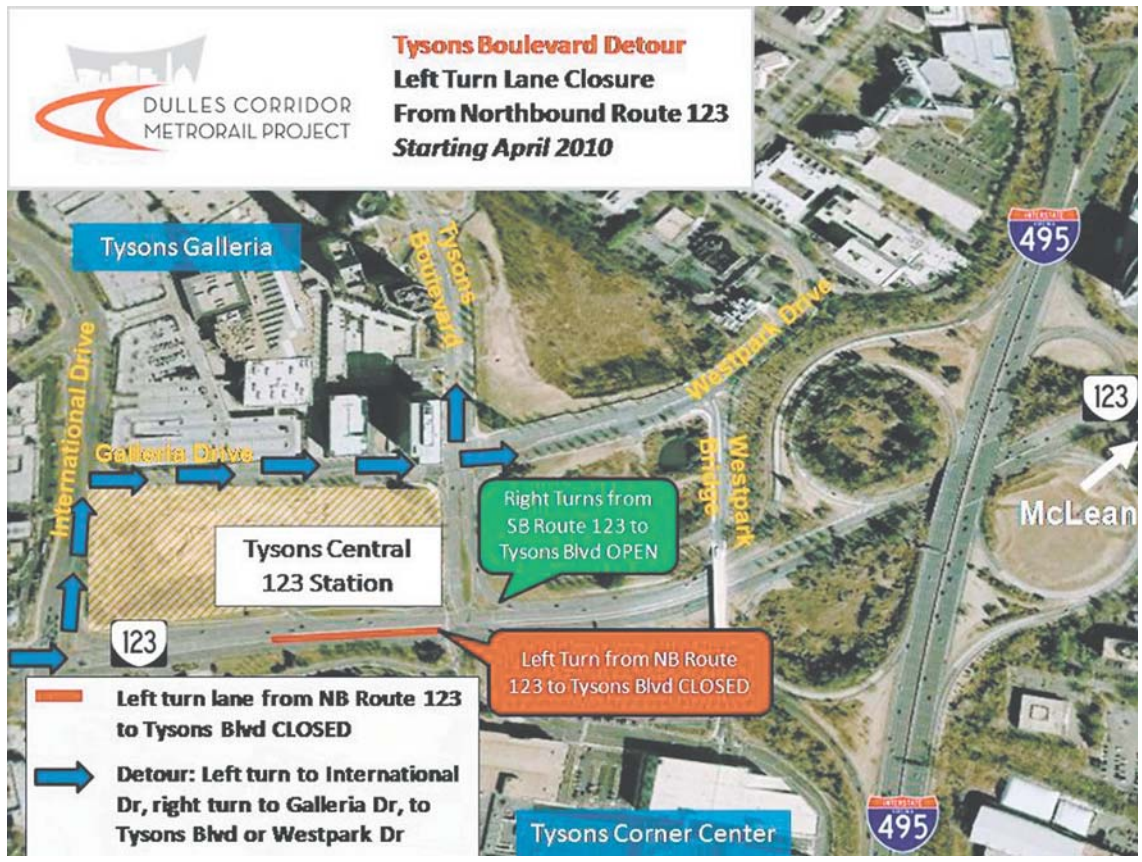

New Traffic Pattern at Tysons

Two-month detour from Northbound Route 123 to Tysons Boulevard to start April 30.

Beginning overnight Friday, April 30, the left-turn lane from northbound Route 123 to westbound Tysons Boulevard will be closed for approximately two months as Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews will be starting construction of caissons and piers to support the foundation of the Tysons Central 123 Station. The station is being built on the southwest corner of the Route 123 and Tysons Boulevard intersection, across from Tysons Corner Center.

Traffic will be detoured on to International Drive, a block before the Tysons Boulevard intersection, to a right on Galleria Drive. Drivers can then turn left on Tysons Boulevard or proceed straight. Drivers seeking access to Tysons Galleria from northbound Route 123 should stay on International Drive or use Tysons Boulevard. Drivers seeking to access Westpark Drive and the Westpark Bridge to Tysons Corner Center should continue on Galleria Drive which becomes Westpark Drive. (See map.)

Southbound traffic along Route 123 will still be able to make right turns on to Tysons Boulevard using a modified turn lane.

This detour is immediately adjacent to the project's construction headquarters where there is a high volume of truck, equipment and auto traffic. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution in this area.

All work will be done weather permitting. This work was previously scheduled to begin April 9.

Obituary

Fred Oliver Bailey Jr., 78, Dies

Fred Oliver Bailey Jr., of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and formerly of Falls Church and McLean for almost 50 years, died peacefully at his home on Monday, April 12. He was born on July 10, 1931 and was married to Marilyn Houchin Bailey. In addition to his wife of nearly 56 years, Fred Bailey leaves behind his daughter Lissa Bailey Hornstrom and his granddaughter Meghan Leigh Hornstrom of Tampa, Fla. Karen Leigh Bailey, his first daughter, died in 1982. Fred Bailey was a cum laude graduate of Purdue University (highest distinction) and received an MBA degree from Indiana University in 1956.

During his long and distinguished career in Washington and Florida, he was a professional writer and editor and was internationally recognized for his writings about a wide range of issues including banking, commodity options and various futures markets. Fred Bailey was also a frequent contributor to Better Homes and Gardens on a wide range of personal and family finance matters. He received numerous professional writing awards and recognitions from organizations including the Wall Street Journal and the National Association of Realtors. Fred Bailey was a founder and director of Custom Beef Feeding in Leesburg; president of Bailey & Associates; and a founder of Oliver Innovations, Inc. based in Florida. He was a past member of the National Press Club, American Agricultural Editors Association and the Agricultural Relations Council. He served with honor during the 1950s as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Fred Bailey leaves a sister Patricia Grey Waterfield of Springfield, Miss. and a brother William W. Bailey of Chevy Chase, Md. Both his father, Fred O. Bailey Sr. and mother, Francis W. Bailey, are deceased. Contributions in Fred Bailey's memory may be made to Trinity Café, P.O. Box 320146, Tampa, FL 33679.

Program Protects Area Trees

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The next day, Kirwan would give a talk at the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College in preparation for Arbor Day.

The first tree the group visited was a state champion pitch pine in a residential yard off Georgetown Pike. Vickers had discovered it while sitting in traffic. The tree's trunk was nine feet and nine inches around, and it stood 96 feet tall and 56 feet across.

"The owners now, they know it's a state champion," he said, noting that they were less likely to take it down or allow linemen to trim it back too far from the utility wires along the road. "It's much less likely now that advancing development will cause this tree to be cut down," Vickers said.

"It doesn't give legal protection to the tree, but it gives moral protection," Kirwan said.

He guessed that the tree was at least 150 years old, although he added, "You can no more judge the age of trees by how big around they are than you can judge a person's age by how big around they are."

VICKERS noted that none of the champion trees were likely to actually be the largest in the state. They were simply the largest on record, until he or someone else found a bigger one.

The group also stopped to measure an eastern redbud that Vickers had spotted near the entrance to the CIA headquarters, which came in at 11 feet around, 30 feet tall and 38 feet across. Vickers guessed it was probably the second-largest specimen in the state.

And they dropped in on the state's runner-up southern red oak, towering over the intersection of Lancia Drive and Lancia Court.

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Marshall Model UN Club Wins Best School Award

The Marshall High School's Model United Nations Club took top honors at the Model Arab League conference on April 16-17. Competing at Georgetown University, Marshall won the best school award for the second year in a row. Marshall's two teams represented the Kingdom of Jordan and the Palestinian Authority in five committees that discussed a variety of issues focused on the Middle East.

Winning individual honors were Zuhayr Ahmed, Negeen Kianersi, Julia Molfino, Brandy Allen, Brian Potter, Ashton Garriott, Farhang Hooshmandnia, Hanna Helm and Ash Deval, all of whom took Outstanding Awards. Winning Honorable Mentions were Karthik Kumarappan, Mazin Ali, Ali Amirghassemi, Elizabeth Yu, Helene Nygard and Ben Bowie.

Also contributing to the team's win were Anna Boutchard, Janani Kumar, Thamanna Nishath and Sindu Marampudi. In preparing for the conference, Marshall's delegates prepared position papers outlining their country's respective position on 15 issues begin debated.

In addition to the awards, Janani Kumar was selected to be Assistant Secretary General for the 2011 Model Arab League Conference, to be joined by Brandy Allen as Chief of Staff and Zuhayr Ahmed as a committee chair. Seniors Noha Zeitoun and Hanna Rosenbluth, who chaired this year's Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers, were recognized as two of the top three committee chairs at the conference.

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Delightful Performance

Cooper Middle School Drama stages 'biggest production ever.'

Cooper Middle School's production of "Beauty and the Beast," Disney's timeless love story of the beautiful young peasant girl, Belle, and the handsome prince turned into a hideous Beast, delighted audiences at Cooper Middle School last week. The spring musical played to full audiences in the after school shows on April 14 and 15 and then again in the evenings on April 16 and 17.

An addition of a children's matinee and character tea party for young children on Sunday, April 18, rounded out the five show run and the most success

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Mary Long (Belle) and Shomin Mathur (Beast) reprise the song 'Beauty and the Beast.'

Gaston (Sam Houmaoui) agrees with the townspeople that he is quite a guy

Belle may not want him, but the Silly Girls (from left, Katherine Gallo, Ida Rezvani and Rachel Mayman) agree that Gaston (Chris Susskind) is quite a guy.

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Vision for Tysons Redevelopment Debated

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developments be held to basic LEED certification, he said.

IN ADDITION to the option for 84 million square feet of development by 2030, which would eliminate maximum densities around rail stations and possibly across Tysons Corner, was an option to approve 78 million square feet by 2030 with a maximum floor-area ratio (FAR) of 3.0 — meaning three square feet of floor space for each square foot of land — within one-eighth of a mile of rail stations and a maximum FAR of 2.0 within a quarter mile. The densities could then be bumped up after 2030. Another option was approval of the Tysons Land Use Task Force recommendation, which envisioned a final development level of up to 175 million square feet by 2080.

Staff's recommendation, though, was for 116 million square feet of development by 2050 with maximum FARs of 4.75 within an eighth of a mile of stations, 3.0 within a quarter mile and 2.0 within half a mile. These densities could be increased in exchange for affordable housing, "green" building or public facilities.

VIENNA MAYOR Jane Seeman said the town had been assured that the redevelopment's impact on Vienna traffic would be mitigated. However, she said, an intersection study the county had brought to the town in March had shown that even if the intersection of Lawyers Road and Maple Avenue were widened, its level of service would drop from an F to an E. "The town of Vienna is not prepared to sacrifice our quality of life for this development," she said. "We are an independent town. We are not a suburb of Tysons." She added that she didn't want Tysons Corner's recreation needs met in Vienna.

Clark Tyler, who headed the Tysons Land Use Task Force, told the commission he supported the idea of limiting the pace of development to 84 million square feet by 2030 and 113 million square feet by 2050, but he said staff's recommendation, with its proposed maximum densities, would "needlessly constrain" development and lead to failure. If the ability to reach those levels of development were denied, he said, development would go elsewhere, residents would continue to rely on cars, the jobs-to-housing ratio would remain out of balance, "and area-wide considerations will lie fallow, as piecemeal approvals of non-coordinated individual projects will determine the future."

McLean Citizens Association President Rob Jackson said his association saw potential in Alcorn's proposal for 84 million square feet of development by 2030 but was not yet prepared to endorse it. He said the group supported additional density in Tysons Corner, but only around rail stations and dependent upon landowners supplying most public facilities.

STU MENDELSOHN, chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and former Draneville District supervisor, however, said the private sector was already funding transportation improvements like the Metro line, and he said county tax revenue from growth at Tysons Corner should be set aside to help pay for improvements to the area. He said the chamber liked the flexibility of Alcorn's proposal but thought the cap on development would cause a rush of applications for developments that might not be built for years after they were approved. And Mendelsohn said even the densities recommended by the task force would not justify the number of criteria being placed on developers. "It's got to be economically viable so redevelopment happens," he said.

Stewart Schwartz, executive director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth, said the coalition supported staff's recommendation for density levels, as opposed to the 2030 plan, but wanted to see a standardized traffic demand management plan set as a trigger for development. He said the coalition also thought transit-oriented development should be a priority for public spending, and some tax money should be directed to public transportation in Tysons Corner. And he suggested some flexibility in locating required affordable housing offsite, as he thought standards should be universal across the county. "We don't want to punish Tysons," Schwartz said.

CHARLIE HALL, land use chair for the Providence District Council, said the proposal to reorient the plan toward a 20-year horizon would mark "a huge improvement." However, he said, "Really, the goal should be thinking about stage two even as we're planning stage one." Hall said the idea that there might be no redevelopment seemed "a little bit doomsday," as Arlington had seen successful redevelopment around its Metro line while there was no intense development outside the vicinity of the stations.

Mark Zetts, chair of the McLean Citizens Association's Planning and Zoning Committee, said the 20-year horizon with a target of 84 million square feet would be "clearly prudent." Under that proposal, he said, eliminating maximum densities within a quarter mile of Metro stops would work, but any approvals for densities over a 4.0 FAR should be time-limited.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to make a decision on the Tysons Corner plan on Wednesday, May 12, and the Board of Supervisors is to hold a public hearing on the matter on May 25.

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Opinion

Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year

Editorial

Kenneth B. Lourie, award-winning columnist and sales representative with the Connection Newspapers and Potomac Almanac, was named Virginia Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year, receiving his award on Saturday, April 24, at the annual advertising conference of the Virginia Press Association in Portsmouth.

It's a bit unusual to use editorial space to tout sales awards, but this is an unusual case.

Many of our readers are familiar with Lourie's longstanding weekly humor column, The Daze of my Life, which runs in many of our papers and on our web site.

In the past year, Lourie has tackled the more serious topic of his diagnosis and treatment for stage IV lung cancer in his columns, but with the same pointed humor of his previous columns. Meanwhile, despite these challenges, he remains one of our top sales performers.

Lourie's award was presented by Carol Taylor, chairman of VPA's Advertising Committee and a sales executive with Richmond Times Dispatch. "This year's Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year award honors the kind of sales professional who is a role model, someone whose qualities have led to great success in the newspaper advertising profession," Taylor said in giving the award.

Taylor continued: "Among other important attributes, this award recognizes leadership and tenacity. … It celebrates extraordinary customer service and an attitude that embraces the unprecedented change we're seeing inside and outside of our industry. … Our recipient is well known for his cold calling prowess and his reliance on old-school technology, like note cards. His customers rave about his flexibility, his patience, his attention to detail and his ability to find a Boston Red Sox fan anywhere he goes. And he's an award-winning columnist who isn't afraid to write about his need for new underwear."

For more than 12 years, Lourie has been our most organized and creative sales professional. Disciplined, committed and tenacious, he has always been among the top performers in our sales staff. His medical condition is relevant only as to the timing of this award and the recognition it provides and as proof of his unbelievable tenacity, commitment and good humor.

Lourie's column, The Daze of my Life, has developed a loyal following and addresses some of the quirks and milestones of every day life, but also tackling more serious topics. An excerpt from a recent letter he received from a reader exemplifies the effect his writing has had:

"While we have not met, I want to let you know how much your newspaper columns related to your cancer mean to me; I have saved them all. I can relate to many of the feelings you write about from experience. … It is impressive to see how you approach your situation with grace and honesty; that is the best one can ask of oneself. You are doing a lot by your writing to help other people learn and go through this experience with you. None of us really knows what is ahead of one in life, and you provide a good example of the value of approaching each day with love and hope.

You can read Lourie's columns by going to www.ConnectionNewspapers.com and typing "Lourie" into the search field.

Call for Mother's Day Photos (Father's Day too...)

Every 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 .jpg format; email them to McLean@ConnectionNewspapers.com, and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in .jpg 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 McLean@ConnectionNewspapers.com, or mail to Vienna Connection, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1610 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.

Letters to the Editor

Energy, Climate Need Legislation

To the Editor:

Forty years ago, nearly 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day.

While the country has made great progress since that time, a big challenge remains: a comprehensive clean energy and climate policy.

In 2008, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments concluded, "… there is tangible evidence that the metropolitan Washington region is experiencing the effects of climate change." COG warned that impacts could be "dramatic" on the ecosystems upon which we all depend, on government budgets and on the economy. "There are also important potential costs of inaction," COG warned, like addressing the impacts of more severe storms and more flooding.

As the nation marks Earth Day, we call on U.S. Sens. Jim Webb (D) and Mark Warner (D) to pass comprehensive climate and energy legislation this year before it is too late.

Steven Bruckner
Conservation Chair/Sierra Club
Great Falls Group

Slowing Down On Local Roads

To the Editor:

About 17 percent of teenagers say that speeding is fun. Speeding is a factor in more that 37 percent of crashes involving teens of age 16 — the age where the risk for fatal crashes is the highest. Fatal crash rates for those ages 16-19 is four times that of older drivers. These facts are alarming, but I am not surprised. I graduated from Langley High School in McLean in the spring of 2009, and I am currently attending the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. As a teenager, I can say that I have experienced and witnessed the reality of the aforementioned facts. I am not surprised when I read those statistics because speeding is a far too common offense teenagers are responsible for or are witness to every single day. I have never been fond of speeding for fun, but many of those I knew in high school were and probably still are. There have been countless times where I've heard stories about my friends — mostly male — driving home at 90 mph on Route 7 or having "so much fun accelerating on the curves" of the windy Great Falls back roads.

It is time to do something serious about preventing teenagers from speeding — especially on the winding roads that are so widespread in Great Falls. No teenager should ever have to die or be injured from a car crash due to speeding. It is senseless and it is preventable. Whether it is more education in schools about the dangers of speeding or continuous reminders from parents, teachers, and friends, something needs to be done immediately about the troubling yet highly preventable issue of teenage speeding.

Rose Lee
McLean

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.
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Along with their teacher Laura Swetra, Churchill Road second graders Ethan Carlisle, Jane Gerrard, Dzifa Nepenthe, Megan Vandre, Josephine Mounier and Nina Pournaros plant their seedlings in the raised beds behind the school.

Outdoor Odyssey at Churchill Road

Churchill Road second and third graders have begun transplanting their seedlings to the raised beds behind the school. The children started these seedlings in the Churchill Road greenhouses this February. They have been monitoring and observing their plants' growth over the past two months. These plantings are part of Churchill Road's environmental stewardship program, called Outdoor Odyssey.

Through Outdoor Odyssey, each of the different grades learns about and cultivates plants that tie in with what they are learning in school.

Churchill Road third graders Madison Margeneaux, rear, Tia Choi, Zavyor Zenk and Khanh Nguyen plant their flax seedlings.

Photos by Kim Moran

Calendar

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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.

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. BEhrensaal@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.

David Knopfler. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $20. 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.

'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.

John McCutcheon. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music singer and multi-instrumentalist . $20. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or wolftrap.org.

Salon Daniel Benefit Open House. 6-9 p.m. at 6828A Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Refreshments, hair demonstration techniques and a Mother's Day gift basket raffle. All proceeds benefit Zambia Orphans of Aids, to fund income-generating activities, provide skills training, and meet all other needs of Zambian children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. www.viviacenter.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.

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George Mason University Theater of the First Amendment: 20 Years, Only the Beginning. 8 p.m. at the SPACE, 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 tfa@gmu.edu.

Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band and Funk Ark. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $15. jamminjava.com.

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Photo by Peggy Pridemore

Marshall High Presents 'Musical Comedy Murders of 1940'

GC Marshall thespians in the play, "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a comedy spoof that takes place on the set of an old mansion. The show plays April 29, 30, and May 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 adults, $8 students. Tickets at www.theatreatmarshall.org, Marshall HS, 7731 Leesburg Pike. For information contact Marshall Activities at 703-714-5409.

The Langley High singers (from left) include - Top Row: Justin McKay (alternate), Jackie Dinarte, Matt Anderson, Rachael Bumsted, Paul Goldberg, Adam Check, and alternates Zack Gray and Matt Goudreau. Bottom Row: Chelsea Raitor, Ariana Gover-Chamlou, Arianna Zell, and Becky Card. Missing: Patricia Lindholm (alternate).

All-Virginia Chorus Event at Tysons Sheraton

The finest high school singers in Virginia will study and perform advanced choral music at the Tysons Sheraton from April 29 to May 1 during the All-Virginia Chorus event. Langley High School will send the largest contingent of singers among all high schools in Fairfax County with 9 selected performers and 4 alternates. These students will have the opportunity to study and perform under the direction of master teachers and conductors throughout the weekend at this annual event sponsored by the Virginia Choral Director's Association. The Langley singers were selected through statewide auditions held in February.

Bonnie Rideout with John Purser. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Scottish Music, Words, and Images. $22. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 1

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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 or 703-772-5212.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Julie Albers, cello; Glenn Quader, conductor. Music by Higdon, Elgar, Mozart and more. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. $25-$55, available at 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

Wizard of Oz Ballet. 7 p.m. at George Mason High School, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Tickets available at the door for $25. coneil@westassoc1.com or 703-893-0404 ext 217.

Graham Parker and The Figgs. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $20 advance, $25 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Irresponsible CD Release, Kid Architect and Sounds of Gray. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $10 advance, $13 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Author David Baldacci signs Deliver Us From Evil. 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. crm2238@bn.com.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons begin at 7:30 p.m., West Coast Swing lessons at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Admission $10-$18. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Spring Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Perennials, annuals, vegetable transplants, flowers, herbs and container shrubs. Special emphasis on heirloom plants. All sales proceeds benefit Farm's educational programs. Free admission. www.1771.org/directions.htm

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Fairfax Civil War Day. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Historic Blenheim Estate, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Re-enactors and period-era activities, blacksmithing and talks on Civil War medicine, women's fashions, African-American participation and flag design. Demonstrations of a Howitzer cannon artillery gun, 'boot camp' for children, period games, wagon rides through soldier camps and period music. Admission is $5 adults, $3 age 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit the restoration and maintenance of the Blenheim Estate. Free parking and shuttle service are provided at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. This event is produced by the City of Fairfax, Historic Fairfax City Inc. and the 17th Virginia Infantry, Company D "Fairfax Rifles." 703-591-0560 or www.fairfaxva.gov.

Be Fit McLean! Health & Wellness Fair. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the McLean Community center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Information on a variety of health-related topics. Healthy cooking demonstrations, health screenings, lectures on balancing life, learning to meditate and more. Free admission. The first 500 attendees will receive a free 100% recycled tote bag. 703-790-0123 TTY: 711 or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax.

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Pictured, from left, are Lee DiCenso, GMCC Board member; Nancy Perry, MPA executive director; Jennifer Wheat of Chain Bridge Bank; Dr. Marilyn Foust, host; Lynn Gulick, of Cardinal Bank and chairwoman of the GMCC Board; Marcia Twomey, GMCC president; Dr. Deborah Jackson, principal of McLean High School; Marianne Polito, president of the McLean Women's Club; and Margi Vanderhye, former state delegate.

Chamber Hosts Fashion Show

More than 50 attend event supporting McLean businesswomen.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) recently hosted its first McLean Celebrity Fashion Show as a fund raiser to support women-owned businesses in McLean. Attended by more than 50 supporters, the event was at the home of Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Dr. Marilyn Jerome Foust.

"We are so pleased with how well attended and successful this inaugural Fashion Show was," said Marcia Twomey, GMCC president. "And we certainly look forward to holding many more in the years ahead."

The following companies provided items for the show: Lord & Taylor and Chanel, fashions and cosmetics; Salon Michel of McLean, accessories; Beijo, handbags; Boone & Sons, jewelry; Jennifer Berman of Ashton Imaging, photography; Safeway; Giant; Fluffy Thoughts Cakes; Cecelia Wine Cellar; StarNut Gourmet; A Bit More Catering; and J. Gilbert's, catering.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce enhances the local business community by giving professionals an opportunity to get connected. Founded nearly 50 years ago, originally as a business and professionals association, it has evolved into an organization ranked as one of the Top 20 chambers in the Metropolitan Region.

Bulletin Board

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THURSDAY/APRIL 29

Seminars for Family Caregivers: Financial Issues. 7 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Free. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ or 703-324-7948.

Seminars for Family Caregivers: Stages of Alzheimer's Disease. 1 p.m. at Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Free. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ or 703-324-7948

SATURDAY/MAY 1

Virginia Invasive Plant Removal Day at McLean Central Park, 9 a.m.–12 noon. Meet in the Dolley Madison Library parking lot. Wear long sleeves and pants and sturdy shoes, and bring gloves. 703-324-8681, katherine.frederick@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima/.

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.

TUESDAY/MAY 4

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.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 5

Four-Week Bereavement Support Group. 5 p.m. at Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road in Annandale. Free. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 6:30 p.m. at Volunteer Fairfax, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. After mandatory orientation, volunteers can choose from more than 60 monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. Projects include planting trees, bagging food for homeless families, tutoring adult ESL students and more. 703-246-3895 or aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 6

Training on Personal Care for Older Adults. 7 p.m. at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Family caregivers can learn the proper way to provide physical and emotional care to an older adult from a nurse educator including bathing, turning, assisting with movement and feeding. $30. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. 703-324-5432 or caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 8

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Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A special collection by the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. 703-790-8088.

Science You Can Sing To. 10:30 a.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Swamp Stomp Boogie, music for children. $10, age one or under free. jamminjava.com. www.EverWonderRecords.com.

Barns at Wolftrap 23rd Annual Evening of Comedy. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With Bill McCarty, Carole Montgomery, and Al Romero. $24. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 2

Wags and Wine. 1-4 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. A spring wine festival hosted by The Vineyard wine shop, benefiting the Washington Humane Society. WHS will bring a portable pet adoption station. Admission $10. 703-288-2970 or info@thevineyardva.com.

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Splendors of Versailles: Baroque Music of Courtly France. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Ensemble Gaudior, Alexandra MacCracken, artistic director, present French baroque music by Couperin, Rameau, and Leclair performed with violins, harpsichord, and viola da gamba. $15, seniors and students $10. 703-395-2899 or www.ensemblegaudior.com.

The Friday Night Boys, Amely and Burn the Ballroom. 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $12. jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/MAY 3

Sleeperstar, Chris Ayer and Dan Mills. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $10 advance, $13 at the door. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 4

The Tone Rangers and Cartoon Johnny. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $15. jamminjava.com.

M is for Mother. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories, songs and fingerplays about mothers. All ages. 703-790-8088.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 5

Dave Barnes CD Release and Steve Moakler. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $18. jamminjava.com.

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening. 9 a.m. at American Legion Post #270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Packages start at $139. Register at 1-800-237-1287 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

Underground Railroad Lecture. 8 p.m. at the Falls Church, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. Author Deborah Lee will discuss the people and places that made up the underground railroad in this region. Free. 703-248-5171.

Personalized Microsoft OfficeTraining. 7:15 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Microsoft Office training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/MAY 6

Resilience: Master Change, Overcome Setbacks and Thrive Under Pressure. 8:30 a.m. at BAE Systems, 8201 Greensboro Drive, McLean. With Margie Warrell, an expert on living and leading with courage. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org.

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Michelle Shocked and The Roadworks All-Stars. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. $20 advance, $25 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Meet the Artists Reception. 7-9 p.m. at ValeArts, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. More than 130 oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings by nine local artists will be exhibited. Free admission. 571-499-8272 or info@valearts.com.

Luau at the Teen Center. 4 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. For Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Free. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

Great Falls School of Art Student-Teacher Show. 7-9 p.m. at the Artists' Atelier and GFFFTA Gallery, 1144-D and 1144-G Walker Road, Great Falls. A reception to celebrate the opening of "Spring Forward," an exhibit of works by students and teachers. www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org

'The Last Five Years.' 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A contemporary song cycle about a marriage, from meeting to breakup. $30 adults, $20 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/years.

SATURDAY/MAY 8

McLean Orchestra Concert: Reformation. 8 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Brahms, Tragic Overture in D minor Op. 81; Mendelssohn, Violin Concerto in E minor featuring Concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef of the National Symphony Orchestra; Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 5 "The Reformation." 703-893-8646 or www.mclean-orchestra.org.

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Name of Event:
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Week in McLean

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year, on Friday, May 7, and its opening time has been changed to 8 a.m. so that those on their way to work and other early obligations can stop by the market first thing. In addition to produce there are vendors with baked goods, flowers and plants, and more.

Outdoors Exhibit at Colvin Run Mill

The McLean Art Society will be exhibiting outdoors Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at historic Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 703 759-2771. In case of rain, the exhibit will move to the barn. Paintings will be in varied media and focus on landscapes, seascapes, florals and still life. Working artists will be present and most artwork will be for sale.

Local Artists Participate in Fine Arts Festival

A mixed media artist Kerin McBride of McLean and photographer Xiong Tan of Falls Church are among 135 artisans participating in the Washington International Fine Arts Festival from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday May 1 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday May 2 at the National Harbor in Prince Georges County, Md. One hundred and Thirty-five artisans will present original artwork available for purchase includes paintings, sculptures, fabric art, jewelry, photography, fine furniture, jewelry boxes and grandfather clocks, glass, ceramics and printmaking. Admission is free. Contact 301-203-4170 or www.paragonartevents.com.

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Navy Seaman Apprentice **James C. McCracken** of McLean, a 2007 graduate of Langley High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, McCracken completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

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.

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7614 SAVANNAH ST #301	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	$110,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		FALLS CHURCH GARDENS
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Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding results in March. A neighborhood specialist, Callander led the company for dollar volume and resale dollar volume. Additionally, she led the region for resale dollar volume. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.

J.D. Callander

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Keller Williams Realty International announced at its annual "Family Reunion" Conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with $6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100. Keller 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 company behind you that places the interests and success of the agents above all else, it makes it a lot easier."

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Sports

Winning Ways Continue For McLean Softball Team

Highlanders riding a 10-game win streak following victory over Marshall.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

With the postseason just around the corner, the McLean High girls' soft ball team continues to play at a tor rid pace.

The Highlanders won both of their Liberty District games last week — home wins over Stone Bridge, 5-1, and Marshall, 4-3, on Tuesday, April 20 and Friday, April 23, respectively. With the wins, McLean improved to 12-1 overall and a perfect 8-0 in district play.

Friday's win over Marshall was McLean's 10th straight. A year ago, the Highlanders put together a 15-game win streak at one point. That 2009 McLean edition ultimately went all the way to the Northern Region semifinals.

This team could match or even better last year's success when all is said and done. McLean, going into this week, still has seven games remaining in the regular season before the start of the postseason. This week, the Highlanders were scheduled to play three games — at home versus Jefferson on Tuesday, April 27, home versus Bishop O'Connell on Thursday, April 29, and at South Lakes this Friday evening, April 30. Thursday and Friday's games are set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to last week's action, McLean played a solid, all-around game in a 6-0 win at cross-town and district rival Langley on April 16. It was a well-played game by both teams. The two teams will play again at McLean on Tuesday, May 11.

"Langley gets really up for our games and they played very well," said the McLean coach Maurice Tawil. "We won 6-0 but it was a competitive game. It was a great atmosphere."

THE HIGHLANDERS collected 11 hits at the plate. Meanwhile, pitcher Jamie Bell tossed a shutout and the Saxons' defense was flawless.

McLean's infield turned in two particularly nifty plays in the field. On the one, Langley batter Julia Weeks roped a line drive towards third baseman Jessie Straub. The ball glanced off the junior's glove and up into the air just behind her. The ball bounced before Straub picked it up and zipped it over to first base on a close out.

On another occasion, a Langley batter hit a soft popup between shortstop and third base. McLean shortstop Lauren McColgan went deep into the hole to field the ball on one hop before gunning a throw to first for the out.

"We made some spectacular plays in the infield," said Tawil, of the shutout win. "When you play defense like that, it makes everything else so much easier."

Bell, a junior, threw another strong game last Tuesday in McLean's win over Stone Bridge. Over seven innings, she allowed just four hits, including a solo homer. The Highlanders' offense accumulated 10 hits, five of which went for extra bases.

> "Langley gets really up for our games and they played very well."
> — McLean coach Maurice Tawil

"We got a great pitching performance," said Tawil. "It's unfortunate she gave up that one home run. That pitch was a mistake. Otherwise, she pitched a great game. We made just one error. We just put together a great game."

AT THE PLATE, Tawil said his players have consistently gotten their money's worth nearly every time they step into the batter's box. The Highlanders have been selective and waited for good pitches to hit.

"We consistently talk and place an emphasis on having great at-bats," said the coach. "They own that at-bat and we want them to make the most of it — to know what the count is, where base runners are, situational hitting. We don't want to come back to the dugout and feel like it was a wasted at-bat."

McLean's top hitters going into this week were: Straub (.593 batting average, team leading 17 RBIs); Bell (.533 average, 10 RBIs); and catcher Carolyn Gilbertson (.533 average, 9 RBIs).

Bell, on the mound, is 9-1 with a 1.22 ERA. Over 63 innings of work, she has struck out 75 batters.

High School Notebook

The Langley High boys' soccer team will be celebrating its Senior Night on Friday, April 30. The 7 p.m. contest, versus Herndon, will be the Saxons' regular season home finale. The evening will also be a celebration of local youth soccer. All youngsters who wear their respective soccer jerseys will be admitted free to the game. So, come cheer on the Saxon Seniors and the rest of the Langley soccer team.

Christine Grilliot connected for four base hits, including a pair of doubles, to lead the Marshall High girls' softball team to a 14-0 win over Jefferson on April 17. The game was the Statesmen's final contest of the Hayfield Tournament, a round robin showcase that had begun with games over the spring break. Marshall, which went 4-1 at the Hayfield tourney, pounded out 26 base hits in the win over Jefferson with each starter getting at least two safeties. Grilliot, along with her four hits, knocked in three runs. Michelle Tilson had three hits, including a double and triple, and scored four runs. Other Marshall players with doubles were Mina Dunn and Haley Butterfield. Kellie Marsh narrowly missed a home run, settling for a double off the top of the fence. Elaine Bennett, Kayla Marsh, and Kellie Marsh also had three hits each in the game. Grilliot threw the complete game shutout, striking out seven for the victory.

George Marshall High has hired Frank Johnson as the school's new girls' volleyball head coach. Johnson comes to Marshall from South Lakes High where he was a varsity assistant coach. Originally from Cherry Hill, N.J, Johnson has coaching experience in a number of sports. He is dedicated to building and sustaining a strong program at Marshall. Johnson is also an educator endorsed to teach in three academic areas.

Summer camp season has been announced by Prospects Sports Training, the multi-sport complex located at 8500-B Tyco Road in Tysons Corner. Multi-sport camps, offered weekly, will include baseball, soccer, football, basketball, dodgeball and kickball.

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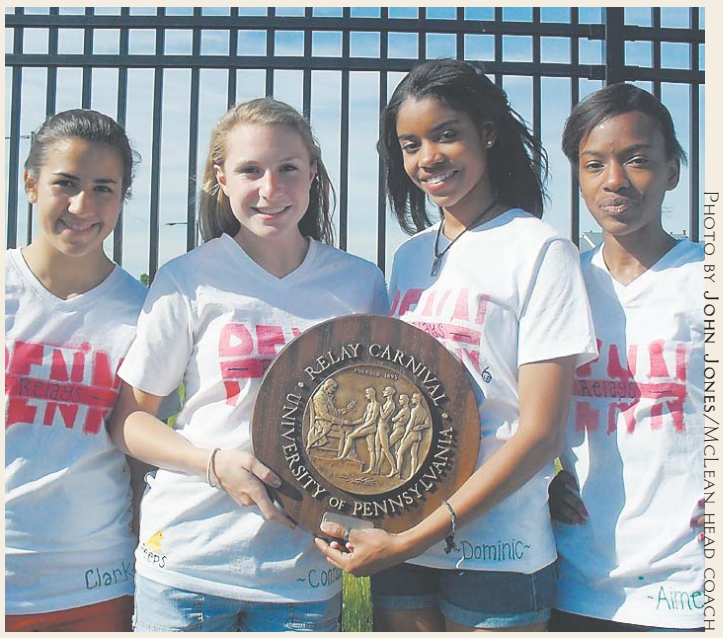

Photo by John Jones/McLean Head Coach

The McLean High girls won their heat and set a new school record of 3 minutes, 59.72 seconds in the 4x400 running relay at the Penn Nationals in Philadelphia on Thursday, April 22. The relay team's time is the fifth fastest in Virginia this year and bested the school record of 4:07, set last year at the same Penn Nationals event. Here, from left, are relay team members Clare Nelson, Caitlin Baker, Dominique Graham and Ayom Izegbu.

In an impressive display of determination, the McLean Highlanders maintained their composure in coming back from a 7-2 halftime deficit and defeating Fairfax, 13-12, in a Liberty District girls' lacrosse home game Friday night, April 23.

First half goals for McLean came from Mackenzie May and Marielena Planas. The Highlanders were outshot over that first half and trailed by five. But it was a different McLean team in the second half as the Highlanders scored 11 goals after the intermission.

"After our halftime talk, the girls realized how much they wanted the game and turned their play around in the second half," said McLean coach Anne Inzerello. "There was a huge momentum shift in the second half of play. The girls fought hard for every 50-50, as every player took responsibility for the ball. The attack picked up pressure, double-teaming the ball at midfield and forcing Fairfax to make errors resulting in turnovers."

The lacrosse fans assembled for McLean's Senior Night and Youth Night enthusiastically supported the Highlanders during the momentum shift, fueling the team's determination to win. With 1:15 left in the game, Zegler popped in the go-ahead goal as the fans erupted in support and rushed the field at the 13-12 conclusion of the game.

After experiencing the come-from-behind victory, McLean Activities Director Tom Herman said, "It's a great finish. It's unbelievable. That just made my weekend."

Marielena Planas, who usually plays a defensive position, played at attack against the Rebels and tallied five goals.

"Marielena made the most of a change in position from her usual D-wing to attack-wing," said the coach. "She was not afraid to go to goal when she had the opportunity. The team embodied Vince Lombardi's quote: 'The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender.' The girls played aggressively, with heart and hustle."

Six Highlanders contributed goals for McLean in the come-from-behind victory: Planas (5), Jacqueline Rose (2), Nina Zegler (2), May (2), Hannah Kirby (1) and Carlyle Howard (1). Goalkeeper Hanna Longwell had two interceptions that led directly to goals in the second half. Longwell finished with 10 saves, two interceptions, three caused turnovers and two groundballs. Additional interceptions were snagged by Sarah Park, Zegler, and May.

The U9 McLean Youth Gray Sharks scrimmaged at halftime.

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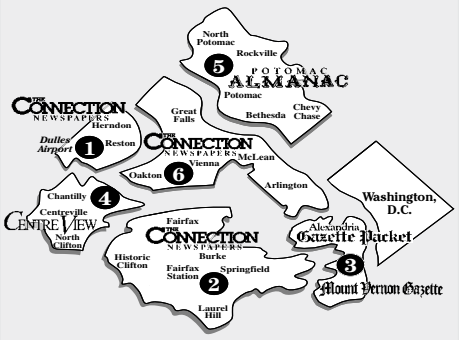

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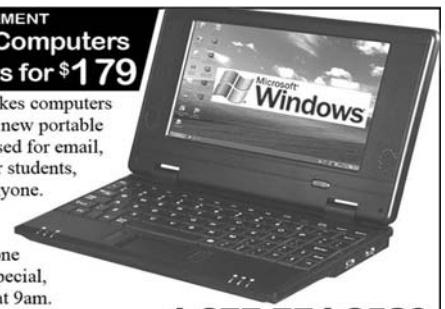

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Leah Gross of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Gurden Batra of Mclean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

Andrew R. Rademaker of McLean has received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies and modern languages & cultures from Virginia Military Institute of Lexington, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Rademaker.

Kathryn A. Anwyll of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

Dominic Ferrari of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at the University of Portland in Oregon. Ferrari is a freshman business major.

Philip Diamond of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 honors list at Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Diamond is a member of the class of 2013 and the son of Robert Diamond and Amy Pullman of McLean.

Peter N. Kalis II of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Drexel University, Philadelphia. The 2008 Langley High School graduate and Eagle Scout is majoring in information systems. Kalis is the son of Nicholas Kalis and Dr. Mary Papadopoulos of McLean.

Steven A. Christopher of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 headmaster's list at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va. The 12th grade student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Christopher.

Angela Podlasek of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla. Podlasek is a Oceanography major.

Sarah Leavitt of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's honors at Connecticut College of New London, Conn.

McLean residents **Claire Loudis,** a sophomore anthropology major, and **Emma Rocks,** a sophomore studio art major, have been named to the fall2009 dean's list at the University of Vermont at Burlington, Vt.

Samantha Leong Case of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Case is a biology major.

Cooper Drama Delights Audiences

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ful musical that Cooper Drama has mounted to date.

"In terms of cast, set, costumes and audiences, this was the biggest production we have ever done at Cooper," said Meg Baber, Cooper's theater teacher and the play's director. More than 60 middle school students were involved in the cast and the crew. Nine of the cast roles were double-cast, including the roles of Belle and the Beast. Eighth graders Mary Long and Emma DiGiammarino shared the role of Belle while Shomin Mathur and Brian Plunkett did the honors in the shared role of the Beast. Sam Houmaoui and Chris Susskind shared the role of Gaston, the egotistical villain determined to marry Belle despite her disinterest. LeFou, Gaston's bumbling sidekick was played by eighth graders Will Gent and Will Ferrer. The enchanted objects in the Beast's castle were: Carter Louthian and Patrick Reyes (Lumiere), Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf and Jordan Simonides (Mrs. Potts), Tyler Cunningham and Max Sterling (Cogsworth), Amanda Mahon and Alicia Melendez (Madame de la Grande Bouche), Emily Nesbitt (Babette) and Jessica Levy and Mina Parastaran (Chip). Seventh grader John Anderson portrayed Belle's loving but eccentric inventor father Maurice, while Sarah Salem played Monsieur d'Arque, the scheming proprietor of the local insane asylum. Eighth graders Katherine Gallo, Ida Rezvani and Rachel Mayman were the village Silly Girls.

Every cast member participated in the character tea party held before the Sunday matinee. Tables were decorated with "Beauty and the Beast" centerpieces, photographs were taken with cast members, and punch and cookies were served to the children by the student actors. Many elementary children from local schools attended and then were able to sit close to the stage in reserved floor seating.

Nichole Chorny, Cooper's chorus director, served as the music director of the show and Cristi Goldberg choreographed the dance numbers while Wendy Mueller served as artistic director for the show.

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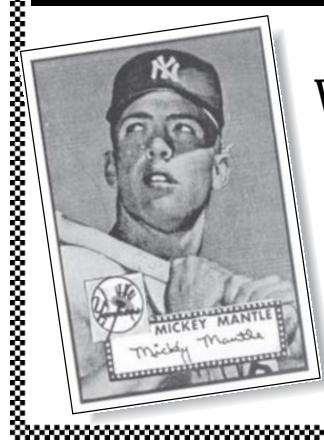

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