

Saxons' Soccer Still Unbeaten

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The Langley Saxons defeated local rival McLean, 2-1, in a Liberty District boys' soccer matchup between two of the area's finest teams last Friday evening at McLean High School. Here, Saxon player Jeff Cochran (left) goes hard for the ball. Both Langley and McLean are gearing up for the upcoming district playoffs, set to begin next week.

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From left, Neighbor of the Year Gerry Schmitz, nominator Peter Garahan, Neighbor of the Year Robert Moore and My Neighbors Network founder Sharon Rainey pose for a picture.

Best Neighbors Recognized

Five winners receive Neighbor of the Year awards from My Neighbors Network.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Luke Jameson, a sophomore at Langley High School, has volunteered for the last eight years at the Reston Fire Station that serves western Great Falls, helping to change the station's sign on Route 7. Beginning just after the 9-11 attacks, his sister Laura, 17, sold 507 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to be sent to troops overseas.

"They are brother and sister, but they actually won this award independently of each other," My Neighbors Network founder Sharon Rainey said as she pre-

sented the third annual Neighbor of the Year awards at Katie's Coffee House Saturday afternoon, May 8. She said both Jamesons had experienced illnesses that affected their lifestyles, friendships and academics "in huge ways" but chose to "conquer their challenges in positive, influential ways."

THE SIBLINGS were this year's Neighbors of the Year in the under-22 category, while Pam Gilbert, Gerry Schmitz and Robert Moore were named for the adult category. All the winners received more than one nomination.

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MyNeighborsNetwork founder Sharon Rainey poses with Luke Jameson, 15.



Sharon Rainey presents Laura Jameson with a Neighbor of the Year award.

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Joe Cassella poses in the Elite Fitness Concepts gym he co-founded, as the gym celebrates its 10th anniversary in December of 2008.

5K Honors Cassella's Memory

Elite Fitness co-founder staged 5Ks for others before his death last year.

Join the Fun

Several years ago, Great Falls resident Jack Mencia, part owner of the Tavern at Great Falls, stumbled on the Elite Fitness Concepts gym off Colvin Run Road, where Joe Cassella was a co-founder and personal trainer. "Immediately, Joe and I hit it off," he said. Cassella started out as his trainer, but before long the two were running and working out together four or five days a week.

"Joe was like a brother to me," Mencia said. "I know a lot of people, but very few that have the character, the kindness, the gentleness Joe had."

Now, Mencia is a driving force behind the upcoming 5K run/walk in Cassella's memory. Cassella, a resident of Waterford, died last July at the age of 40. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer just 10 months earlier, shortly before his third child was born. The run/walk on Sunday morning, May 23 will raise money for his children's college trust, as well as one of his favorite causes, the Miracle League, which creates children with disabilities.

"Joe's number-one priority in life was with children," said Cassella's brother-in-law, Pat DeRocco, who interned with

The Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk is Sunday morning, May 23, in the Great Falls Village Green. Registration will begin at 6:45 a.m., with the fun run at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 9 a.m. Following the race will be a silent auction, prizes and entertainment. Registration and more information are available online at www.joecassella5k.com. Entry in the 5K costs \$20 and the fun run costs \$10.

Cassella and still works at Elite Fitness.

He noted that Cassella had staged three 5K races in Great Falls himself, two for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in honor of a local sixth-grader, Peter Choo, who died of cancer in 2007, and one to help pay medical bills for Nick Cafferky, who was paralyzed in a beach accident when he was a rising senior at Langley High School.

But DeRocco said those were just the beginning. While he was undergoing treatment, Cassella and his family had planned the 5K they would stage to celebrate his recovery and tell his story. "We have to keep this going. There's no other way about it," DeRocco said. "This is the first annual [race], and we want to make this thing pretty big."

He said Cassella had laid

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PEOPLE

“Anna is a wonderful ambassador of both fashion and charity.”

— Wendy Adeler Hall

Partnering with Kournikova

Tennis star raffles Adeler Jewelers’ jewelry to benefit charity.

Anna Kournikova, former professional tennis player, hosted the 2010 Capital File Cover Party wearing a pear shaped diamond pendant designed and hand made by Jorge Adeler of Adeler Jewelers of Great Falls. The piece was selected by Kournikova to wear that evening and then donated by Adeler to be raffled off at the auction. The proceeds from the auc-



Jorge Adeler and Anna Kournikova

tion were split equally between Kournikova’s favorite charities, PSI, USO and BGCA. All three charities were present at the party, handing out information and accepting donations.

Wendy Adeler Hall, vice president of marketing and philanthropy, Adeler Jewelers, said, “Anna is a wonderful ambassador of both fashion and charity. Adeler Jewelers believes strongly in giving back to the community, and we are thrilled to be able to reach out in new directions, with the help of Anna, who is both beautiful and

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Starshine Theater of Great Falls is currently enrolling students ages 7-19 for Summer Drama Camp, to rehearse and perform “The Illustrious Life of Leonardo daVinci.” Additional Dance Intensive classes for ages 9 and up are available. Teen “Actor-Mentors” for entering grades 8-college also receive a character role in the show. Rehearsals are July 12-23 at the School of Theatrical Dance with a performance at The Great Falls Grange Theater on Saturday, July 24. 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com.

Several foreign language students from Oakcrest School in McLean attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2010 National Spanish Examinations. Students from Oakcrest School earned a total of 4 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze medals along with 16 honorable mentions. Gold medal recipients were Giorgiana Agostini ’15, Claire Rodriguez ’15, Alex Aguilar ’14 and Gianna Ridout ’14. Students were taught by Spanish teachers Monica Pompei, Holly Salls and Heather Lee.

David R. Ensey of Great Falls has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Ensey, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in mechanical/aerospace engineering, will receive a National Merit Northrup Grumman Scholarship.

Jennifer A. McAdams, a teacher at Langley High School in McLean, has been named as a Certified Journalism Educator by the Journalism Education Association. Journalism certification recognizes teachers who meet national standards of preparation to teach high school journalism classes and advise student media.

Yang Yang of McLean has received a University of Virginia Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which will assist in conducting independent research. Yang, a chemical engineering major, is studying “A Novel Synthesis of Advanced Nanocomposites via Surface Modification of Silica Nanoparticles.”

Camille Marie Devlin of McLean was named to the fall 2009 dean’s list at Miami University of Oxford Ohio.

Gina C. Maggio of McLean was named to the fall 2009 dean’s list at Saint Francis University of Loretto, Penn.

Shefali Hegde, a senior at McLean High School, has been chosen as a candidate for the 2010 Presidential Scholars Program. Hegde is the daughter of Kirti Shetty and the late Ajit Hegde of McLean.

Darius Mobarakeh of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean’s list at St. Bonaventure University. Mobarakeh is a junior biology major, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohtasham Mobarakeh.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Changes Coming for Schools with Poor Students

Many call process for changing programs for needy students flawed.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Laurie Blackburn calls the public school where her son attends first grade extraordinary. She isn't the only one.

Hollin Meadows Elementary has drawn national attention for its outdoor gardening and science program, where students grow food and learn about native plants and insects on the school site. First Lady Michelle Obama visited the Mount Vernon school to learn more about its outdoor program last fall, and Hollin Meadows students have been invited to her vegetable garden at the White House two years in a row.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture interviewed staff at and shot footage of Hollin Meadows for an instructional film they intend to distribute to other school districts around the country.

But the gardens might not survive the Fairfax County School Board vote on the annual budget May 20.

TWO PROGRAMS, Project Excel and Focus, were established more than a decade ago, in part to help elementary schools with a larger percentage of needy students. Superintendent Jack Dale now says the money used for those programs can be spent more effectively in another way.

But what Dale's new initiative entails is unclear and how much money individual schools which benefited from Project Excel and Focus will receive has not been released. The Hollin Meadows community, for example, is not sure whether they will get as much funding under Dale's new plan as they have in the past or whether the school system will let them use any of the money to maintain the gardening program.

"When you are changing from an old program to a new program, you should bring people along and not leave them in the position of not having any clear idea what kind of school their children are going to be going to in three months," said Blackburn.

During county budget deliberations last month, several members of the Board of Supervisors called the school board irresponsible and insensitive to the community when it came to the elimination of Project Excel and Focus, as well as a year-round school calendar program in place in a handful of county schools.

Several supervisors said the school board should have had a long and extensive community engagement process about eliminating such long-standing programs, especially since they affect some of the county's most vulnerable children.

"I hold three public hearings when a gas station wants to change the color of its awning. This is a policy shift of much more importance," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Many of the details about the school

system's new initiative for at-risk students were fuzzy because the schools were not sure how much funding they would receive from the county or the Virginia government, said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville).

"It would have been great to let people know what was happening in February, but we didn't know how much money we were going to get and it looked pretty bad," said Strauss.

Last year, school board members voted to use federal stimulus money to fund Project Excel, which provides an extended school day on Mondays at 16 elementary schools. The supervisors should have known that the stimulus money was limited and would run out at the end of next year, said several school board members.

Dale and many school board members also pointed out that the most significant funding that elementary schools with students in poverty receive comes in the form of a lower staff-to-student ratio, which will not be changed.

Still, several members of the community said they felt "ambushed" by the change and supervisors found the timeline too condensed for such a major change.

During a public hearing in January, the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters complained about the school system's budget documents being "opaque" and said the organization had a hard time parsing out how the school system was spending money.

The Fairfax Education Association and Fairfax County Council of PTAs aired concerns about responsiveness.

"There is no open dialogue. That is not how the school system works," said Arthur Lopez, incoming chair of the schools' minority student achievement oversight citizen advisory committee.

But many school board members contend that Dale's new initiative for students in poverty will reach more needy students. The superintendent plans to boost funding for students who are poor and need to learn English from \$20 million to \$30 million next year.

"Overall, we will be spending more money than we are now," said Dale.

Of the new money, about \$5.4 million will

Schools Affected

Many needy schools currently receive extra funding and support through the Project Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs. The school board is likely to eliminate all three programs and replace them, in part, with a "priority schools" initiative.

Those campuses that would receive extra funding as a "priority school" are not the same as those who received funding under Excel, Focus and year-round calendar.

School	Excel	Focus	Year-Round	Priority School
Annandale Terrace Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Beach Tree Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Brookfield Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Bucknell Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Bull Run Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cameron Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Centre Ridge Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Clearview Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cunningham Park Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Crestwood Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Daniels Run Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Dogwood Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Dranesville Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Fort Belvoir Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Fort Hunt	No	Yes	No	No
Forest Edge Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Franconia Elementary	No	No	Yes	No
Glen Forest Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Graham Road Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Groveton Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Halley Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Herndon Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hollin Meadows Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hutchinson Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Hunter Woods Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hybla Valley Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Kent Gardens Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
King's Glen Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Lake Anne Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
London Towne Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mount Eagle Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Parklawn Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Pine Spring Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	No
Providence Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Riverside Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rose Hill Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Timber Lane Elementary	No	No	Yes	No
Sleepy Hollow Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Stenwood Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Washington Mill Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Westlawn Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Woodlawn Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Weyanoke Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Woodley Hills Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	No
Woodburn Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Hughes Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Sanburg Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Whitman Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Glasgow Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Twain Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Herndon Middle*	No	No	No	Yes

*Project Excel, Focus and the year-round calendar program does not exist at the middle school level but middle schools are included under the "priority school" plan.

students and other minorities.

According to a written proposal, extra funding could be provided for literacy coaches and instructional coaches and to enroll all eligible 4-year olds in the Head Start program. Instead of providing an extended day or year-round school year to all students attending a particular school, individual pupils could also be asked to start school early in August if their academic achievement is lacking.

DALE and several school board members said the three current programs are static and limited. Those schools that were initially enrolled in the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs a decade ago are still the only ones receiving the services.

Demographic changes over the last few years have also meant that those schools with largest number of poor students and the lowest achievement rates now are not necessarily the ones where Excel and year-round calendar are in place.

"Once a school was in the program, the school was always in the program. And no one else could get into the program," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

The Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs were also only in place in elementary schools. Dale's new plan would give extra funding to middle schools – Hughes, Sandburg, Whitman, Glasgow, Herndon and Poe – because they have high levels of poverty.

Finally, Dale said there was no compelling evidence that Excel, Focus or a year-round

calendar was boosting achievement. When comparing schools that had those three programs with similar schools that didn't, the school system saw no difference in academic achievement, said Dale.

BUT some individual schools have seen tremendous results, said school board members and parents.

In addition to Hollin Meadows, Graham Road – which has the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs – has been nationally recognized.

And even though Hollin Meadows is listed a "priority school," it isn't clear that it will receive the same level of extra funding it does now, said Blackburn.

"My concern is that it is May and all we have seen is an outline of an outline," said Blackburn.

'Let us Hear that Concern'

Citizens have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods and activities of police.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records "shall be presumed open."

But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold some information.

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a "blanket" approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any information and document they can.

The actual reports filed by police officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

Leaders in Northern Virginia's police departments continue to assert that most people aren't don't care about the level of secrecy employed by police.

"Let us hear that concern," said a Fairfax County police spokesperson. "We are not hearing it from anybody except the media, except individual reporters."

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

It's time to let them hear the concern, and

tell them that they do have to justify decisions to withhold public information. Contact your chief of police, along with your state and local elected officials. We'd appreciate receiving a copy of any letter you send.

Police should move to make as much information open to the public as possible. Should they have the right to redact some information, for example, the name of an undercover officer? Certainly. But withholding information should be a rare exception, not a blanket policy.

But the process of repressing critical information undermines the contract of trust between police and community, like the name of the shooter and exact details when police shoot and kill an unarmed civilian, as in the case of David Masters.

"Citizens truly do have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods, not summary information the police choose to release," wrote Ryan Donmoyer in a letter to the Alexandria Gazette Packet. "And the press plays a pivotal role in the unfettered dissemination of such essential information."

We continue to be grateful for the service, presence, expertise and judgment of the police officers patrolling our neighborhoods. The misguided decision to abuse the ability to with-

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Police departments include a wealth of information online, from statistics to the locations of some incidents. But the information is exactly what police choose to release. Each site includes some disclaimer like this one from the Alexandria Police website: "Detailed information from crime reports, such as victim names, specific addresses, and motive, may be confidential and may not be available to members of the public."

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hold every piece of information possible comes from the leadership level. The police officers you come into contact with in your daily activities are not at fault here.

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A Chance To Get Tysons Right

Key decisions remain on how to make Tysons Corner a 24-hour city.

BY CHARLIE HALL
GREATER TYSONS CITIZENS
COALITION

The Tysons Corner redevelopment debate, one of Northern Virginia's most far-reaching land-use discussions since George Washington surveyed our area for Lord Fairfax, will soon come to a head.

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will decide how to turn Tysons Corner into a true city, concluding a process that has taken five years, cost millions of taxpayer dollars and will redefine our region.

After many wrong turns, county leaders have a chance to get this historic decision right, turning a dumpy, sprawling district into a vibrant, sustainable urban corridor.

On March 17, Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large) publicly acknowledged that a plan put forward by a citizens-land-

owner task force contains several fatal flaws, with potentially catastrophic consequences for McLean, Vienna, Providence District and beyond. His chief concerns are:

1. The task force's development targets are wildly over-ambitious, quadrupling the amount of construction on the ground today and allowing redevelopment well beyond walking distance from new Metro stations. In Alcorn's words, such a plan would "far overwhelm" any conceivable mix of roads and public transit, now and in the future.

2. The task force plan is recklessly rigid. It would give landowners permanent, irreversible building rights today for all construction between now and 2080. That would deny future residents the ability to adjust to changing realities.

For a year, the county planning staff has recognized these obvious problems. They suggested planning "only" 40 years in the future,

and slashing the task force's development goals by 33 percent. But even this "Task Force lite" plan could overwhelm the region's transportation grid.

The alternative put forward by Commissioner Alcorn protects county roads and finances, while preserving and even improving upon the task force's urban vision.

He and fellow commissioners have urged limiting detailed planning to only 20 years in the future and holding initial construction to about twice what is on the ground in Tysons today. Importantly, most construction would be focused within walking distance of new Metro stations, exactly the type of "smart growth" that made Arlington's Ballston area a successful, functional mini-city.

Commissioner Alcorn's plan is prudent and flexible. It does not commit the county today to a density and population that could overwhelm roads and parks in communities miles from Tysons' center. But it also allows future urban development, as additional public improvements come on line in 2030 and beyond.

This common-sense approach has been endorsed by many advocates of an urban Tysons, including the Sierra Club and the Washington Post editorial page.

Key decisions remain. More housing should be considered near Metro stations, to create a 24-hour city. Any proposal must produce a road grid to move automobiles inside Tysons. And billions of dollars in public project costs must be fairly divided between taxpayers and Tysons landowners.

However, by shedding the fatal flaws of previous Tysons plans, Commissioner Alcorn's alternative represents a significant step forward. His well considered proposal is the only feasible foundation on which to build our region's future.

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NEWS

Last year, approximately 14,000 people attended the McLean Day festivities.



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McLean Day 2010: Partying in the Park

Community festival to be held on Saturday, May 15, at Lewinsville Park.

McLean Day 2010: Celebrating Our Hometown, produced by the McLean Community Center (MCC), will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 15, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission to the festival is free.

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THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The first McLean Day was held in 1915 in a field adjacent to Franklin Sherman School. Sponsored by the McLean School and Civic League, Inc, the event raised funds for school and community projects. Various community organizations kept McLean Day going with varying degrees of success until MCC began producing it in the mid-1970s. Due to an ever-increasing number of participants, in 1988 MCC relocated the festival from the Center to Lewinsville Park. Last year, approximately 14,000 people attended.

VARIETY OF RIDES

Reithoffer Shows is bringing back the Orbiter to McLean Day this year. It will join other popular rides like The Tornado, The Ring of Fire, Pharaoh's Fury, The Starship 2000 and the bumper car rides. Other attractions include a rock-climbing wall, carnival

Free Shuttle Service

The McLean Community Center is offering a free shuttle service to and from three sites in the McLean community to make it easier for people to get to the McLean Day 2010: Celebrating Our Hometown festival on Saturday, May 15. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road.

Parking will not be allowed at Lewinsville Park on the day of the festival as heavy carnival rides will be located on the hard surface of the parking lot.

Shuttle buses will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- ❖ The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Meet the shuttle at the Center's front entrance.

- ❖ McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, across from Franklin Sherman Elementary School and Langley Shopping Center. Meet the shuttle at the stop on Brawner Street.

- ❖ Kent Gardens Elementary School, 1717 Melbourne St. Drivers accessing the school from Westmoreland Street should enter at Van Fleet Drive and turn left on Melbourne, which will dead-end at the school. Upon exiting the school, drivers should take the second left off Melbourne at Dean Dr., reserving Lumsden Street for bus use only.

The Center also will run a number of small transportation carts, similar to those used in airports, from the rear of the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street. Meet the carts at the stop on Evers Drive.

For more information, contact the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org.

games, pony rides, balloon sculptures and face painting. Toddlers and small children can enjoy a variety of small, mechanical rides in the Children's Midway area.

MUSIC AND MORE ON STAGE

McLean Day entertainment offerings include something for everyone: Cravin' Dogs, Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun, Mutts Gone Nuts Dog Show and the young dancers of Joy of Dance.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD COURT

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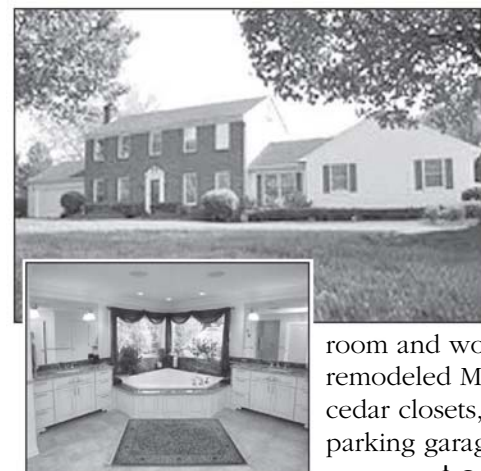
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Runners at the finish line at the Spring Hill Elementary 3K Fun Run on Sunday, May 2.



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Community Spirit Honored in Great Falls

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“Like a postman, through hot, cold, rain or snow, Luke has logged hours to help us,” Capt. J.T. Harrison of the Reston Fire Station wrote in his nomination for Luke Jameson. When the teen earned a \$500 grant for his volunteer work, he donated it to the station, Rainey said.

She said he was also known to offer his seat at lunch or on the Metro to others and was even openly affectionate with his parents in front of his peers. During a snowfall a couple of years ago, when his sister was too weak to climb the hill they were sledding on, Luke Jameson pulled her up the hill on her sled after each run, Rainey said.

“I really just thought it was my duty,” he said of his volunteer work at the fire station, as he accepted the award. “I guess it meant a lot.”

His sister was the first teen to appear in a promotional video for the Starlight Children’s Foundation, speaking about the entertainment the organization provided for hospitalized children, “not



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Pam Gilbert accepts her Neighbor of the year award from Sharon Rainey.

once mentioning that she herself had been hospitalized for 10 of 12 months of that previous year,” Rainey said.

While reading an online chat one night, Laura Jameson realized that a classmate was planning her suicide. She told her mother, who alerted the girl’s mother, and the crisis was averted. “A life was saved,” Rainey said. And in sixth grade, Laura Jameson went to

Capitol Hill with the chief of police and the director of ChildSafeNet to lobby for protection of children from Internet predators. “Laura is a risk-taker. She isn’t afraid to speak her mind,” Rainey said.

Laura Jameson said she had never expected to receive the award “because, in the moment, the act seemed small.” She thanked Rainey and her brother for being role models and was unable to hold back her tears as she called Luke Jameson “truly the best brother” and thanked her parents for their efforts on her behalf. “Without them, I literally would not have made it this far in my life,” she said.

Her and her brother’s mother, Janet Jameson, is a past Neighbor of the Year honoree.

RAINEY introduced Gilbert as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout volunteer, a “cookie mom,” a longtime homeowners association president, a school volunteer, an Odyssey of the Mind leader, a past PTA officer, a Neighbors Foundation volunteer coordinator and a volunteer with various other local

nonprofits. She said Gilbert also helped local women with medical issues. “Pam is the first person to pop up her hand to help in whatever ways she can,” Rainey said.

She noted that Gilbert had also taught her two children the importance of volunteering.

“It’s easy to be a good neighbor when you have great neighbors,” Gilbert said, thanking the neighbors who had turned out for the award presentation.

As one of the people who had nominated Schmitz and Moore for the award, longtime Great Falls resident Peter Garahan presented the last two awards. “You won’t really find one without the other, so in deciding the Neighbor of the Year awards, Sharon felt she couldn’t really honor Gerry one year and Robert the other,” Garahan said. “For the past 25 years, both Robert and Gerry have been initial contributors of goods and services for every community event we can think of.”

He said Schmitz, who owns a hauling and excavating business, had helped construct the playing field behind Great Falls Library, hauled away the old buildings on

the Nike missile site that is now Turner Farm Park, and helped move the rock and prepare the site for the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. He had also been a major supporter of the community’s fireworks display since the event’s inception, Garahan said.

As one of the original property owners in the Great Falls Village Centre, Garahan said, Moore had long worked to support the annual activities and celebrations on the Village Green.

“Years ago, Robert’s wife, Jackie, wanted to provide a beautiful Christmas tree for the Great Falls community,” he said. “What Jackie wanted, Jackie got.” With Schmitz’s help, Moore hauled a tree into town, planted it behind the post office, maintained it and eventually replaced it. Moore still arranges for the Madrigal singers, live animals and Santa visit during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony he helped make possible, Garahan said.

“Big hearts, can-do attitudes, personal service and financial support are what make these two men stand apart from so many others,” he said.



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NEWS



Filippa Franzen, au pair from Sweden, and Anne DiFronzo.

Meeting Au Pairs Online

Agency launches website with au pairs videos.

With the boom in online video, one au pair agency has found a new application for videos – aupairvideos.com, a website highlighting videos of au pairs who are looking for host families in the U.S. Families interested in this childcare option, can now get a more personal look at the candidates they are considering. While host families have been able to view photos and profiles of available au pairs online for some time, this is the first time families in the selection process can watch video produced by au pairs. This exclusive website, hosted by Cultural Care Au Pair, provides au pair candidates with the opportunity to show their motivation and personality that simply can't be interpreted from a paper application or a telephone interview.

In the videos, au pair candidates talk about why they want to be pairs, and the activities they hope to do with their future host children. They share what kind of

childcare experience they have as well as their personal interests and skills.

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"Our au pair videos not only provide families with another way to get to know the au pair candidate they are considering, they also answer an increased demand for online video," says Anne DiFronzo, local childcare coordinator for Cultural Care.

DiFronzo is currently interviewing area parents who are interested in hosting an au pair. She can be contacted at 703-268-6686 for additional information on the Cultural Care Au Pair program. Interested families may also visit the Cultural Care Au Pair Web site at www.culturalcare.com.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Bike Collection Drive

Bikes of the World will be on hand working with Colvin Run Elementary School's 5th grade team to accept your donations of bikes and bike accessories (helmets, bike racks, extra tires, pumps, manuals etc). The donated bikes will be reconditioned and distributed overseas, where they will improve

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MILITARY NOTES

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

Keith A. Tooley has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S.

Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. Tooley is the son of Jean D. Reimers of Donmore Drive, Great Falls and is a 2004 graduate of Langley High School.

Army 2nd Lt. Roman A. Terehoff has graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is the son of Alex G. and Irina P. Terehoff of Borge St., Oakton, Va. Terehoff graduated in 2001 from Oakton High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from George Mason University.

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

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

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MAY 13

- Robert Ames Alden: McLean Remembered.** 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Alden has been a community leader in planning a green, central park, library, outdoor stage, community center and theater for McLean. schulm@erols.com.
- Swing Dance with DeJa Blue Blues Band.** 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.
- Jason Castro.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.
- Art Talk.** 7 p.m. in the Emerson Gallery, McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Artist Jeremy Drummond will discuss his current exhibition, Everybody Knows This is Nowhere: A Photographic and Video Installation. 703-790-1953.

FRIDAY/MAY 14

- Summer on the Green: Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie.** 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.
 - '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.
 - Dan Navarro and Peter Bradley Adams.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17. jamminjava.com.
 - Central Lancaster County Homeschool Choir.** 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Thirty 7-12th graders from central Pennsylvania in a concert of sacred, classical and traditional choral arrangements. Free, open to the public. 703-938-9050.
 - Dinner Dance in Celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day.** Tysons West Park Hotel, McLean. Cash Bar 7 p.m., dinner 8 p.m. Speaker Keith Eikenes, Defense Counselor, Royal Norwegian Embassy. Music and entertainment by Terry Lee Ryan, door prizes and dancing 9:30-12 a.m. \$65 per person, \$30 for age 30 and under. 703-408-3383.
 - Riverbend Park Camping Night.** 6 p.m.-9 a.m. Saturday at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Families can enjoy camping and night hiking. Bring camping gear, toasting sticks and a dinner to cook on a campfire, enjoy stories and s'mores. A light breakfast is provided. \$45 per family. Reservations required at 703-759-9018.
- SATURDAY/MAY 15**
- City of Fairfax Antique Car Show.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Antique cars, live bluegrass music, food and more. See a Model-T Ford reassembled and running in 15 minutes at 1 p.m. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. www.visitfairfax.com or www.nvrg.org.
 - McLean Day 2010.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Food, games entertainment and more. Free



Barbara Martin and Mac Walter will perform on Saturday, May 15, 5 p.m. at The Palladium at McLean, 1450 Emerson Ave. Free and open to the public.

- admission. Free shuttle buses will run from Redeemer Lutheran Church, McLean Baptist Church and the parking lot of MCC. www.mcleancenter.org/special-events, or 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.
 - McLean High School and Longfellow Middle School Big Band Jam.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. jamminjava.com.
 - Sing Me Insomnia and The Goodnight Anthem.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.
 - An Evening with Charlie Mars.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 advance, \$18 at the door. jamminjava.com.
 - Summer on the Green:** James Madison High School Jazz Band. 12 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.
 - Fairfax County Master Gardeners.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.
 - 'The Last Five Years.'** 2 p.m. and 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.
 - Claude Moore Colonial Farm 18th Century Spring Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Dance and sing to period music. Play quoits and other games, and watch a children's puppet theater. Order nails from the blacksmith, and herbs and flowers from the plant vendor. Browse the latest in Colonial American fashions at the seamstress, millinery and stillatory stands. Enjoy roast chicken, fresh asparagus, sugar cakes and fruit pies. Adults \$5, age 3-12 and senior citizens \$2.50. www.1771.org.
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 - International Pot Luck.** 5-7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Mingle with Cultural Care Au Pair staff, host families and au pairs. Free. 703-268-6686 or
 - Anne.DiFronzo@lcc.culturalcare.com
 - World Children's Choir Spring Concert.** 7 p.m. at Christ Crossman United Methodist Church, 384 N. Washington St., Falls Church. The "Song of Peace" concert will include performances by the Junior and Concert Choirs, Bella Voce, and Opera Ensemble conducted by Sondra Harnes. Tickets available at www.worldchildrenschoir.org or 703-883-0920.
- SUNDAY/MAY 16**
- The McLean Youth Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Pauline Anderson, artistic director. Donations accepted. 703-356-0670 or www.mclean-orchestra.org/myo.
 - Steven Gellman CD Release.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. jamminjava.com.
 - Crash Test Dummies and Rob Morsberger.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17 advance, \$20 at the door. jamminjava.com.
 - Summer on the Green:** U.S. Navy Country Current. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.
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 - Philippe Cousteau.** 9 a.m. at Saint Luke School, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The CEO and co-founder of the non-profit EarthEcho International will speak on ecological issues. Bishop O'Connell High School and Saint Luke School have organized a cell phone recycling program. Representatives from O'Connell's Ecology Club will join the event. Open to the public. 703-356-1508.
 - Doug Berky with Gems: The World's Wisdom Stories.** 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For ages 6 and up. Masks, puppets, mime, comedy, music and storytelling. \$14 non-residents, \$10 district residents. Workshop with Doug Berky at 4:30

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CALENDAR

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p.m. for ages 10 and up; \$10 per person, available only at the MCC Box Office. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

MONDAY/MAY 17

Leslie West and Scrapomatic. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 18

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

NoCo, Automatics and Power Pirate. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 19

Organist Paul Skevington. 1 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Darrell Scott and Pierce Pettis. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

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An Exhibition by Artist Cao Yong. 6 p.m. at Wentworth Gallery, Tysons Galleria, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. 703-883-0111 or 1-800-732-6140.

THURSDAY/MAY 20

An Evening with Unknown Hinson. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20 advance, \$25 day of show. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 21

Summer on the Green: Splinters - Rock. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

The Mikado. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40-\$280. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.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.

Musical Moments Concert. 7:30

p.m. at the McLean Bible Church Smith Center, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. 'An Evening with Irving Berlin.' Tickets \$10, available at www.mbcyson.org/musicalmoments.

Ellis Paul and Michael Clem. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 22

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Vienna Choral Society: Disney Princess Concert. 4 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW., Vienna. Songs and scenes from Disney movies with an ensemble of youth actors and singers. \$18 adults, \$14 seniors and students, \$30 family, 8 and under free. www.viennachoralsociety.org or 703-255-5508.

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Village Green unites in a special cause, The Avon Walk for the Cure for Breast Cancer.

‘Pink to the Core’ at Village Green

School community raises funds to fight breast cancer.

On April 30, a Pink to the Core “Spirit Rally” took place to support the team and to celebrate the support that the Village Green family has given. Car pool was a sea of pink and white dressed staff and children, music blared from loud speakers and spirits and pink balloons soared high. Even the snack for the day was pink — bagels and pink cream cheese and pink lem-

onade. Staff members were treated to a dessert of pink cupcakes.

The rally honored Village Green staff members Lynne Roots, Martha Guill and all families and friends fighting breast cancer. The “Pink to the Core” team has raised more than \$16,500, a testament to the Village Green community embracing the efforts of the team and sponsoring them in many ways. The Parent Advisory Council and Good Neighbor Network sponsored two events to help raise funds: “Play Time in the Park” where the “Pink to the Core” team babysat and had fun with the children. A school-wide bake sale took place during “Come into the Garden,” the school’s annual earth friendly event.



Village Green’s ‘Pink to the Core’ team of walkers Stephanie Atkins, Sylvia Ghorbani, Carly Guy, Michelle Cabral, Carey Hitchcock and Christine Reynolds walked for a cause on May 1-2 in Washington, D.C.

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The Forestville Storm Dance Team performs 'Drive My Car.'

Talent on Display at Forestville ES

Students from grades kindergarten through sixth took the stage at Forestville Elementary School on Friday night, April 30. The Forestville PTA put on this 2010 talent show, and refreshments were sold thanks to the SCA.

Everything from joke telling to singing, dancing to rhythmic gymnastics could be seen at this show. Fighting stage fright and facing their fears, more than 100 students performed nearly 55 acts. Hosts Lynn Conforti and Forestville Principal Matt Harris kept the show moving, while encouraging each student to "go out there and do their best." Conforti told jokes in between acts, with the student audience responding.



Kindergartner Armita Fard is interviewed by host Lynn Conforti.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP

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Calendar Listings

The Connection Newspapers contain a Calendar of Upcoming Events every week. While we cannot guarantee that every event we receive information about will be listed, here is the information we need for your upcoming event to be considered for the Calendar. We welcome photographs of similar events held previously, which sometimes appear with Calendar items.

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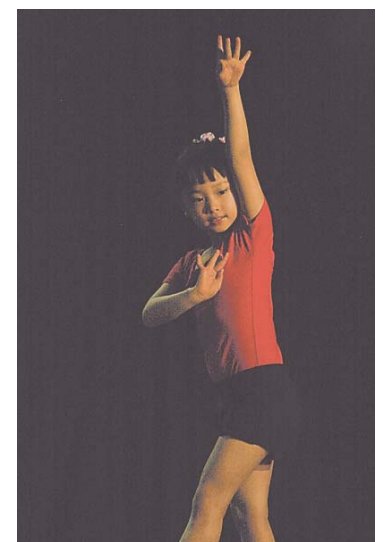
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Kindergartner Sophia Coulopoulos performs some of 'The Nutcracker.'



First grader Ronitt Murjany dances to 'Jai Ho.'



First grader Christina Wang performs rhythmic gymnastics to 'Butterfly.'

A Date with Destiny, Sort Of

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Am I glad March 27, 2010 has passed without me having passed. That was the lower end of the infamous "13 month to two years" time frame that my oncologist prognosticated, statistically speaking, that stage IV lung cancer patients have until, well, you know. The next date is two years from the original date of diagnosis/prognosis, meaning next February 27, 2011 – 11 months from now, you know when. It's not like I'm looking at the calendar every day and crossing out days however, marking what time I have left, or not. Still, it's impossible not to be mindful of dates, given the less-than-ideal health situation in which I find myself ensnared.

But somehow, I must. Somehow, I must go on living as if there's no end in sight, go on living as if my prognosis, my disease, is merely a blip on my life's radar rather than the multitude of blips (tumors) that actually appear on the medical scans that I regularly undergo. Having juggled this mental conundrum for more than a year now, I have to admit, I've had better days (and weeks, and months, etc.), but March 28 (the day after) was certainly one of them.

Unfortunately, one date does not a lifetime (normal life expectancy) make. Nevertheless, as a cancer patient currently undergoing treatment, any kind of news, result, answer, date, that can be interpreted as positive is to be embraced and exaggerated (within reason of course). Because finding a path of least resistance, mentally, through the uncharted – and very unpredictable – waters seems to be key to the intangibles working for you instead of against you.

But who knows, really? There are so many opinions, so many studies, so many papers; some educated, some not; some proven (in a manner of speaking), some not; pertaining to fighting and defeating cancer, that knowing what course of action has merit and what course is merely discourse, is yet another mental hurdle. The information available online, from medical professionals, from well-meaning friends and family (with their own anecdotal evidence/information from their respective circles/lives) and from other miscellaneous "educators" is overwhelming. Who to believe? How best to proceed? How much to hope? How much to care? It's much easier said than done. (And it's not that easy to say it, either; it's much easier for me to write it; ergo the cancer columns.)

But finding a way, you must. Because the alternative is grim, and that's no fairy tale. That's reality, the harshest reality there is: between a rock and a hard place (see column of the same name published 4/21/2010), with no place to go except a cliff (metaphorically speaking) on which your oncologist originally said your next 13 months to two years will sort of teeter (I'm paraphrasing a bit, but you get the idea, I'm sure).

And teeter, physically (from the neuropathy and muscle weakness, among other cancer-and-the-side-effects-of-the-treatment-of-cancer-related effects) you will and mentally, too, from the obvious strain on your brain, dealing with this new reality. The trick is; heck, there is no trick. There are good days and bad days, and some actual dates that carry you forward (and some that carry you backward, too); some of them meaningful, some of them meaningless. It's mind over matter. Somehow, you have to not mind what matters and not let matter what's on your mind.

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TUESDAY/MAY 18

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 19

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leaderwilliams@gmx.com.

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THURSDAY/MAY 20

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.

McLean Citizens Association Annual Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, following a brief business meeting, the election of officers and board members for MCA and its charitable affiliate, the McLean Community Foundation. MCA.President@mcleancitizens.org or 703-556-9160.

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VTRCC Spring Legislative Luncheon.

11:30 a.m. at Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean. With State Senator Chap Petersen, Delegates Mark Keam and Barbara Comstock and County Supervisor Linda Smyth. Register at www.vtrcc.org.

Northern Virginia Children's Mental Health Forum.

10:30 a.m. at INOVA Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center Auditorium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. With representatives from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. 804-649-0184.

SATURDAY/MAY 15

Dranesville District One MCC Governing Board Election.

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the McLean Day 2010 festival at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. View candidate statements at www.mcleancenter.org/contact/candidatestatements.asp.

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.

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Information Session.

11 a.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, contact 703-273-3526, x22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 16

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society Meeting.

2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Grower David Eigenbrode on 'Tips and Techniques for Pinching and Shading = Bigger Mum Blooms.' Open to the public, free admission and refreshments. 703-560-8776.

MONDAY/MAY 17

Breaking Down Barriers. 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government

Cassella Remembered

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blueprints for opening a Miracle League chapter in Northern Virginia, so the organization was a natural fit as a beneficiary of the event, and he added that the family was going to bring Cassella's plan for developing a local chapter to the race to see whether anyone was interested in picking up where he had left off.

IN FOLLOWING YEARS, different charities will be selected as beneficiaries, he said. "We actually know Joe well enough to figure out what he would support."

Although it was still two weeks away, DeRocco said the event appeared to be a success thus far. "As far as the community goes, support, so far, is awesome," he said. "Joe knew a lot of people and everybody wants to help out with this thing." Elite Fitness is the main sponsor for the event, with a long roster of local businesses following it, as well as Washington, D.C.'s professional sports teams.

"He touched so many, so many folks," Mencia said, noting that Cassella had been able to relate well to everyone, from the titans of industry to the high school students in his employ, treating them all with the same respect. "I never heard him say a cross word about anyone."

THE EVENT, which will take place at the Great Falls Village Green, will begin with a fun run for children and end with a silent auction, raffles, food, entertainment and "random prizes," in addition to the 5K. The race is intended for all levels of participants, from walkers to serious runners, DeRocco said. Like Elite Fitness, he said, the event is not to be intimidating but is to welcome everyone.

During the planning process, Cassella's friends and family often considered, "What would Joe do?" DeRocco said. "Everybody agrees that the way Joe did things seems to be the best way possible."

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St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will host a community prayer breakfast sponsored by the Great Falls Ecumenical Council (GFEC) 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. The theme for the prayer breakfast, which will include a presentation by the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, is "Rebuilding with Faith." The cost per person is \$10. Contact 703-759-2082 or www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

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

The Jewish Social Services

Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. 703-356-6336.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and

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McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

AAUW Guest Speaker Discusses 'Unfinished Revolution'

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will host its annual Spring dinner on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity University, a position she has held since 1989. Washingtonian magazine has named her among the "150 Most Powerful People in Washington" and the "100 Most Powerful Women in Washington." She spearheaded one of the nation's first "weekend colleges" which allowed working women to attain a college degree. She will speak about the Unfinished Revolution: Why Women's Education Still Matters. The dinner will be at Cafe Oggi,



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SPORTS

McLean, Langley Boys' Soccer Rivalry Reaches New Heights

Gundersen's goal proves to be the difference for Saxons in meeting between two of the region's best teams.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

For now, at least, it appears the Langley High Saxons are the elite boys' soccer team within the powerful Liberty District.

The Saxons defeated two of the Northern Region's elite teams — district opponents Stone Bridge and McLean — in contests last week to remain unbeaten and separate themselves, at least a little, from their primary district challengers.

"Both McLean and Stone Bridge are very good," said Langley coach Bo Amato, whose team, with just one week remaining in the regular season, remained unbeaten at 11-0. "We're three teams that have a chance to do damage in the region playoffs."

Langley, earlier last week on Monday, May 3, handed host Stone Bridge (11-1 record) a 2-1 loss. Then, four days later, the Saxons, going up against cross-town rival McLean (8-2-2), won by a same 2-1 score in a contest played on a gorgeous spring evening, in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd at McLean.

McLean coach Mike Anderson said Langley was simply the better, more physical team in the late season meeting.

"I thought they physically dominated us," said Anderson. "To their credit, they won balls and defensively dominated us. Bo [Amato] has done a real good job with them. Our guys were pumped up for the game. Unfortunately, we didn't really show up today. Langley imposed their play upon us."

Langley tallied what proved to be the game-winning score with 13 minutes, 13 seconds remaining in the second half when 6-foot-3 inch senior forward Jan Gundersen, from about 25 yards away off the left wing area of the field, sent a scorching liner high into the McLean net to break a deadlock and give his team a 2-1 lead.

In an instant, Gundersen, although being defended tightly, made a move to get his shot off.

"He made a great turn and shot," said Amato. "He had a man on his back. He just turned and hit the ball."

Langley continued to apply pressure during several rushes the remainder of the way. McLean, meanwhile, did not make a serious charge at the net over the final 13 minutes.

With the win, Langley was given the McLean Youth Soccer Cup trophy in the moments following the game's conclusion. The prized possession goes to the winning team of the annual rival game between the Saxons and Highlanders. Langley players representing their team in receiving the Cup were Saxons Farhan Khan, Gundersen, Roshan Patel, and Dylan Price. Anderson, the McLean coach, congratulated the four Saxon players during the informal presen-



Josh Ellis' first half goal was barely out of the reach of McLean goal tender Rob Maffei.

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Langley's Jeff Cochran high wires the ball during Saxon-Highlander boys' soccer action last Friday night at McLean.

tation.

Certainly, it's likely that both teams could meet again at the upcoming district tournament set to begin next week.

"McLean and Langley is always a great rivalry," said Langley's Jeff Cochran, a junior midfielder. "Whether the teams are good or bad, it's a good matchup. Playing them at districts would be unbelievable."

Langley goalie Jay Lupas, a 6-4 junior who earned the win in net on Friday, said the already feverish rivalry between the two boys' soccer teams has risen to an even higher level this spring.

"It's always been a big game because it's McLean," said Lupas. "But it's even bigger now because both teams are really good."

LANGLEY HAD GOTTEN the better of the play throughout much of Friday's first half and eventually broke through with the

game's first goal when junior forward Josh Ellis, off a long throw-in by Cochran from the left sideline, corralled the ball from the right side of the goal area before, from close range, sending a crossing shot into the net for a 1-0 Saxons' lead with 9:25 remaining in the opening half.

It was a remarkably strong throw-in assist from Cochran, whose toss somehow crossed the middle of the goal area and to Ellis, who got control of the ball before getting off his close range shot.

"The ball came off the throw-in from Jeff," said Ellis. "I had a guy on me and the ball bounced my way. I got some open space and kicked it into the left corner."

Cochran recalled his toss being deflected before getting to Ellis.

"I threw it across as hard as I could," said Cochran. "It skipped off one of our heads or a McLean head. When the ball got to Josh

I knew he was going to score."

Amato was relieved when his team had finally broken the ice and gotten onto the scoreboard.

"We had some chances before," said Amato. "[On the goal] Josh stayed on his feet, composed himself and put it away."

The score remained 1-0 the rest of the half and for 11 more minutes into the second half before McLean, to the delight of the home team fans, tied the contest on a score by senior midfielder Tim Whitebread, who took advantage of a short breakaway off the right side by finishing with an 8-yard groundball, crossing shot into the left side of the net to make the score 1-1. Earning an assist on the score was senior forward John Sims.

Just like that, McLean, which had been struggling to sustain an offensive attack all game, had burst through and hit pay dirt. It was a brand new game.

"We were shocked a little bit," said Lupas, the Langley goalie, of the Highlanders' score. "But we knew if we kept fighting we were still going to win."

Sixteen minutes later, Langley regained the lead for good on Gundersen's clutch goal. The score held the rest of the way and the Saxons continued their remarkable unbeaten season of 2010.

At the game's final whistle, Langley's Ellis, who was on the far side of the field in good viewing range of the visiting Langley fans, emphatically clapped his hands twice before extending his arms and acknowledging the fans with two thumbs up.

"We know McLean is a good team and that they were pumped up to beat us," said Ellis. "But we're undefeated and we're on a good run. It's always fun to beat McLean — in basketball, football or soccer. There were lots of people out here tonight."

Langley was scheduled to conclude its regular season this week with road games at West Springfield on Tuesday, May 11 and at Jefferson on Thursday, May 13. If the Saxons can win both, they will enter the postseason undefeated.

"We knew we had a talented team," said Cochran, of the Saxons' confidence going into this season. "We have a good group of guys and we are tight knit. To be 11-0 is just unbelievable because soccer is a game where [you can get tripped up] and lose to anyone."

Amato realizes the Saxons have a long ways to go for this to be the great season his team has such high hopes for. Ultimate success will come in the postseason. But the coach is certainly well pleased with the way Langley has played up to this point.

"I'm real proud of the kids," he said.

Anderson, the McLean coach, hopes the loss to the Saxons will help his team in the long run.

"It teaches us something," said Anderson, of the setback. "Against bigger teams we need to be more physical. Now it's about how we regroup."

McLean will close out the regular season with a home game versus Stone Bridge on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m.



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From left, Joanna Hsu of Longfellow Middle School, Patrick Reyes and Rachel Zmuda of Cooper Middle School, and Didi Park of Longfellow Middle School were recognized for their musicianship.

Musicians and Safety Patrols Get Awards

Woman's Club honors middle- and elementary-school achievers.

The musicianship of four students from Cooper and Longfellow middle schools was recognized on Tuesday, May 4, at a McLean Woman's Club ceremony, where the students also performed on their in-

struments. Didi Park and Joanna Hsu of Longfellow Middle School played works by Saint-Saens and Stradello on the cello and the French horn, respectively, and were accompanied on the piano by music teacher Laura Marchesotto Bogart. Students Patrick Reyes and Rachel Zmuda of Cooper Middle School performed a Mozart bassoon duet. The Saint-Saens piece was notably long and complex, but student Didi Park played it fluently.

Ten students at Chesterbrook, Churchill Road, Franklin Sherman, Kent Gardens and Spring Hill elementary schools received awards for their significant contributions as safety patrol members. The honorees were: William Boinest and Anna Murphy from Chesterbrook Elementary, Kristin McKinnon and Ryan Pride from Churchill Road Elementary, Claire Simpson and Jeffery "Jay" Goettman from Franklin Sherman Elementary, Lorenzo Leme and Heidi Deger from Kent Gardens Elementary, and Ameen Al-Dalli and Alyssa Bedell from Spring Hill Elementary.

The school principals and the students' parents attended the ceremony, which is an annual event of the Woman's Club of McLean.

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Memorabilia Sought for Centennial Celebration

McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia is looking for historical items circa 1910. The organization is currently busy planning the McLean Centennial Celebration, which will take place on June 26, 2010 at the McLean Community Center. The organizers are seeking photographs, toys, clothing as well as other memorabilia for display purposes. If you do have an item, contact Page Shelp at 703-450-3918. The next meeting of the planning committee takes place on Monday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. For information contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

REAL ESTATE

To have real estate information listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Long & Foster® Real Estate, Inc., has announced the launch of The Long & Foster Market Minute™, an innovative report aimed to deliver local knowledge based on county-level data. A leader in providing real estate market data, Long & Foster will produce the reports every month, currently covering 100 counties it serves in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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1207 Grant St.....\$459,500...Sun 1-4...Joni Koons...Weichert...703-549-8700
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