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Volunteers help prepare a section of land in front of Great Falls Elementary for the Japanese garden that is currently being constructed. GFES has had a Japanese Immersion program for since 1989, and when Japanese teacher Mamiya Worland received a \$5,000 grant last year, she helped make sure the garden could become a reality.



PHOTOS BY TODD HARA

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Volunteers help build Japanese garden at Great Falls Elementary School.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As a school with a Japanese Immersion program, Great Falls Elementary School has been interested in Japanese culture for more than 20 years. With the installation of a Japanese Garden in front of the school, now their link to Japan will be visible to all.

The garden began when Japanese teacher Mamiya Worland received a \$5,000 grant in 2009 by winning the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award. The award is given to exceptional teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese.

The school previously had a small Japanese garden that was lost during the school's renovation.

JAPANESE GARDENS are considered an art form, and within their standard designs is room for each garden to reflect the area around it. The Great Falls Elementary garden features a millstone as a centerpiece, representing the nearby Colvin Run Mill. When completed, the garden will also feature a variety of native plants.

"Japanese garden design is very much about creating a sense of place," said Paul McCutcheon, a master gardener with Fairfax County who helped design

the garden. "We're at the intersection of the Coastal Plain region and the Piedmont region of Virginia, so we'll have certain plants to represent those regions."

The garden is based on a traditional Japanese story, "Tanabata," or "The Princess and the Cow Herder." The story is about two lovers who were separated on opposite ends of the Milky Way, only being allowed to meet on the seventh day of the seventh month.

The garden in front of Great Falls Elementary, like most Japanese gardens, has water as a central theme. A "stream" of gravel winds throughout the garden, representing the Milky Way. A "bridge" of stones crosses the stream in the center.

Nineteen volunteers gathered at Great Falls Elementary Sept. 25 to start construction on the garden. Michael Melendez, 16, helped coordinate the efforts and gather supplies as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

"I saw an opportunity to help build something special here, and I took it," Melendez said. "I hope students who see this are inspired to stick with the [Japanese Immersion] program."

Melendez, a graduate of GFES's Japanese Immersion Program, still has fond memories of the program.

"We went to Japan for two weeks in July 2006, and it was a great experience," Melendez said. "I'm still pretty close with my class, after spending two weeks in Japan with a group of people, you really get to know them. A few even came to help build the garden."

Melendez helped to keep costs down by soliciting

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Volunteers gathered at Great Falls Elementary School Sept. 25 to begin work on a Japanese garden in front of the school. The group, which included local Boy Scouts, parents and alumni of the school's Japanese Immersion program, worked most of the day Saturday building the garden.



Break-ins, Search Continue

Police continue search for suspect in multiple burglaries and larcenies.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION



Fairfax County Police are still on the hunt for a burglar who is already suspected in more than 40 break-ins in the area. The suspect has been entering unlocked houses or breaking into cars to steal cash and other valuables left in the open.

Capt. Steve Thompson, commander of the McLean District Police station, met with citizens Sept. 21 at Spring Hill Elementary School. He said the burglaries were happening at a rate of more than one per night.

"If you leave a purse where he can see it through your window, you're setting yourself up to be a target," Thompson said. "There haven't been any confrontations with homeowners, and he has had opportunities, but nothing says that won't change."

According to a press release from the Fairfax County Police, the suspect has stolen two handguns from vehicles, in addition to other items. The suspect has broken car windows and cut through screen porches and made at least one attempt to pry his way into a locked house.

The crimes are especially notable, Thomson said, because nighttime residential burglaries are "extremely rare."

Sharon Rainey, president and founder of My Neighbors Network, an online community forum, says she has been fielding e-mails from victims of the robberies, including some who have reported other things stolen, such as video game equipment.

"I think people really need to think twice about locking their doors," she said. "This guy is getting braver and braver, and we don't want to see anyone get hurt."

Neighbors reported several

Capt. Stephen J. Thompson, commander of the McLean District Police Station, addresses community members at Spring Hill Elementary School Sept. 21.

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attempted break-ins the morning of Sept. 22 in the Oakton area.

Thompson said the police believe the crimes are the work of a single suspect.

"The method of operation is the exact same, it's picture-perfect every time," he said. "He's very disciplined, he's not timid and he's very good at what he does."

Thompson also said the community needs to be more active in reporting suspected incidents.

"It's disconcerting to get reports of burglaries three or four days after it's happened, we need to know right away," he said.

Police ask anyone observing out of the ordinary behavior to call the non-emergency number, 703-691-2131. Tips can also be made to Crime Solvers by phone at 866-411-TIPS (8477), online at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text TIP187 and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Hunter's Feast at L'Auberge Chez Francois

Join Chef Jacques Haeringer at the award winning L'Auberge Chez Francois for an entertaining cooking demonstration and delightful meal, Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. Haeringer will share his passion for classic and contemporary French cuisine and teach expert cooking techniques and tricks of the trade followed by fine food and wine, with participation of Neill Bassford of Elk Run Vineyard.

October's menu features a Hunter's Feast of culinary delicacies each paired with wine: Goose Rillettes served with Riesling; Roasted Mushroom Salad served with Rosé; Fall Sorbet; Venison Chop in Truffle Sauce served with Cabernet Franc; Kirsch Soufflé. \$125 per person includes tax and gratuity

Prices include the demonstration, lunch or dinner with fine wines, written recipes for the home chef, and all taxes and gratuities. As always, Chef Jacques and the staff at L'Auberge Chez Francois will accommodate any dietary restrictions and concerns with advance notice.

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Halloween Themed Hayride in The Parks

Riverbend Park's hayride plunges into the woods around dusk on Friday, Oct. 29. Find out about the animals "who" are out at night on this not-so-scary wagon ride. Listen for bats and meet an animal. Visitors should bring flashlights. Rides last 45 minutes and start at 6 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. To register, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-222-4664. For more information, call the park at 703-759-9018.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St. in Great Falls.

At Frying Pan Farm Park rides will be offered on Oct. 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29. The 30-minute rides start at 5:30, 6 and 7 p.m., and the cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the park at 703-437-9101. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Rd. in Herndon.

Find more Halloween programs online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. For more information, call 703-324-8662.

Great Falls Optimists to Hold Barn Dance

Fifth Annual Optimist Club Barn Dance, featuring "Western Electric" Classic Rock & Rockabilly Band, Famous Dave's Barbeque Dinner & Drinks, Wine & Beer by Donation, Raffles for great prizes will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, 7-11 p.m. at 964 Walker Road in Great Falls. \$50/person.

This year's dance is benefiting children's cancer funds.

To reserve, go to www.greatfallsoptimist.org, click on site map and then on Barn Dance Ticket Order Form. Print it out, fill it in and send to P.O. Box 233, Great Falls, VA 22066. Tickets will be held at the barn.

The Great Falls Optimist Club is a child-centered non-profit organization that focuses on supporting, encouraging and challenging children to reach greater heights. A voluntary organization, the club is always interested in welcoming new members and volunteers.

Among the many annual family-oriented events sponsored or assisted by the club are the Spring Festival and Egg Hunt, the Fall Spooktacular at Halloween, and the Fourth of July celebration in Great Falls.

If you are interested in joining the Great Falls Optimist Club or volunteering at specific events, contact President T.R. Cook, cookphotoart@aol.com, 703-938-5858. Contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 233, Great Falls, VA 22066. For more information about the Club, visit www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

NEWS



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Guests gather at the Old Brogue for Military Appreciation Monday, where sponsors donate percentages of the group's bill to various veteran-related causes. This week's was the first time the group was raising money for the Golden Age Games, a multi-sport competition for veterans over the age of 55.

Paying Tribute

Military Appreciation Monday raises funds for Golden Age Games.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The latest edition of Military Appreciation Monday took place at the Old Brogue Sept. 27, this time with the goal of raising money for the Golden Age Games, a national multi-sport event designed for more than 700 veterans. Business owners and other residents of Great Falls gathered for dinner, drinks and a chance to win assorted prizes.

Military Appreciation Monday has been going on for the past year-and-a-half, usually benefiting the disabled veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. This month, local realtor Bob Nelson, who started the group, decided to focus on veterans from a previous generation.

"It just dawned on me, though we've tried to do a lot for the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, we wanted to let Vietnam-era vets know that we appreciate them as well," Nelson said.

Military Appreciation Mondays take place on the last Monday of every month at the Old Brogue. It started when Nelson and a few friends gathered one Monday night to try and get a discount on hamburgers, and it grew from there.

NELSON HAD PLEDGED to match 10 percent of the money taken in by the group's meal, and they usually hold two seatings per night. He has gathered a group of co-sponsors, who also pledge up to 10 percent. This week he was able to find nine other co-sponsors, meaning the group matched the amount of money spent that evening.

"I've never served in the military, and I know a lot

of people who come probably haven't either," Nelson said. "But we still have troops overseas fighting to save the things we enjoy."

Gary Kaihara, a dentist from McLean, who has been one of Nelson's co-sponsors since the beginning, says that Military Appreciation Mondays are the least they could do for the troops.

"It's just a small sacrifice compared to the large one that service members have made for us," he said. "I was glad when Bob approached me about co-sponsoring, I'm happy just to help."

The staff at the Old Brogue was happy to oblige Nelson's request, especially when the event became something of a regular fixture.

"It's evolved into something great, but it's a very eye-opening experience," said Carmelita Williams, a manager who has been at the Brogue since 1985. "To see these young people with injuries, or suffering from PTSD, it's nice knowing that we can do something to help."

The group also holds raffles, where guests can enter to win a number of donated items from local Great Falls merchants, including home and financial services, meals, gift certificates and other prizes. Local

author and retired Marine Colonel Pete Hilgartner, also sold signed copies of his two novels, with \$10 of each purchase going directly to the Golden Age Games.

THIS WEEK'S EVENT to benefit the Golden Age Games was a welcome gift to the Department of Veterans Affairs, which hosts the games for 55-and-over veterans. The next incarnation of the games will take place in Hawaii next May.

"Military Appreciation Monday has really been great for us, it gets the veterans out, and brings them to people who really appreciate what they have done," said Stephanie Burns, chief of Voluntary and Recreation Therapy Services at the VA Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "It's beautiful the way this community cares so much."

Information about further meetings of Military Appreciation Monday can be found at www.bobnelsonsteam.com.

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MILITARY

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Army Pfc. **Eric Z. Reynolds**, a 2007 graduate of Oakton High School, has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of James and Susan Reynolds of Oakton.

Michael Thompson, of Vienna is among 10 James Madison University students that trained for three days with Special Forces soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the Army ROTC Ranger Group.

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 stu-

dent at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., and is the grandson of Eleanor Clark of Carrhill Road, Vienna.

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

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

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

Army Pvt. **Tyler I. Borens** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Brooke Trentacosta of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Jason Borens of English Garden Court, Oak Hill. Borens is a 2008 graduate of Oakton High School.

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NEWS

MPAartfest Brings Art to the Park

More than 6,000 enjoyed last year's event.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., MPA will present the fourth annual MPAartfest. McLean Central Park, at the corner of Dolley Madison Boulevard (Rte 123) and Old Dominion Drive, will be transformed into a landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 42 juried artists. Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust and his wife Dr. Marilyn C. Jerome are the Honorary Chairs of MPAartfest 2010.

In addition to fine art for sale, there will be the Children's ArtWalk, highlighting the artwork of K - 6 students from public and private schools in McLean, sponsored by the McLean Community Foundation; the Children's ArtTent, where children can create their own works of art, coordinated by the New Dominion Women's Club; and demonstrations of live model drawing from MPA's Open Studio.

Refreshments for sale from local restaurants include Lebanese Taverna, Sweet Leaf Cafe, Armand's Pizza, Greenberry's Coffee, Moorenko's Ice Cream, the Old Fashioned Kettle Korn Company, Nourish Market and the Organic Butcher.

There will be live music in the park's Gazebo featuring McLean's own Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers. The schedule of performers is as follows:

- 10:30 to 11:15 - McLean Symphony Woodwind Quintet;
- 11:30 to 12:15 - McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet;
- 12:15 to 1 - Scott Ramminger and the CrawStickers;
- 1:15 to 2 - Scott Ramminger and the CrawStickers;
- 2:15 to 3 - Potomac School;
- 3:15 to 4:00 - McLean Orchestra String Quartet .

MPAARTFEST is free to attend, although MPA appreciates a \$5 donation.

For more information about McLean Project for the Arts and MPAartfest, visit www.mpaart.org or call 703-790-1953.

McLean Project for the Arts is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in the McLean Community Center.

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Garden Dedication on Oct. 15

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donations and discounts from various businesses in Great Falls, Reston, Ashburn, Sterling and Vienna among others.

"We were able to amass an amazing group of volunteers, we accomplished in one day what we had planned for two," said Diana Hara, a parent who has been helping with the garden. "It's been a great community effort, and by having the garden in front

of the school, we wanted it to be something not only the school, but the whole community could enjoy."

CONSTRUCTION on the garden will also take place next weekend, and there will be a dedication ceremony Friday, Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe—who helped establish a sister school for GFES in Hiroshima—will be present, as well as several other Japanese Dignitaries.

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OPINION

Either Way, Vote Yes

Arlington and Fairfax take different approaches to the ballot question on funding for Metro.

The purpose is the same. In Fairfax County, voters will vote up or down on a "transportation bond," in Arlington voters will say yes or no to a Metro and Transportation question.

In Fairfax, the amount is \$120 million; in Arlington, the amount is \$34 million.

Both bond questions leave a lot of wiggle room. Arlington at least is straightforward, calling it "Metro and Transportation." While the question allows the county to spend the money on other things ("other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects"), every voter will know the money is intended to fund Metro.

In Fairfax County, the question is far more opaque.

"\$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact."

Oh, of course, "rolling stock" must mean rail cars, and money for Metro, "pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact."

Neither jurisdiction gets an A for transparency here. But Northern Virginia needs Metro, and needs a healthy Metrorail with enough rail cars to actually carry commuters to work and back, helping to alleviate traffic woes.

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EDITORIALS

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Congress, State Ballot Questions

All Virginia voters will face three constitutional ballot questions and vote for U.S. House of Representatives. The important thing is to vote. Early voting, in the form of "in-person" absentee voting, is available in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County.

You must register by Oct. 12 in order to vote.

Compare Wording:

Two Counties Ask Voters for Metro Funding

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOND REFERENDUM:

Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

ARLINGTON METRO AND TRANSPORTATION

QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$34,100,000 to finance, together with available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Fear of Change

To the Editor:

In the Sept. 22 issue of the Great Falls Connection, you published a letter from Eric Knudsen with the headline: "Consensus Exists." Previous letters would suggest the contrary.

Eric Knudsen responds to my earlier letter that was correctly titled "In Search of a Balanced Decision." I have reread my letter, a letter which has caused some alarm. I certainly stand by the tone of my letter as well as my assertion of relevant facts. I would only change one word in that letter. In the original letter's statement of facts, I would now insert the word "historic" before the label "GP" (Georgetown Pike).

With this insertion, the forth fact would read "The most recent design of the SR-GP intersection had no physical impact on the historic GP." The historic pike, to any observing eye, begins at the historic black church on the north side of the pike. To claim that the commercial region containing the current or the designed intersection has any historical significance to the observer is a stretch. The commercial area and the intersection are completely separate from the historic Georgetown Pike that we

all love and want to preserve.

This stretch is one example of the GFCA appeal to fear, fear of change and fear of growth. The fears are real and understandable. Arousing fear to make a case against the VDOT project undermines the legitimate efforts of the GFCA to establish its credibility in providing guidance to our leaders.

The essential message of my earlier letter was to encourage the continuing debate and to encourage our leaders to take the opportunity of the pause to seek a balanced decision based on the facts. I would hope that a majority of our community would share this view.

Robert Lundegard
Great Falls

Alternative to 'Zero Tolerance'

To the Editor:

As a long-term parent drug prevention activist, I appreciate the concerns of Mark von Keszycki about "draconian measures" taken by Fairfax County school officials against drug-abusing students [his Sept. 22 letter responding to the Sept. 15 Great Falls Connection article, "One Strike, They're Out."] "Zero tolerance" certainly makes

it difficult for parents of kids caught using illegal drugs. But it is quite necessary considering the great harm drug use creates among schoolchildren as well-illustrated by the 2008 Fairfax County student survey revealing the thousands of Fairfax schoolchildren reporting having used or sold drugs in school, and related risky behaviors. And as revealed in news accounts of the large drug bust of drug-trafficking Fairfax youths following a huge increase in drug overdose deaths in the county recently. During prosecution of the traffickers, most admitted having started drug use in school, which led to their addiction contributing to their involvement in drug trafficking and ultimately resulting in their long-term incarceration. Parents of the drug overdose victims and of the imprisoned youths are all paying a brutal price for the county's four-decade inability to protect children from drugs in their schools.

U.S. drug czar John Walters, in a 2008 TV interview commenting on the Fairfax County youth drug bust and overdose deaths, cited the role of drug-using friends and schoolmates plus the addictive properties of illegal drugs as powerful forces luring kids into drug use. Thus, it is very important to

separate drug-using kids from their former schoolmates to try to eliminate such destructive peer pressure. This is the basis for the "zero tolerance" policies.

However, drug czar Walters also cited a compassionate alternative; the public health strategy of screening kids for drugs by non-punitive Random Student Drug Testing as currently used in thousands of U.S. schools to virtually eliminate drug use among their students. We parents hope the Fairfax County School Board will soon give serious consideration to investigating possible use of that effective drug prevention strategy to reduce the need for punitive "zero tolerance" measures.

DeForest Rathbone
Great Falls

Neither 'Safe' Nor 'Efficient'

To the Editor:

It probably didn't escape too many people that the Fairfax County Deer Management Program Announcement was located in the "Crime Report" section of the Great Falls Connection.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

How appropriate. What is purported to be a "safe" and "efficient" tool is anything but. Archery control is neither humane nor the sole financially feasible alternative method of controlling the white tailed deer population.

I recognize that we are talking about the vast square mileage of Fairfax County, but the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and the National Park Service have used an FDA authorized deer contraceptive for years (according to the Society for Animal Protective Legislation.) There are repellants such as ammonia, and fright devices that are harmless to creatures.

I trust that Fairfax County will rethink its Deer Management Program for next year.

Karen van Es
Great Falls

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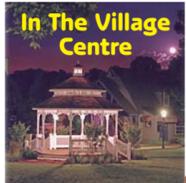
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Tour visitors can register now to win one of forty \$50 gift certificates.

As an annual tour of Great Falls art studios moves closer, the Great Falls Studios, a network of 90 artists from Great Falls, has announced it is giving away forty \$50 gift certificates that can be used toward purchase of artworks at the Seventh Annual Great Falls Studios Tour, to take place Oct. 16 and 17. To win one, you must register by 5 p.m. on Oct. 13. The annual event, which has become a major art celebration in northern Virginia, involves driving from studio to studio to meet artists in the "habitats" where they create. In all, 48 artists are taking part in 27 art venues throughout Great Falls, some in unusual houses, funky outbuildings, historical properties and barns or sheds. Great Falls Studios is the tour's organizing group. The Tour is free.

TO WIN a certificate, tour visitors must go to the art organization's website, www.GreatFallsStudios.com, or fill out a registration card and drop it into one of several special boxes in various Great Falls locations. Winners will be determined by a drawing of all registrants. At the website, press the "studio tour" button to sign up. Drop-off boxes are located at the Great Falls Community Library, the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings, and the Artists' Atelier, 1144 Walker Road, among other places. Complete rules are at the website. "This drawing is just one of the fun aspects of the Tour," says Laura Nichols, a potter who serves as president of Great Falls

Studios. "You drive to see art and artists in home-based studios and other venues in Great Falls. It's an educational process that includes art demonstrations to help celebrate the creative process. And if you see a piece of art you like along the way, you can buy it. If you've won a gift certificate, that's like having a \$50 bill to spend." The casually curious looking for a fun weekend activity join artists, collectors, home owners, neighbors, friends and others from around the Metro area who want to celebrate the creative process. They are drawn in part by the quality of the art created in Great Falls by painters, potters, photographers, sculptors, quilters, jewelry designers and others, many of whom are established as highly regarded artists in the Washington area. In its first six years, the event has generated more than 10,000 visits to local art studios and has helped to establish Great Falls as a center for creativity in Fairfax County. THE STUDIO TOUR is supported by three arts organizations: the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. It also has the endorsement of two business groups: the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association. You can download a free map and directory of the artists at the same website where you register for a gift certificate.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 1
ValeArts 15th Annual Fall Art Show and Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Historic Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. With local artists, including Oakton residents Linda Lovell and Jenna Klimchak. Exhibition also open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 2-3. 703-860-1888 or www.valearts.com.

'The Frost/Nixon Tapes'. 8 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

'Mauritius'. 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Estranged sisters discover a book of rare stamps after their mother's death, then three seedy collectors arrive. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageTysons.org/mauritius or 703-854-1856.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm Oktoberfest Fundraiser. 7-10 p.m. at The Pavilions of Turkey Run, Rte. 193 and Colonial Farm Road, McLean. Feast on brats, grilled chicken, traditional German potato salad, sauerkraut, soft pretzels with brown mustard and warm apple cobbler with ice cream. Enjoy music, dancing and an auction. Cash bars for beer and wine. \$25. Reserve at www.1771.org/oktoberfest.htm or 703-442-7557.

Howie Day. 8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 2
Vienna Oktoberfest. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. from Center St. to Mill St., Vienna. Live music, a beer garden, food vendors, children's entertainment and activities, and a festival marketplace. Sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. 703-281-1333 or viennaoktoberfest.com/.

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Galapagos Story Time for Youngsters. 10 a.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Author Allison Sutherland will read from her book, *The Adventures of Kaluwara the Koala* in the Galapagos Islands, with animal puppets, character voices, and a fun game. Book signing follows. Free and open to the public. 703-255-3631.

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St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will have their annual Blessing of the Animals at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 3 at All are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing during the service, which will be held outdoors on the church grounds. Pictured: Amelia Shuler of Great Falls brings her cat to the St. Francis Episcopal Church Blessing of the Animals. An informal coffee hour will follow the service. A staffed nursery is available for infants and small children. Regular services will also be held at 7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contact www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org or 703-759-2082.

Falls St., # 380, McLean. All proceeds are used to help fund activities of the Senior Center. 703-442-9075.

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MPAArtFest. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at McLean Central Park, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 42 juried artists, a children's ArtWalk and ArtTent and live entertainment. In case of inclement weather the event will move into McLean Community Center adjacent to the Park. www.mpaart.org.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

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Kim Richey and Mando Saenz. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 8
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Tyrone Wells, Andrew Belle and Crown Point. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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SPORTS



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The Great Falls Cheetah's boys' youth basketball team received a recent surprise visit from basketball legend Kevin Grevey (center) at a postseason team party. Pictured, from left to right: Timmy Conforti, Bennett Norris, Colter Carton, John Margraf, Tommy O'Donnell, Grevey, Kyle Novak, Mako Trautwein and Maguire 'Revis' Dilenge.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Former Washington Bullets basketball star Kevin Grevey, a former college All-American at the University of Kentucky, made a surprise appearance at the recent Great Falls Cheetahs' youth basketball championship celebration. The Cheetahs recently won the fifth grade division of the Fairfax Stars Summer League.

Grevey, who owns 'Grevey's' restaurant in Merrifield, was the starting shooting guard for the Washington Bullets' team that captured the NBA title during the 1977-'78 season.

At the festive postseason Cheetahs party, Grevey competed with the young players in games of 'P-I-G.' One of the Cheetahs - Kyle Novak - took the basketball legend to the wire before losing by one letter.

Charlotte Parkhurst scored her team's only goal in McLean's 4-1 girls' field hockey loss to South County Secondary last Wednesday, Sept. 22. The assist on the Highlander goal went to Tina Antwyll.

McLean goalie Malalai Nawabi, in the non-district loss to the Stallions, had nine saves.

Langley High hosted a three-team high school boys' volleyball night last Thursday, Sept. 23. Participating teams were the host Saxons and guest clubs Herndon and South Lakes High Schools.

Match results were as follows: Herndon Black over Langley in three sets; Langley over South Lakes in three sets; and, in the night's final match, Herndon Black over South Lakes in two sets.

A good crowd enjoyed the night's intense volleyball action. Langley, following the three-team event, held a 3-1 season record.

Langley's next home match is scheduled for next Monday night, Oct. 4 at 6. The visiting teams will be Herndon Red and Chantilly. The evening's scheduled matches will be: Langley versus Chantilly at 6; Chantilly versus Herndon Red at 7; and Langley versus Herndon Red at 8. Langley will also be home

next Wednesday, Oct. 8 for another three-team event. That evening's scheduled matches will be: Langley versus Madison at 6; Madison versus South Lakes at 7; and Langley versus South Lakes at 8.

Oakcrest School (McLean) defeated the Barrie School in three games (26-24, 25-11, 25-21) in girls' volleyball action on Monday, Sept. 20. Setter Jackie Herrick led the Oakcrest team with 22 aces, four assists and 19 digs. Sophomore Janey North had three assists. Senior captain Haley Featherstone and sophomores Kathleen Brown and Mary Esmond each had two kills during the match.

"The girls worked as a team to come back from behind to win the first game with great serves from Jackie Herrick," said Oakcrest coach Bethany Peters.

The Chargers, with the win, are now 3-0 within the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference (PVAV), Div. AA schedule. They are coming off a 2009 conference championship.

Area Seniors Win Medals

Senior Olympics winners announced.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, taking place at different venues throughout Fairfax County, continued on Sept. 20 with its second day of competition with events such as ten pin bowling and diving.

Bowling was held at Bowl America Shirley (Alexandria). Gold medal winners included Leonard Kalkwarf (men's 80-84 age group) of Springfield and Lucia McSweeney (women's 70-74) of Centreville.

Diving competition was held at the Washington & Lee High School aquatic center in Arlington, where

gold medals were won by Duane Clayton-Cox (men's 60-64) of Fairfax and Marion Marrs (women's 50-54) of Sterling.

During the third day of competition on Sept. 21, the eight ball pool event took place at the Lincolnia Senior Center in Alexandria. Gold medalists were awarded to John Kraus (men's 60-69) of Fairfax and Diane Hill (women's 70-79) of Springfield.

The City of Fairfax Senior Center hosted bocce, a new event for this year's Senior Olympics, with gold medals going to Bob Barbour (men's 50-59) of Fairfax, Bob Metzger (men's 70-79) of Fairfax, Nick Garito (men's 80-89) of Fairfax, Marilyn Parks (women 50-59) of Oakton, Maryann Schwab (women 60-69) of Fairfax and Florence Rowland (women's 70-79) of Fairfax.



Lucas Potter

Summer at NASA

Lucas Potter and Steve Swanson, the students from James Madison High School, spent a week of their summer planning a mission to Mars.

Potter and Swanson were among 48 rising high school seniors from across the Commonwealth selected to take part in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) academy. The academy was held at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., and was hosted by NASA Langley in a partnership with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

Prior to the academy, the students completed a six-month interactive distance-learning program on aerospace exploration that prepared them for their intensive week at NASA Langley.

Potter worked on the academy's "Mission Integration" team, which was responsible for managing other teams as they planned a mission to Mars. He was in charge of managing the logistics of selecting a power source for the mission.

Swanson worked on the academy's "Getting There Team" while at NASA. Its primary objective was getting the astronauts from Earth to Mars and back. "Getting There" was one of four teams that worked together to plan a mission to Mars.

For more information about VASTS or for an application, visit: <http://www.vasts.spacegrant.org>.



Steve Swanson

THANKS!



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I can't write individually to all you Kenny-column-responders, to express my gratitude for your cards, letters, e-mails, thoughts, prayers, inclusion on Mass cards, offers of assistance and general well-wishes, let me take this opportunity – and space, to do so – right now!

Of all the hundreds of columns I have written over the past nearly 13 years of doing so, none of them has resonated with and motivated my readers as much as my "cancer columns" (as I call them). The reaction to them has been overwhelming, and empowering – for me. What I feel from that response is difficult to articulate, exactly. It's a kind of strength, a courage I've gained to fight this battle, and a belief that this strength comes, in some way, from the many readers who have shared their own cancer experiences with me or who have shared the experiences of others with whom they are close – many of whom unfortunately have fought similar battles to the ones I've written about.

Not that I started writing these "cancer columns" because I thought they would serve some greater good. Hardly. I started writing them because doing so came naturally to me, and because I was consumed by the subject matter; joking about cancer or attempting to lighten up the incredibly heavy load I was unexpectedly carrying, seemed to help put one emotional foot in front of the other. As I was told numerous times: "Kenny, it's all about you now." And so, these columns were/are just another response to this oft-repeated advisory.

So these columns have been and are about me – and cancer. But, from what I'm reading and hearing from you readers, they are so much more. They are about connecting with people, offering hope and sharing. And in that sharing, it's like we're all going on a journey together. And it's that togetherness – and journey, that is mattering more and more every day, as I continue to receive your correspondence.

I have to admit though, this whole cancer-patient experience has been unbelievable. People have been so amazing to me. The vibe I feel from friends, acquaintances, family, co-workers, readers and health care professionals, has consistently been above and beyond the call of anyone's duty. Far exceeding any kind of dream – wild or otherwise, I might have had when this cancer diagnosis/prognosis first reared its extremely ugly head back in February 2009.

When I started chemotherapy in early March 2009, I was given a rather grim prognosis: 13 months to two years. Moreover, I was not given much reason to hope. At the initial "Team Lourie" meeting with my oncologist, it was quite clear what I was told, stunning in fact: "Maybe you should take that vacation you've always dreamed of." Still, I didn't know what to expect exactly. Nineteen months later, to the extent I have beaten the odds, (as frequently discussed with my oncologist) and outlived my diagnosis, it is in large measure a result of the connection I feel to you readers. When people you don't know or have never met, offer the kind of warmth and encouragement you all have, its effect is almost beyond words, even though I've tried (I'm a writer, after all; I can't help myself).

In the epic mini-series, "Lonesome Dove," at the end of part three, as Augustus McCray (Robert Duvall) said, while he lay dying in a doctor's office in Culver City, to his long time partner, Woodrow Call (Tommy Lee Jones): "It's been a hell of a ride, Woodrow."

It sure has. Thank you all for your kindness and concern.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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OBITUARY

Royal D. Bisbee, 87, of Great Falls, Dies

Royal ("Roy") D. Bisbee, 87, a Great Falls resident since 1977, died at home on September 12, 2010. His career spanned 35 years of continued service with the Department of the Army, Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA).

The son of American missionary parents, Mr. Bisbee was born in Godhra, India in 1923. His childhood was spent in the princely state of Baroda and in Poona, India. His elementary and high school education, until 1940, was at the Woodstock School in Musoorie, situated in the foothills of the Himalayas of Northern India.

In the early days of World War II Mr. Bisbee was sent to the United States by his parents to attend the University of Washington, Seattle. The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor he volunteered for military service and was assigned to the Office of Military Attaché, American Legation, Baghdad, Iraq. While in Iraq, Mr. Bisbee met and courted Barbara Beeler. The two were married in Baghdad on Jan. 7, 1946.

Mr. Bisbee returned to the United States with Barbara in 1946 to complete his B.A. at the University of Washington. In 1947, he was appointed by the Department of State as Vice Consul, Bombay, India. Thus began a career in the American Foreign Service that spanned 34 years and took him and his family for tours of duty in New Delhi and Lucknow, India, Greece, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa and the Philippines. Along the way, his assignments shifted him from State Department to the United States Information Agency (USIA).

In 1949, Mr. Bisbee was awarded meritorious honors by the Department of State for leading a combined Indian-American suc-

cessful expedition to Tibet to rescue Lowell Thomas, the noted American news commentator. Mr. Bisbee was also instrumental in 1952 in establishing and directing the Voice of America Hindi and Urdu broadcasts to India and Pakistan.

Prior to his retirement from government in 1979, Mr. Bisbee was Director, Office of Research, USIA, in Washington, D.C. He was given the Agency's High Meritorious Honor Award for "distinctive excellence in all his pursuits."

In 1980, Mr. Bisbee and his family founded a real estate firm, Century 21 Royal Properties, headquartered in McLean. When the family sold the company in 1998, they had four offices in the Washington D.C. region, including Great Falls and McLean in Virginia and Rockville and Lanham in Maryland. He remained in real estate and property management in the Washington D.C. area until his retirement in 2003.

Mr. Bisbee's languages were Gujarathi, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic and Afrikaans. In addition to the University of Washington, Mr. Bisbee attended the University of Pennsylvania and completed a Masters degree at George Washington University. He also graduated from the National War College in 1964. In 2005, he was awarded a commendation from the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Mr. Bisbee is survived by his wife Barbara of Great Falls, and his granddaughter Nicole Renee Bender of Vienna. He was predeceased by his two daughters Barbara Bisbee Mitchell and Renee Bisbee Miller. A memorial service was held in his honor on Friday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Great Falls.

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Successful Resume Essentials. 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. An overview of the elements needed to produce a professional resume and how to write it to maximize appeal to the hiring manager. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

SATURDAY/OCT. 2

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.

Parenting Beyond Belief. 1 p.m. at Green Hedges School, 229 Nutley St., N.W., Vienna. A half-day seminar with Dale McGowan on raising ethical, caring children. \$40 per person, \$60 couple. Children's program \$5. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Ethical Society. 703-495-5486 or www.noves.org.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 3

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MONDAY/OCT. 4

A Representative of Congressman Frank Wolf at the McLean Community Center. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1234 McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. First Monday of every month. Citizens are invited to express opinions on issues before Congress, or seek assistance with federal problems. 703-709-5800.

North County Parks Public Comment Meeting: Great Parks, Great Communities. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill Barn, 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road, Great Falls. This meeting will review the draft plan that will guide future park land acquisition, facility development and resource stewardship through 2020. The draft is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks>.

Avoiding Divorce Court. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. How to negotiate a property settlement agreement. A divorce attorney will guide you through a comparison of mediation and negotiation and provide mediation and negotiation tips. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

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Party Spoilers - Saxons Outlast Rebels, 28-21

Langley's aerial game puts damper on Fairfax festivities.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It took a few offensive series last Friday night for Langley High's football offense, particularly its passing game, to get into a good rhythm. But once the Saxons, behind senior quarterback Braden Anderson, got rolling, they were tough to stop and defeated Liberty District and host team Fairfax, 28-21.

The loss was somewhat of a downer for Fairfax, which had a huge home crowd on hand in celebration of the school's week-long 75th Anniversary celebration as well as it being homecoming weekend.

"It was a great atmosphere to me," said Langley coach John Howerton, whose team took away some of the home crowd's festive mood by overcoming a 21-14 third quarter deficit by scoring the game's final two touchdowns. "They've got a great facility here with a new [turf] field and great concrete bleachers. It was a great crowd. Our kids seemed to enjoy it. I told them this is why you come out and play football - to be a part of the main show."

The Saxons, in fact, put on quite a show behind their prolific



Langley quarterback Braden Anderson moves towards his left as he looks down field during the Saxons' 28-21 win at Fairfax last Friday night. Blocking for the QB is AJ Holtberg (9).

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THE CONNECTION

passing attack. Anderson and the offense struggled initially, going three plays and out over their first two series with the tall, 6-foot-3 inch signal caller connecting on just one of his first four passes.

But Langley came to life on its third possession. Following a first down incompleting, Anderson, considered one of the top QB's in the Northern Region, began heating up. He hit senior wide receiver Troy Scharfen for a 12-yard pickup to the Rebels' 44. Later in the drive, he connected on back to back aeriels to Scharfen (13 and 15 yards) to get the ball down to the one yard line where, two plays later, fullback Connor Curry pounded the ball into the end zone for the game's first points.

"It took a couple of series to figure out how Fairfax's defense was playing us," said Howerton, whose team is averaging over 30 pass attempts per game. "But our quar-

terback is smart and knows [defensive] schemes."

Fairfax put together scoring drives on its next two possessions, to the delight of the partisan Rebel faithful.

But on its final possession of the first half, Langley marched 75 yards on nine plays and got the game-tying touchdown on a one yard plunge into the end zone by senior Bryan Hofgard. The biggest play of the march came when Anderson found Scharfen on a long sideline pass down the left side of the field for a 43-yard gain to the Fairfax 15. Two plays later, the talented QB found Hofgard off the left side for a 14-yard pickup to the two. Langley scored two plays later and, following Farhan Khan's second successful extra point kick of the night, the game was tied at 14.

Moments later, the first half ended with defensive back Austin Vasiliados picking off a long down

field pass by Fairfax quarterback Spencer MacLeod.

FAIRFAX OPENED the second half with a scoring drive to go up 21-14. But, once again, the Saxons' offense answered with a 65-yard scoring march. Anderson completed four-of-six passes on the drive, the final completion coming on a rollout play in which it appeared he would be run down from behind. Under enormous pressure, Anderson threw the ball on the run and hit Scharfen for an 11 yard pickup to the Fairfax 10. Langley scored on the next play on a run by Philip Mun.

The Saxons' next possession came in the fourth quarter with the game tied at 21-21. Langley needed just two plays to score, the touchdown coming on a 49-yard passing strike from Anderson to Scharfen down the right sideline with 7 minutes, 26 seconds left to play.

Langley's defense held Fairfax from that point on and the Saxons had won.

Anderson was 11-of-20 for 203 yards with the one TD toss. His primary target was Scharfen (6 catches, 147 yards, 1 TD).

"He's an all-district player from last year and really throws a nice ball," said Fairfax coach Kevin Simonds, of Anderson. "He's a great player."

Fairfax senior defensive back Sam Bechert covered Scharfen most of the night and said he had his hands full.

"He's a good receiver and they have a good quarterback," said Bechert, a team captain.

Howerton said the passing duo of Anderson and Scharfen could be the best in the region. Langley, in years past, focused mostly on running the ball. But that has changed in recent years.

"They're the best [QB-receiver combination] I've worked with in a long time," said Howerton. "That's a rarity here. Troy is small but strong. He's an athlete and he's tall. He's got great hands and he can block. Braden [at QB] is tall and has a great arm. He's an extremely smart kid and knows our schemes."

Langley's offensive line has allowed just three sacks this season, allowing Anderson time to throw the football.

Langley, which two weeks ago defeated Madison in overtime for its first win of the season, has now won two straight following an 0-2 start. This Friday night at 7:30, the Saxons will host Herndon.

Lady Saxons Shine at Oatlands Invitational

Courteney West leads Langley team to sixth place finish.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

At around the midway point of the fall high school cross country season, the Langley High girls appear to be in pretty strong form. The Lady Saxons certainly put forth a good showing at last Saturday's renowned, mid-season Oatlands Invitational in Leesburg - a showcase event known as the second leg of the Virginia high school cross country triple crown.

Among a field of 33 teams in the varsity A girls' race, Langley finished an outstand-

ing sixth place overall. The Saxons' top finisher was Courteney West (13th place overall), who earned a top 25 medal. Two-hundred and twenty-four runners in all made up the varsity A girls' race field.

"Courteney West ran 50 seconds faster than she did in that race last year," said Langley coach Gifford Krivak. "She is incredibly focused, and has had the best improvement over the past year."

At the annual Oatlands meet, high school teams from throughout Virginia as well as other states compete in a variety of races on the scenic 5K course set on the grounds of Leesburg's historic plantation. The course is mostly grass with rolling hills as well as some wooded trails. There are also two creek crossings in which runners must navigate. This year's Invitational, which took place on a hot, autumn day, was hosted by both Tuscarora High of Leesburg and Freedom High of South Riding.

Earlier day races included two JV Frosh/Sophomore (separate boys and girls races) competitions; two JV Junior/Senior races (boys and girls); two varsity B races (boys, girls) and two varsity A races (boys, girls). In all, 97 schools, both public and private, participated. Most of the schools were from Virginia and several from around the metropolitan area as well.

ALONG WITH WEST'S strong race, the Langley girls had a number of other exceptional outings as well from such runners as sophomore Elissa Purdy (29th), sophomore Jessica Miles (36th), and junior Esther Jeong (39th).

"It was a very tough race," said Krivak, of the girls' varsity A. "The weather heat was oppressive and Oatlands is the toughest course we will run on this year. The girls hung in there and pushed their way through. I was impressed with the girls'

drive despite the heat. They work hard in practice and it shows when they race. The heat took its toll on some of them, but they did well despite it. Elissa Purdy had a solid race, and Jessica Miles bounced back from a disappointing first race at the Monroe Parker Invitational. The meet had some of the better teams in the state, so finishing sixth in a field like that is impressive."

On the boys' side, the Saxons did not fare as well in the team standings. Nevertheless, there were several good outings by Saxon runners. Mike Meyer (91st), Steven Swayne (146th) and Jack Flatley (156th) all ran well, according to their coach.

"My boys' team didn't finish as high in the team standings, but we still had some impressive performances," said Krivak. "It's a bit of a rebuilding year, but I think we're better than last year, and if we keep working hard, we'll get better each in week in preparation for Districts."

COMMUNITY

Wonderful Event Under the Stars

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of Clemyjontri, Inc., I thank you for your valuable coverage of our first annual "Concert in the Park," held on Sept. 10, 2010 at Clemyjontri Park. It was an extraordinary blending of two of McLean's assets, Clemyjontri Park and the McLean Orchestra, for the benefit of not only the event's lucky attendees, but the children who will directly benefit from the playground equipment that will be purchased with event proceeds. The "Concert in the Park" blends black ties with carousel rides, exquisite food and superb music – all under the stars. It's a wonderful event and we're already planning next year's program.

While the Connection did a fine job of recognizing many of those involved with the event's success, there were several more who deserve recognition.

First and foremost, the Friends of Clemyjontri are grateful to our event major sponsors: Wachovia Bank, Raytheon, The Georgelas Group, Victor Shargai, Lola C. Reinsch and J. Almont Pierce for the Reinsch-Pierce Family Foundation, Joe and Sybil Caldwell, Allan and Lilian Jorgenson, Juliann and C. Daniel Clemente along with so many others who made such a special night possible. With their support, the event committee was able to bring the best of everything to the table – literally.

Speaking of the event committee, Natalie Crippen, Ann Page, Mafalda Marrocco, Toni MacCauley worked tirelessly with Maris Angolia, of Karin's Florist, and Susan Gage, of Susan Gage Caterers, to dress tables in a playground into a kingly meal. Wayne Sharp, John Huling and the entirety of the McLean Orchestra crafted a musical program that

attendees are still humming about. Additionally, our special thanks to Jeanine McDonnell, the Virginia Governor's eldest child, for driving here from Virginia Beach to sing the National Anthem. She showed everyone attending the true meaning of community.

Finally, the park's staff, Rebecca Boone and Christian Cheshire, who operated the carousel for us, made the event seamless. The support of our Dranesville district Supervisor, John Foust, with our district's park representative, Kevin Fay, and the Park Foundation's Roberta Longfellow paved the way for the event by solving the myriad bureaucratic roadblocks to holding an event in a county park.

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500 SENECA RD	6	8	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,900,000	Detached	2.14		SENECA
10757 TERKES VIEW	6	5	2		GREAT FALLS	\$1,900,000	Detached	1.40		ESTATES AT LONGWOOD
11307 HEARTH CT	5	5	2		GREAT FALLS	\$1,900,000	Detached	1.75		CASCADES ESTATES
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REAL ESTATE

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The Belt Team, led by CEO Terry Belt of Keller Williams Realty's McLean office, was just named one of America's top real estate teams for 2009 by the Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends. The Belt Team ranked in the Top 100 Residential Real Estate Teams by Sales Volume which is a component of the "Top 400 Real Estate Professionals," a prestigious national awards ranking sponsored by the two respected publications. The Belt Team is now ranked #95 out of more than 1.1 million realtors nationwide.

"Being a member of such an elite group as the Top 100 Teams by Sales Volume is an incredible accomplishment," said Ron Cathell, Operating Principal of Keller Williams McLean. "The Belt Team continually demonstrates that it is possible to deliver the highest level of customer service in one of the toughest real estate markets on record."

The Belt Team was also named as a Top Ten Team for Keller Williams Realty in North America for the first half of 2010. Keller Williams Realty has more than 78,000 associates in North America.

"Realtors like The Belt Team who are committed to serving their clients' best interests with integrity and skill are the reason why Keller Williams Realty, Inc has received the highest overall satisfaction ratings from home buyers among the largest full-service real estate firms for the third year in a row according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Home Buyer/Seller StudySM," said Vickie Christianson, Keller Williams McLean Team Leader. "It's also why the McLean office has grown from 18 agents to more than 120 agents in just two short years. Our Realtors share a commitment to the Keller Williams Belief System - customers come first, trust, integrity, creativity and teamwork."

The Belt Team includes Terry Belt (CEO), Gail Belt (Founding Partner),

four additional Realtor Partners (Pauline Knipe, Kevin Kleifges, Mary Jane Perry, Susan Hussey), Christy Grossman (Chief Operating Officer), Jerry Belt (Special Services) and Tara Miller (Client Care Manager). The Belt Team serves all of Northern Virginia and specializes in Vienna and Oakton where it has sold more homes than any other Realtor since 1972. For more information, visit <http://www.TheBeltTeam.com> Phone: 703-242-3975 Email: Sales@TheBeltTeam.com

Cindy Dwyer, sales associate in Weichert's Vienna office was named a winner in August for the company's new campaign, entitled "YOU Make the Weichert Difference," that spotlights the many ways its sales associates make a difference for their customers, colleagues and the community. Moved by the struggles of the injured soldiers she encountered in the area, Dwyer collects clothing for service members and their families, ensures that they are clean and in mint condition and continues to deliver them bi-monthly to Walter Reed Army Medical Center

"I've seen first hand how she opens her home to the soldiers," said Betty Holmes, manager of the Weichert Vienna office. "Cindy regularly hands her home keys to soldiers or invites them over for the holidays to provide a sanctuary from the daily grind at the medical center."

For her prize, Dwyer earned an American Express gift card. Each month from July through December, Weichert will recognize agents whose stories best illustrate the "Weichert difference" at work. Monthly winners will receive a cash prize, a direct mail campaign, promotional support, and will have their story featured on Weichert.com.

Should you wish to contribute to this cause, Dwyer may be contacted at 703-298-5442, via email cindydwyer@weichert.com or visit her at Weichert's Vienna office located at 156 Maple Avenue East.

Keller Williams Realty International announced at its annual "Family

Reunion" Conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with \$6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100. Keller Williams International also surpassed Re/Max to become the #3 largest real estate company in the U.S. by agent count. This is the first time in 20 years that the order has shifted.

"Of course it takes a lot of hard work to achieve this kind of success," said McLean Team Leader Vickie Christianson. "But when you have a company behind you that places the interests and success of the agents above all else, it makes it a lot easier."

J.D. Powers & Associates recently named Keller Williams Realty #1 in customer service; Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Keller Williams Realty as the #1 real estate franchise, and the industry ranked Keller Williams Realty as the Most Recognized Real Estate Franchise Brand.

Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced the Vienna office was recognized for outstanding performance in May. The Vienna sales team led by Betty Holmes led the company for new home sales and also led the region for new home dollar volume. The region is comprised of offices located throughout Virginia.

Weichert, Realtors neighborhood specialists can be reached in Weichert's Vienna office at (703) 938-6070 at 156 East Maple Avenue.

Nikki Ryan of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

SCHOOLS



Langley High Band to Perform at Lincoln Center

The Langley High School Symphony Band and Wind Symphony, under the direction of Andrew Gekoskie, have been invited to perform next Spring at Lincoln Center, one of the most prestigious art centers in the world. This performance will showcase the Langley Band's many talents, as they receive the distinctive honor of being the only Virginia band to be invited to perform as part of a concert series (the DCINY Concert Series) at Lincoln Center. The performance is scheduled for Monday evening, March 14, 2011, at 8 p.m. in Avery Fisher Hall, which is the home of the New York Philharmonic. The Langley Bands were selected by DCINY, a concert promoter in New York City, based on two years of evaluation of their work, which have garnered both national and international recognition.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The following Langley High School students have been named as Semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program: **William H. Baird, Joohee Choi, Enrico Della Corna, Ryan M. Hsu, Emily M. Lowman, Kyle L. McConaughay, Peter S. Nance, Buran Ni, David C. Parker, Jackson Parker, Alexander W. Phillips and Jeffrey W. Principe.**

The following Potomac School students have been named as Semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Nicholas J. Diewald, Natalie Kim, Miranda R. May, Madhavi S. Ramankutty, Erik C. Schluntz, Nicholas A. Shashy, Kathleen H. Smith and Conrad H. Stansbury.**

The following McLean High School students have been named as Semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Ali M. Haq, Kelsey A. Hopkins, Xavier V. Palathingal, Brian A. Roy and Mathew C. Samuel.**

Patrick Bardsley of Great Falls has been named to the 2010 dean's list for both semesters at John Paul the Great Catholic School.

Rachel Burger of Great Falls was awarded a Charles A. Dana Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year at Agnes Scott College of

Atlanta, Ga. Burger is the daughter of Eric Burger and Deborah Spear.

Gillian R. Hunt of McLean will attend St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, as a member of the class of 2014.

Kevin Cameron Wade Jr. of McLean has enrolled at Hampden-Sydney College as a Venable Scholar. The McLean High School graduate is the son of Kevin and Andrea Wade of McLean.

Chase E. Charwat of McLean has been awarded a bachelor of science from Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, Binghamton University, N.Y.

Alexander Gilbert of McLean was awarded a Davidson Fellows scholarship by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. Gilbert, age 16, received a \$10,000 scholarship for his achievement in technology, developing a computer algorithm which improves contrast in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). His program has been successfully applied to brain MRI images, enabling more accurate image definition of tissues, such as areas of demyelination, or plaques, which are often present in patients with multiple sclerosis. His work is pertinent to MRIs of the spine and other areas, and offers the potential for better diagnosis and monitoring of multiple sclerosis and other neurological diseases including Alzheimer's disease.

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Bridget Hott,
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Leah McSteen,
Lauren Megrue,
Katherine Boruff,
Ashley O'Banion,
Kristen Beckwith,
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and Bridget Hott
in performance of
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Registration for Fall 2010 Ongoing Classes for Children through Adults

New this semester!

HIP HOP

Sundays, taught by our new Faculty member
Mike Stokes. Ages 9-12, 1-2pm... Teen/adult, 2-3pm

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WORKSHOP #1: Stage Play for Grades 2 thru 12

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