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Christian Langridge of McLean is inspired to sketch during the MPA Artfest at the McLean Central Park.



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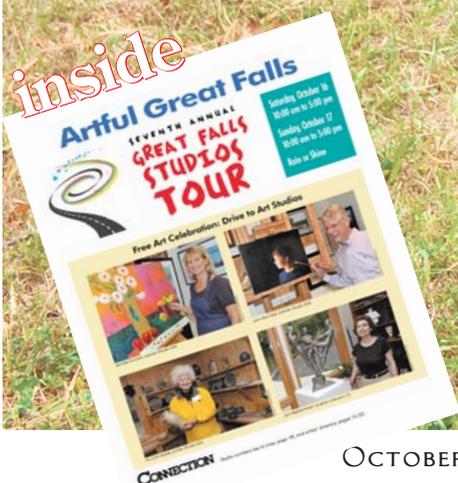
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Jillian Falle, 17, works on her drawing of model Stacey Robinson during the McLean ArtFest.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova stops for a quick picture with some of the MPA board members and volunteers at the MPArtfest. From Left: Janie Strauss, School Board Member and MPA Board Member, Sharon Bulova, MPA Board Member Jill Young, Volunteer John Fennell, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), MPA Board Member and 'Happiness Chair' Jack Wilbern, and Ed Busenlehner of Fairfax County Park Authority.

Central Park Art

McLean Project for the Arts holds annual ArtFest at McLean Central Park.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds flocked to McLean Central Park Oct. 2 to take in the best of local art and enjoy a pleasant Fall day. The event, put on annually by the McLean Project for the Arts featured dozens of artists as well as food from local merchants and live music throughout the day.

But while the dozens of white artists' tents were still empty in the early morning hours, only a few young men stood watch over the park. Scouts from Troop 128 camped out at the site, making sure the tents were undisturbed throughout the night.

"It was very cold and very wet," said Ryan Riddle, 12. "I would do it again, if the air was a little warmer and the ground a little drier."

His twin brother Marcus agreed, saying "the only thing that was warm was the cocoa we made in the morning. My feet are still wet."

Artists who worked in almost every medium set up shop at the festival, showing off their craft and answering questions to visitors. Some were there for the first time, drawn by the promise of a community that welcomes the arts.

"I heard this was a good festival to take part in, which is why I got in," said Irene Tsai, who special-



Even the pumpkins enjoy MPArtfest.

izes in watercolor drawings on rice paper. "[The McLean Project for the Arts] were very helpful throughout the whole process, I love the way it has gone."

The playground served as the center of the festival, acting as a buffer between the artists and the food and music. It was also the most popular exhibit, and children could be found running from end to end throughout the entire day.

"We had such a great turnout and we got lucky with the weather," said Dabney Cortina, communications director for the MPA. "It's nice to see so many people out to support the arts."



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Signe Schowitz, a first-grader at The Langley School, stands next to her painting at the children's art walk at the McLean ArtFest. The path from the McLean Community Center to McLean Central Park was lined with dozens of pieces of artwork from local students.



Budding artists sketch models during the MPArtfest.

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Local artist Loren Rosenstein talks with one of the many (around 3,000) guests at the MPArtfest.

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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, Cappie-winning 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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Where Children Can Laugh

Jill's House opening celebrated.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Jill's House

Despite the torrential downpour last Thursday, more than 60 local dignitaries 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

Located at 9011 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, Jill's House serves children with special needs between the ages of six and 17 and provides short-term, overnight care and activities. The facility will be open on weekends through the first half of 2011, and then will expand services to operate seven days a week. The nonprofit center will offer overnight stays at \$75 per night.

Visit www.jillshouse.org for more information and to learn how to volunteer time, donate funds or make an impact in the lives of families parenting children with special needs.

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



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Brenda and Lon Solomon with Jill's House supporters Kenneth and Alice Starr and Jill.

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

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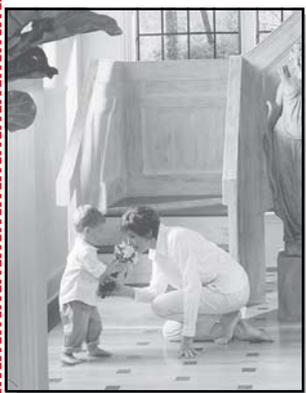
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The McLean Antiques Show and Sale will take place Nov. 13-14 at the McLean Community Center.

Anniversaries Fall in Line

McLean Community Center, Old Firehouse Teen Center to celebrate anniversaries.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center and the Old Firehouse Teen Center are celebrating anniversaries this fall and inviting the community to celebrate with them.

The MCC turns 35 this month, and will be hosting a variety of music, art and other exhibits to celebrate. Oct. 9 will feature an all-Beethoven performance by the McLean Symphony Orchestra at the Alden Theatre. The performance will be especially significant given the history of the community center.

"When the McLean Community Center opened, Beethoven's 'Consecration of the House' was the first piece performed there," said Nancy Lang, a violinist with the orchestra. "Now, 35 years later, it

Oct. 16: The McLean Pet Expo will feature vendor and exhibitor booths featuring animal organizations and services, as well as a Howl'oween pooch parade and costume contest. It will take place at the McLean Community Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 16: The McLean Community Center celebrates its 35th anniversary with a performance by John Lithgow and a gala. A reception will follow Lithgow's performance.

Oct. 23: The Old Firehouse Teen Center 20th Anniversary Block Party will feature food, fun, live music and more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Past and present members, staff, families and visitors are invited, admission is free.

Nov. 13-14: The 34th Annual McLean Antiques Show and Sale will feature antiques from around the world. Admission is \$7, or \$6 with the listing on the MCC website printed out. Funds raised will go to the James C. Macdonald Scholarship Fund. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14.

Dec. 2: The McLean Women's Club will host its annual Holiday Homes Tour to benefit local charities. Five houses will be shown. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 on Dec. 2. Tickets are available at Mesmerelda's Gifts in McLean, Karin's Florist in Vienna and Great Dogs in Great Falls, as well as online at www.mcleanwc.org.

Dec. 3-5: The McLean Holiday Crafts show will feature 80 artisans from around the country who work in a variety of materials at the McLean Community Center. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Admission for \$1 off is available with the printed listing on the website. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5. Admission is good for all three days.

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will be a piece that hopefully sees the center through at least another 35 years.”

The concert will feature three other Beethoven pieces. More information can be found at www.mclean-symphony.org.

The MCC’s 35th Anniversary Gala will be held Oct. 16, and will feature a performance by actor John Lithgow, followed by a reception. Lithgow will perform his one-man theatrical memoir, “Stories by Heart.”

The free chamber music series “Concerts at the Alden” will continue, with pianist Eric Himy performing Oct. 10, a young soloists recital Oct. 24 and the chamber music trio of Josef Spacek, Petr Spacek and Kuok-man Lo performing Nov. 28.

“We want to bring families together here at the community center with a variety of activities,” said George Sachs, executive director of the MCC. “This community is very fortunate to have these quality performances available.”

The Old Firehouse Teen Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a block party Oct. 23. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be live music, a moon bounce, a climbing wall, food and educational dis-



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John Lithgow will help the McLean Community Center celebrate its 35th anniversary with a performance of his one-man theatrical memoir “Stories by Heart.”

plays, such as the “Hazard House,” which will illustrate possible fire hazards that can exist in residences.

“October marks our 20th anniversary, and we wanted to let people in the community know what we do,” said Ryan Brookes, a recreation specialist with the center. “We’ve been around 20

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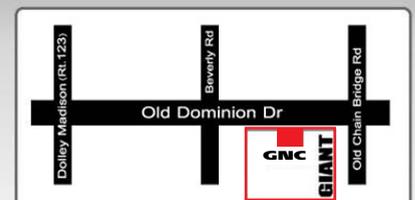
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OPINION

Fall Fun

This week's edition of the Connection includes a serendipitous look at ideas for Fall Fun, including upcoming 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

EDITORIALS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deeply Offensive

To the Editor:

Ahmadinejad's suggestion that elements in the U.S. government may have aided or planned the 9/11 attacks to "save the Zionist regime" is deeply offensive to the loved ones of those who died and to all Americans. Furthermore, his call for a nuclear-weapons-free world was ridiculous. Intelligence services from around the world, governments including those of Russia and China, and outside experts are unanimously convinced that Iran is working feverishly to develop nuclear weapons.

The United States should step up efforts to pass a new round of sanctions in the U.N. targeted at the Iranian Central Bank, which finances and facilitates Iran's illegal nuclear activities. Additionally, President Obama should keep all options on the table should sanctions fail. Iran must not be allowed to acquire nuclear arms, which

would threaten its neighbors, destabilize the region, set off a Middle Eastern nuclear arms race and endanger the very existence of Israel.

Michael Mendelson
McLean

Bridge Closing Overlooked

To the Editor:

You missed it. You are so focused on Tysons that you forget there are other areas of transport interest. Chain Bridge will be closed weekends through Oct. 17 according to the D.C. Transportation Department.

Many McLean people use that bridge on weekends. I learned about it thanks to a clip from northwest DC's The Current.

Betty Stacey
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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.

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.

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.

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

The 22nd annual Virginia

Candidates' Night will be co-hosted by Arab American Republicans - Washington D.C. Area and the Arab American Democratic Caucus - Virginia. Speakers include: Congressman James Moran (D-8), Patrick Murray, Republican candidate, 8th District, Congressman Gerry Connelly (D-11), Keith Fimian, Republican Candidate, 11th District, Jeff Barnett, Democratic Candidate, 10th District, Chris Zimmerman, Democratic Candidate, Arlington County Board. Furthermore, a Community Service Award will be presented to Jewish American Activist, Josh Ruebner, and Lifetime Achievement Awards to Audrey Moore, former Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Wafa Nasr, former Vice President of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the largest Arab American grassroots organization. The event will be held at the Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"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.

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The Old Firehouse Teen Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary Oct. 23 with a block party.

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years, and a lot of people who came here as kids have kids of their own and want to see the center as it is today, so we hope they'll come out."

The OFTC offers local children a place to stay out of trouble and have fun, do schoolwork or get involved in their community. They have an after-school program that gives students time to work on homework, and they take outdoor trips and participate in a variety of other programs, such as the children's flea market Nov. 6.

The flea market gives children a chance to get into the business

spirit, selling toys, clothes, books and other things they don't need anymore.

"A lot of kids get their first entrepreneurial experience at the flea market, making sales, counting and keeping track of their money," Brookes said.

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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.

Learning to Share

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As the weather cools and the holidays approach, certain parts of the community are in bigger need than ever. McLean-based 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 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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NEWS

Jane Yesler Kusic, 63, of McLean, Dies

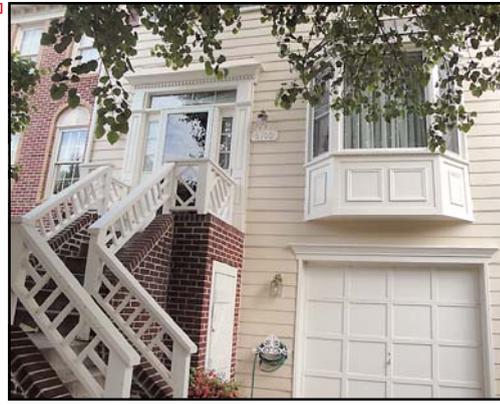
Jane Yesler Kusic, 63, of McLean, died peacefully Sept. 30th, 2010 after a prolonged and courageous battle with neuropathy. She died of toxicity from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Ms. Kusic was born Dec. 31, 1946 in Orange, N.J. Jane was a devoted wife and mother, and an active businesswoman. After a successful runway and print model-

ing career in Sarasota, Fla., Jane founded a business devoted to fighting white collar crime in 1988. She authored a book, White Collar Crime 101, in 1991 began publishing a monthly newsletter The White Collar Crime Fighter and in 1992 co-published a series of crime prevention training videos used by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout North America. Jane

was the recipient of two national victimization advocacy awards of the U. S. Justice Department received from Janet Reno and Eric Holder.

Ms. Kusic was featured in a May 25, 1999 New York Times business section front page article on white collar crime prevention and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and the Maury Povich Show
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FALL FUN

VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite thing to do in McLean?

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Nancy Lang, retiree

"I like to do a lot in McLean. Play tennis, golf and I play violin in the McLean Symphony Orchestra. I also love the Holiday Homes Tour, which supports various local charities."



Millie Thompson, retiree

"The McLean Community Center is a wonderful place to go. I love the theater they have there, I saw 'Frost/Nixon' there recently and it was terrific. The community center is so convenient, and there's so much to love there."



William Yarborough Jr., marketing CEO

"The McLean Family Restaurant is my favorite place in McLean. It's great to eat there, the people that work there are great, the service is great and the food is great. I've been going there for years."



Kitty Gonzalez, volunteer, pictured with son Alejandro, 6

"As a parent, McLean Central Park is my favorite place. There are great trails, and my son loves walking through the woods, throwing stones in the creek. I think it's underused by the community, it's such an interesting place."



Carleen Wood-Thomas, landscape architect

"I love the youth organizations in McLean. Little League, lacrosse, basketball, my three sons have been in all of them. People from all over the community come out, the kids love playing and the parents coach and help organize. It's an umbrella for the entire community."



Pete DiCenso, sales manager

"The outdoor events are the best, like the ArtFest and McLean Day. The ability to get food, fun, music and art together in one place is so cool, and you don't find it everywhere."

NEWS

Sharing for Holidays

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IN ADDITION to donations, local grocery stores will help them with several food drives throughout the year.

"We get a lot of donation at civic 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 end-cap 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.

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."

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

"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.



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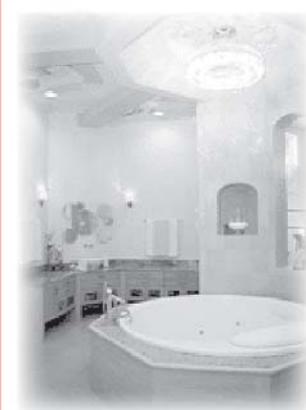
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A copy of the Draft EA is available for review for the duration of the public review period at the Dolley Madison Library (temporary location), 6649-A Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101-4517. For additional information regarding the Proposed Action, call the Office of Public Affairs at 703-482-0623. Written comments should be sent to the Central Intelligence Agency, Office of Public Affairs, Washington DC 20505. The comment period for the Proposed Action will continue through November 5, 2010

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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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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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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.

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FALL FUN

Having Fun with Fashion

Emmy-winning designer Patricia Field comes to Tysons Galleria.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Patricia Field, the Emmy-winning stylist 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 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 Galleria.

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 benefi-



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

ciary of the ALL ACCESS: Fashion event is SOS Children’s Villages, 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.

Chamber to Host ‘Suits & Sneakers Extravaganza’

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) first “Suits & Sneakers Extravaganza” will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm. Proceeds will benefit the Farm’s facilities and activities, as well as the programs of the GMCC. The evening’s gourmet tastes will be compliments of McLean area restaurants, including Assaggi Osteria, Café Oggi, Chop-n-Chicken, Evo Bistro, Fluffy Thought Cakes, the Greek Taverna, J. Gilbert’s Wood Fired Steak and Seafood, JR’S Custom Catering and the Pa-

vilions of Turkey Run, La Sandia, Lost Dog Café, Rocco’s, StarNut Gourmet, and Wildfire. The McLean Orchestra will provide live music as guests sample cigars and fine wines. For the event sponsors, Tesla Motors will be on hand to show off their Roadster electric sports car, Fleming’s Steak House will be serving up delicious fare, and celebrity mixologist Todd Thrasher will be behind the bar.

Tickets are \$125 per person, and can be purchased by visiting McLeanChamber.org or by calling 703-356-5424.

OBITUARY

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for her work. She inspired many with her fierce determination facing many years of disability and illness, and was known for her love of all animals and tending her flower garden. Ms. Kusic had lived in McLean since 1989.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Donations to the Leu-

kemia & Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org/

She celebrated her 40th year of marriage to Daniel Kusic on Sept. 11, 2010. She was the loving mother of Jennifer Kusic Carswell, and grandmother of McKenna Beatrice Carswell. She is also survived by her father, Milton Yesler, of Sarasota, Fla., and her brother, Boyd Yesler, of Nokomis, Fla. She was predeceased by her mother, Beatrice Feder Yesler, and son Peter Andrew Kusic.

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The Potomac School football team, shown here playing visiting Randolph Macon Academy earlier this season, is having an outstanding fall season.

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No More Putting it Off

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

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Remember 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 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 weather is not your thing, try out 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 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.



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

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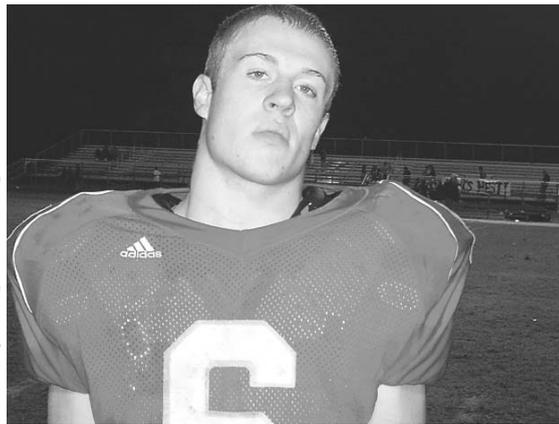
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McLean High football coach Jim Patrick



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McLean running back Jimmy Ludwick scored both his team's touchdowns in the win over South Lakes.

Two Football Teams on the Rise

In mid-season meeting of unbeaten, McLean holds off Seahawks.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Both the McLean and South Lakes High football teams showed some signs of early game jitters during the first quarter of their Liberty District meeting last Friday night.

Not surprising when considering that both up and coming Northern Region Div. 5 programs, who sported impressive 4-0 records going into the week five meeting at McLean, have experienced limited success over the past several years.

Perhaps, the big-game scenario might have been a bit overwhelming for both the Seahawks and Highlanders. Or perhaps the ball was just taking some funny bounces over the night's first few sets of downs. Whatever, following the rocky start - in which the teams combined for five fumbles (1 lost) over the contest's first six minutes - the game settled somewhat and the district rivals played solid, hard-nosed football. In the end, McLean had scored a hard-fought 14-7 win over a tough Seahawks' opponent.

"This was a good growing experience," said Andy Hill, who is in his first season as the South Lakes head coach. "What went wrong? Everything did early. But I thought our defense played well tonight. We knew this game was going to be a battle."

The present and future are looking bright for both teams.

McLean, which went winless in 2008 under current coach Jim Patrick before breaking through last year for a winning season and a trip to the playoffs, looks to be even better this year.

Both teams will be hosting winless district opponents this Friday night, Oct. 8 at 7:30. The Highlanders will meet Jefferson, while the Seahawks will play Madison.

MCLEAN SCORED TOUCHDOWNS in the first two quarters to take a 14-0 lead - rushing scores of 10 and three yards by senior back Jimmy Ludwick (20 carries, 62 yards). South Lakes got within 14-7 in the third quarter when sophomore quarterback Rashaan Jones, on a perfectly executed play, dropped back to pass, remained patient in the pocket, then rifled a 21-yard touchdown pass over the middle to wide receiver Darius Smith, who reached up to snatch the ball in the end zone.

Later, well into the fourth quarter, McLean appeared ready to put the game away before a lost fumble at the South Lakes 15 yard gave the Seahawks possession with five minutes to go. Senior defensive end Jacob Slover recovered the ball for South Lakes.

The Seahawks moved the ball to their 35 before an interception by McLean senior cornerback Chase Mills - his third of the night - effectively put the game away with less than four minutes remaining. The Highlanders, with Mills at quarterback on offense, ran the rest of the clock out to gain the win.

"It feels amazing," said McLean junior tightend/defensive end Scott Lafoon, who caught a pass for 17 yards. "To go 0-10 two years ago ... I was on our freshmen team then but I watched all the varsity games. Now, to be 5-0 is awesome. We're pretty confident now but we also still remember that we were 0-10 two years ago."

McLean, 5-0 for the first time in 15 years, has run the ball effectively most of the year. The Highlanders had a more difficult time running against an aggressive South Lakes' defense which limited them to 135 yards on 45 carries. McLean, despite the marginal ground success, still rushed for the two scores and ate up lots of clock. Along with Ludwick's 62 ground yards, Ryan McColgan added 58 on 12 carries for the Highlanders.

"We've been able to run the football all year," said Ludwick. "Our offensive line comes off the ball and makes blocks."

Hill, the South Lakes coach, said, "I give McLean credit. The recipe to beat us is keeping our offense off the field and stopping us from making the big play."

THE BIGGEST disappointment to coach Hill in the Seahawks' loss was that the visiting team appeared to get discouraged at various times throughout the game when something would not go their way. He said he was not used to that kind of response from one of his teams. If it continues, he said, there will be line-up changes.

"We've got some kids hanging their heads," said Hill. "We'd make one mistake and it looked like we were at a funeral march. We'd kind of shut down."

The coach is pleased with the play of Jones, his versatile sophomore quarterback. Although the youngster threw three interceptions, Hill was only disappointed in the late fourth quarter turnover. For the night, Jones completed nine of 17 passes for 80 yards while also running 10 times for 71 yards. His biggest receiving target was Smith (7 catches).

"He had one bad throw tonight - the last one," said Hill. "He's going to be a stud, a Div. 1 scholarship football player [one day]."



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First at Invitational

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).

Saxons, Highlanders Run in Octoberfest Meet

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

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley and McLean High girls' and boys' cross country teams competed at the annual Octoberfest Invitational last Saturday 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 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 Pekar.

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.

KRISTEN AHEARN scored the game's lone goal in McLean's 1-0 Liberty District girls' field hockey win over Marshall last Wednesday, Sept. 29. Highlander goalie Malalai Nawabi recorded two saves. A day earlier, McLean shut down district opponent South Lakes, 5-0. Kristina Bettner scored two goals for McLean. Other scores came from Ahearn, Jordan Walker and Jackie Kleger. Ahearn had a pair of assists while Becca Latimer and Charlotte Parkhurst both had one.

A Journey to Jill's House

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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.

"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 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 parents and the exhaustion in their



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Jill, Brenda and Lon Solomon at Jill's House

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.

"It was really just a Sunday School class, because you realize



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

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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McLean High School students participate in 'team-building exercises.'

Ethics Day at McLean High

Underclassmen join seniors in observing the Ethics Day at McLean High.

BY SEAN MCCALLEY
THE CONNECTION

McLean High School celebrated its first school-wide Ethics Day on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Although normally reserved for seniors, this year's efforts on building ethical character were extended to all underclassmen as well.

The day began with the attorney Kelly Sherrill, who addressed the entire school from the Baker auditorium. Her speech explored the many forms and tenets of ethics that are encountered every day. Switching between personal anecdotes and statistics, Sherrill explained the prevalence of ethics in many situations, from the classroom to the courtroom.

"She was a fabulous speaker," said Julian Tamayo of the Student Advisory Council. "Her stories added a great personal element to the speech."

One story involved her younger brother, who fell into a coma after a drunk driving accident with his friend. One case study featured steroid usage in the show Friday Night Lights.

She also mentioned the Josephson Institute's 2008 Ethics Survey of 30,000 high school students. Combining public, private, and religious school students, 83 percent reportedly "lied to a parent about something significant." Furthermore, about one in three students admitted to shoplifting.

"McLean Ethics Day is a really good experience," said Student Government Association president Bijan Peters. "It shows that we are working hard to grow and make a positive difference."

MCLEAN'S PRINCIPAL, Dr. Deborah Jackson, took pride in extending the event to all students instead of exclusively seniors. She argues that students need to be guided into a living pattern based upon ethics, rather than rely upon periodic lecturing.

"We're building a model for ethical thoughts and beliefs."

— Dr. Deborah Jackson, Principal, McLean High

"[Ethical teaching] needs to start sooner, and we need to start acting upon it," she said. "Now it's tailored to age, so the curriculum grows with the students."

McLean High School has adopted the idea that persistent education is the best way to instill ethical conduct among its students. The strategy focuses largely on simply providing information and

allowing the students to discuss.

Kelly Sherrill believes many students violate ethical standards simply because they do not know what they are.

"Cheating especially. A big problem is that kids don't know what plagiarism is. It's really easy now with the Internet. Kids need to be educated for a long time."

McLean High School is the only school in Fairfax County that has its own Ethics Day. However, the philosophy of ethics education may be spreading, as administrators from Woodson High School visited to observe the process.

Compare Virginia Department of Education's evaluation of Discipline, Crime, and Violence over the past two school years: the reported incidents have decreased by about 1.3 percent (7.6 to 6.3), or approximately 2,000 cases.

Over the same period of time the total student population in Fairfax County increased by about 3,000 to 168,987.

In other words, as Fairfax County public schools grow, their ethic and criminal violations are shrinking.

Dr. Jackson believes that through annual efforts like school-wide Ethics Days and emphasizing the honor code, the entire community will grow and strengthen. As students graduate and move on to other locations and schools, they will bring their solid moral education to share and extend.

"We're building a model for ethical thoughts and beliefs," she said.

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Lourdes D. Bobbio, Alessandra M. Christiani, Lucy M. Collins, Rachel E. Elliott, Cecelia M. Lulli and Mary M. Mitchell have been named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. All six girls are students at Oakcrest School in

McLean.

Hee Shin of McLean has finished the new cadet training week with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. The corps first year starts in August with new cadet week held the week prior to the start of classes. During new cadet week, incoming students undergo a series of challenges that build character and leadership skills.

Ethics Day Extends Throughout School

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Traditional to the day, the seniors enjoyed a breakfast in the cafeteria and then bused to Marymount University, who provided facilities and lunch for round table discussions, cyber ethic seminars, and a meeting with a circuit court judge.

McLean High School takes personal honor and school pride very seriously: Seniors are even required to dress up.

"When they go out, they are representing their school. Their clothing reflects the pride that we try to build for the entire community," said Dr. Jackson.

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NEW TO THE ACTIVITIES was the participation of the underclassmen, meeting in the gym, auditorium, and lecture halls for various workshops. Included were honor code discussions, teambuilding exercises, and lectures on cyber ethics and online bullying.

"McLean [High School] has a really big part in helping the community," said SGA vice-president Kristina Bettner. For instance, the school will soon hold a Stop Hunger Now drive on Nov. 6. The goal is to raise \$25,000 for impoverished countries.

Coupled with events like these, Ethics Day helps strengthen the moral foundation of the McLean community. Complete strangers even recognize the Highlander character: "This was the most empathetic and receptive group of students I ever encountered," said Kelly Sherrill.

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