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Volunteers from Girl Scout Troop 2662 measure out ingredients while packaging meals for Stop Hunger Now at the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean Saturday.

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Hundreds of volunteers package meals for Stop Hunger Now at the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean Saturday.

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Stopping Hunger Now

McLean, Langley High Schools, team up with community groups to package 100,000 meals.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Despite their roles as rivals at the football stadium the night before, students from Langley High School and McLean High School came together Saturday to help package 100,000 meals for less fortunate people in Haiti and Nicaragua. Hundreds of students, as well as Girl and Boy Scouts, Rotary Club members, veterans from the American Legion and other community groups packaged the meals at the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean.

"It's a perfect example of how tight knit this community is when it really matters," said Pasha Mostaghim, president of the Student Government Association at Langley. "Last night was our big rivalry game, but here we are today, working together to package these meals for one common goal."

The meals were specially packaged high-protein meals, which were placed in sealed bags for shipping to overseas. The charity that hosted the event and provided the supplies, Stop Hunger Now, was founded in 2006, and has packaged more than 30 million meals that have been sent to 26 different countries.

VOLUNTEERS scooped rice, vegetable protein, dried vegetables and a vitamin-rich seasoning together in bags, and other volunteers weighed, sealed, packed and loaded the meals onto the Stop Hunger Now truck, which came up from their warehouse in Richmond.

More than 30,000 people die each day from hunger-related illnesses and McLean resident and Rotary Club member Bob Hahne was struck by those facts during a meal-packing event earlier this year. He decided to see if the McLean community could support such an event.

"They said it was the equivalent of 100 jumbo jets crashing every day, with everyone on board killed," Hahne said. "So what it comes down to is, what's worse: that 30,000 die, or to do nothing about it?"

McLean and Langley High Schools combined efforts raised almost $10,000 (their goal was $5,000), and other groups raised the rest of the $25,000 needed for the ingredients for the 100,000 meals, which cost 25 cents each.

"Students hear a lot about giving back, but until you experience something like this, you don't know just how rewarding it can be," said Dr. Deborah Jackson, principal of McLean High School. "It's one thing to write checks, but here you get the real human element too."

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Volunteers are instructed how to measure out rice, vegetable protein and dried vegetables for the meals.

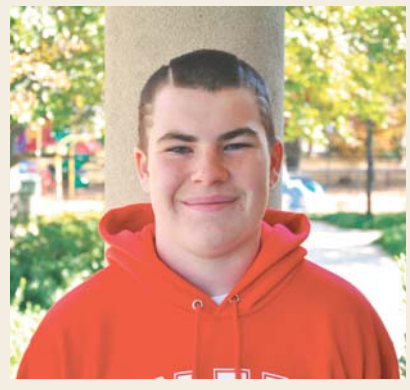
Viewpoints

What was your favorite part about the Stop Hunger Now event?

Topher McDonald, 9th grade, McLean High School
"It was cool to come together as a football team, to have fun and do a good thing off the field."

Zach Woehrle, 9th grade, McLean High School
"It was fun being able do all that work, and then to pass it off to the people coming later with more than half of the goal met."

Shellie Kaniut, 10th grade, McLean High School
"I liked hearing the gong. Every time it rang, we knew we had done another 1,000 meals, and it was amazing how fast it seemed to go."



K.J. Bettner, 9th grade, McLean High School
"The teamwork was great. We're from across the community, all doing something together for a good cause."

Stuart Beckett, 10th grade, McLean High School
"It was a great way to bring all parts of the community together, and a fun way to help people who really need it."

Under Construction House Lost in Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to an under construction house fire Sunday, Nov. 7, at approximately 1:10 a.m., in the McLean area of Fairfax County. The home is located at 2142 Haycock Road.

Firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from all sides of the single-family, three-story home upon arrival. Firefighters brought the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes.

Because of the heavy volume of fire and close proximity to other nearby homes, firefighters used defensive measures to protect adjacent homes, reducing property damage. As a result, only one home received minor radiant heat damage.

Firefighters also contended with an electrical pole on fire with multiple live wires above the structure while fighting the fire. There were no injuries.

Damage is estimated at approximately $1,000,000. The home is a complete loss. The fire is under investigation.

Commercial Robbery in the Merrifield Area

On Tuesday, Nov. 2 around 7:30 a.m., two men entered the Unique Thrift store located at 2956 Gallows Road. The men displayed handguns and ordered everyone in the store to the floor.

Store employees turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspects fled on foot. No one was injured.

The first suspect was described as black, about 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall, 190 to 200 pounds, wearing a black jacket. The second suspect was described as black, about 6 feet 1 inch to 6 feet 4 inches tall, 240 to 260 pounds, wearing a gray sweat shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County ice at 703-691-2131.

Renoir Exhibit at Wentworth Gallery

A collection of works by artists Pierre Henri Matisse, together with the celebrated Modern Master Alexandre Renoir will be on exhibit and available for acquisition at the Wentworth Gallery on Nov. 20 and 21.

Wentworth Gallery at the Tysons Galleria in McLean, will host the exhibit Saturday, Nov. 20. The exhibit is an opportunity to meet both Renoir and Matisse, with a scheduled special appearance by the artists, who are also descendents of famed artists Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Henri Matisse, for the public Nov. 20, from 6-9 p.m.

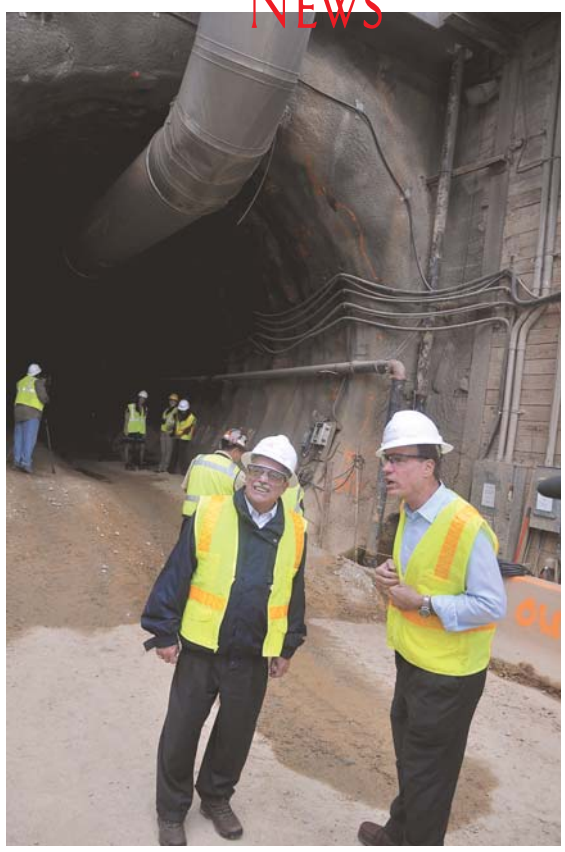
Important works by Picasso, Chagall, Miro and Henri Matisse will also be exhibited and available for acquisition.

Wentworth Gallery features a wide selection of original artwork, limited editions and sculptures from the world's most acclaimed artists.

Their website, www.wentworthgallery.com provides information on featured artists, upcoming exhibits, online orders and directions to the nearest Wentworth Gallery, or call 800-732-6140.

McLean American Association of University Women to Meet

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Daniel Walsch, press secretary for George Mason University, will discuss social networking and influences. For more information call 703-847-3195 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org



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From left, Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), take a look at the construction site for a 1,700 foot tunnel for the Tysons Corner Metrorail Oct. 25.

From left, Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), Larry Melton, Tysons Corner Metrorail project manager, design-build and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) discuss the construction process of the Metrorail track going through Tysons Corner.

Tunnel Vision

Senator Warner, U.S. Rep. Connolly tour Tysons Corner Metrorail tunnel.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) visited the construction site for the Tysons Corner Metrorail Oct. 25. Both men were able to get a glimpse inside the 1,700-foot tunnel between the Tysons Central 7 and Tysons Central 123 stations.

Warner and Connolly have both been involved in making the project a reality throughout stages of development that go back 20 years.

"It's been a long time coming, it's good to see this project as a reality," Connolly said, about 50 feet into the tunnel. "When you work a long time at something, it's rewarding to actually see it happening. This project will make a huge difference for commuters along the Dulles Corridor, and I'm glad to be a part of it. It represents an investment that was needed and will have a major impact."

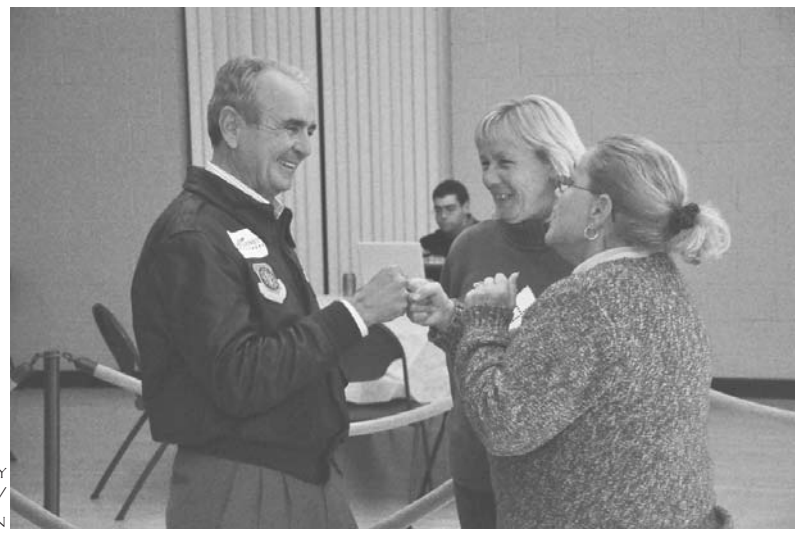
Warner, who also worked toward making the Silver Line a reality while governor said that actually seeing the tunnel was inspiring.

"We've been talking about it for 20 years, and I think if people see that tunnel, it gives us the energy to make sure it gets finished," he said.

The Silver Line will run parallel to the Orange Line until the East Falls Church station. Phase One, which includes four stops in Tysons Corner and Wiehle Avenue in Reston, is scheduled to open in 2013. Phase Two will run along the Dulles Toll Road to Ashburn, with stops in Reston, Herndon, Sterling and the Dulles Airport and is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

> "We've been talking about this for 20 years."
> — U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.)

From right, Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) examine one of the aerial platforms at the Tysons Metrorail construction site.



Democratic congressional candidate Jeff Barnett greets Nancy Stoepker (left) and Rita Poston, two of his supporters, at his election night party at the McLean Community Center.

Photos by Alex McVeigh/ The Connection

Campaign Conclusion

Barnett thanks supporters, pledges that his positions will live on.

Democratic congressional candidate Jeff Barnett greets his supporters at his election night part at the McLean Community Center.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Though he wasn't successful in ousting longtime Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10), Democratic candidate Jeff Barnett told his supporters Tuesday night that the foundation for his campaign remains strong and waiting for a future leader.

Barnett celebrated with several dozen of his supporters at the McLean Community Center Nov. 2., The numbers began to come in shortly after 7 p.m., with Wolf getting 63 percent of the vote, Barnett 35 percent and Libertarian Bill Redpath getting 2 percent.

Despite the overwhelming numbers, Barnett and his supporters remained in good spirits.

"There's a tidal wave out there, and we were swept up in it," Barnett said. "But I was proud to run the kind of race we can be proud of, where we can look our opponent's family in the eye. To his credit, my opponent can do the same."

Barnett said the campaign allowed him to meet new friends and spend time with old friends, and that he had some fond memories along the way.

He said his commitment to his beliefs hadn't wavered, and his positions on issues like the economy and education "will endure, other candidates will pursue them." While Barnett did not rule out running for office again, he did not commit to any campaigns in the near future.

Many of his campaign volunteers stayed with Barnett for the better part of the evening, and most of them had good memories of the campaign.

"I met a lot of nice people and a lot of very passionate people who, despite other demands on their time, still found a way to help," said Cora Yamamoto, a McLean resident who helped with operations around the Dranesville district.

Barnett kept it light throughout the evening. He told the story of coming back from an appearance with a $1,200 donkey costume in the back. At least, that's what he and his wife thought, because when they looked, it was nowhere to be found.

He described riding up and down the Dulles Toll Road, and beginning to see pieces of the costume all over the road. When he saw an SUV steering out of the way, he realized that the head was intact, just in the middle of the road, and he had to go out and retrieve it. "We got the head back, a little dented, but we got it back," he said, getting a big laugh from the group.

Photo by Daisy Logan/Woman's Club

Bonnie O'Neill (center), of the SHARE Inc. Board, Displays Woman's Club Contribution Presented by Club Vice-President Kathryn Mackensen (left) and President Marianne Polito (right).

Holiday Programs

Woman's Club of McLean Donates $3,000 to SHARE Inc.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the Woman's Club of McLean presented a check for $3,000 to SHARE Inc. of McLean for its upcoming holiday programs. SHARE serves needy families in McLean, Great Falls and Falls Church and is supported by donations from the community.

One-third of the Woman's Club donation will go to the SHARE Thanksgiving Food Program, which will distribute grocery gift cards and Thanksgiving foods; the other $2,000 will be used for the SHARE Holiday Celebration on Dec. 11, which will feature a festive dinner and gifts to meet clients' special needs.

Share is seeking donors to fulfill clients' personally expressed wishes. Many are for gift cards that can be purchased at local grocery stores. Other wishes are for specific small appliances, linens, house wares, electronics, clothing and toys. Every donation will be tagged for that specific individual. Send an email to Sharewishes@gmail.com to get a wish to fulfill

More information on the holiday programs can be obtained at www.shareofmclean.org or by emailingShareholiday@gmail.com.

- Laura Sheridan

Be a Part of Children's (& Teens') Connection

Every year between Christmas and New Year's, The McLean Connection turns its pages over to the contributions of local students. We are seeking artwork, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories and reflections. We welcome contribu-tions from public schools, private schools and students who are home schooled.

E-mail to: mclean@connectionnewspapers.com, or mail (.jpg and text files on disc only) by Dec. 1, to 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please be sure to include the student's name, age, grade, school and town of residence along with each submission. For information, call 703-778-9410.

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More County Residents Seek Emergency Help

Local requests for emergency food and food stamps have more than doubled since 2006.

By Julia O'Donoghue
The Connection

On any given day, the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic receives 50 to 60 phone calls about its services. The organization's clients sometimes have to wait a year or more between the time they call for help and their initial appointment, said executive director Tom Wilson.

The dental clinic is the only facility in the region that offers oral examinations, mouth cancer screenings, root canals and other dental procedures at a discounted price to low-income adults. Many basic procedures, like teeth cleaning, cost just $40 for people living near the poverty line, according to clinic's website.

"There are so little resources and such a great need," said Wilson of affordable dental care.

Wilson's clinic is not the only local organization that is currently overwhelmed by a demand for services. Lines at the Fairfax County Health Care Center in Bailey's Crossroads stretch out the front door and down the sidewalk, said Sheree Via, a medical social worker at the facility.

"People have to come an hour to an hour and a half early if they want to be seen," said Via.

Churches, social workers and other non-profits have to manage people's expectations about how quickly they will be able to receive services, especially in light of the current economic downturn, said the two experts.

OVER THE past five years, Fairfax County has seen a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with basic needs like food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job placement.

The rise in requests for food has been particularly dramatic during this time period. Inquires about food stamps have jumped 165 percent and questions about emergency food have risen 153 percent since 2006.

Wilson, Via and several other experts from non-profits that help the local poor spoke at a Poverty Summit organized by the Messiah United Methodist Church on Rolling Road in Springfield Oct. 30. The church's community hoped the event would draw attention to the growing need among local residents for assistance, said organizers.

SEVERAL of Fairfax County's largest providers of emergency services depend heavily on volunteers and private donations, said speakers at the summit.

Food For Others, which is the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia, served 11,900 households and 42,000 individuals last year.

Schools, businesses and other community organizations donate most of the items the charity ends up handing out to needy residents. Two weeks ago, Washington Irving Middle School collected 3,000 pounds of food for the organization, said Peter Spain, an organizer at Food for Others.

"But most of that food is gone now. ... We had 132 families come in on Friday," he said.

Food for Others has seen an increase in the number of families it serves recently. Those who are regular customers are also asking for assistance more often.

Spain said the non-profit used to give out three packages of free food annually to each family. Now, Food for Others allows each household to come in for free groceries six times per year.

"Most of these people are working. They come in with their work clothes on," said Spain.

MANY of those people who need assistance with providing food for their families are also struggling with housing, said several speakers at the summit.

Low-income residents have a particularly hard time finding affordable housing in Fairfax County, where the average home costs more than $400,000. Currently, 12,000 people are on the county's waiting list for affordable units, said Amanda Andere, executive director of FACETS, a Fairfax non-profit that works on housing issues.

When an affordable unit becomes available, some people may also have to pass on the offer because of the employer's location.

"If you are offered a certain apartment but you would have to take five or six bus routes to get to your job, that won't work. ... We can't just send everybody down to Route 1," said Andere.

IN ADDITION to the working poor, several people are seeking emergency assistance with food and shelter because they have lost their jobs and are unable to find a new position. According to county statistics, the number of residents asking for help with their job search has almost doubled over the last five years.

Several unskilled and low-income workers also don't have access to computers and copiers, which they need to apply for entry-level positions at several companies.

"Approximately 90 percent of companies with entry level jobs require online applications," said Trang Montgomery, who works at one of the county's job centers.

According to Montgomery, Fairfax's job centers provide computer assistance to residents and help people looking for work improve their job interview skills. They also push clients to learn English and earn a high school diploma or some equivalent to improve their employment opportunities, said Trang.

"In this economy, people who have a high school degree are having to compete with people who have a college degree for the same positions," she said.

REQUESTS FOR HELP INCREASE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Fairfax County's social service agencies and local non-profits saw a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job searches over the past five years. Requests for food stamps went up 165 percent and requests for emergency food went up 153 percent from 2006 to 2010. The number of people asking for financial assistance for utility bills has increase 123 percent in the same time period.

Fairfax often refers people who ask for assistance to local non-profit organizations, charities and churches who provide such services in the area. The following information was provided by the Fairfax County Government.

Year	*2006*	*2007*	*2008*	*2009*	*2010*	*Four-Year Increase*
Assistance Sought						
Free/Subsidized Dental Care	1,050	1,186	1,385	1,291	1,287	22.5%
Subsidized Housing	1,053	1,235	1,513	1,933	1,504	42.8%
Medicaid	1,392	1,447	1,618	1,640	1,704	22.4%
Emergency Shelter	1,639	1,701	1,852	2,074	2,383	45.5%
Food Stamps	1,185	1,570	1,937	2,848	3,140	165.0%
Job Search	1,405	1.834	2,156	2,520	2,711	93.0%
Housing Search	1,980	2,254	2,186	2,020	2,032	2.6%
Subsidized/Free Medical Services	1,956	2,070	2,421	3,116	3,521	80.0%
Emergency Utility Payment	1,994	2,031	2,399	3,500	4,450	123.0%
Emergency Food	2,193	2,883	3,465	4,789	5,547	153.0%
Emergency Rent Payment	3,274	3,879	4,540	5,516	5,755	75.7%

Bulletin Board

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. revku@cox.net.

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.

Fall Volunteer Day at the Teen Center. 4 p.m. at the Club Phoenix Teen Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Teens are invited to volunteer to clean and organize the Center, while receiving hours for school requirements. 703-255-6360.

Re-entering the Workforce. 11:30 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. This session will address questions and provide essential pointers. $35 non-members, $25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum Breakfast. Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. With Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. $45. 703-922-6768.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 11:30 a.m. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd. # 450, Vienna. Simple ways to communicate more effectively with colleagues and prospects. Free. www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

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.

The Smart Split. 10 a.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Legal aspects of separation and divorce. $45 non-members, $35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Federal Job Application Workshop. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. How to find and apply for Federal positions. $35 non-members, 25 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

MONDAY/NOV. 15

Sierra Club Great Falls Group Monthly Meeting. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Offshore Energy: Oil Rigs or Wind Turbines?" Benefits, risks and costs of offshore wind energy. 703-757-9518 or jalhussaini@msn.com.

Using Social Media Marketing to Grow Your Business. 6 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Learn to harness social media tools and save time while building your network and brand awareness. $35 non-members, 25 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League's Annual Meeting for General Membership. 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. With the election of the League President and Board Members. All parents of players registered for spring or fall 2010 seasons, board members, managers and coaches are eligible to vote. GVBRL.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Meeting. 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Daniel Walsch, press secretary for George Mason University, on Social Networking and Influences. 703-847-3195 or www.mcleanaauw.org

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road in Vienna and is open at 10 a.m. daily.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Offers Coffee, Wi-Fi and a View

Visitor Center of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna now offers visitors a cup of coffee, free Wi-Fi internet connection, a roaring fireplace in addition to a view.

"So many people today are no longer chained to their desk, but are doing work in the relaxed atmosphere of coffee shops. Well, now Meadowlark Gardens offers that experience with the addition of a beautiful Visitor Center with high ceilings and panoramic views. And when your work is done, you can enjoy a great walk through the gardens," said Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

In addition to the gourmet coffee, free Wi-Fi and great Visitor Center atmosphere just minutes from Tysons Corner and downtown Vienna, the gardens boast nearly 100 acres of rolling hills and lakes with ornamental and conservation botanical collections, as well as paved walking paths throughout the gardens. New to the gardens is a large Korean pavilion that will hold a 3-ton traditional bell next spring. The Visitor Center at Meadowlark is home to several aquaria exhibits, interactive exhibits on plant diversity, a gift shop, restrooms and a library.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road in Vienna and is open at 10 a.m. daily. For more information on Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, the Visitor Center and the Atrium, visit www.nvpra.org.

Obituary

Caroline Cooper Wills, Formerly of McLean, Dies

Caroline Cooper Wills died on Oct. 31, 2010 at her home in Melbourne, Fla. after a long illness, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disease. Born into an Army family at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., she was one of seven children of the late Col. John Avery and Ona Gibson Cooper.

After a childhood at several Army Posts, she graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. She lived most of her adult life in the Washington area including forty years in McLean. After graduating from Vassar College with a major in mathematics, she worked for IBM in Washington, D.C. for several years. As a computer programmer, she installe computer programs and trained federal employees to operate the IBM 360 Punch Card Computer for many government agencies including the CIA, FBI and Defense.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ona Cooper and Ella Cooper Thomas and three brothers; Col. John A. Cooper, Jr., Lt. Robby Cooper (a WWII POW casualty) and Lt. General Kenneth Banks Cooper.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, R.W. Wills. and daughter Carey Wills Dixon and husband USCG Lt. Commander Richard H. Dixon, grandson, Robert Wills Dixon and granddaughter, Abigail Caroline Dixon presently residing in Covington, La., one brother, Col. Richmond J. Cooper and wife Janet Felton Cooper of Alexandria, one sister in law, Virginia (Jenny) Cooper of Arlington, six nephews and one niece.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Chapel, Peterstown, W. Va. with Pastor Jonathan Jennings officiating, with burial in the Peterstown Cemetery, Rich Creek, Va.

Online guestbook can be signed or condolence may be sent to the Wills Family at www.broylesshrewsbury.com.

Fairfax County Park Authority

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Salona Park Draft Master Plan Set For Public Comment Meeting

The Fairfax County Park Authority has prepared a draft master plan for Salona Park, located at 1235 Dolley Madison Blvd, in McLean. To gather public comment on the draft master plan, a Public Comment meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Franklin Sherman Elementary School at 6630 Brawner Street, McLean, VA.

Salona is a privately owned historic property on 51 acres with significant natural and cultural features located in the Dranesville Supervisory District. The Park Authority holds a perpetual conservation easement on a 41-acre portion of the property, which permits a variety of community-serving park uses. This easement was acquired in 2005, followed by the completion of a cultural landscape report. Both documents have helped inform the planning process. The Salona Park master planning process focuses on providing a balance of recreational opportunities, resource stewardship and site interpretation.

This meeting will feature a presentation about the site's current conditions and potential future uses proposed in the draft park master plan. Following the staff presentation, public input on the draft master plan will be received in a moderated comment session. The proposed master plan and supporting documents are available for review at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/salona.htm or in hard copy from the Fairfax County Park Authority at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406 during regular business hours.

If you would like to speak at the meeting or would like more information, please call Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer for the Park Authority at 703-324-8662 or via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Individuals may sign up to speak at the meeting as well. Comments on the plan will be received by the Park Authority for 30 days after the meeting.

The public comment period will close on December 20, 2010. All comments must be received by this date in order to be included in the official public record. Comments will be accepted at the meeting or can be e-mailed to: Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Written comments should be directed to Andy Galusha, Project Manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. After all comments have been considered, refinements may be made to the plan, as appropriate, prior to presentation to the Park Authority Board for final approval.

If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563, at least ten working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY: 703-803-3354 • 703-324-8700
ONLINE: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks • E-mail: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

Opinion

Honoring on Veterans Day

Saluting military service, remembering those who died in Iraq, Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

Editorial

MORE THAN 4,400 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Jaime C. Newman, 27, of Richmond died Sept. 17, 2010; 1st Lt. Todd W. Weaver, 26, of Hampton, died Sept. 9, 2010; Lance Cpl. Cody S. Childers, 19, of Chesapeake died Aug. 20, 2010; Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5; 1st Sgt. Eddie Turner, 41, of Fort Belvoir, died June 22, 2010. Pfc. Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, 37, of Virginia Beach, died May 30 at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, after being injured in Iraq on April 18. On May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat in Iraq in October 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting artwork of his brother to the Burke Children's Connection. Last December, Hunter wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan, 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities. Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle. Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006. Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, on Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq a few days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan. Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Crime

Activities reported by the McLean police department through Nov. 5.

ROBBERY

On Tuesday, Nov. 2 around 7:30 a.m., two men entered the Unique Thrift store at 2956 Gallows Road. The men displayed handguns and ordered everyone in the store to the floor. Store employees turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspects fled on foot. No one was injured. The first suspect was described as black, about 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall, 190 to 200 pounds, wearing a black jacket. The second suspect was described as black, about 6 feet 1 inch to 6 feet 4 inches tall, 240 to 260 pounds, wearing a gray sweat shirt. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

Police responded to a report of a burglary that occurred in the 1000 block of Brook Valley Lane some time between 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2 and 7:15 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3. The homeowners awoke to find a basement window open and personal items tossed around the house and just outside. Money was stolen and no one was injured.

LARCENIES

1800 block of Anderson Road. Tools stolen from vehicle.

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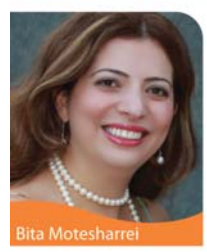

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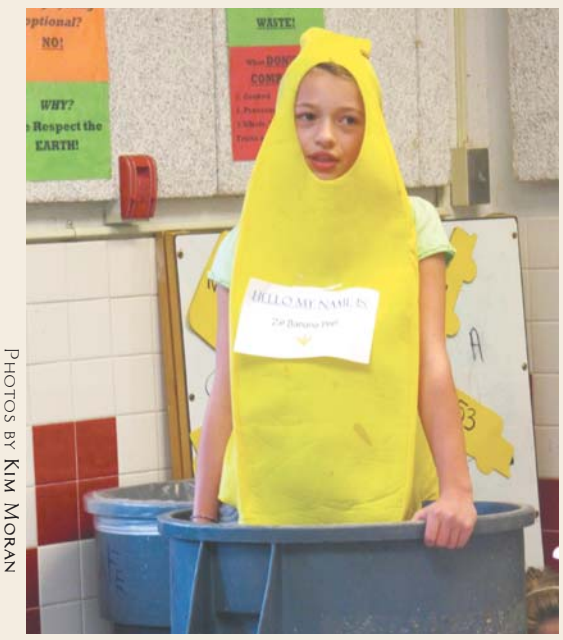

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Churchill Road SCA advisor Alex Mantel films 6th grader Ben Silverman showing the appropriate way to dispose of all lunchtime leftovers; organic waste such as fruit in the compost bin and juice wrappers in the upcycling bin.

Churchill Road 6th grader and SCA Historian, Katie Bellaschi, is dressed as a banana peel to demonstrate that bananas are compostable waste.

Promoting 'Green Behaviors'

As part of Churchill Road Elementary School's efforts to promote recycling, reusing, upcycling and composting, members of the Student Council Association filmed a series of skits to promote "green behaviors." Coordinated by school counselor and SCA advisor Alex Mantel, with the technical assistance of Churchill Road School Green Liaison Debra Maes, students demonstrated what can and should be recycled and upcycled. These skits will be aired on the school's morning news broadcast beginning this month.

Contributed

Bridget Anderson distributing items from the collection at the orphanage in Costa Rica within her Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Bringing Joy to Costa Rica

Bridget Andersen of Great Falls Troop #2659 recently completed her Girl Scout Silver Award project by organizing and managing a collection drive and donating items to the Hogarcito San Juan Bosco orphanage in La Fortuna, Costa Rica. When asked what she learned from her project, Bridget said, "Children are the same regardless of where they are. They have the same basic needs and personalities." A primary goal of girl scouting is to teach the scouts "how to make the world a better place."

This project is an example of an instance where a scout recognized a need, organized a project, and worked through its completion to meet this basic goal.

Bridget goes to Thomas Jefferson High School, and lives in Great Falls in the Langley High School pyramid.

Crime

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1400 block of Balls Hill Road. GPS stolen from vehicle.
9100 block of Barrick St. DVD player stolen from vehicle.
8300 block of Greensboro Drive. Flute stolen from school.
2800 block of Merrilee Drive. Tools stolen from business.
1600 block of Montmorency Drive. Trespassing sign stolen from business.
6600 block of Mulroy St. Tools stolen from vehicle.
2000 block of Plainfield St. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
6500 block of Ridge St. Purse stolen from vehicle.
7900 block of Tysons Corner Center. Prada sunglasses stolen from business.
7900 block of Westpark Drive. Backpack stolen from business.
9700 block of Woodwind Way. Front bumper and license plate stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

2800 block of Emma Lee St. 2002 Oldsmobile.
2700 block of Goodwin Court. 2002 Subaru Forester.
7700 block of Marthas Lane. 1997 Subaru.
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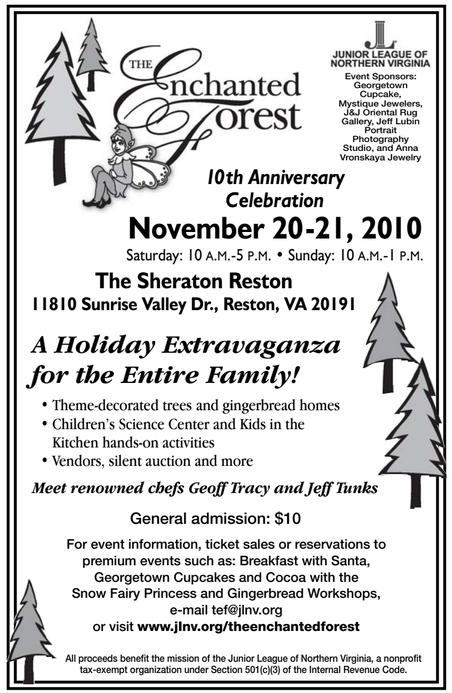

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Hammered dulcimer player Maggie Sansone will perform at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls, and will release her newest CD of traditional Celtic music, 'Wind Drift'. 703-759-3309, www.ionamusic.com/brogue.htm or www.oldbrogue.com.

Langley School students Josh Copito, Hanna Powers, and Allie Graham in "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road in McLean, will present the L. Frank Baum's musical "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," Nov. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. Sixty-two students in grades 6-8 are involved in this production, on stage and behind the curtains. www.langleyschool.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at the Freedom Memorial, behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Speaker, Robert S. Boyd, a U. S. Army intelligence and security officer and wounded Vietnam Veteran. With the Langley High School Madrigal Choir. Open to all. 703-759-3282.

Chatham County Line. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Vienna Theatre Company Auditions. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Auditions for a cast of 4-12 men and women for "Almost, Main," a romantic comedy by John Cariani and directed by Suzanne Maloney. The show will open Jan. 21. 703-255-6360 or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

Artist Gwynne Mason. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W. in Vienna. Discussion and display of hand-made paper. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." 7:30 p.m. at The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road. McLean. L. Frank Baum's classic, presented by 62 students in grades 6-8, both on stage and behind the curtains. www.langleyschool.org.

"Dandelion Wine." 7:30 p.m. at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A man travels back in time to 1928 to recreate his childhood. Tickets $8 online, $10 at the door. www.madisondrama.com.

An Evening with Chatham County Line. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

Bluegrass Duo Dailey & Vincent. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. $20-$48, half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Deep River. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Trio Cavatina. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Winner of the 2009 Naumburg Chamber Music competition. $35. www.wolftrap.org.

Deep River CD Release & After-Party with Jer Coons. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"The Story of Hansel and Gretel." 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A musical of the classic story. $10 adult, $5 students. www.oakcrest.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Bowman House Annual Pottery Show and Sale. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St. South, Vienna. Free admission. Featuring items made by students and teachers in the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's pottery program. A portion of the proceeds go to support the program. 703-255-6360.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance. 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Friday night dance for 7th-8th graders. Harry Potter Night: celebrate the Deathly Hallows release, win movie tickets. www.mcleancenter.org.

"Holiday." 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A comedy of love, money and ambition by Philip Barry, set a year before the Great Depression. $25 adults, $15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststagetysons.org/holiday.

"Aesop's Fables." 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church. A contemporary adaption of Aesop's classic tales. $12 adults, $10 students and seniors. 571-239-5288 or www.creativecauldron.org.

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Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Folk dances that embody the country's diverse indigenous Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern cultures. Pre-performance discussions, free to ticket holders, begin 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets $26-$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. cfa.gmu.edu.

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Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the VVFD Flame Room, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Crafts, scrapbooking, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, gifts, raffles and more. Lunch and baked goods available. Proceeds benefit the fire department. Free admission. 703-309-3468 or 703-981-4504.

50th Annual Harvest Bazaar Fall Festival and Craft Show. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Over 75 crafters and vendors, a bake sale and children's activities. All proceeds benefit the Vienna Women's Club's youth scholarship fund. Admission $1. 703-255-6360.

Artists' Reception. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. With Brenda Drake and Mary Jane Cogan. Paintings and mixed media works. 703-757-8560.

WWII Karaoke Idol and Dance. 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., Vienna. $10-$25, WWII veterans wearing any part of their uniform are free. All proceeds benefit the Honor Flight program. 703-625-5736.

"Dandelion Wine." 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A man travels back in time to 1928 to recreate his childhood. Tickets $8 online, $10 at the door. www.madisondrama.com.

Chew the Fat Participatory Event. 1-4 p.m. at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the colonial farm family use fat to make soap, candles and more. $3 adults; $2 children and senior citizens. www.1771.org/directions.htm.

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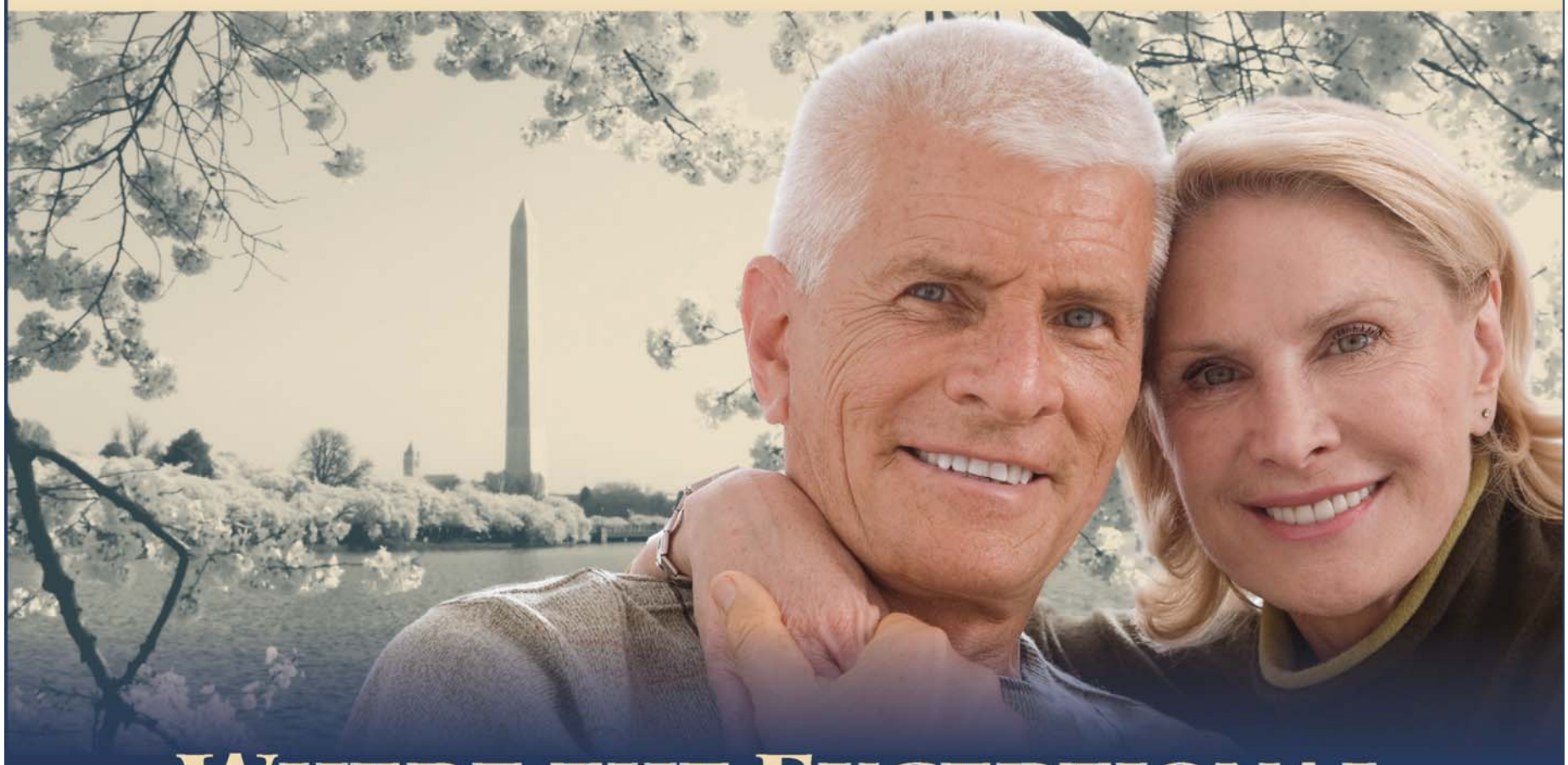

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Deep River CD Release & After-Party with Steve Moakler. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"The Story of Hansel and Gretel." 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A musical of the classic story. $10 adult, $5 students. Cast and crew talk-back after the matinee. www.oakcrest.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Hammered Dulcimer Player Maggie Sansone. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Traditional Celtic music, CD release of 'Wind Drift'. 703-759-3309 or www.oldbrogue.com.

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.

Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Folk dances that embody the country's diverse indigenous Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern cultures. Pre-performance discussions, free to ticket holders, begin 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets $26-$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. cfa.gmu.edu.

"Holiday." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A comedy of love, money and ambition by Philip Barry, set a year before the Great Depression. $25 adults, $15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststagetysons.org/holiday.

"Aesop's Fables." 2 p.m. ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church. A contemporary adaption of Aesop's classic tales. $12 adults, $10 students and seniors. 571-239-5288 or www.creativecauldron.org.

The Legacies of Aboliton. 6:30 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, Mclean. Katherine Chon, co-founder of Polaris Project, will speak on modern-day slavery and how to fight it. www.lewinsville.org/ce-salzman or 703-356-7200.

An Evening with Charlie Hunter. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 15

Offshore Energy: Oil Rigs or Wind Turbines? 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club will address the opportunities of offshore wind energy and the issues surrounding plans for offshore oil drilling off the coast of Virginia. Free, open to all. Refreshments served. ivymain@cox.net or 703-448-7618.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

Peter Himmelman and Robby Hecht. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

A Suffragist in 1917. 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Lynne Garvey-Hodge, a Fairfax County History Commissioner, will re-enact Mrs. Robert Walker to tell how women struggled for the right to vote, and will discuss the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton. This year is the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Sponsored by the Vienna Branch of American Association of University Women. Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

Colvin Run Schoolhouse Dance. 8 p.m. Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Traditional ballroom, latin and swing dancing, music by The Family Band. Cha Cha Cha lesson prior to the dance. Lesson $5, dance $12. Sodas & snacks available for purchase. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

Atlantic/Pacific, Duke Walker and Aaron Thompson. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17

Organ Recital by Edward Alan Moore. 1 p.m. Saint Luke Parish, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Recital by a member of the organ faculty at the Catholic University of America and former minister of music at various churches in the area. Free, all are welcome. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

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

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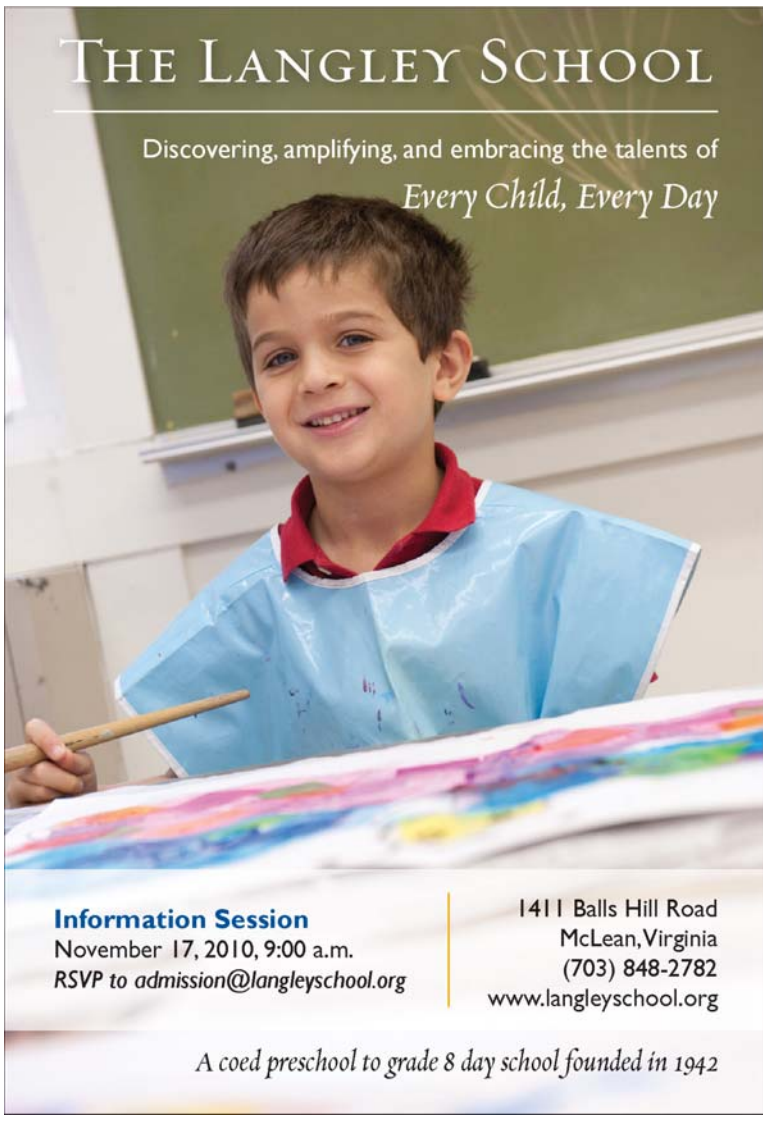


Schools

Viewpoints

Why do you think it's important to get involved in events like Stop Hunger Now [Story, Page 3]?

—Alex McVeigh

Lizzy Belair (left),
12th grade, Langley High School
"It's important because we have time to help other people, and it's important to go out and volunteer for a good cause."

Missy McDermott,
12th grade, Langley High School
"There's such a need to help the less fortunate all over the world, and it's something we should feel obligated to help when we can."

Trager Metge (left),
12th grade, Langley High School
"We're from an affluent area, and I think it's important that we're not the spoiled stereotype, that we really want to help, and we can help."

Will Baird,
12th grade, Langley High School
"Events like this are important because it's more than just donating money or writing a check, it's actually coming out and doing work."

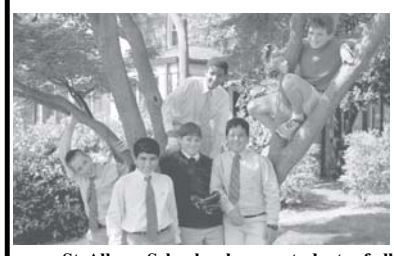
Kaden Calderwood,
11th grade, Langley High School
"Being at Langley, we're privileged and it's easy to take a lot for granted. To come out to events like this is our duty to help the less fortunate."

School Notes

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

Julia Smart of Great Falls was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship for 2010-11. Smart is an English Teaching Assistant at the University of Wroclaw, Poland for the academic year. Julia graduated from Langley HS in 2006 and Phi Beta Kappa from the College of William & Mary in 2009. She is the daughter of Jim and Patricia Smart of Great Falls.

St. Albans School Admissions Open House



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Cameran Alavi, Hilary Benjamin, Paulina Drucker, and **Matthew Goudreau** of Langley High School were selected to perform in the 2010 Virginia Honors Choir, at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention Nov. 20 in Norfolk.

Charles Baker of Great Falls, a senior in the University Honors program at Virginia Tech who is majoring in physics, biological sciences, and mathematics in the College of Science, has been selected as a 2010-11 ACC Undergraduate Research Scholar.

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OBITUARY

Melbourne, FL – Caroline Cooper Wills passed away on October 31, 2010 at her home in Melbourne, FL after a long illness, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disease. Born into an Army family at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, she was one of seven children of the late Colonel John Avery and Ona Gibson Cooper. After a childhood at several Army Posts, she graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC. She lived most of her adult life in the Washington area including forty years in McLean, VA. After graduating from Vassar College with a major in mathematics, she worked for IBM in Washington, DC for several years. As a computer programmer, she installed computer programs and trained federal employees to operate the IBM 360 Punch Card Computer for many government agencies including the CIA, FBI and Defense. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ona Cooper and Ella Cooper Thomas and three brothers; Colonel John A. Cooper, Jr., Lt. Robby Cooper (a WWII POW casualty) and Lieutenant General Kenneth Banks Cooper. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, R.W. Wills, formerly of Peterstown, WV and daughter Carey Wills Dixon and husband USCG Lt. Commander Richard H. Dixon, grandson, Robert Wills Dixon and granddaughter, Abigail Caroline Dixon presently residing in Covington, LA, one brother, Colonel Richmond J. Cooper and wife Janet Felton Cooper of Alexandria, VA, one sister in law, Virginia (Jenny) Cooper of Arlington, six nephews and one niece.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Chapel, Peterstown, WV with Pastor Jonathan Jennings officiating. Burial will follow in the Peterstown Cemetery, Rich Creek, VA. There will be no visitation. Online guestbook can be signed or condolence may be sent to the Wills Family at www.broyles-shrewsbury.com. Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown, WV.

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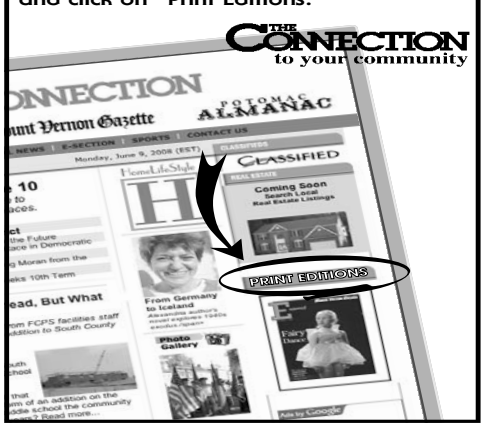

I Could Care More

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In addition to what "I Could Care Less" about (see last week's column) there are things that I care too much about. Things that, in the scheme of things/big picture (Cancer), shouldn't really matter, but unfortunately do, and disproportionately so at that. It's almost as if my brain is expending so much energy managing my emotions concerning the cancer; allowing me to live and behave in a semi normal-type routine, that the less significant issues in my life are left to fend for themselves. And it's these less significant issues fending for themselves that seem to occupy and affect my consciousness more than any other.

I don't worry about the cancer; I mean, I'm not consumed by it, anxious because of it, incapacitated having it. Hardly. I am affected by it, of course. I am different. I am living with a terminal disease – at age 56. Still, it doesn't keep me awake – any more. Nor does it keep me from getting out of bed, getting dressed, performing all the "activities of daily living." There are deficits to be sure but, overall, physically – and mentally, I'm functioning. All systems are not exactly go, but nor am I stuck in neutral either.

However, I do worry about things now that I never used to worry about. The kinds of things which long ago I stopped worrying about and/or had allocated/compartmentalized in a part of my brain/head which made living – for me, relatively manageable. Without being too specific – or boring, the things to which I'm referring are small things, unimportant things, things which doing or not doing or doing them now – or doing them later, or not even doing them at all or doing them in due course, seem to weigh on me more heavily than ever: shopping, laundry, banking, bill-paying, errands, preparing meals, travel/travel planning, etc.; mundane, everyday-type stuff. Stuff which had become second nature; heck, stuff which for me had become "third nature." But not anymore.

I don't mean to imply that I'm a bundle of nerves if I have to leave the house at a certain time to drive to an unknown destination, as one of many examples of everyday activities that now stress me out. But I am definitely no longer the "smooth operator" (inside joke) that I used to be. Moreover, it's not as if I can't get out of my own way or I'm a total klutz and/or incompetent (I didn't say incontinent; so far, that's not my problem), it's more about feeling unprepared, disorganized, forgetful, neglectful about things in life that require a certain attentiveness. And it's that lack of attentiveness to basic details, sort of, that worries me. None of it used to matter, now all of it seems to. It was never important, now it dominates what I think most about.

Doctor's appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, quarterly scans, refilling prescriptions; none of it bothers me. Deciding what to wear bothers/worries me more. Big stuff doesn't bother me. Little stuff does. In fact, the bigger the better I am; the smaller the stuff, the worse I am. I wish I could control it but, per last week's column, there are things that I simply can't control any more. And not being able to control things is scary because "control" is important to a cancer/terminal patient's survival – or so we've been told by the health care professionals treating/taking care of me. I'm not a lost cause or anything, yet, but I am wondering about cause and effect.

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

Neighbors Celebrate Halloween

McLean's Kings Manor neighborhood held their Halloween parade and pumpkin carving contest with more than 60 children participating in the parade, led by a fire truck. The parade ended in the park where the pumpkin carving contest took place. More than 100 residents attended the park party.

Faith Notes

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

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane in McLean, will host Christan scholar and author Diana Butler Bass on Saturday, Nov. 20, as part of the commemoration of the church's 50th Anniversary Year. Bass will discuss the church in the future, "Spiritual and Religion: The Shape of Congregations for a Vital Future". Contact janetysse@gmail.com or 703-734-0120.

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

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

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Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

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

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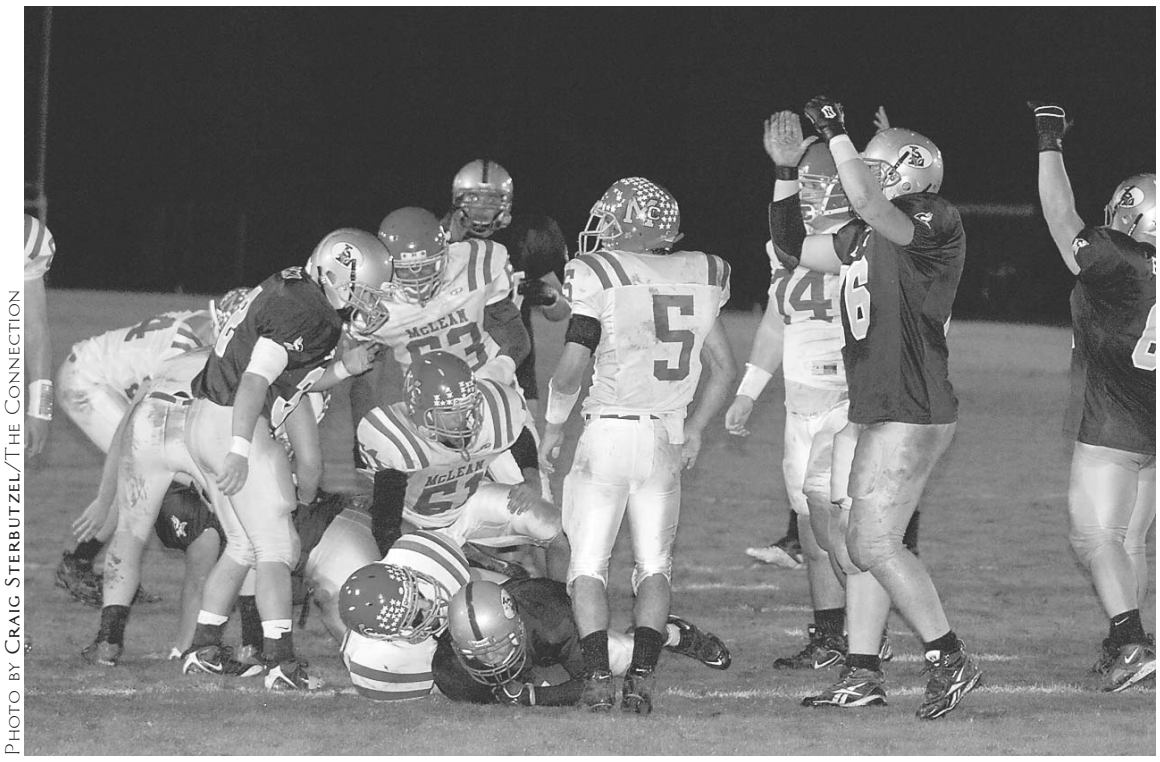

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Langley found the end zone on numerous occasions in a 56-12 victory last week over Liberty District and cross-town rival McLean, a team that won its first eight games this season The Saxons will be looking to carry that momentum into this week's playoff encounter against Lake Braddock.

Air Langley Set to Pay Bruins A Visit in Football Playoffs

Boyhood friends Poythress, Howerton will lead their teams against one another in Div. 6 matchup.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich might very well be the best player at his position in the Northern Region. But when Nebrich and his Bruins' teammates take the field this Friday night to play visiting Langley High in a first round Northern Region Div. 6 high school football playoff game at 7:30, they will be meeting an opponent that also has a top tier quarterback.

The Saxons have one of the most high-powered offenses in the region, thanks to gifted senior quarterback Braden Anderson and a couple other talented skill position standouts. In past years under longtime and current head coach John Howerton, Langley stressed a more conservative run-first offense with little emphasis on the passing game. Howerton said recently the Saxons never really had the gifted QB or receivers to put more emphasis on the aerial game.

But that has changed the last two seasons with Anderson behind the center. The 6-foot-3 inch signal caller has passed for a school record 2,300 yards this season in helping Langley to a 6-4 record over the regular season. His primary target has been 6-foot-2 inch wide receiver Troy Scharfen, who has over 1,500 pass receiving yards. Nebrich and wideout Matt Zanellato have been the region's top passing combination this season, but Anderson and Scharfen are undoubtedly second best and the Bruins' defense will have a tall order in slowing the Saxons' passing attack down. On top of its prolific air game, Langley boasts a 1,000-yard rusher in sophomore running back Philip Mun.

Howerton has always developed strong, fundamentally sound offensive lines and this year is no exception. The Saxons' front five have been the foundation for Langley's success in moving the football.

"Our line is very talented," said Howerton.

LAKE BRADDOCK (9-1), the defending Div. 6 region champion and this year's Patriot District champion, soundly defeated Langley, 49-10, back on Sept. 3 in both teams' season opener game played at Lake Braddock. That night, Nebrich completed 18-of-28 passes for 240 yards and four touchdown passes. He also ran the ball for 71 yards and two scores. Zanellato had a huge game, catching 11 balls, including three scoring catches, for 180 yards. Also, Tanner Quigley, a junior wideout, caught six balls for 41 yards and a score.

Meanwhile, on the Langley side that game, Anderson completed 20-of-39 passes for 243 yards. One of his completions was a 58-yard scoring pass to Scharfen, who caught 13 balls for 201 yards in that regular season meeting. But the Bruins' defense shut down the Langley running game, holding Mun to 32 yards.

"We were competitive with them in the first half," said Howerton, who's Saxons scored all 10 of their points in the second quarter and trailed at the intermission, 21-10. "We obviously had our hands full in trying to defend them."

Howerton said it's mandatory that the Langley defense not allow Nebrich to run the football for big yardage if the Saxons hope to upset Lake Braddock on Friday.

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Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

The McLean football team accumulated over 2,000 yards of rushing over the regular season.

McLean to Host Hayfield

Highlanders looking to regain momentum following late season losses.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

While the last two weeks of the regular season did not bode well for the McLean High football team, the overall 2010 regular season was a resounding success as the Highlanders went 8-2 and earned a No. 3 seeding for the upcoming eight-team Div. 5 Northern Region playoffs.

McLean will host No. 6 Hayfield in a first round game this Friday night at 7:30. The Hawks, coached by Roy Hill and members of the National District, went 6-4 over the regular season. They defeated Edison, 28-7, in their regular season finale last Friday night at home.

The Highlanders experienced a breakthrough regular season in which they were the talk of the region by winning week after week through eight weeks of the schedule. McLean was 8-0 before losing to region power and Liberty District champion Stone Bridge, 38-0, in Ashburn on Oct. 29. The Bulldogs, the top seed of the Div. 5 playoffs, are hosting Stuart this Friday night.

McLean, following the loss to Stone Bridge, concluded the regular season with a disappointing 56-12 loss at district and cross-town rival Langley last Friday night in front of a standing-room crowd of more than 3,500 fans. The Highlanders could not slow down a high-powered Langley offense in which Saxon quarterback Braden Anderson (19-of-30, 301 yards) threw for five touchdowns and running back Philip Mun rushed for over 200 yards and a touchdown. Langley will play at Lake Braddock in a Div. 6 playoff game on Friday.

"If we are going to be successful [in the playoffs], we need to prevent the big play, and control the ball on offense," said McLean head coach Jim Patrick. "This is something we have struggled with the last two weeks."

Whether or not McLean can put the past two weeks behind them and focus instead on the numerous successes it has had this season could be a factor in how the Highlanders fare against Hayfield.

"A real test of our teams' maturity will be moving on after the lopsided loss to Langley," said Patrick. "We need to put it behind us and concentrate on Hayfield."

HAYFIELD'S WINS this season have come over Marshall, Lee, Mount Vernon, Wakefield, Falls Church and Edison. Mount Vernon was the only one of those teams to not end up with a losing season. The Majors (5-5) will play at South Lakes in a Div. 5 playoff game on Friday.

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Pike, McLean. www.1771.org.

Brooke Fraser and Sam Bradley. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Celtic Family Band Leahy. 8 p.m. George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celtic melodies with traditional American and Canadian Christmas carols. $24-$48. Youth throught age 18 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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17th Annual Christmas Craft Show. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Hand-made gifts, jewelry, stationery, baby items, kitchen accessories, Thanksgiving and Christmas décor, pies and cakes, craft supplies, fabric and notions and more. Soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. Free admission. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

An Evening With Richard Shindell. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance. 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Friday night dance for 7th-8th graders. Dance to help the hungry: donate canned food, receive a dollar off admission. www.mcleancenter.org.

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Langley, McLean Attract 'Largest Crowd'

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"A big asset for him is that he can really run," said Howerton, of Nebrich. "You've got to have [a defender] hovering over the top [shadowing him] to account for that."

Howerton and Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress are lifelong friends. They grew up together on the Route 1 South corridor of Alexandria and both attended and played football at the old Fort Hunt High School in the late 1970s.

"Jim was one year behind me," said Howerton. "We had a paint business together in the summer."

During their early coaching days both worked together as assistants at West Potomac High School under former head coach Dale Eaton. Ultimately, Howerton took over for Eaton at the helm of the program and directed the Wolverines to a region title in 2000. Poythress was West Potomac's defensive coordinator that season.

Howerton said the two have remained close and talk about once a week over the phone, discussing their respective teams and exchanging thoughts on opponents. Now, the two buddies will see their respective teams clash in a postseason game that will end the season for the losing team.

THE BRUINS, in Friday's playoff encounter, will be going up against a Langley team coming off perhaps its most impressive win of the season – a week 10, 56-12 victory over Liberty District and cross-town rival McLean, a team that won its first eight games this season. Howerton said there were at least 3,500 fans in the Langley stadium for the game, the largest turnout he has seen during his tenure as the Saxons' head coach.

"There wasn't an empty seat in either bleacher," he said. "Capital One sponsored the game and it was a [fun] carnival atmosphere. Fans were lined up along the fence [surrounding the field]. It's the biggest home crowd I've ever seen here."

> "It's the biggest home crowd I've ever seen here."
> **— John Howerton, Langley High Head Coach**

The win for the Saxons helped avenge an overtime loss to the Highlanders a year ago when McLean had beaten Langley for the first time in 12 seasons.

"Our guys were chomping at the bit to play them," said Howerton, of his team's mindset going into last week's meeting against McLean.

"Certainly winning against a big rival like that and winning big might brighten the eyes of our kids," said Howerton, when asked if the triumph over the Highlanders will give the Saxons added confidence against the Bruins this week.

The coach said Langley is a much improved team than the squad Lake Braddock faced in the season's opening week.

"We're much better now than we were then and we've come a long way," said Howerton. "We're throwing the ball very well and we have a good running game."

Photo Courtesy/Kuprenas

Thomas Jefferson High runners and McLean residents Rekha Schnepf , Stephanie Marzen and Kelly Rogers prepare to run at the recent Liberty District cross country championships at Burke Lake Park. The trio was instrumental in helping the Colonials capture the girls' team title. Marzen finished third overall.

Sports Roundups

The Thomas Jefferson High girls' cross country team continued its undefeated season by winning the Liberty District championships on Oct. 27 at Burke Lake Park. All seven of the Colonial runners earned medals by finishing in the top 15. Finishing behind Jefferson in the team standings were second place Langley, third place Madison and fourth place McLean. Each of the top four teams went on to compete at last Saturday's Northern Region championships.

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Volunteers from Girl Scout Troop 2662 measure out ingredients for meals.

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Tim Mannix, Rotary Club member, speaks to the crowd about the sobering numbers of people who die because of hunger, and why it's important to help with causes such as Stop Hunger Now.

Stopping Hunger Now

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Members of the McLean football team wore their jerseys out to the early shift at the church. They started at 9 a.m., and were able to package 57,000 meals by 11:45 a.m.

"When we heard the numbers, that 30,000 people die every day [from hunger], it just struck me how unnecessary it was," said Bijan Peters, SGA president for McLean High. "It's impressive to see so many people come together, from eight-year-old girl scouts to 80-year-old veterans."

It was a Rotary Club District event where Hahne and other local Rotarians got the idea, and Regional Governor Horace McCormack says that spreading the word is one of their main goals.

"Our intent was to plant the seed at the regional conference and have it germinate in each of our local communities," he said.

ROTARY CLUB Health Hunger and Fitness district chair Andrea Coble said she was "so impressed with how many people in the community got involved, the supporters of this event really went above and beyond."

There was a gong in the room, which was rung for every 1,000 meals packaged. As the pile of empty boxes, 50-pound bags of rice and vegetables grew smaller, it sounded for the 100th and final time at 2:55 p.m.

"It was beautiful to stand back and see the community at work," said Rotary Club member Tim Mannix. "I think the kids will really remember this, touching and feeling the meals that will be feeding hungry people."

Members of the Rotary Club and Stop Hunger now are hoping that these events become a regular thing in this area. If enough events are scheduled, Stop Hunger Now can build a warehouse here, saving the expense of taking supplies and meals to and from Richmond.

More information about Stop Hunger Now can be found at www.stophungernow.org, or to inquire about holding a local event, e-mail mclean.stophunger@gmail.com.

From left, Jared Hahne, 17, and Katherine McGuire refill a bin with vegetable protein to be packaged, while Cooper McGuire, 10, watches.

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