

# 'Little Women' Come To McLean Stage

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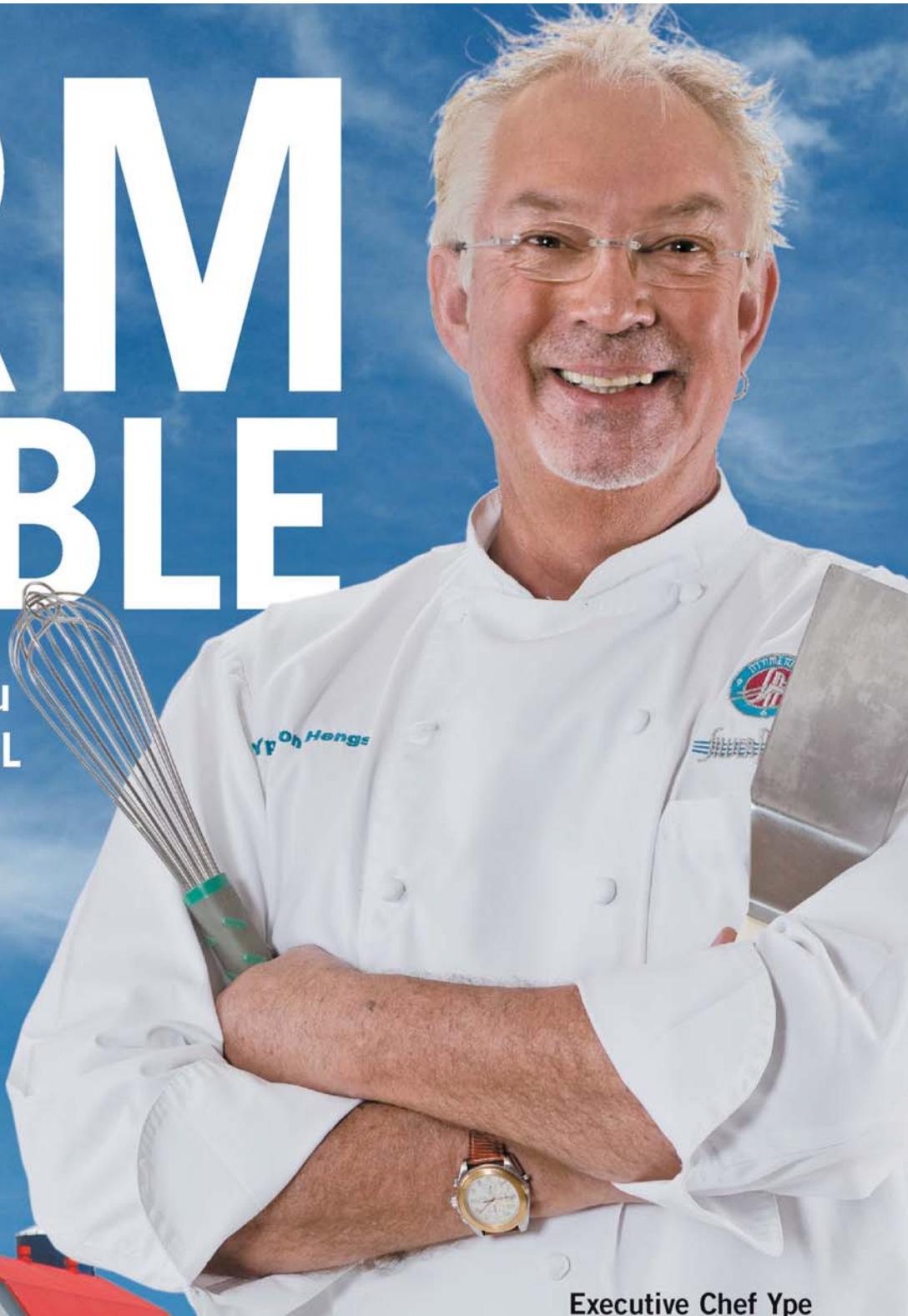
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# NEWS



Randy Gore, 8, tries his hand at spinning upside down on a gyroscope-style ride at Langley High School for McLean's Fourth of July celebration.



Cynthia, left, and Jessica Nguyen, both 7, wait for their balloon animal from Bubbles the Clown.

## 8,000 Show for Celebration

### Langley High is site of Independence Day celebration hosted by the McLean Community Center.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center hosted the community's annual Fourth of July celebration at Langley High School on Sunday. The event drew more than 8,000 people and featured children's activities, live music and fireworks in 3-D to wrap up the evening.

People began swarming to the football field and track behind the high school starting at 6 p.m., with many families scouting out a prime lawn spot early and others making camp in one of the two sets of bleachers. While the audience filled the football field, a variety of vendors set up shop along the track surrounding the field.

Charlie Pistorino and Martin Quinn, two volunteers from the American Legion Post 270 of McLean, gave each person who entered an American flag. Handing out flags has been an annual tradition for the American Legion.

"There are a lot of young kids and some adults who have never waved an American flag before," Pistorino said. "It's important to recognize our country on days like this, and it means a lot to people to take a flag."

The east end of the football field was set up as a stage for General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board, a soul group from Detroit. The group formed in the 1960s, and they kept the crowd moving with songs such as Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and "Long Train Runnin'" by the Doobie Brothers.

Children could also have balloon animals made by Bubbles the Clown, or get their face painted in a number of different ways. In fact, there was so much to do, some families had trouble getting it all in.

"We originally planned to just relax on the blan-

ket, but I don't think that's happening," said Claire Newcombe, with a laugh. "The kids want to play with the hula hoops, then they want their face painted and then I'm sure they'll find something else. It's a nice full day for them."

The west end of the football field was taken over by hula hoops, bean bags, kickballs and bats, courtesy of the McLean Community Center's Camp McLean.

Children were invited to use any and all of the items laid out for them. Many of them got creative in their combinations, hitting bean bags with the bats, or throwing the bean bags into hula hoops on the ground.

"We have a great camp going on, and we figured

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**Charlie Pistorino** hands American flags to Kate Marks, 4, and her mother Savannah. Pistorino was one of the volunteers from American Legion Post 270 that came out to hand out flags.

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Friends, family and community members stand around the Phil Chisholm Field Sign before its unveiling.

## Community Honors True Champion'

Spring Hill Park Field #1 is officially named Phil Chisholm Field in honor of the late coach.

BY ROSE LEE  
THE CONNECTION

Community members gathered together at Spring Hill Park Field #1 on June 21 to remember and honor the late Phil Chisholm. The baseball field was named in tribute to the coach, father, friend and role model that touched the lives of countless individuals.

Phil Chisholm was a baseball coach in the McLean community. For those who knew him, it comes as no surprise that the McLean Little League Board of Directors requested the field naming after him or that the

Park Authority Board unanimously approved the proposal.

"Phil was one of those guys you were glad to know," said Kevin Fay, the Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. "He always had a kind word for everyone."

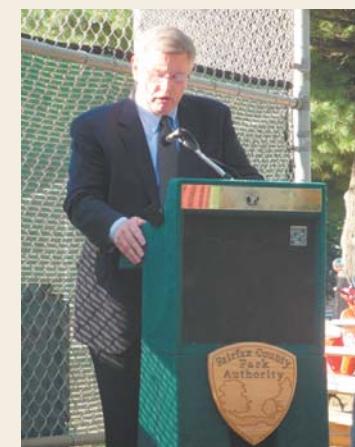
Paul Shiffman, former president of the McLean Little League, agreed by saying that he was "always willing to help kids on any team."

As a true fan of baseball with a passion for working with children, Chisholm dedicated

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**Michael, Phil Chisholm's youngest son, stands by his brother John while giving a speech about his father.**



**Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)** addresses the crowd at the field naming ceremony honoring the late Coach Phil Chisholm.

## WEEK IN MCLEAN

### Missing Teens Return Home

The two Marshall High School teenage girls, who have been missing since Friday, June 18, were located in good condition in Columbia, S.C. during the evening hours of Wednesday, June 30. The case is still under investigation.

### Foust, Comstock Honor Centennial Organizers

Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) presented a framed proclamation adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors congratulating the residents of McLean on the occasion of their 100th anniversary and expressing appreciation to the members of McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia for their leadership role in planning the June 26 celebration at the McLean Community Center.

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will be hosting a reception for all of those involved with producing the McLean Centennial Celebration on July 9 at 7 p.m. On Saturday, June 26, Comstock presented a proclamation from Governor McDonnell, which declared June 26, 2010 as "McLean Centennial Day."

Center to bring together this wonderful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of our community."

### Comstock Selected for Leadership Program

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) has been selected to participate in the 2010 Program for Emerging Political Leaders, sponsored by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

This program takes place every year on the campus of the University of Virginia for a select group of state legislators who have been nominated by the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate or Minority Leader from their state. The goal of this program is to inspire these men and women to continued careers in public service. The discussions will be lead by Professor Ed Freeman, the Elis and Signe Olsson Professor of Business Administration at the Darden School and co-director of the Olsson Center for Applied Ethics. A distinguished UVA faculty along with Dr. Thomas Little, curriculum director of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, will join Freeman. Comstock represents McLean, Great Falls and parts of Herndon and Vienna. She serves on the Transportation, Science and Technology, and General Laws committees. She also serves on the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, as well as the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. She and her husband, Chip, an assistant principal at Oakton High School, have raised their three children in McLean.

### Barn Demolition at Clemyjontri

The Fairfax County Park Authority has started demolition of the wood barn at Clemyjontri Park. The removal of this barn is in preparation of future development at the park located at 6317 Georgetown Pike in McLean. Clemyjontri Park features a unique playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side.

The barn is located in the undeveloped portion of the site on Dolley Madison Boulevard and will have no impact on park use since this area is not open to the public. Work will include demolishing and removing the existing barn and restoring the area to turf grass via access to Dolley Madison Boulevard. The project is now underway and will be completed within approximately one month.

Funding for this project is provided through the capital improvement program. For more information about the project contact Project Manager Mark Holsteen at 703-324-8691 or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. For information about Clemyjontri Park <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/clemyjontri/>.

## NEWS

# Where Sunshine Is

### McLean History: Personal Accounts.

SYLVIA M. KNAUSS-STERLING

**M**y sisters and I are here today because in 1919 our mother, Julia Ann Sterling Knauss, took the real estate ads, shut her eyes and her pencil fell on Ingleside. My parents then bought property and a house on this very spot. Mother probably was teasing because no one else had heard this story.

However, it was always a mystery why my parents, who both came from 20th century homes with all the amenities, would move from a brick house in Washington, D.C. to a primitive house in rural McLean.

A clue can be found in my sister's baby book. In it, mother had written that she wished to move so "her beautiful daughter can have fresh air and sunshine." In 1918, there was a flu pandemic with 40 to 50 million people killed worldwide. Also, tuberculosis and other incurable contagious diseases were virulent.

At Ingleside, there was clean air, fresh vegetables, dairy products from the Magarity's dairy next door and eggs from the chickens my parents raised.

Ingleside was extremely beautiful. I visited when I was three years old and can still remember the streams and wildflowers. It was my first memorable aesthetic experience.

Our father, Norman L. Knauss, continued his career in Washington, D.C., where he was on staff of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Standards. He was also a court and congressional short-

front of our house and in 1929 mother was able to work for George Washington University's pathological laboratory as a bacteriologist.

Mother was offered a scholarship of \$25 a month for expenses, and in exchange for her continuing work at the laboratory as an intern, would have free tuition for night school. However, these long hours were impossible because of children at home.

The Marion Avenue house had flowers, fruit trees, a vegetable garden and even chickens for a while. Daddy would bring home gourmet food from Washington. He said, "we don't have the most money, but we eat the best." Being near Washington, my parents were able to take me to museums, art galleries and concert halls. The family also visited historical sites in Virginia. Then, living in McLean was the best of all worlds.

Although there were fine private and public schools in Virginia, my sisters and I went to schools in both Virginia and the District. Part of my tuition for Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and my sister Dariel's Madison College was paid for from the land account from the sale of the Ingleside property, which the McLean Community Center and Alden Theatre are now on.

Sometimes I think that maybe our parents shouldn't have sold the Ingleside land and it could still be in its beautiful pristine state, and would now be worth millions. However, I do believe our parents, especially mother, who as a teenager was an award-winning actress, she won a trip to the White House, would like it that the Alden Theatre is here.

*The story as told at the McLean Centennial Celebration on June 26.*



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**Sylvia M. Knauss-Sterling**

hand reporter. We have newspaper photos of him reporting congressional investigations and reporting to FDR at a World War I Victory Loan Rally when FDR was secretary of the Navy. Daddy went to work on the trolley, which stopped at nearby Ingleside station.

On the other hand, our mother lost any romantic illusions she had of country living and country neighbors fast. It was extremely difficult for her to be stuck in the country without indoor plumbing, gas, electricity and the household servants her beautiful family home had. Yet mother set the table with white linen. Her inherited fine furniture was stored in a barn for a better day.

Mother's salvation came with the purchase of a house in 1927 in McLean's first subdivision called Walter Heights. The house, which is beautifully restored by the Duncans, still stands on the corner of Marion Avenue and Dolley Madison Boulevard.

The new house had all the bells and whistles for the year it was built, 1925, and the usual one-bathroom which caused morning traffic jams for my parents and sisters. The Arnold buses stopped in

### Boy Scouts Join Centennial Celebration

The Color Guard from Boy Scout Troop 128, chartered by St. John's Episcopal Church, presented the colors at the June 26 celebration of the McLean's 100th anniversary. As noted by the Honorary Centennial Chairman, former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Charles Robb, the Boys Scouts of America is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and Troop 128 has been a participant in the McLean community since the troop was formed in 1924 at the Franklin Sherman School.



Pictured, front row, from left, are Ryan Riddle, Alex Toman (holding Fairfax County Recognition), Max Toman, School Board Member Jane Strauss (Dranesville), Marcus Riddle (holding McLean Centennial Logo), Carole Herrick and Page Shelp, Co-Chairs McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia Committee. In the back row are Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), McLean Chamber of Commerce Chairman David Sanders, Robb, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) (holding 100th Anniversary Proclamation from Gov. Robert McDonnell) and the Master of Ceremonies, the Honorable Vince Callahan, former state delegate (R-34).

# NEWS

## County Sees High Office Vacancy Rates

The decision of student lending giant SLM, Corp., better known as Sallie Mae, to move its headquarters from Reston to Delaware next spring could be another blow to Fairfax County's already fragile office space market.

Though Sallie Mae has said a few hundred of its 700 local employees will remain, it is unlikely the company will need all of its 243,000 square-foot facility in the Reston Town Center.

According to the Washington Business Journal, Sallie Mae signed a 10-year lease on the building in 2009 with an option to terminate the contract on 100,000 square feet of that space in the third year. A vacancy of that size or larger could have an impact on the local commercial real estate market as a whole.

Only 13 leases were signed for office space of 100,000 square feet or more in all of Fairfax County last year, including Sallie Mae's own deal. Six of the 25 buildings in Fairfax with available office space of that size or larger at the end of last year were already located in Reston, according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's 2009 real estate report.

During 2009, the demand for office space in Fairfax

## Fairfax's 2009 Office Space Vacancy Rates by Community

The following information was taken from the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's real estate report for the second half of 2009.

	Total Office Space Inventory (Sq. Ft.)	Total Office Space Available	Vacancy Rate (%)
Burke	527,834	20,859	4
Vienna	2.5 million	100,288	4
McLean/Great Falls	4.2 million	194,312	4.6
Newington/Lorton	619,095	41,984	6.8
Baileys Crossroads	3.3 million	2267,844	8.2
Herndon (Town)	5.7 million	613,317	10.7
Richmond Highway	1 million	154,179	14.8
Springfield/Franconia	4.4 million	678,445	15.5
Merrifield	10.3 million	1.7 million	16.2
Fairfax County	112.6 million	18.5 million	16.4
Reston	19.7 million	3.3 million	17
Annandale	1.8 million	317,304	17.4
Tysons Corner	26.6 million	4.7 million	17.7
Centreville	981,928	173,491	17.7
Fairfax Center/Oakton	9.7 million	1.8 million	18.2
Seven Corners	1 million	190,620	18.7
Chantilly	10.9 million	2.2 million	19.9
Dulles	9.2 million	2 million	22.5

County was stronger than it had been in the previous three years but the market still remained one of the weakest the locality has seen over the last three decades.

According to the economic development authority's report, the amount of available office space totaled 18.5 million at the close of 2009, second only to the record high from the end of 2002, following the tech bust. The amount of previously-occupied office space for lease was 12.5 million in 2009, a new record for Fairfax County.

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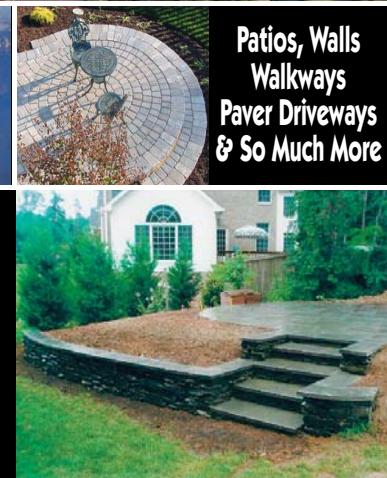
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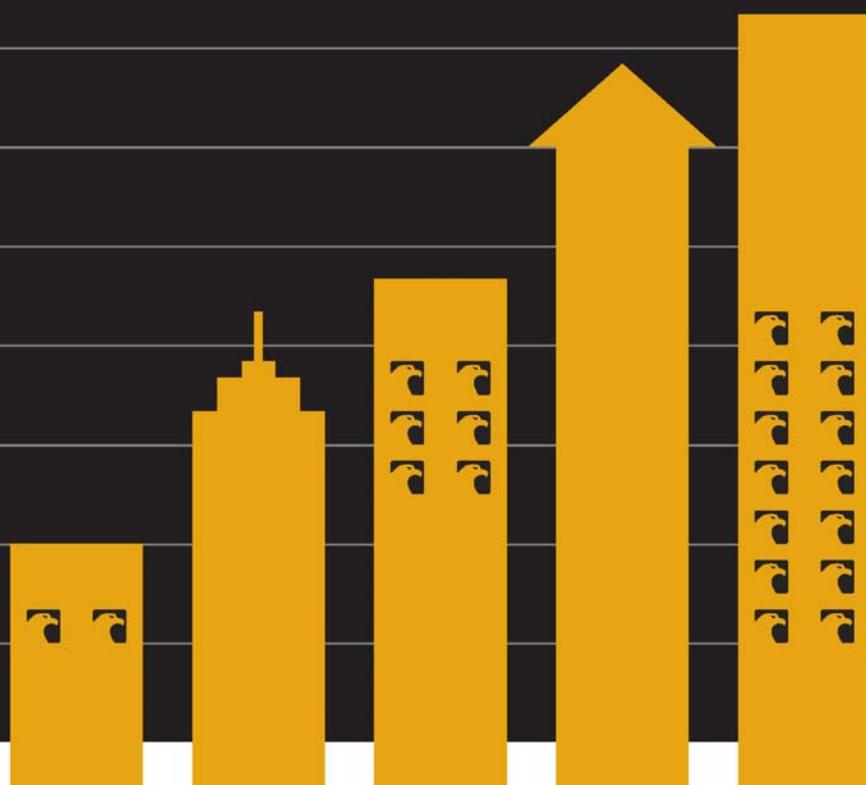
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## NEWS



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Members of General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board try to get the crowd involved during their performance at Langley High School for McLean's Fourth of July celebration.

## Fireworks Tops Celebration

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always make do."

Roberts said he was especially excited about the 3-D fireworks. "We are passing out 3-D glasses to everyone entering, so the show tonight should really be one of a kind."

There was something for everyone at Langley High Sunday, and Roberts was sure to credit the people behind the event.

"The staff and volunteers here really make it come together," he said. "They're the backbone of the entire event."

## Coach Chisholm Honored

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much of his time to teaching the sport to students in the community. He served as a manager, coach, and board member of the McLean Little League and the McLean Great Falls Babe Ruth League.

"I will never forget how honored and excited I felt when Coach [Chisholm] asked me to play on his All-Stars Team. I was 9-years old," said Colin Milon, a former player of Chisholm's who is now a rising sophomore in college. "He was one of the sweetest most genuine coaches I have ever had, and he was the kind of guy everyone aspired to be like."

Chisholm's two sons, John and Michael, spoke at the event of a dedicated father who did not settle for celebrating his love for base-

ball in a conventional manner. Rather, he shared his enthusiasm for the game by open-heartedly teaching it to students. It is in this way that Chisholm became known as a mentor and selfless leader.

"My dad made [his team] come all the way out here to play on this field," said Chisholm's youngest son Michael, adding that his father believed that the children deserved to play on the best field possible.

Phil Chisholm made Field #1 at Spring Hill Park not only an arena for playing and learning baseball but also a place to teach children about good character through his example.

"[Phil Chisholm] was a great person," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranseville). "This field naming is a fitting and appropriate tribute to a true champion."

## FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

**Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna, has announced that John Powell will be guest speaker 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 11. John is a banking industry planner and also an ordained minister in the Christian Church. The public is invited. 703-938-6753

**The Church of the Holy Comforter**, 543 Beulah Road N.E. in Vienna, invites ages 8-13 for Vacation Bible School, 5 p.m. July 19-23. Children will be swept into the magical land of Narnia where they will watch dramas, participate in games, learn original music, create theme related art projects and join in story discussions that relate the Narnia stories to lessons from the Bible. \$15 including a T-shirt. Register at Larthur@holycomforter.com or 703-938-6521 ext.16

**Church of the Holy Cross**, 2455 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, is offering an evening Vacation Bible School at 5:30 p.m. from Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 23. Dinner is included. Ages 3-1/2 to 12 are welcome. \$15 includes registration, a t-shirt and a CD. pamnicholson@cox.net or 703-573-0250.

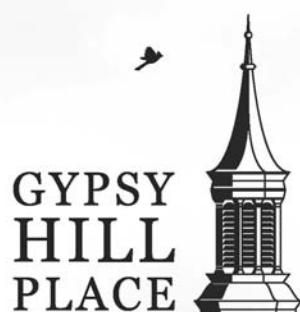
**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

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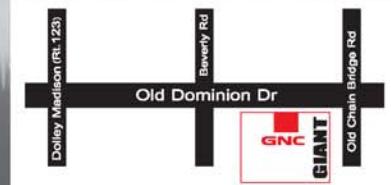
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# OPINION

## School Board Could Learn To Share

Too many decisions made with tone of “we know best,” not enough sharing of data.

The possible closing of Clifton Elementary, apparently because it “is going to be a very expensive school to renovate,” is causing outrage amongst people with and without school-aged children in the Clifton area.

More expensive than what? The specifics of alternatives, in this case and others, are often unavailable to the people who will be affected by such actions by Fairfax County Public Schools.

Small community-based elementary schools serve many purposes, benefit children and families and do in fact foster a sense of community. The pushback isn’t surprising, and is probably inevitable.

But what makes the proposed closing of Clifton Elementary similar to the ending of other programs and closing of other facilities is the lack of hard information shared with the

public about the benefits and alternatives in Fairfax County.

Consider the closing of Pimmit Alternative School, which will ostensibly save \$1 million annually in a \$2 billion budget. What will the costs be of having the students served by Pimmit go elsewhere? What of those adult students who will not be able to travel to one

of the other alternative schools and consequently might go without a high school diploma? Are some of these people more likely to need public assistance? Less likely to make a good salary that allows them to contribute to the local economy?

Or the elimination of Project Excel to be sure that all the schools with a large population of poor students get something, but now no one seems to be sure exactly who will be getting what.

the school day. The cafeteria needs a little healthy competition.”

I hope Maggie will not give up her campaign to sell healthier alternatives in her FCPS. I get so annoyed each month when I read the colorful Energy Zone flyer/propaganda describing the supposed nutritional properties of the FCPS school lunch/breakfast menu. Their “breakfast” options consist entirely of sugary junk food, devoid of nutrition (waffles, cinnamon rolls, pancakes, Elfin Graham Crackers, Cereal, Pop Tarts, Yogurt—all processed and all containing high fructose corn sugar).

Nutritionists will tell you it is far better to start the day with nothing than with high fructose corn sugar, which only creates cravings for more sugar/fats and making stomachs growl a short time later as blood sugar rises. Even the juices FCPS’ are so proud of offering raise blood sugar levels and should be actual fruit, not juice. How much better, cheaper, filling and nutritious if Maggie and her friends could offer an alternative to Energy Zone’s junk, which should be completely eliminated, by selling only as she suggested tea and red delicious apples and perhaps small bags of nuts as the only breakfast “options.” The fiber and vitamins in “an apple a day” does keep the doctor away while excess sugar consumption leads to all sorts of health problems.

Hopefully, parents will see the irony when they read the Energy Zone’s “Tips for a Healthy Summer” flyer placed in their kids’ backpacks.

While some of the tips are good advice — Eat breakfast, eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables, drink at least eight glasses of water, exercise at least 60 minutes each day — other of their “tips,” ironically, advise students to: “Make wise snack choices such as crackers, cheese, milk shakes, yogurt, and pudding ... And limit consumption of soft drinks and candy.”

Pudding?! Milk Shakes?! Since when are any of these fatty, sugary, processed foods “wise” choices? Why not recommend the five servings of fruits/vegetables as healthy summer snacks? Whole foods such as watermelon, grapes, pineapples, carrots are great choices, crackers and other processed foods are just plain bad choices. And why advise them to “limit soft drinks and candy,” how about “just say no!”

As the Washington Post recently reported, Schools that eliminated junk food from a la carte lines during school lunch hours can make a difference. A new study from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln saw an 18 percent reduction in overweight or obese students when junk food was banned (see: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/health-1/school-junk-food-ban-works-.html>)

You go Maggie! Hopefully, your peers will listen to you — and Michelle Obama, with her “Get Moving!” campaign. We are routing for you.

**Susan Goewey**  
Vienna

Or the elimination of a “modified calendar” (year-round school) in several elementary schools that has been associated with better student performance. Exactly what will that save? Enough to offset the fact that the schools with a modified calendar tend to have a higher population of students who will need services over the summer in any event?

And now it turns out that the plan for closing Clifton Elementary that has been the underlying assumption for more than a year (building a new, bigger school on the Liberty Middle School site) is being scrapped, meaning that students might be divided up amongst several different elementary schools. What will that cost? Will those schools need additions? We don’t know.

As a result it’s hard to have confidence in the pronouncement that keeping the school open is too expensive. That might be true, but more expensive than what? If staff and school board can’t answer that question, how did they consider the alternatives and costs?

— MARY KIMM,

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#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 14

##### Multiple Sclerosis Support Group.

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# Theatre-in-the-Woods Kicks Off Season

Shows change weekly,  
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BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ucked away in the woods of Wolf Trap is a stage and seating surrounded by large mature shade trees. A special concert setting for a special audience — children. On June 29, Wolf Trap's aptly-named Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods kicked off the summer season with Dinorock and the Great Dinosaur Mystery and Hayes Greenfield's Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz. With clear blue skies the first full week, nature could not have served up a more perfect ambiance.

Each weekday morning features two performances by different artists who appear at the same time Tuesday through Saturday. From June 29-July 3, Dinorock played and sang and acted out a dinosaur skit in the 10 a.m. slot, while Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz pulled youngsters into the world of jazz, inviting them onstage to close out the act.

**SONGS** like "Extinction Stinks" gently made the point of the Great Dinosaur Mystery, which was, "protect the earth."

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**FRIDAY/JULY 9**  
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Michael and Andrea Logman and their children David and Charlie moved to Vienna two weeks ago and put Wolf Trap on the top of their to-do list. Michael Logman was impressed by the environment and atmosphere of the Theatre-in-the-Woods.

## Theatre-in-the-Woods at a Glance

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Two performances by different artists each morning; programs run Tuesday through Saturday and change weekly.

Tickets: \$8 for one show; \$10 for both shows on the same day. No charge for children under age three. Tickets for performances may be purchased at the meadow kiosk or in advance by phone at 877-wolfrap or online at [www.wolfrap.org](http://www.wolfrap.org).

Performance series runs through Aug. 14. See [www.wolfrap.org](http://www.wolfrap.org) for calendar.

scribed, in song, how a scientist is a detective, too.

Five-and-6-year-olds had little trouble understanding the message of the Great Dinosaur Mystery, and the youngest ones appeared to be engaged by the puppetry and song.

"It was very cool," said Alexandra, the little girl from Greece. "I liked it when they found the eggs and made together the whole story. Put trash in the right place because an animal can eat

the trash and get hurt."

Charlie Logman, 6, whose family moved to Vienna from Connecticut two weeks ago, also said that "you shouldn't throw stuff where it doesn't belong."

Many families stayed for the second show, Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz, and Greenfield, with his sax and rugged earthly voice, interacted congenially with the children in the audience. Jazz, said Greenfield, is nourishment for the soul.

ing the Town PINK! return in what are usually week-long sold-out shows. Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods calendar is at [www.wolfrap.org](http://www.wolfrap.org). Summer programming runs through Aug. 14.

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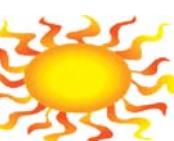
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# NEWS



The cast of McLean Community Players' 'Little Women - The Musical.' From left, back row: Brent Stone (Prof. Bhaer), Roberta Chaves (Aunt March), Mark Hamberger (John Brooke), Jessie Roberts (Mrs. Kirk), Mimi Preda (Jo), Jolene Vettese (Meg), Lisa Ann Bailey (Marmee), Bob Chaves (Mr. Laurence). Front row: Maddy Curtis (Beth), June Schreiner (Amy), Glen North (Laurie).

PHOTOS BY TRACI J. BROOKS

## 'Little Women' Come to McLean Stage

McLean Community Players presents 'Little Women - The Musical.'

BY JESSICA LEVINE  
 THE CONNECTION

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" comes to life on the Alden Theatre stage next week in a musical adaptation of the beloved book. The McLean Community Players' production of "Little Women - The Musical," which tells the story of the four March sisters from Alcott's 1869 semi-autobiographical novel, will run July 16-31 with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Director Bill Schreiner's vision for the show is to use live theatre to imitate the intimacy readers experience with the book.

"We intend to bring the characters as close to you as the book was when you held it in your hands," Schreiner said. "Part of the staging concept was to thrust the characters out into the audience as much as possible."

Though new to the McLean Community Players, Schreiner is by no means a novice director. He worked in film and television in Los Angeles before moving to Virginia and has directed more than 30 plays and musicals.

Schreiner said that "Little Women - The Musical," which opened on Broadway in 2005, brings the audience closer to the classic book characters.

"What's great about the musical is it's Louisa May Alcott's characters, but the music allows you to get inside, [to] practically feel the heartbeat of the characters," Schreiner said. "I believe that we're bringing very fresh interpretations of all of these characters that will delight people who know the characters but will be very compelling to people who are seeing it for the first time."

**THE 10-PERSON CAST** consists of "top-notch talent," Schreiner said, including Mimi Preda, who plays protagonist Jo March. Preda is back with the McLean Community Players after performing in two of the company's past productions, "Evita" and "Oliver."

"I grew up with this story, and to be a part of it coming to the stage is such a great experience," Preda said.



Lisa Ann Bailey as Marmee, left, and Maddy Curtis, who plays Beth, rehearse a scene from "Little Women - The Musical."

### Times and Tickets

Performances of "Little Women - The Musical" will run Fridays and Saturdays, July 16-31, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, at 2 p.m., at the Alden Theatre. Tickets are available through the Alden Box Office at 703-790-9223 or through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets cost \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors, students and McLean Tax District residents. Groups of 10 or more pay \$13 per person. More information can be found at [www.McLeanPlayers.org](http://www.McLeanPlayers.org).

As the leading lady, Preda has the challenge of portraying Jo's development over the course of the play.

"I think the show is so much about Jo's journey and her relationship with her family," Preda said. "It's really just about her finding herself. I know so many people love this story, and I wanted to do justice to her journey."

Preda praised Schreiner for his attention to character development.

"Our director Bill has helped us explore our characters ... to a depth I wouldn't have been able to get to on my own," Preda said.

Preda has also enjoyed working with the actresses who play the other March girls. She believes that the stage sisters have strong chemistry that audiences

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## SCHOOLS

**Churchill Road first grader Ji Min Seo, left, enjoys walking the new Outdoor Odyssey math path with sixth grader Joanna Gerr.**

PHOTO BY  
ELAINE OKONKWO



## Math Path at Churchill Road

### New feature added to the school's Outdoor Odyssey.

**A**fter many months of planning, Churchill Road Elementary School's Outdoor Odyssey environmental stewardship has added a new feature — a math path. This series of 10 plaques, in the gardens around the school, contain math problems integrating multiplication, fractions, estimation, symmetry and formulas with science concepts. For example, one activity connects patterns in nature to patterns in math, such as the Fibonacci Sequence. "The math path represents a merging of the Outdoor Odyssey work at CRS and the math curriculum," said assistant principal Kathryn Manoatl. By following the math path, students can make connections between math concepts and naturally occurring patterns in CRS gardens."

The problems found on the math path are hard enough to challenge the minds of some of the older students, but can be simplified for younger students with the help of teachers, parents, or buddy classes.

On May 28, Corinne Almquist's and Stuart Baumgardner's sixth grade classes paired up with Elaine Okonkwo's and Libby Diffie's first grade classes to explore the path together. Sixth graders enjoyed the opportunity to teach first graders some new vocabulary words and math formulas. "The path was educational; I think that both my buddy and I had fun with it," said Joanna Gerr, a sixth grader.

The math path was designed by Churchill Road parent and Outdoor Odyssey co-chair Katherine Mardarosian with help from fifth grade teacher Cheryl Bamdad, who represented the CRS Math Committee and Principal Don Hutzel. Eagle Scout and CRS alumnus Rob Jarvis helped install the plaques all around the school, and the PTA helped to fund this innovative project.



**Cadette Girl Scout Troop 6170 from Longfellow Middle School hosted Washington, D.C. Girl Scout Troops 3535 and 5174 on a June 18-19 camping trip at Camp Brighton Woods in Brookville, Md.**

### McLean Cadettes Earn Silver Award

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 6170 from Longfellow Middle School received their Silver Awards on June 26 after hosting Washington, D.C. Girl Scout Troops 3535 and 5174 on a June 18-19 camping trip at Camp Brighton Woods in Brookville, Md.

Longfellow students Abigail Anderson, Marie Anderson, Sarah Brooks, Rena Brown, Olivia Brown, Katie Clements, Greer Christensen Gibbons, Alice d'Aboville, Natalia Purdy, Kanika Sahai, Ana Maria Stella and Kimia Zadegan led the D.C. troops in camping activities including stream science, physical fitness, soccer skills, dance, crafts and campfire cooking and singing.

This was the first camping trip for all but one of the D.C. girls. "Our girls would not have been able to go camping this year without the support of the Virginia Cadettes," said Troop 5174 leader Tahira Rashid. The Cadettes planned, organized, raised funds and shopped for camping supplies, each contributing over 50 hours of preparation and supervision for the camping trip.

"I'm extremely proud of these girls and the hard work, creativity and persistence they demonstrated to make the weekend a success," said Troop 6170 leader Julie Griffith Brooks.

### Penny Drive Raises \$736 for Haiti

**Brownie Troop 1765 of McLean conducted a Penny Drive at Chesterbrook Elementary School and raised \$736 to benefit Habitat for Humanity Haiti. Pictured at the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia office in Arlington are: Ella Dutt, Lily Gosse, Isabella Swigart and Meredith Magwire, Director of Development of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.**

#### SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Douglas Zimmer** of McLean has received a bachelor of business administration degree with a concentration in accounting, and a second major in economics from the College of William & Mary. Zimmer competed on the men's varsity track and field team, and was named 2010 Champion in Decathlon at the Colonial Athletic Association Championships. He is the son of D. Brian and Gloria Zimmer of McLean.

**Celine Karapetian** of McLean has received a bachelor of science in accounting from Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**David Rosenberg** of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in computer science from Washington College, Chestertown, Md. He is the son of Dr. Ruth E. Imershein.

**Mary Hurd** of McLean has received a bachelor of arts from Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

**Irene Kalis** of McLean has been awarded a 2010 James C. Macdonald Scholarship for a dance performance. Kalis, the daughter of Nicholas Kalis, plans to attend American University.

**Kellie C. Rosica** of McLean has earned a bachelor of science in marketing from The University of Scranton.

**Zachary Swope** of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology from Hendrix College of Conway, Ark.

**Dominic Ferrari** of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon. The freshman is majoring in business administration.

**Christopher Au** of McLean, a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science Technology, is among twenty of the nation's top high school chemistry students, who will compete for a spot on the United States' team in the 42nd annual International Chemistry Olympiad in Tokyo.

McLean residents **Colin F. Hunt**

(bachelor of arts in sociology) and **Scott A. Schulman** (bachelor of arts in political science) have graduated from the University of Vermont at Burlington, Vt.

**Sarah Leavitt** of McLean earned a bachelor of arts from Connecticut College of New London, Ct. Leavitt majored in history and government.

**Junius Spencer Morgan III** of McLean has earned a degree of juris doctor from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Ga.

**Henry Brenton Harries** of McLean has graduated from Portsmouth Abbey School of Portsmouth, R.I. Harries will attend Loyola Marymount University.

**Maria Lohner** of McLean has earned a bachelor of arts in economics with departmental honors along with CMC's Financial Economics Sequence from Claremont McKenna College of Claremont, Calif. Lohner is a Robert Day Scholar and is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national honor society for economics.

McLean residents **David Schell**, a senior, and **Robert Higgins**, a sophomore, have been named to the spring 2010 president's list at The University of Mary Washington.

**Leah Gross** of McLean has graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in political science from Tufts University of Medford, Mass.

McLean residents **Michael Levy**, **Colby Lewis**, **David Mostafa**, **Eli Chajet**, **Nicole Greenberg** and **Matthew Solomon** have completed the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy Program. Levy is a student at Langley High School and attends Rodef Shalom. Lewis a student at Sidwell Friends and attends Rodef Shalom. Mostafa and Chajet are students at Flint Hill and attend Rodef Shalom. Greenberg is a student at Georgetown Day and attends Washington Hebrew. Solomon is a student at Longfellow High School and attends Rodef Shalom.

**Gurden Batra** of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

## The Last Thing I Want To Do

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm sure it's my imagination, (it better be), or maybe it's just my overreaction to my next set of quarterly scans, but I'm beginning to think I should put/get my life in order, sort of. I don't mean funeral arrangements, wills and estate/financial planning (although, it would make a great deal of sense to consider it; maybe even to actually do it). No, my interests at this juncture are more subtle, more mundane, if you will. Activities like cleaning and organizing my personal space at home, tidying up miscellaneous loose ends (people, places and things), being more responsible and time-respectful of tasks – both personal and professional, even being a bit more responsive to charitable solicitations made in my direction ("There by the grace of God go I," as it turns out, that's where I'm going).

I'm not quite ready to move closer to the Undertaker yet, like Radar's Uncle Ed did two days before he died, for convenience sake (according to Radar), in an episode of *M\*A\*S\*H* back in the day, if you remember the episodes like I do. Nor am I nesting, not wanting to stray far from home in case – well, you know. However, I'm not exactly looking to go out of town either. I'm trying to keep an open mind, but when some "normal" (as it relates to one's life expectancy) options are all of a sudden closed (or shall I be more positive and say, modified?), it becomes more difficult to walk quietly and carry as big a stick as you may have previously carried (metaphorically speaking).

Still, "seeking new adventure..." as William Shatner/Captain Kirk voiced-over at the beginning of the original Star Trek television series "...to go where no man has gone before," resonates somehow. Though I am going where many men, women and children have unfortunately gone before, I am going somewhere where I have never been before: year two of a cancer diagnosis/prognosis, which according to my oncologist, rarely results in a year three, four, five and so forth. Apparently, living long and prospering may be as unrealistic as a "mind meld."

Nevertheless, hope springs eternal, especially if you grew up in New England as I did (Newton Centre, Ma.) rooting for the Boston Red Sox before "the curse" was finally broken in 2004 when the Red Sox won their first World Series Championship in 86 years after years – and tears – of disappointment and excruciating heartbreak. As a result of where I was born – and the parents and baseball team to whom/with whom I've given my unrepentant loyalty, I am instinctively, by breeding almost, an optimist, more so in February "when pitchers and catchers report," (to Spring Training when the "new" Baseball season begins), but throughout the rest of the year and the rest of my life as well; I am positively optimistic. An attitude I am proud to espouse and embrace (what are the alternatives, really?).

And so, as I attempt to rearrange and simplify my life, I will do so not because there is some end in sight. Rather, I will do so because there is some beginning I'm attempting to find. Wish me luck. I'll probably need it.

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## Locals Well-Represented on All-District Teams

**Area high school stars shined this past spring sports season.**

The following were First Team All-Liberty District boys' soccer selections: Jan Gundersen (Langley), senior forward; Tim Whitebread (McLean), senior forward; Moussa Diallo (Fairfax), senior forward; Mike Herndon (Stone Bridge), senior forward; Matt Jannsen (McLean), senior midfield; Dylan Price (Langley), junior midfield; Dan Flittcroft (Langley), junior midfield; Mervyn Levy (Stone Bridge), senior midfield; Ajay Amin (Marshall), senior midfield; Roshan Patel (Langley), senior defense; Jeff Pontell (Thomas Jefferson), senior defense; Abdul Shaban (Stone Bridge), senior defense; Rafi Enriquez (McLean), junior defense; Nick Lowrey (Stone Bridge), senior goalie; Jay Lupas (Langley), junior goalie.

**Liberty District boys' soccer Player of the Year - Roshan Patel (Langley); Coach of the Year - Bo Amato (Langley).**

Second Team All-Liberty District boys' soccer: Josh Ellis (Langley), junior forward; Ryan Fishel (Madison), junior forward; Christian Salinas (Stone Bridge), senior forward; Taki Akumara (Jefferson), senior forward; Farhan Khan (Langley), junior midfield; Dan Traxler (Madison), junior midfield; Alex Burch (Jefferson), junior midfield; Suliaman Dalnkey (South Lakes), midfield; Jeff Cochran (Langley), defender; Charlie Baxter-Gagen (Fairfax), junior defender; Tommy Dunne (Stone Bridge), junior defender; Brian Szymanski (Marshall), sophomore defender; Stephen Clark (Fairfax), senior goalie; Mohammed Hassan (South Lakes), senior goalie.

Honorable Mention All-Liberty District boys' soccer: Mike Attassi (Fairfax); Joe Garcia (Fairfax); Peter Lam (Fairfax); Stephen Savage (Fairfax); Alex Voorhees (Langley); Justin Galiani (Langley); Sam Walsh (Langley); Rhys Howard (Langley); Abass Darab (Madison); Todd Kopf (Madison); Onar Yousefi (Marshall); Kian Tabatabai (Marshall); Chris Gates (Marshall); Nolan Costigan (Marshall); Julian Smith (McLean); Andrew Hunt (McLean); Michael Russo (McLean); Adam Hamdan (Stone Bridge); Clay Brothers (Stone Bridge); Luke Schierling (Stone Bridge); Ryan Buckley (Stone Bridge); Bruk Dinberu (Jefferson); Kyle Gutkowski (Jefferson); Chris Heo (Jefferson); Sam Hoehn (Jefferson); Sean Lee (Jefferson).

The following were All-Liberty District First Team girls' soccer selections: Sam Cormode (Fairfax), junior goalie; Katie Martinez (Jefferson), senior goalie; Jasymyn Ervins (Stone Bridge), senior de-



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**Michael Russo, right, of the McLean High boys' soccer team earned Honorable Mention All-District accolades.**

fender; Emily Fredrikson (Stone Bridge), junior defender; Caroline Gray (McLean), sophomore defender; Katie Grasso (Madison), junior defender; Christina Popp (Jefferson), junior defender; Sami Kuykendall (Madison), senior midfield; Andi Romness (McLean), junior midfield; Jennifer Skogerboe (Stone Bridge), senior midfield; Katie Yensen (McLean), junior midfield; Melissa Downey (McLean), senior forward; Ashley Herndon (Stone Bridge), freshman forward; Belle Tunstall (Madison), junior forward; Murielle Tiernan (Stone Bridge), freshman forward.

**Liberty District girls' soccer Player of the Year - Jennifer Skogerboe (Stone Bridge); Coach of the Year - Joan Windows (Stone Bridge).**

All-Liberty District Second Team girls' soccer: Julia Marmison (Stone Bridge), junior goalie; Nadia Shebaro (Madison), junior goalie; Lauren Hoffman (Fairfax), senior defender; Annmarie Irwin (Madison), senior defender; Claire Krejci (Madison), senior defender; Evelyn Robinson (McLean), freshman defender; Kim Baldwin (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Kat Murphy (Madison), senior midfield; Meg Murphy (Fairfax), junior midfielder; Sarah Nielsen (Jefferson), sophomore midfield; Maggie Schierling (Stone Bridge), senior midfielder; Jackie Dallaire (Jefferson), sophomore forward; Amanda DiGiammarino (Langley), senior forward; Rose Sommovigo (McLean), sophomore forward.

All-Liberty District Honorable Mention girls' soccer: Lindsay Amador (Langley), sophomore goalie; Anne-Marie Lloyd (South Lakes), sophomore goalie; Maddie O'Beirne (Marshall), sophomore goalie; Logan Tapscott (McLean), senior goalie; Meredith Doherty (Langley), junior de-

fender; Kirstie Fleger (South Lakes), junior defender; Kelly Kolb (South Lakes), junior defender; Sarah Meoni (Marshall), junior defender; Ann Galeas (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Lizz Gentry (Langley), sophomore midfielder; Liz Nguyen (Fairfax), sophomore midfielder; Katie Kraus (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Kelly Regan (South Lakes), sophomore forward.

The following were named to the First Team All-Concorde District baseball team this past spring season: Matt DeWitt (Chantilly), senior catcher; Cam Walter (Centreville), senior first base; Andy Viands (Centreville), senior second base; Chad Carroll (Oakton), junior shortstop; Kyle Corwin (Westfield), sophomore shortstop; Aaron Scoville (Centreville), senior third base; Connor Bach (Centreville), senior outfield; Luke Willis (Oakton), outfield; Jared Velasquez (Robinson), junior outfield; Nick Impellizzeri (Herndon), senior outfield; Andy Fridy (Chantilly), senior DH; Zach Reif (Herndon), senior DH; Aaron Hoover (Westfield), junior utility; Mark McCormick (Centreville), junior utility; Danny Thorpe (Westfield), senior pitcher; Ryan Ashoo (Centreville), senior pitcher; Dan Shill (Herndon), senior pitcher; Bill Boyle (Chantilly), senior pitcher.

**Concorde Player of the Year - Cam Walter (Centreville); Pitchers of the Year - Danny Thorpe (Westfield), Ryan Ashoo (Centreville); Coach of the Year - Morgan Spencer (Centreville).**

All-Concorde District Second Team baseball: Hayden Ferrington (Westfield), junior catcher; Evan Bray (Robinson), senior first base; Alex Clark (Herndon), senior first base; Nathan Colonna (Westfield), senior second base; Chris Campbell (Centreville), senior shortstop; Matt Chandler (Oakton), senior third base; Chris Simpson

(Centreville), sophomore outfield; Josh Luatua (Westfield), junior outfield; Wes Kerbuski (Chantilly), senior outfield; David DeLorimier (Centreville), senior outfield; Pat Burns (Oakton), senior DH; Rutger Floyd (Robinson) senior utility; Austin Freer (Robinson), senior pitcher; Dan Lawler (Chantilly), junior pitcher.

All-Concorde District Honorable Mention baseball: Chris Hanson (Oakton), junior catcher; Chris Mandell (Centreville), senior catcher; Matt Smith (Herndon), sophomore catcher; Jamie Danehower (Chantilly), junior shortstop; Jonathan McMann (Herndon), senior third base; Leo Montoya (Centreville), senior DH; Austin Redman (Westfield), sophomore DH; Andy Gross (Oakton), junior pitcher; Paul Avodovic (Herndon), senior pitcher; Matt Spaulding (Robinson), sophomore pitcher; Brad Williams (Robinson), senior pitcher.

The following were First Team All-Liberty District baseball selections: Denis Buckley (McLean), senior catcher; JJ White (Stone Bridge), junior catcher; Ryan McGuire (Madison), junior first base; Jake Bennett (Marshall), senior first base; Chris Russo (McLean), senior second base; Spenser Rostiano (Stone Bridge), junior second base; Ty Lighton (Stone Bridge), junior shortstop; Scott Bernier (Madison), senior third base; Riley Beiro (McLean), senior outfield; Teddy Turner (Madison), senior outfield; TJ Errsam (Madison), senior outfield; Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz (South Lakes), junior outfield; Jay Kenyon (Madison), junior DH; Joey Garon (Fairfax), senior DH; Taylor Lambke (Stone Bridge), senior utility; Sean Fitzgerald (McLean), senior pitcher; Josh Shorz (McLean), sophomore pitcher; Spencer Brookbank (Stone Bridge), senior pitcher; Joseph Vanderplas (Fairfax), junior pitcher.

**Liberty District Player of the Year - Riley Beiro (McLean); Pitcher of the Year - Scott Fitzgerald (McLean); Coach of the Year - John Thomas (McLean).**

The following were First Team All-Concorde District girls' softball selections: Courtney Burke (Centreville), pitcher; Frankie Martinez (Westfield), catcher; Katie Sokol (Centreville), first base; Alex Bohrer (Westfield), second base; Jess McNamara (Westfield), shortstop; Kathryn Lohr (Robinson), third base; Emily Corridon (Oakton), outfield; Cara Donovan (Centreville), outfield; Kacey McMahon (Westfield), outfield; Jackie Martinez (Westfield), At Large; Tara McCrone (Westfield), At Large; Allie Newcomb (Robinson), At Large; Alexis Murdock (Centreville), At Large; Clare McGowan (Robinson), At Large.

**The Concorde District Player of the Year - Marcy Bowdren (Robinson); Pitcher of the Year - Alex Tenney (Westfield).**

# NEWS

## Local Author on National Pastime

### Vienna resident Tim Wendel launches a new book on baseball.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
THE CONNECTION

For generations, major league baseball fans have argued about who were the best players throughout the game's history. Among power hitters, was it Babe Ruth or Barry Bonds (asterisk)? Among pitchers, Walter Johnson or Nolan Ryan? Or even who would, um, bet on Pete Rose versus Ty Cobb. In a sport awash with numbers and statistics, debates on great players from different eras nevertheless boil down to subjective comparisons and the source of endless talk in sports bars and suburban dens.

Vienna resident and sportswriter Tim Wendel has weighed in on one debate — the best fastball pitcher. Who had the fastest "heater," "hummer," "gas" or "high cheese?" Who could "bring it" or "throw seeds?" Wendel offers his answers to those questions in his new book: "High Heat: The Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Faster Pitcher of all Time."

**READERS** of High Heat will be pleased that Wendel has not stuffed the pages with tables and stats, but rather spins great stories about people. He stitches together anecdotes and tales about who he thinks are the twelve greatest fireballers in organized baseball



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**Tim Wendel, a Vienna resident, has a new book out — 'High Heat: The Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Faster Pitcher of all Time.'**

history, from Amos Rusie to Joel Zumaya. Critics may disagree with Wendel's selections, a list headed by Ryan, but all will find the book a delightful read.

Wendel chose an unconventional format for his narrative, one that jumps from pitcher to pitcher throughout the six main chapters. Although some might appreciate reading about Bob Feller in an uninterrupted segment, Wendel is

such a good writer, and his snippets are so engaging, that the books still flows easily.

Throughout the book, Wendel intersperses interesting sidebars on subjects related to throwing fastballs. For example, he traces the history of the radar gun, does a George Plimpton in a sports lab to examine his own pitching motion, and describes injuries and even deaths among batters hit by fastballs.

**BASEBALL BOOKS** dominate the sports nonfiction genre, with nostalgia and retrospectives leading the way. "High Heat" is certainly a book that fits easily in that category and will appeal to every baseball fan.

A former editor of USA Today Baseball Weekly, Wendel remains on that newspaper's board of contributors and is widely published in major newspapers and magazines. He teaches writing, both fiction and nonfiction, at Johns Hopkins University, most often at its Washington, D.C. center. He has written four other sports books, as well as the novels "Red Rain" and "Castro's Curveball."

Wendel and his family live in the Wayside neighborhood of Vienna. His wife is a former reporter for the Washington Post, writing under the byline Jacqueline L. Salmon. They have two children, daughter Sarah, a junior at Syracuse University, and son Chris, a Madison High School junior. Wendel is a veteran youth sports coach and has guided baseball, basketball, soccer, and hockey teams in the Vienna area.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

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Roughly 44 percent of all office space available in Fairfax County can be found in Reston and Tysons Corner, the county's two largest office space markets.

While the overall vacancy rate declined for Reston over the course of 2009, it went up in

Tysons Corner, the county's largest office space market. In its report, the Fairfax Economic Development Authority speculated that traffic congestion related to the construction on the new Metro stations and high occupancy toll lanes in Tysons could be having a negative impact on leasing activity there.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

### Fairfax Seeks Input On Deer

Fairfax County is soliciting public input on the locality's deer management through an online survey available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/deermanagement.htm>.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the prevalence of deer and how the county should address the issues surrounding them.

Fairfax County reports 4,000 to 5,000 automobile crashes related to deer take place in the county each year. Deer are also linked to Lyme disease, which is on the rise in Fairfax.

But last fall several residents were upset when the county government allowed bow and arrow hunters to cull the deer population in local parks. The county has also used sharp shooters from the police department in the past.

Officials will post the results of the survey on the Fairfax government website Aug. 1.

To learn more about deer management in Fairfax County, visit [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animal\\_wildlife/managment/deermanagement.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animal_wildlife/managment/deermanagement.htm) or contact Fairfax County wildlife biologist Vicky Monroe at 703-324-0240.

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# NEWS

## Inspiring Story at Alden Theatre

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will find appealing.

"I really think we have such tight knit bonds that people are going to enjoy seeing us on stage ... because we love being on stage," Preda said.

Another member of the show's cast, Maddy Curtis, has gained national recognition as American Idol's first 2010 Golden Ticket recipient. Curtis, who plays Beth March, has been performing since age five and is a rising senior at Loudoun Valley High School. This is her first production with the company.

Curtis remembered "Little Women" as one of her favorite books growing up.

"I was brought up on it," Curtis said. "The story is so cool because it's really intimate; you feel like you're part of the family. I grew up in a family of 12, so I know the feeling of having support from brothers and sisters."

**SCHREINER IS NOT** the only member of his family with a connection to the show. His wife is also involved, and his daughter June Schreiner plays Amy March in the production, her first with the McLean Community Players.

"It's a father-daughter project," June Schreiner said. "My dad is the most talented director I've ever worked with, and I enjoy seeing him in action. It's been fun."

June Schreiner, a rising junior at The Madeira School, has previously worked with the Reston Community Players and was recently cast as Ado Annie in Arena Stage's upcoming production of "Oklahoma!" She described "Little Women – The Musical" as "an empowering story" and hopes audiences will find the two-and-a-half-hour production entertaining.

"It's a long show, but I don't want it to feel like it's long," she said.

June Schreiner said that families would particularly enjoy the musical.

"It's a good family show," she said. "Kids will love it."

Though Preda described the story as "geared toward women," she noted that male audience members will identify with the character Laurie Lawrence, played by Glen North.

"He grows up just like Jo," Preda said.

Bill Schreiner agreed that anyone can enjoy the show because of its universal theme of "figuring out what your destiny is and actually pursuing it," he said.

"The soul of this story is Jo's quest to realize her personal destiny ... [at] a time when a woman's personal destiny was not considered very important at all," Bill Schreiner said. "She had to face a lot of adversity in pursuing her dreams, and we all do. Each of us yearns to connect with our own unique personal destiny. People think of it as a message for young girls, but really it's a message for anyone."

Bill Schreiner said he hoped audiences "come away feeling inspired."

"I hope people walk away with a feeling of optimism and inspiration," he said. "Through Jo's journey, I hope our audience will be reminded of the importance of their own dreams and have their faith in their ability to achieve those dreams renewed."



Glen North as Laurie, center, and June Schreiner as Amy, right, perform 'Amazing' as Mimi Preda (Jo) watches.

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Director Bill Schreiner gives instructions to Maddy Curtis, who plays Beth, during a rehearsal of 'Little Women – The Musical.'

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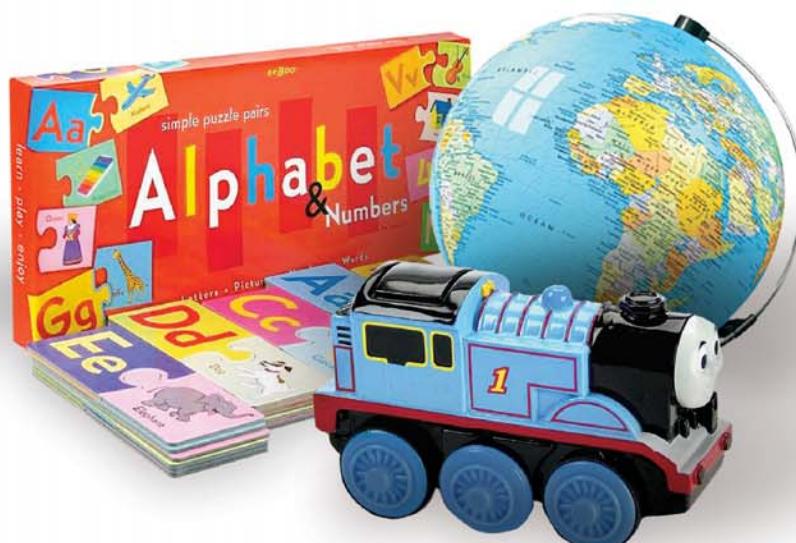
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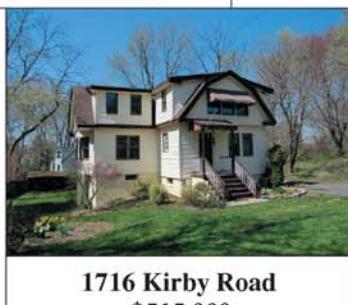


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