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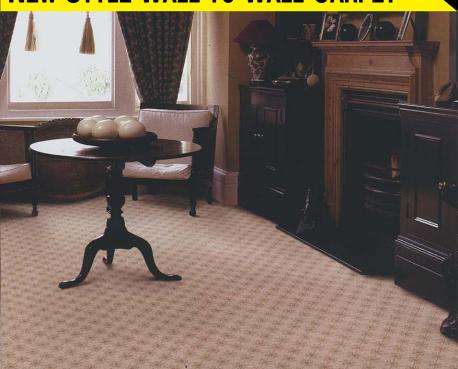
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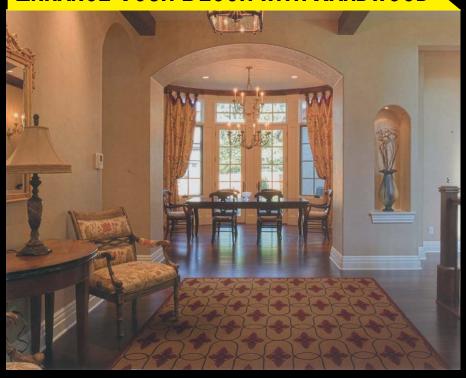
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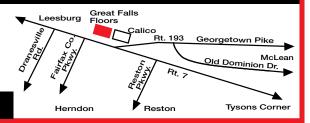
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Geordi Pimentel, 9, lines up his shot on the giant slingshot. Children could shoot tennis balls as wooden pumpkins with the slingshot in order to win prizes.

Fair Play

St. Francis Episcopal Church hosts annual Country Fair.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

he St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls held its annual Country Fair Oct. 2, bringing hundreds of people out to enjoy the best fall has to offer. Hayrides, children's games, live music, a book sale and a silent auction were just some of the dozens of activities available.

It was possible for visitors to spend the entire day at the festival without seeing everything, such was the variety of activities available. A giant slingshot, face painting, pumpkin painting and a dunk tank proved to be some of the more popular activities throughout the day.

"My sons spent almost the entire day at the dunk tank," said Hilary Feller of Falls Church. "Each time they got tired of it, someone else took a turn sitting over the tank, and they jumped right back in line."

The dunk tank volunteers braved cold water throughout the day, as several local coaches, community leaders and church members spent shifts perched above a pool of 55-degree water.

The fair itself is held annually by the church as their main fundraiser, and it supports the many projects at their ministry.

"We do this for the community, because we think of this church as a community church," said the Reverend Penelope Bridges, rector of St. Francis. "I've seen crowds of new faces here, I think we were able to get the word out like never before, and Great Falls



Grace Yazgan, 4, paints her pumpkin during the St. Francis Episcopal Church's Country Fair Oct. 2.



Di Rao and her son David Zhang, 5, try their hand at Spin Art, one of the many crafts available at the St. Francis Episcopal Church Country Fair.



Pat Derocca watches helplessly as Franky Cull, 5, hit's the target on the dunk tank. Derocca was one of several volunteers who sat above the tank throughout the day.

responded."

This year the festival featured music throughout the day, with the Difficult Run Jazz Band playing in the morning and JC and the HepCats taking the stage for the afternoon.

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VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite thing to do in Great Falls? —ALEX MCVEIGH

Daniela Dixon, Library Branch Manager

"This sounds kind of silly, but there's a path next to the [Great Falls] library, between the library and playground, that I like to walk on. It goes by a sort of cathedral of trees, and you can hear kids playing. It's especially nice during the spring and fall."



Kathy Heberg, retired government worker

"The Great Falls Studios Art Tour is great. It's nice because you don't realize all the local talent here, and you meet some really nice people and get a chance to see the nice parks and homes in the area."

Jacque Olin, Great Falls Historical Society President

"My husband and I enjoy going to Observatory Park very much. You can picnic there on weekends, and at night view the sky with telescopes. This is a great time of year for it, because you don't have to wait too long for it to get dark, and it's cool with clear skies."



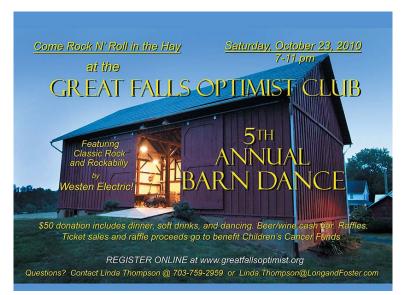
Doris Carpenter, retiree

"I just like to sit on my back porch, watch the deer and listen to the birds sing. We have a lot of chestnut trees and deer, squirrels, chipmunks and even a red fox eat the fallen chestnuts. It's one of my greatest pleasures, to be able to do that."

Gail Nields, retired history teacher

"Getting lost in the parks, on the trails by the river. I'll go with a friend, we'll take a path and just follow it. We're good with reading directions from the sun, and I just love the fact that you can find the middle of nowhere so close to Washington, D.C."





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Langley High Students Perform at 'State of Department' Meeting

Langley High School theatre arts students performed Friday morning, Oct. 1, at the annual FCPS State of Department meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center for the Instructional Services Department of Fairfax County Public Schools. Students performed 'Stand Up' and 'Parenting,' two songs from Wes Brandt's original, Cappiewinning musical, 'Time's Square 2090.' Students/Faculty participating in the event include: Becca Allen, Nick Calandra, Caroline Callahan, Justin Cecil, Lauren Fernandez, Zach Gray, Tess Higgins, Nicole Kang, Brendan McConnaughay, Brian Patterson, Ryan Poyner, Lauren Stewart, Jack Sullivan, Victoria Tovig, and Saxon Stage Theatre Arts Chair, Phyliss Jaffe.



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Having Fun with Fashion

"I think the Obamas

are great models for

— Patricia Field

fashion in D.C."

Emmy-winning designer Patricia Field comes to Tysons Galleria.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

atricia Field, the Emmy-winning styl ist and fashion designer of "Sex and the City" and "The Devil Wears Prada," knows how to make an entrance.

The glam-loving fashion designer whirled into the Tyson's Galleria Ritz-Carlton Friday night, donning shoulder length, electric red bair.

shoulder-length, electric-red hair, diamond-studded turquoise sunglasses and spandex military pants, fashionably ripped and torn.

Field was the guest of honor for the VIP reception and runway show during ALL ACCESS: Fashion, the annual three-day fashion

event that is Northern Virginia's answer to New York City's Bryant Park.

What advice would Field give to women in the D.C. area, frequently referred to as "fashion-challenged" by the New York fashionistas? In her distinctive husky voice, Field said women should have fun with fashion and let their personalities shine through their fashion choices.

"Don't be afraid to mix it up. I think the Obamas are great models for fashion in D.C.," she said.

The event drew hundreds of fashion-forward women from all over the area.

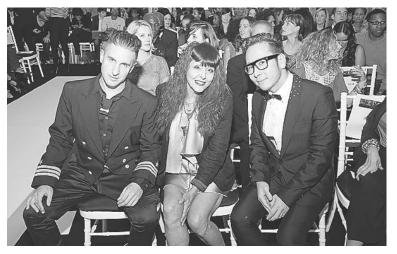
"We are thrilled to bring ALL ACCESS: Fashion to the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area again this year as we continue to expand our retail offering and lead the market in luxury and trends," said Rich Dinning, Senior General Manager of Tysons Galle-

ria.

The highlight of the event was the debut of Paul Sinclaire's Fall/Winter 2010 collection for his label Sinclaire 10 on Friday evening. His eponymous collection is exclusive to Saks Fifth Avenue. The beneficiary of the ALL ACCESS: Fashion event is SOS Children's Vil-

lages, an international non-profit organization that helps orphaned and abandoned children. SOS Children's Villages is the largest charity dedicated to orphaned and abandoned children with 500 villages in 132 countries worldwide.

"What's great about this is that it's fun, but it's also for a worthy cause," said McLean resident Shawna Tunnell



Patricia Field was the guest of honor for the VIP reception and runway show during ALL ACCESS: Fashion at the Tysons Galleria Friday night.

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Some of the Real Housewives of D.C. cast participating in the event.

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Lon and Brenda Solomon help daughter Jill cut the ribbon during Jill's House grand opening.



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Where Children Can Laugh

Brenda and Lon Solomon

with Jill's House support-

ers Kenneth and Alice

Starr and Jill.

Jill's House opening celebrated.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

espite the torrential downpour last Thursday, more than 60 local dignitar ies and community members turned out for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Jill's House – a \$12.7 million respite facility associated with McLean Bible Church.

The opening was the culmination of a seven-year fundraising and development effort.

"This is the little engine that could," said Kenneth Starr, a McLean resident and prominent attorney,

who, along with his wife Alice, serve as Board members for Jill's House.

"It shows the power of an idea. It's been such a hard road, but today we are celebrating," said Alice Starr.

"This is going to be a lifesaver for many families challenged with caring for a child with special needs," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, as she toured the 43,000 square foot, 30-bedroom, state-of-the-art facility.

Designed to look like an upscale lodge with a stone fireplace, colorful activity rooms, a heated pool, gym, sensory rooms and more, Jill's House aims to provide respite care in the coming years to hundreds of families with special needs children.

But the story of Jill's House began 18 years ago, with one family, and one very special child.

IN 1992, Lon and Brenda Solomon lived what many would see as a charmed life. Lon was the respected and dynamic senior pastor of McLean Bible Church. The congregation was growing. As a pastor's wife, Brenda led the church's Bible Study and she was known as a wise and compassionate friend.

They were also parents of three active boys, who kept them busy with all the bustle of baseball games, soccer practices and youth groups.

"Life was busy and it was good," Brenda said. Brenda, who had recently turned 40, learned another surprise that year. Her doctor told her she was expecting a daughter.

Brenda freely admits that she started dreaming in pink when she learned she was expecting a girl. She said she imagined ballet classes, proms, sleepovers, and sharing those special mother-daughter moments. On Jan. 24, 1992, Jill was born and the Solomons got their wish for a daughter.

"Jill was a dream come true. We welcomed her home to – you guessed it – a pink room full of pink toys and pink outfits. After three boys, I was done with blue," she said.

But just three months later, as Brenda was changing Jill's diaper one day, she noticed Jill's arm shaking and trembling for about 30 seconds. On Jill's first Thanksgiving, she had 19 grand mal seizures, and it

was the beginning, Brenda said, of a nightmare that left Jill with significant developmental and physical disabilities.

"Bit by bit, she lost her language. Then she only had two words left, and they were the words that tore our hearts: 'Mama! Dad-dee!'" Brenda recalls.

"I cried all the time. We were physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. Our boys were hurting, because we could no longer go to their sports events or just take them out for pizza." The Solomons said they did not sleep through the night for the first eight years of Jill's life.

Brenda said that she prayed that God would "use Jill in a mighty way."

"I think in my feeble prayer, I was finally giving up control of Jill's life to God's will for Jill. I was laying down my dream ... and somehow, in that desperate prayer, my heart knew what my brain did not."

When Jill was 2 1/2, Brenda said she was singing to Jill on the floor of her nursery when she received a call from a woman named Mary, who told Brenda that God told her what the family needed.

renda led the church's Bible Study and she was nown as a wise and compassionate friend.

"Mary is a beautiful, loving person. One of her favorite sayings is 'not like you think, but greater than you can ever imagine.' I would be in the depths of

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Run for Life in D.C., Fundraiser at the Old Brogue

Stan Nebinski and family were residents of Great Falls for 21 years. Over the years, Stan actively participated in Great Falls, Langley, and River Bend sports and community events. He died four years ago, on Sept. 22, 2006, of renal cell carcinoma. Stan's family and friends are participating in a race called Boo Run for Life, Oct. 10, in Washington D.C. in his honor and loving memory. This run benefits renal cell carcinoma and it is their hope, with fundraisers like this one and donations to Boo Run and all cancer research, the scientists working on a cure will find the cure for cancer in our lifetime for this insidious disease.

If you are interested in joining this 10K run/ 5K walk, you can register for Team Nebinski, at http://www.boorunforlife.com/.

Also, join a happy hour fundraiser, at the Old Brogue, Walker Road, Great Falls, Friday, Oct. 8, 5-8 p.m. All proceeds will be used to benefit Dean R. O'Neill Renal Cell Cancer Research Fund at the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

Theater Workshop for Young Performers

Starshine Theater of Great Falls presents "How to Audition for a Stage Show" for ages 6 through 18 years. Instructor: Patricia G. Budwig, M.A., Saturday, Oct. 16, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at The School of Theatrical Dance, Great Falls Village Center. This class will give young performers of all levels a "behind-the-scenes" look at the elements required in a variety of audition formats, whether you're performing in Starshine's next play, would like to try-out for a road show at the Kennedy Center, are auditioning for a commercial or film, or hope to travel to Broadway some day.

Sample audition sequences will be given (students can try them, or just watch). Then, students who wish to present a short sample audition may do so; presentation should be less than 3 minutes long

- *Dramatists can present a monologue from a play, read a poem, or tell a story
- ❖ Singers can present a song a-capella, or should bring a CD or i-pod to sing to.
- ❖ Dancers, Martial Artists, should bring their own musical accompaniment.
- ❖ Or, you can present any combination of Drama-Song-Dance-Action if you wish.

All presentations will be critiqued in a useful and stress-less, fun manner.

Reservations are required for this event. Contact:

Patricia Budwig ❖ 703.790.9050 ❖ StarshineTheater@aol.com

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 "whoo" 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.fairfaxcouty.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

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.

MCC Celebrates 35th Anniversary

he McLean Community Center (MCC) is com memorating its thirty fifth year of serving residents with a month-long celebration. The highlight of the month will be a 35th Anniversary Gala to be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, featuring a performance by award-winning actor John Lithgow at the Alden Theatre, which will be followed by a recep-

he McLean Community tion. The Center is located at 1234 Center (MCC) is com Ingleside Avenue.

In addition, MCC and its community partners will present a variety of 35th Anniversary performances and events during the month of October.

Schedule (Subject to Change) MCLEAN SYMPHONY PRESENTS 'IMMORTAL' BELOVED! BEETHOVEN!' Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Alden Theatre. This all-Beethoven program features Anna Balarkerskaia, piano; Zino Bogachek, violin; and Mischa Quint, cello. For more information, visit: www.mclean-symphony.org

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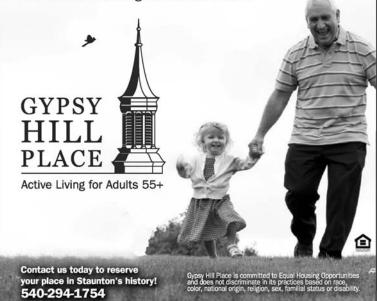
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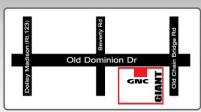
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Fall Fun

his week's edition of the Connec tion includes a serendipitous look at ideas for Fall Fun, including up coming events, some favorites of longtime residents and ideas for activities ranging from outdoor hikes to artistic endeavors to local theater and high school sports.

We know we've missed many reader favorites; please drop us a line and let us know about your favorite fall and holiday activities.

On Nov. 17, we'll publish our annual Holiday Gift and Entertainment Guide. We invite suggestions from readers, organizations, churches, synagogues, nonprofits and more.

More Fun, Vote Early and ... Well, at Least Vote

One fun activity we don't want you to miss is greeting your neighbors at your polling place on Nov. 2. Or make an outing of it and go with friends or family to vote early (absentee) on a more convenient day.

Voters are allowed to vote absentee if they might be unavailable to vote on Election Day, including people who might be at work or commuting to work for 11 hours on that day. That's eight hours at work, a possible one-hour commute each way plus a lunch hour.

This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote yes or no on three statewide constitutional questions.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

Voters in Fairfax will also vote yes or no on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote yes or no on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure," one for schools and one for parks.

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 2 election is Monday, Oct. 11. To register to vote, download a form from: www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/ Forms Publications/Index.html

Fill it out and mail or fax it to your local elections office. You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours, or pick up a form in a library or other public places.

> To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places

will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee and early voting. Absentee ballots and in-person early voting are available now.

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The Langley High School Wind Symphony received a Superior rating by judges at the District XII Festival held at South Lakes High School on March 13, 2010.

Langley High Band to Perform at Lincoln Center

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,

he Langley High 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.

> The Langley High School Wind Symphony was one of only 16 concert bands invited to participate in the **Music for All National Festi**val in Indianapolis, Ind., performing on March 4, 2010 at Clowes Memorial Hall.



The Langley High School Wind Symphony performed in the Cathedral of Klosterneuburg, Austria, on April 5, 2009. This performance was part of a 7-day European performance tour to Austria and the Czech Republic. They received a standing ovation at the end of this performance.





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Having a Great Fun in Great Falls

Autumn offers Great Falls chances to get outdoors, have fun

> BY ALEX McVeigh THE CONNECTION

s the leaves change color, Great Falls is the home to many events designed to help improve the community, enjoy the outdoors or just plain have fun.

The Great Falls Historical Society will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest Oct. 13 at the Grange. The event is different than the standard Oktoberfest, instead of mugs of beer and lederhosen, there will be several longtime residents telling tales about their lives in Great Falls.

Gary Schmitz, who has lived in Great Falls his entire 75 years, will tell the story of growing up in the area. Schmitz lives the first 22



Members of the Great Falls Community participate in the Halloween Spooktacular, which last year added a pet costume parade.

years of his life at the Great Falls Inn, which is now at Great Falls

Lavinia "Beanie" Lambert has lived on Beach Mill Road for the past few decades, and will tell her story about the changes she has seen in the area over the years.

"These are two people who have lived in Great Falls for their entire lives, and they will be talking

about it," said Jacque Olin, president of the GFHS. "I think people should expect to learn a lot about Great Falls, and about how life here has changed."

The event will start at 7 p.m., and the cost is \$15. For more information, call Betty Swartz at 703-759-2378. To make reservations, visit www.gfhs.org.

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A Journey to Jill's House

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despair, and just crying, and Mary would repeat that to me," Brenda said, choking back tears at the memory.

"When Mary provided respite, it saved our children and our marriage," said Lon. "And then we said 'wow,' how do these other families who don't get this tremendous help do it?"

IN 1995, the Solomons said they began to think how they could give other parents a break and children like Jill a place to have fun and enjoy the activities that most children take for granted.

After attending a back-to-school night at Jill's early intervention preschool, Lon said he was "pontificating on about how I was looking around the room at all these par-

ents and the exhaustion in their faces and the exhaustion in their spirits, and I said 'why doesn't somebody do something to help?' And Brenda said to me, with a little frustration perhaps, 'well if you care so much, why doesn't McLean Bible Church do something to help these children?' It was like a zing to my heart."

The next year, the church launched Access Ministries, which started out serving four children for a few hours on the weekends.

Jill, Brenda and Lon Solomon at Jill's House

"It was really just a Sunday School class, because you realize most of these parents can't go to church. They would come here, and drop off their children for Access and stand in the lobby and weep, because it was the first time they'd been to church in years," said Lon

"Without Access there would be no Jill's House," Brenda said.

Jill has brought a special joy to their lives, the Solomons said

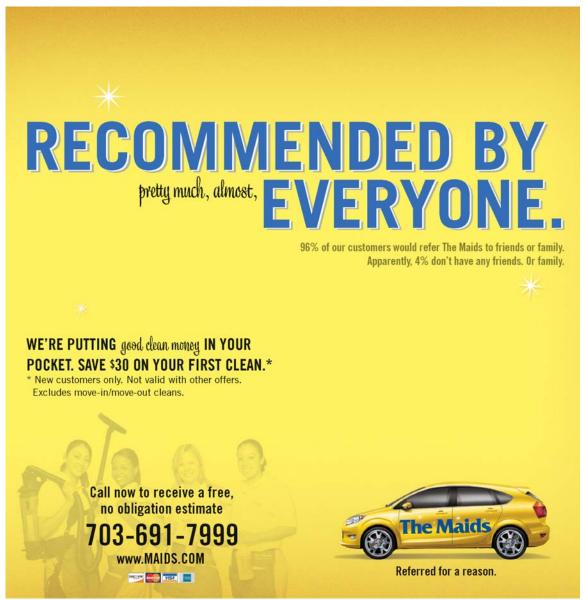
"I really believe I have come to see, to my own shame, that I first saw serving Jill as a burden. God changed my heart. Now, I see caring for Jill as a privilege," Lon said.

"When Jill smiles, it brightens my day. I celebrate that victory. I've learned what's important. Jill doesn't care about money or fame or power. She is pure. She's taught us so much about what's important

in life." Brenda said.

The Solomons said that Jill's House has also turned out to be more than they could have imagined.

"I really want to say that it's not just all about giving parents getting a break. It's about the children too. I wanted to create a place where these children could laugh and not feel different, a place where they can have fun like any other child. When your children are happy, you're happy," Brenda said.





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HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Alden Theatre. \$10/\$8 McLean district residents. Come discover the wonders of the "Lone Star" state with filmmaker Dale Johnson.

MCLEAN PET EXPO

Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Old Chain Bridge Road. Free admission. Pet owners and their pets will find a wealth of information on nutrition, grooming, veterinary services, pet care and training. Featuring the Howl'oween Pooch Parade and a costume contest, sponsored by

MCC'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

John Lithgow in Stories by Heart, Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre. \$75/\$50 McLean district residents. The McLean Community Center and the Alden Theatre present the actor John Lithgow in his one-man theatrical memoir, Stories by Heart.

YOSI & THE SUPERDADS

Rock n' Roll Family Concert. Sunday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m. \$12/\$8 district residents. For ages 3+ Are you ready to rock? Yosi & the Superdads are back with an interactive family concert sure to get everyone singing and dancing in the aisles.

OFTC20THANNIVERSARYBLOCKPARTY

Saturday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd. Free admission. The Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFTC) is turning 20 this year. The entire community is invited; past and present members, families, friends and anyone who has ever visited (or would like to visit) OFTC.

ANDES MANTA

Saturday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., at the Alden Theatre. \$14/\$10 McLean district residents. Andes Manta performs the vibrant music of the Andes on more than 35 traditional instruments. A pan pipe workshop precedes the performance at 5:30

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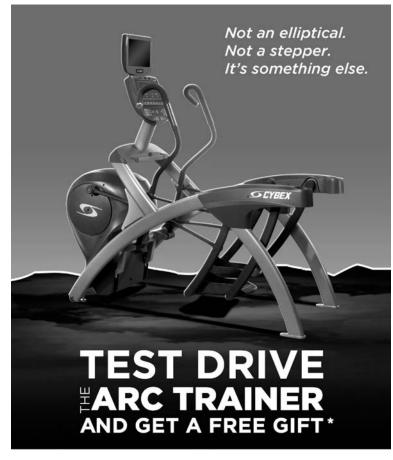
Sunday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m. Free admission. Young Soloists Recital. Sponsored by the Music Friends of Fairfax County Public Library and the Alden Theatre. Tickets are not required. For more information, visit: www.mcleancenter.org/alden/ concertsatthealden

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The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will hold a watershed cleanup challenge Oct. 16 at 9 a.m., where teams and individuals can help clean up sections of the Potomac River at Riverbend Park.

"It's hard to imagine the trash we've found at these cleanups, whether its refrigerators or soccer balls," said Matthew Kaiser, the Deputy Public Information Officer for the Fairfax County Park Authority. "Just the number of plastic bags we pull out would blow your mind."

Volunteers are welcome to attack the results of illegal dumping from the shore or from the water, on foot on by boat. In April, Fairfax County contributed 2,115 volunteers that removed 29.3 tons of trash, including more than 26,000 bottles and cans and more than 6,000 plastic bags.

Gloves and trash bags will be provided to volunteers, and prizes will be awarded to teams and individuals. The cleanup is part of the county's ongoing effort to maintain healthy watersheds throughout the county. Fairfax County also has the goal of a trashfree Potomac River by 2013.

For more information, or to sign up for the cleanup, call 703-759-9018. As Halloween approaches, The Saddlery will be holding their annual Halloween Fun Day Oct.

The tack shop, which celebrated 30 years of business this year, will host members of the equine community for a day of arts and

Fall Fun in Great Falls

♦Oct. 13: The Great Falls Historical Society hosts Oktoberfest at the Grange. Two longtime Great Falls residents will tell their stories about growing up in Great Falls. 7 p.m.

♦Oct. 15: Great Falls Elementary hosts a dedication ceremony for their new Japanese Garden, 9

♦Oct. 16: Watershed cleanup at Riverbend Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Groups and individuals will help pick up trash and other debris from the Potomac

Oct. 16-17: Great Falls Studios will host a tour of 48 local artists in their home studios. The tour at 10 a.m. www.greatfallsstudios.com for more information.

♦Oct. 23: The Great Falls Optimist Club hosts its fifth annual barn dance at the barn at 964 Walker Road, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes dinner, soft drinks and dancing. There will be a cash bar and a raffle. Proceeds will benefit Children's Cancer Funds. For information, www.greatfallsoptimist.com.

Oct. 30: The Saddlery will host its annual Halloween Fun Day at the store, 731 Walker Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 31: The Great Falls Halloween Spooktacular will allow children under 12 to Trick or Treat at businesses at the Great Falls Village Centre and the Safeway Shopping Center, 5 to 7

❖Nov. 11: Annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, 11 a.m.

Children and teens are invited to bring in a model horse, which will be judged like a standard horse show, or they can create their own.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 7

Greater McLean Suits & Sneakers Extravaganza. 6-9 p.m. at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Proceeds will benefit the Claude Moore Colonial Farm as well as programs of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. Door prizes, silent auction, gourmet foods from McLean area restaurants, a coffee and dessert bar, wine samples with a sommelier on site, local musicians and more. \$125 per person. Dress is business attire and sneakers are encouraged. Reserve at 703-356-5424 or www.mcleanchamber.org.
Life and Job Readiness Skills for

Young Adults with Asperger's **Syndrome.** 6 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. For ages 19-30. Brief assessment required. Thursdays through Dec. 16. Register at 703-204-9100.

Finding Emotional Strength During Separation & Divorce. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. Eight week seminar with Hilary Casaretto, LCSW. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657

Interview Skills to Get the Job. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. What to do before, during and after the interview. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-

SATURDAY/OCT. 9

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.

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

Art at the Vienna Farmers Market. At the corner of Dominion and Church St. N.E. in Vienna. Artists will be on hand to discuss their work, preview new pieces and offer other works for sale. Performance art also featured. info@viennafarmersmarket.com or 703-200-7806.

SUNDAY/OCT. 10

"Global Awareness Work Party"

Day. 2-4 p.m. Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club present "Rediscovering the Future: Native American Perspectives on the Survival and Prosperity of the Planet". Led by traditional teacher and story teller Elhorn Vaughn. anneathomas@verizon.net.

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum

Society. 3 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. A preview of ODCS member's blooms and cultivars prior to the 2010 Annual Show, and a demonstration of simple techniques on how to improve the appearance of Mums and garden flowers for home or show presentations. Show entries received 2-3 p.m., meeting and show begin 3 p.m. Open to the public, free admission. 703-560-8776.

TUESDAY/OCT. 12

Great Falls Citizens Association Congressional Candidate

Forum. 7:15 p.m. at The Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All three 10th Congressional district candidates, Frank Wolf (Republican incumbent), Jeff Barnett (Democrat) and Bill Redpath (Libertarian), will make presentations and answer questions. The public is invited. bcanis@yahoo.com.

Vienna-Oakton NARFE Meeting and Candidate Forum. 1:30 p.m. at Vienna Community Center. 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Gerry Connolly and Keith Fimian will present their platforms for the November elections and answer questions. Also Gayle Nelson from Blue Cross, Blue Shield will present 2011 changes to the health Insurance policy. All federal government employees and federal government retirees are invited. 703-

Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club

Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 124, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and Individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.

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Historic Vienna, Inc. Fall **Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Town Council Chambers, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. Following a brief business meeting, speakers will be Town of Vienna Director of Planning & Zoning Greg Hembree and Director of Parks & Recreation Cathy Salgado, on the history of the Town and its

www.historicviennainc.org. **Stress and Anxiety Management 101.** 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

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Country Fair

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year, and it was cool to be able to sponsored various parts of the hear music playing during the entire festival," said Lois Willcox, cochair of the event. "We also added a lot more children's activities and the dunk tank, which I think was a hit."

The church also collected clothes and other items for people

in El Salvador and Ecuador, as well as a homeless shelter in Loudoun "We moved the band outside this County. Many local businesses event, such as the bands.

> The Old Brogue sponsored JC and the HepCats and the Difficult Run Band donated their time," said co-chair Sandy Walker. "We had a perfect day for a fair, and I think this was the best one we've ever had."

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THURSDAY/OCT. 7

Robbie Schaefer. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Best known for his lead guitar role in the folk-pop band Eddie From Ohio. \$20. 1-877 WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

'Kimberly Akimbo.' 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Written by David Lindsay-Abaire, directed by Maxie Morales. Tickets \$12 Adults, \$8 students and seniors. Cfa.gmu.edu.

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

FRIDAY/OCT. 8

Vienna Parks and Recreation **Department Antiques Show and** Sale. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A variety of furniture and collectables. Admission \$4.50. 703-255-6360.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Carnival Night. 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Friday night dance for 7th-8th graders, games and carnival food. www.mcleancenter.org.

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

Luka Bloom. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Currently touring in support of his 2010 folk music release, Dreams in America. \$27. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or

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"Waiting in The Wings" 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, Noel Coward's comedy about a dilapidated charity home for aged actresses. Providenceplayers@cox.net or 703-425-6782.

SATURDAY/OCT. 9

National Alliance on Mental Illness/ Northern Virginia **Awareness Walk.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. naminorthernva@gmail.com

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department **Annual Open House.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 400 Center St. South, Vienna. This is the culmination of Fire Prevention week. Explore the fire station and the various fire department vehicles, meet firefighters and EMTs. Free food and refreshments, fire helmets and balloons for children, Fire Rescue and EMT demonstrations, 911 simulators, finger printing for children, blood pressure checks, fire hoses to try out, refreshments, competitions and prizes for all.

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Concert of Hope. 7:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Road, McLean. Soloist Jasmine Marshall, violinist Sandy Cameron. the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Sophisticated Ladies under Angela



Potter Barbara Gatterdam uses a mirror with her potter's wheel to observe the back side of a piece she is throwing. The Seventh Annual Great Falls Studios Tour will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17. Drive through Great Falls to meet 48 artists in 27 home-based studios and other venues, including Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. Pick up a map and directory of artists at the library or download at www.GreatFallsStudios.com. Tour is family friendly. Watch art demonstrations, explore studios and buy art.

Powell-Walker and more. Proceeds benefit the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and Stand Down House, a facility for homeless veterans. \$25, seniors or children \$20. www.jemfoundationofhope.org or 202-375-4211.

McLean Symphony 39th Season.

7:30 p.m. at Alden Theatre, 1234 McLean Community Center, McLean. Beethoven's "Concerto for Piano, Violin and Cello in C Major, Opus 56' ("The Triple Concerto"), 'Consecration of the House Overture, Opus 124" and "Symphony #7 in A Major, Opus 92. With pianist Anna Balarkerskaia, violinist Zino Bogachek and cellist Micha Quint. Dingwall Fleary, conductor. \$25, seniors \$20, students \$15. Reception to follow. 703-790-9223

Fast Cars and Freedom Charity Car Show. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 1751 Pinnacle Drive, McLean in Tysons Corner, Proceeds benefit the Fisher House. Enjoy cars, music, raffle prizes, food, awards and more Free and open to the public

www.fastcarsandfreedom.info. Falls Church Farm Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Hayrides, a petting farm, pony rides, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, blacksmithing, free tours of historic farmhouse, and live music. Free Admission. Fee charged for some

activities. 703-248-5171. **7th Annual American Freedom** Festival. 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Featuring Hank Williams Jr, Jamey Johnson, Colt Ford and Josh Thompson. Tickets \$27-\$131.50, available at ticketmaster.com or 703 573-SEAT.

americanfreedomfoundation.org or www.patriotcenter.com.

Salutes! 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, American Festival Pops Orchestra features works by John Williams, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Marvin Hamlisch. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$23-\$46. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an

adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Buskin & Batteau at 7 p.m., Mambo Sauce and The Five One at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Community Music. 7 p.m. Caffé Amouri, 107 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Bring an instrument and join in. 222.caffeamouri.com.

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8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Guitar-backed harmonies. \$22. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org. **"Kimberly Akimbo."** 2 p.m. George

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and collectables. Admission \$4.50. 703-255-6360. Persian and Western Classical Performing Arts. 6 p.m. at Oakton High School Auditorium, 2900

Sutton Road, Vienna. With the Chakavak Ensemble, Soheil Nasseri and Persian Classical Dance. Presented by the Persian Cultural Center and the Iranian Community School of Vienna. \$25. www.persianculturalcenter.net.

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Entertainment

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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.

Drumming for the Song featuring Ben Tufts, Brian Shanley & Mike Smirnoff at 2 p.m., Pegi Young at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

jamminjava.com.

Pianist Eric Himy. 3 p.m. McLean
Community Center, 1234 Ingleside
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TUESDAY/OCT. 12

Vienna Area Branch of AAUW. 7

p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Author, educator and Fairfax County History Commissioner Mary Lipsey will discuss women who broke cultural barriers to achieve "Firsts for Women." Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

Fives, Make Love & War, ZeroShift and Grand Revival. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E.,

Vienna. jamminjava.com. **Money Matters.** 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Discussion of the risk and reward of various asset allocations. Suggested reading: The Investor's Manifesto by William Bernstein. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Drop in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tysons Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. All ages. 703-790-8088.

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Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute oneon-one Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Reserve at703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 13

Great Falls Historical Society

Oktoberfest. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 'Life In Great Falls in The Old Days, in Stories & Photos' by Gary Schmitz and Beanie Lambert with her father, 'Warren Beach's Family, Sawmill, Church and Store'. \$15. 703-759-2378.

The Sweetback Sisters and Tommy Rueckert. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Texas Highways and Byways with **Dale Johnson.** 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$10, \$8 district residents. www.mcleancenter.org

Toddler Tales. 10:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

English Conversation Group. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 e, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers every Wednesday. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet,

Fall Color Magic. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Explore fall color through activities. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

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Learning to Share

Share, Inc. prepares to support those in need for holiday season.

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

s the weather cools and the holidays approach, certain parts of the community are in bigger need than ever. McLeanbased Share, Inc., a coalition of community organizations aimed at helping the less fortunate in McLean, Great Falls and portions of Falls Church - founded in 1969 - provides a range of services for those in need, including food, clothing, transportation, financial services, furniture and more. As the economy has taken a turn for the worse, the number of people in need of Share's services has vastly increased.

"In this recent economic climate, we've been doubling the amount of money we hand out, and seen



From left, volunteers Steven Van Luling, 17, Joan Green and Hunter Pollitt at the Share food bank, in the basement of the McLean Baptist Church.

double the amount of people who need help," said Victor Kimm, president of Share. "In wealthy suburbs like McLean, the poor are almost invisible."

One of their most-used services is the food and clothing center that operates out of the basement of the McLean Baptist Church. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, families and individuals

come to pick up food, toiletries, clothing and other items such as books and children's games if available.

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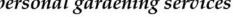
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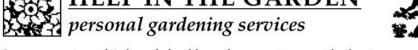
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The Antioch Christian Church of Vienna, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, is hosting a Revival with the theme "A Love Worth Sharing" with evangelists Charles and Beverly Massegee.

Community Appreciation Dinner 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, Children's night with illusionist and ventriliquist 6 p.m. on Monday Oct. 18, and youth pizza party with an illusionist 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Beverly Massegee will be leading music each evening with the Antioch Chancel Choir. www.antiochdoc.org or 703-938-6753.

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Sports

Saxons, Highlanders Run in Octoberfest Meet

Langley girls finish a strong 10th place at showcase event.

> By Rich Sanders The Connection

he Langley and McLean High girls' and boys' cross country teams competed at the annual Octoberfest Invitational last Sat urday at the Great Meadows course in The Plains.

The Langley girls finished 10th place overall among a field of 39 teams in the varsity A race. The Saxons' top four finishers were sophomore Elissa Purdy (37th overall), sophomore Jessica Miles (40th), junior Esther Jeong (42nd) and senior Bridget Chesney.

Thomas Jefferson High captured the overall team title in the varsity A race. Ocean Lakes (Virginia Beach) and Warren County finished second and third.

McLean's top four finishers were sophomore Nancy Eveleigh, senior Katerina Cronmiller, freshman Anna

Buser and and junior Meredith Bloom.

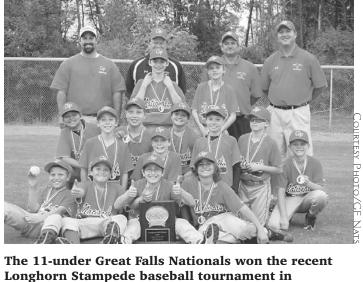
In the girls' varsity B race, McLean finished an outstanding fourth place overall among 19 teams. Leading the way for the Highlanders was sophomore Madalyn Harper (7th overall). McLean's next three finishers were senior Laura Baker (22nd place), junior Alexa Tabackman (23rd) and junior Samantha Downey (26th). Also having a good race was sophomore Katie Montgomery (28th).

The top five varsity girls' B team finishers were T.C. Williams, Heritage High (Leesburg), Tuscarora, McLean and King George High.

THE LANGLEY BOYS, in the varsity A race, took 24th place overall in a field of 48 teams. The Saxons' top four runners were junior Michael Meyer, senior Ryan Swirsky, junior Steven Swayne, and senior Jake Peker.

The Highlanders finished 36th overall. McLean's top finishers were junior Jason Richards, junior Eric Leimkuhler, sophomore Dylan Johnson and senior Nicholas Hedrick.

The top three team finishers in the varsity A race were Gonzaga High (Wash., D.C.), Stafford High and Skyline High.



Longhorn Stampede baseball tournament in Ashburn. Bottom row, left to right: Colter Carton, Kyle Novak, Jacob Shapero, Jason Volpicelli. Second row, from bottom: Tommy O'Donnell, Bennett Norris, Colin Farrell. 3rd row: Danny Hosley, Chris Obolensky, Lucas Donlon, Patrick Kelley, Iain Muir. Fourth row: Timmy Conforti and Chase Beckett. Top Row: Coach JJ Hollenbeck, Coach Todd Norris, Coach Jim Volpicelli, Manager Ryan Novak.

Sports Roundups

The 11-under Great Falls **Nationals** won the 5th Annual Longhorn Stampede USSSA baseball tournament held in Ashburn on Sept. 25 and 26. The 'Nats' competed against eight other teams from Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland and won four games and tied one, outscoring their opponents, 42-14. They won the championship, defeating the Loudon South Eagles, 5-3. Some great pitching performances came from Colin Farrell, Lucas Donlon, Jason Volpicelli, Jacob Shapero, and Danny Hosley. Colter Carton threw a gutsy, complete game outing to get the pitching win in the championship. Tommy O'Donnell made a diving shoe string catch in the bottom of the sixth inning with the bases loaded to end the game and secure the win for the Nats. Some key at-bats and big hits came from Patrick Kelley, Kyle Novak, Bennett Norris, and Chris Obolensky, while Timmy Conforti, Iain Muir, and Chase Beckett played consistent shutdown defense.

The Vanessa Pean Foundation and The Great Falls Soccer Club are hosting the 5th Annual VIP Memorial Soccer Tournament, to be held Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 9-10) at Nike Fields and other area soccer fields in Great Falls and Reston. Fifty-four local girls and boys' soccer teams will be participating. The proceeds will support The Vanessa Pean Foundation, which provides scholarships to deserving students in Haiti. Pean, who died in a tragic car accident at age 16, was a scholar-athlete at the Potomac school in McLean. There, she was captain of the Panthers' varsity soccer team. She was also captain of the Great Falls Strikers Travel team.

Spectators and volunteers are welcome to join the Saturday morning kickoff at 7:30 at Nike Fields. Trophies will be awarded at the Vanessa Pean Field No. 7 after Sunday's fivanessapeanfoundation.org. To volunteer, e-mail sir715@gmail.com or call Gail Pean at 703-759-6164.



Thomas Jefferson High football player Myles Cook, a resident of McLean, was named Defensive Player the Game by Gameday Radio Network for his play in the Colonials' Liberty **District loss to Stone** Bridge on Sept. 24.

Sports Roundups

In final week action of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Alease Brooks of Arlington and Karen Pearson of McLean teamed up to win a gold medal in women's pickleball doubles (60-69 age bracket). The event was held Sept. 27-29 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington.

In field events on Sept. 25, gold medals in the running long jump went to Springfield's Mike Lowe (men's 90-94), Fairfax's Le Pei Hu (women's 70-74) and Springfield's Vivian Nielsen (women's 80-84). Lowe and Le Pei Hu also earned gold medals in the standing long jump event. Other gold medals in that event went to McLean's Victor Litwinski (men's 65-69) and Springfield's Vivian Nielsen (women's 80-84). Litwinski also earned gold medals in the discus and shot put events, as did Le Pei

Also in discus, gold medals were won by Herndon's Robert Vasura (men's 60-64); Fairfax's Heling Luo (men's 70-74); Burke's Dante Simbulan (men's 80-84); and McLean's Charles Pistorino, Sr. (men's 85-89). Oakton's Harold Mueller (men's 80-84) earned a gold medal in shot put. Pistorino also earned a gold medal in mini javelin, and both Nielsen and Simbulan earned gold medals in (Manassas), Don Greene (Dale



The Jefferson High girls' varsity cross country team finished first at the Oatlands Invitational on Sept. 25 in Leesburg. Left to right: Sarah Neilsen (Reston), Kelly Rogers (McLean), Rekha Schnepf (McLean), Sarah Stites (Reston), Stephanie Marzen (McLean), and Taylor Reffet (Oak Hill).

frisbee throw competition.

In fencing, held on Sept. 25 at the Prince William Fencing Academy in Manassas, Burke's Kornelia Schreiber (women 50-59) earned a gold medal.

In men's 3-on-3 basketball, the ages' 50-59 foursome of Steve Lepage (Herndon), John Kuntz (Burke), Philip Morgan (Woodbridge) and Clyde Saunders (Fairfax) earned a gold medal. Another gold medal team (60-69 division) went to Ron DeSpirito

City), Jim Viggiani (Manassas) and Joe Manigan (Centreville). In the 70-79 division, William Richardson (Fairfax Station), Harold Skeins (Fairfax), Ralph Greenwood (Reston), Bruce Hewitt (Tappahannock) and Zip Rausa (Vienna) won a gold medal.

Both Harold Skeins (men's 70-74) of Fairfax and Del Wilson (men's 75-79) of Burke earned gold medals in the basketball free throw shooting event, held at the Walter Reed Community Center in Arlington on Sept. 25.



No More Putting it Off

It's time to attend a high school sporting event.

By Rich Sanders The Connection

emember back in high school going to all of those games with your friends or family? The field hockey playoffs on a crisp, fall October night, or one of those big weekend invitational cross country meets where it seemed as if every high school runner in the state was on hand, warming up for the big race set to take place on the scenic, green grounds.

Or maybe your thing was Friday night football games when it often seemed as if the entire community was on hand to root for the weather is not your thing, try out home school team. Walking towards the stadium from the parking lot, you took in the sounds of band music and the aroma of freshly made popcorn.

Well, if your high school sports attending days ended with graduation, maybe it's about time to renew your old acquaintance with the world of high school sports in Northern Virginia. The 2010 autumn sports season is halfway complete, but there is still plenty of time to take in a high school athletic event in the McLean or Great Falls areas. You've probably thought of attending a game for years but never quite got around to it.

Waste no more time. There are numerous high school games taking place throughout the week as well as on Saturday's in our surrounding community. If cold an indoor girls' or guys' high school volleyball match. Chances are it won't take long to get swept up into the action.

Here are some upcoming high school athletic events to perhaps consider attending at Langley and McLean High Schools, as well as the Potomac School in McLean:

* Langley girls' volleyball: The Saxons will host Marshall next Thursday evening, Oct. 14 at 7:15 in a Liberty District matchup. Langley, under coach Susan Shifflett, is annually one of the better and more exciting teams within the Northern Region.

* Girls' Field Hockey: Earlier that same day (Oct. 14), the McLean High field hockey team, coached by Summer Vanni, will host Langley, under coach Jennifer Robb, in what is sure to be a spirited meeting between the



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

High school cross country in Northern Virginia is a favorite of many local sports fans.

cross-town rivals. Both the Saxons and Highlanders are enjoying winning seasons this autumn and are sure to be right in the postseason chase. Game time is 4 p.m.

* Potomac School Football: One of the best private school games of the season will be on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 6 when the host Panthers, currently unbeaten at 4-0, take on the strong Flint Hill Huskies. By then fall should be in full bloom, the crowd will be bundled up in warm clothing and the old pigskin will be flying through the air.

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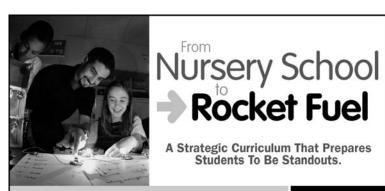
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Sharing for Holidays

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events, such as McLean Day, as well as from local commercial enterprises," said Hunter Pollitt, a volunteer with Share. "We also have a good relationship with the local grocery stores. We'll hold a food drive at the local Giant, for example, when we hand out lists of our most-needed items, the manager will find the ones that are on sale, and put out a special endcap display."

The food pantry contains a variety of non-perishable items, since they only have one small refrigerator, and they also distribute gift cards to various grocery stores and other retail outlets. Clients of the food bank can come in twice a month for items they need.

"We don't like to limit, but we want to be certain we can help as many people as possible," said Joan Green, a volunteer. "We'd like to give a little to everybody, than a lot to a small number of people."

Green, who has been volunteering for the past few years, came across Share when helping her son find community service hours for school. She says, "it's good for the soul, I remember feeling very proud when I left, that I was able to help my neighbors."

For the winter holidays, Share

will help supply turkeys and other traditional foods to those in need. They hand out gift cards for the turkeys, and the non-perishable items, such as stuffing and cranberry sauce, they will distribute.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in special need of toiletry items, such as soap and toothpaste. Those items are expensive, and not covered by other forms of assistance.

"Those items cannot be purchased with food stamps, and they're not often donated," said Bonnie O'Neill, a board member of Share. "These are people who don't have money to spend on things we take for granted, their money goes for food and to keep the power on.'

Depending on supplies, sometimes clients are limited to one or two bars of soap and sample or hotel-sized bottles of shampoo.

Green says another reason she kept coming back to Share is that it seemed that the organization was using its limited resources wiselv.

"I thought it was run the way a food bank should be run," she said. "There's no wasteful spending."

For more information on Share, including how to donate or volunteer, visit www.shareofmclean.org.

Visions of Great Falls' at Great Falls Library

"Nature in the Neighborhood and Beyond," nature photography show by Great Falls nature photographer, Dee Leggett, is being presented at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, along with the release of the Leggett's newest book in the "Visions of" series, "Visions of Great Falls," a photographic tour of the nature and history of the community of Great Falls. Leggett is a member of the Great Falls Studios artists group.

The exhibit is open until Oct. 30 during regular library hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday - 1-9 p.m.; and Saturday - 10 a.m.-5

Leggett will be available to meet the public and sign her new book during the Great Falls Studio Tour, Saturday Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17, 12 noon-5 p.m. Leggett shows the viewer their own backyard of flowers, butterflies, sunsets, birds, and animals with beauty and humor, intricacy and delicacy. She then takes them to Great Falls park to see the drama and constantly changing views of the Falls. She also has photographs of nature among the world famous monuments in Washington D.C., as well as the magnificent variation of nature in the U.S. and beyond.

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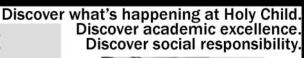
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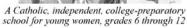
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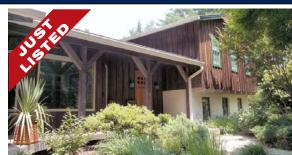
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