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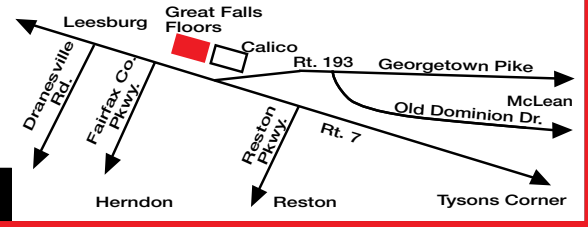
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**Last year's Great Falls Fourth of July Hometown Celebration featured more than 50 cars in the parade, and Celebrate Great Falls is searching for cars and floats for this year's parade. Prizes will be awarded for best float in the neighborhood, business and organization categories.**

## An Even More Festive Fourth

**Celebrate Great Falls looks to expand annual July 4th festivities.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

This year will be the first Fourth of July celebration in Great Falls done under the auspices of Celebrate Great Falls, and the group has some plans to make the festival bigger and better. Celebrate Great Falls was formed earlier this year to help coordinate the community's major events, the Fourth of July being one of them.

"We're looking for people in this community to stand up and be a part of the events," said Mary Chlopecki, the parade coordinator. "It's always a special thing to watch, but our goal is to engage the spectators like never before."

They have applied to have the parade route expanded, it will start on Columbine Road, take a left on Walker Road before looping around the Great Falls Village Centre. Celebrate Great Falls is also putting out the call for neighborhoods, organizations and businesses to create floats for the parade.

"It's a great opportunity for everyone in this community to show their support and get some exposure," said Julie Casso, one of the coordinators. "We know that this is one of

those events that people will show up for regardless, so we're trying to keep what everyone loves and just add some more."

The organizers envision a trophy in each category (business, organizations and neighborhoods) that will be passed to the winner each year, making it a point of pride with the businesses organizations and neighborhoods.

Celebrate Great Falls is also hoping to get more musical acts involved in both the parade and the festival.

"We'd love to have a band at the beginning of the parade, possibly a marching band or a Dixieland-style band," said Eric Partee of Celebrate Great Falls. "We're trying to give the parade some more length and depth that people all along the route will appreciate."

The day's events will officially start at 7:45 a.m. with the annual 5K Run/Walk that starts at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

The Little Patriot Parade will kick off first, with registration starting at 9 a.m. and the parade starting at 9:15. The Little Patriot Parade will feature the youngest members of the community decked out on their

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Visitors at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial stand for the Pledge of Allegiance Monday.

## Great Falls Honors Those Who Serve

**Freedom Memorial hosts annual Memorial Day Ceremony.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Langley senior Matthew Goudreau knows all about being in a military family. His mother was in the Navy and his brother is currently serving in the Marines on the USS Enterprise. So when the Thomas a Beckett Youth Choir and Ensemble, of which Goudreau is a member, was asked to perform at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial for Memorial Day, he was more than willing.

"I enjoy things like this, and I always like being able to help remember those who have served and still are serving our country," said Goudreau, who also performed at the memorial last Veterans Day as part of the Langley Madrigals. "This time it was a bit more casual than with the Madrigals, and we also had the ensemble behind us, which was nice."

Goudreau and the rest of the ensemble were part of dozens who gathered at the Freedom Memorial for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony Monday.

Ed Heberg, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Memorial, remembers growing up in Chicago where Memorial Day meant a double header at Wrigley Park for him and his brother.

"We didn't think of much else on Memorial Day then, but as the years went by, we both served in the Army and we recognized that this was an opportunity to celebrate what we have been given in this country," Heberg said. "My sister-in-law, my brother's wife, her father landed at Omaha Beach and is buried at Normandy, she never got to meet him. But every year around this time, she sends out an e-mail that reminds us why we use this day to celebrate and commemorate."

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**Retired Marine Col. William K. Rocky speaks at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday.**



**Calvin Follin reads the names of 24 Great Falls residents who have died serving their country while Sara Hilgartner rings a bell after each name at the Memorial Day Ceremony Monday.**



# Father Seeks the Truth About Friendly Fire

**Fighting for the truth to honor a soldier fallen in friendly fire.**

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI  
THE CONNECTION

The knock on the door that notified David Sharrett Sr. that his son had been killed fighting in Iraq is one that every military family dreads. The second knock at the door, four months later, informing him that it may have been friendly fire that killed his son, left deeper wounds that David Sharrett Sr. is attempting to heal by holding the Army accountable for its actions.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27, of Oakton, was in the 101st Airborne Division when he was killed in Balad, Iraq on Jan. 16, 2008. Two other American soldiers were killed during the same Al Qaeda ambush north of Baghdad. Pfc.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SHARRETT FAMILY

**Pfc. David Sharrett, of Oakton, was killed in Iraq on Jan. 16, 2008.**



**Pfc. David Sharrett at Fort Benning with his mother Vicki Irwin Sharrett and father David Sharrett Sr.**

David Sharrett was buried later that month with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

It was shortly after his son's burial that David Sharrett Sr. began hearing rumors that the official story wasn't true and friendly fire may have been involved.

David Sharrett Sr. and his four year fight to learn the truth about his son's death are included in a new movie currently touring the country. Titled, "A Second Knock At The Door," the film details the struggles of four families to learn

the truth about their loved ones' death and to hold the Army accountable for upholding its own policies about notifying families when friendly fire may have been the cause of a soldier's death. "I would much rather have this in my rear view mirror and to travel along the normal lanes of

grief, but you have to fight for what's right. [The Army] has made it difficult to shut the door," said David Sharrett Sr.

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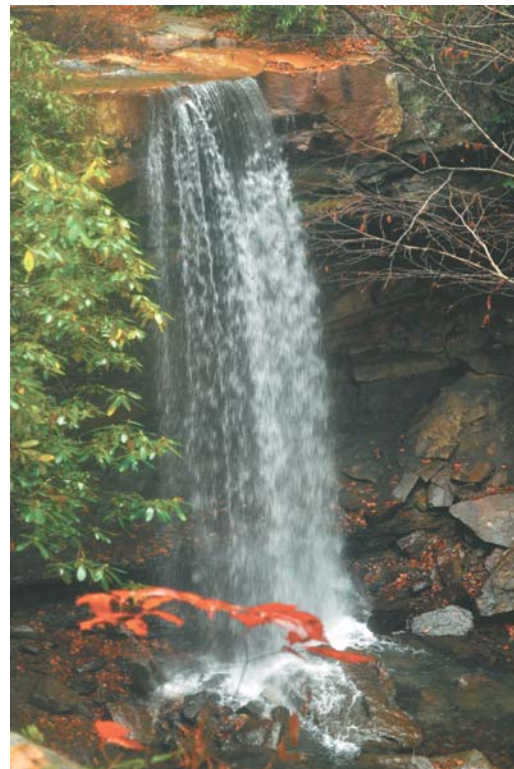
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Terri Parent, Cucumber Falls.

## 'Under the Influence' at The Artists' Atelier

Terri Parent, Photographer and Director of the Great Falls School of Art, will be having a solo exhibit at The Artists' Atelier, 1144 Walker Road, Suite H in Great Falls, June 1-30.

"My doctor says 55 is my new height. The calendar says 55 is my new age. But it is the year 54 that

I want to talk about. It has been a year of endless discoveries that have defined my work, reawakened my senses and changed me irrevocably. Under the Influence is a collection of my photographic work produced during this amazing year," the artist says in announcing the exhibit.

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**WEEK IN GREAT FALLS**

**Eleanor Anderson Weck, 72, Dies**

Eleanor Anderson Weck, 72, beloved daughter of Edith Delany Anderson, wife of Frederick W. Weck, and mother to Karen, Jennifer, and Christopher, passed away Friday, May 27, 2011.

She graduated in 1960 with a degree in Physics from The Catholic University of America, where she was a member of the University's rifle team. She worked at the National Bureau of Standards for three years and studied Theology at the Washington Theological Center. A lifelong resident of Virginia, she worked with her husband Fred to establish the Archdiocesan Music Program in the greater Washington D.C. area. Eleanor was unselfish in her support of others and dedicated herself to many worthy causes, including aiding Cambodian refugees. She was Lady Fairfax for the Dranesville District in 2007 in acknowledgement of her dedicated work with the Great Falls Trailblazers.

She is survived by her husband and her three children. She will be missed by her family and by all the people with whom she worked and volunteered.

There will be a visitation at Money and King Funeral Home, 171 W. Maple Ave., Vienna, VA on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 5- 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at the chapel of St. Anselm's Abbey Church, 4501 South Dakota Ave., NE Washington, D.C. 20017 on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Great Falls Trailblazers, P.O. Box 844, Great Falls, VA 22066.

**Jacques' Brasserie Officially Opens**

"Jacques' Brasserie at LAuberge," Chef Jacques Haeringer's a la carte brasserie menu, has moved to its permanent home in a newly remodeled dining room this month. The more casual "winstub," which also has its own entrance off the lower parking lot, is open Tuesdays through Saturdays for dinner starting at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Sundays from 3 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Reservations are not required. Prices range from \$15 for appetizers and salads, to \$20 - \$30 for entrees. House desserts are also offered along with a selection of Alsatian wines.

"After my trip to Alsace last year, I wanted to create a traditional 'winstub' at the restaurant, much like the ones we visited," Haeringer said. "Now we have a casual dining room where neighbors can drop by for a glass or two of wine and a small bite or light dinner every evening."

The a la carte Brasserie menu includes traditional Alsatian dishes such as: Tarte Flambée (Alsatian-style pizza); Charcuterie; Fresh oysters and mussels; Organic Chicken in Riesling; Traditional and Fish Sauerkrauts; Pinot Noir Braised Ribs.

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**Gallagher Makes 'Top 25 Consultants' List**

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to Consulting magazine's list of the Top 25 Consultants for 2011.

Gallagher, recognized by Consulting for her "Excellence in Financial Services," leads KPMG's U.S. Financial Services Regulatory Practice. She and her team work with some of the largest global financial services firms to anticipate and address regulatory risks and challenges affecting business strategies and operations.

"I want to thank Consulting for recognizing my accomplishments, which truly reflect the work of so many talented people at KPMG," said Gallagher.

Mark A. Goodburn, KPMG LLP vice chairman and head of Advisory, said, "I couldn't think of a better choice for this recognition. In addition to Linda being one of our most talented leaders, she is also a wonderful person. I congratulate Linda on behalf of the leadership team at KPMG, and wish her continued success in the future."

Gallagher has more than 30 years of financial services experience, focusing primarily on regulatory matters.

A resident of Great Falls, Gallagher earned a B.S. degree in Accounting from The University of Alabama.

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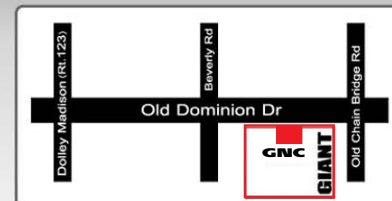
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# OPINION

## Together, We Can Make an Impact

### Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure takes place on June 4 on the National Mall.

BY NANCY G. BRINKER

For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer — both for those battling the disease today and those who may be impacted in the future. This bold statement of unity has given hope to millions and has helped fuel critical investments in breast health programs and cutting-edge research that is saving lives every day.

We can be proud of how far we've come. And we can be proud of the work that we do in communities everywhere. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events worldwide. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

All this walking has paid off too. In the U.S., we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the ben-

efits of early detection. In many communities, health care systems are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

Here too, in the communities surrounding our nation's capital, many women do not fully understand the disease and are often confused about the importance of early detection. Many women still struggle to get off work or find the time to navigate a fragmented health care system that sends them far from home or work for screenings and doctor's appointments — especially if they are under or uninsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both right here and abroad. On June 4 on the National Mall, we will host the 22nd running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here to help local women in our community. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

And let me be honest, we have a lot of work to do.

Over the past two decades, we have invested more than \$28 million in education and outreach programs in the National Capital Area. These investments are increasing awareness and improving the care women in our region receive. We've had some great successes. In Montgomery County, Md., for example, we have helped to reduce mammography wait times from 100 days to five days, and we have cut the wait between diagnosis and treatment nearly in half. In many instances, this improved efficiency not only increased patients' chances at survival, it also likely reduced the cost of treatment by starting at an earlier, less costly stage.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diag-

nosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C., are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

Awareness is not enough. Women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We find that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence.

The region's overly fragmented health care system also produces substantial barrier to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help. We need to make it easier for women to take good care of themselves.

Thanks in large part to the funds raised last year, we're investing \$4.5 million this year in local programs to increase breast health education and to break down barriers to accessing care. Through these grants, we're reaching more women, elevating their understanding and teaching nurses and doctors how to more effectively serve this incredibly diverse population. And we're leading an effort to get the system to work together, in a more efficient and effective manner, so that women don't fall through the cracks and treatments aren't needlessly delayed.

While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

*Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker is the founder and C.E.O. of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The 22nd Annual Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure will be held June 4 on the National Mall. For more information or to register, visit [www.globalracefortheCure.org](http://www.globalracefortheCure.org)*

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Our Family Garden Starting a garden and buying local produce helps to reduce carbon footprint.

BY MICHAEL L. LIPFORD  
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

I recently spent a day working in the garden with my three girls. We harvested spinach, lettuce and asparagus, and planted tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and some of our favorite herbs, including basil and dill. After we cleaned soil from our tools and shoes, I couldn't help feeling a sense of pride along with my tired muscles.

Our garden provides a large part of our family's diet, and we also fish and hunt for much of our protein. We also grow enough to sell at our local farmer's market on Saturdays, along with fresh bread and eggs. By working together in our garden, we not only grow our own food, but also we grow closer as a family.

Of course, not everyone has the space or inclination to garden,

hunt or fish. But you can still connect with nature — and one another — through the choices you make about your family's food.

When friends ask what they can do to help our planet and give something back to Virginia's lands and waters, one recommendation I typically share this time of year is to eat locally and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season. Here in Virginia, we are lucky to have farm and farmer's markets throughout the state producing some of the best sweet corn, heirloom tomatoes, peaches and many other delicious choices to fill out a summer menu with family and friends.

You often hear the term "carbon footprint" as it relates to our travel habits or other energy choices, but sometimes we may forget that our food also produces a carbon footprint. One of the ways you can

reduce your impact is by eating foods grown locally. A food item that travels shorter distances from the farm to your table produces less greenhouse gas emissions and often requires little or no packaging. The real bonus is in freshness that you can taste.

You can find local in-season produce and other goods at nearby grocery stores, at farmers markets or through a community-supported agriculture program (CSA). A quick online search in Virginia on [www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org) turned up 140 CSA options and more than 80 farmers markets. Plus, you will have the opportunity to meet the people growing your food and support Virginia's hard-working farmers and ranchers.

Eating more locally grown vegetables is good for the planet and good for your health, and it's a

great way to connect your children with nature. The Nature Conservancy works closely with people who produce our food — farmers, ranchers and fishermen — all over the world. I invite you to check out some of the resources we offer to get you started thinking about food and nature, visit [www.nature.org/earthday](http://www.nature.org/earthday).

Isn't it time to make better choices and possibly start some new family traditions? So enjoy the spring and summer vegetables, enjoy time with your family and enjoy the natural landscapes of Virginia. Before you know it, the kids will be heading back to school and the autumn chill will be in the air. And then we can look forward to broccoli, collard greens, apples and fall vegetables!

*Michael L. Lipford is Virginia executive director for The Nature Conservancy*

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# NEWS

## Honoring Heroes in Great Falls

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**THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER** for the event was Marine Col. William K. Rockey, who spent more than 30 years in the Marine Corps, serving in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

"When I come to an event like this, at first you tend to think of the top heroes, people like Audie Murphy and Alvin York," he said, speaking of two highly decorated soldiers of World War II and World War I, respectively. "But you don't have to have a fancy name to be a hero."

He spoke of his father-in-law, who immigrated to the United States from Greece and survived a sunken submarine and being gassed during wars overseas.

"He was extremely patriotic, for the rest of his life, whenever the colors went by, he would stop and place his hand over his heart," Rockey said. "He is mine and my wife's hero."

Calvin Follin read the names of 24 Great Falls citizens who have passed away while serving their country, as well as the ones who were killed when American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on 9/11. After each name was read, Sara Hilgartner rang a bell to commemorate each life lost.

The ceremony concluded with Boy Scouts from Troop 55 raising the flags from their half-mast position to the top of the pole, followed by a performance of the national anthem.

Scout Clayton Barber, 17, said it was a nice way for the troop to spend Memorial Day.

"It was nice to do something a little more personal, a little closer to home, we usually drive into Washington, D.C.," he said. "Although I've never served, I'd like to think that seeing those flags raised meant something to the people in the audience that had served."

Charles Sampson, 14, a scout from Troop 55, said it was "pretty amazing to see everyone gather around to celebrate what people have done to serve this country."

**THE GREAT FALLS FREEDOM MEMORIAL** hosts ceremonies on Memorial Day, 9/11 and Veterans Day and it will also serve as the starting point for the annual Fourth of July Race, which starts this year at 7:30 a.m.

## Celebrating Fourth in Style

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most patriotic attire. A variety of awards will be given to participants, whose ages can range from newborn to kindergarten.

The regular parade will begin at 10 a.m., and there will be other festivities food and fun at the Village Green until 12:30 p.m. The Friends of the Fireworks will present their annual fireworks show at Turner Farm, with activities starting at 6 p.m. and fireworks beginning after dusk.

Drivers interested in showing off their cars in the parade are asked to register online, as there are only about 60 available spots.

Celebrate Great Falls is also seeking talent acts, such as magicians, jugglers, stilt walkers, drill teams, clowns, unicyclists or anything else that would lend itself to the parade atmosphere.



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**This year's Fourth of July parade in Great Falls will feature a Little Patriot Parade, where children from newborns to kindergartners can dress up in their red, white and blue.**

More information on how to register a float, car, talent or to volunteer can be found at [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).



### Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch Bridge Replacement Fairfax County

Design Public Hearing

Monday, June 27, 2011, 5 – 8 p.m.

A brief presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

Forestville Elementary School

1085 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls, VA 22066

**Find out** about the proposed project to replace, widen and lengthen the Beach Mill Road (Route 603) bridge over Nichols Branch in Fairfax County.

**Review** project information and the environmental document in the form of a programmatic categorical exclusion at [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org), at the public hearing, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed bridge replacement on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available at the hearing.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the hearing or submit them by **July 8, 2011** to Mr. Leonard "Bud" Siegel, P.E. at the VDOT District Office address above. You may also e-mail comments to [meeting\\_comments@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov). Please reference "Beach Mill Road Bridge Replacement" in the subject line.

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**Katie Nigsch-Fairfax, Edward C. Nagle and Matt Dewberry (rear) in the 1st Stage production of 'By Jeeves.'**

# Light-hearted Comedy

**'By Jeeves' at 1st Stage.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Don't try to make sense of it. That will defeat the entertainment of "By Jeeves" at 1st Stage. A whimsical musical comedy; earnestly accomplished lighthearted fun by a large ensemble cast out to please. If you enjoy that very peculiar British sense of absurdity full of visual and verbal foolishness often scolding the upper classes with tongue firmly in cheek this is for you.

"By Jeeves" is best described as a flimsy frolic. A missing banjo at a church gathering somewhere in England in the mid-1930s starts the roller coaster ride. There are any number of mistaken identities, several star-crossed lovers, speedy word plays that hit and miss and about 10 songs with music that provides a wave to carry everything forward. At the end love conquers all.

"By Jeeves" is the trifle of the mind of Alan Ayckbourn who wrote the book and lyrics based upon the works of that British writer P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975). Music was composed by Tony Award winning Andrew Lloyd Webber usually known for lush, big musicals such as "Cats," or "Evita."

**DIRECTOR STEVIE ZIMMERMAN** is new to the Washington, D.C. area and does fine with the frivolity. With Music Director Jeffrey Newberger

## Where and When

### "BY JEEVES" AT 1ST STAGE

1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, Tickets: \$15-\$30. Performances through June 19. Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., and Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Call 703-854-1856 or visit <http://1ststage.com>

they have cast 10 dynamos. The ensemble is fearless as only youth can be in hitting their comic marks as the production picks up speed. With the simple choreographed dances and movement by Jordan Gehley, the cast moves breathlessly with rarely a missed beat. The costuming by Cheryl Wu is delicious.

Many in the ensemble have terrific voices and most carry notes well. The lively music is cued up and played admirably by pianist Billie Whittaker and bassist Jon Steele. The voices are especially lovely in duets and larger numbers. Voice standouts include Katie Nigsch-Fairfax, Paul R. Scanlan and Joshua Rosenblum.

The first-rate touch of Matt Dewberry as valet Jeeves is central. He is above the inane higher-class mores of his man and protagonist Bertram Wooster played by Edward C. Nagel in his profession debut.

The work of Dewberry is inspired; he speaks few lines and then with a coolly clipped diction; careful in presentation. Dewberry's greatest gift is his demeanor; twinkling eyes, lifted eyebrows, a titled face with turned down mouth, with a smirk and a quiet look of disdain. He is the underlying strength to the evening. The cast uses him for protection when the going gets way out there.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### THURSDAY/JUNE 2

**"Jack and the Bean-Stalk."** 12 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at [www.1ststage.com](http://www.1ststage.com) or 703-854-1856.

**Bill Cosby.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in house, \$20 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).  
**Jesse Malin: Night of Stories and Songs.** 8 p.m. Jaminin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamininjava.com](http://www.jamininjava.com).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 3

**"By Jeeves."** 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical inspired by the P. G. Wodehouse stories of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. \$30 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststage.com](http://www.1ststage.com).

**I Can Make a Mess Like Nobody's Business, Into It Over It and Mansions** at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Future and Chris Collat Band** at 10 p.m. Jaminin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamininjava.com](http://www.jamininjava.com).

**New Majority Comedy Tour Starring Gabriel Iglesias & Russell Peters.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Lisa Lampanelli. Tickets \$49.50-\$75 through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT and 410-547-SEAT. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**German American Exchange Concert.** 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The McLean HS Chamber Orchestra performing with forty students from Detmold Jurgendorfer of Detmold, Germany. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Grieg's Piano Concert, Leroy Anderson's The Typewriter and more. Free, donations welcome. [www.mhsorchestra.org](http://www.mhsorchestra.org).

**Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players. Tickets \$8-\$50. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**"Under the Influence" is a solo exhibit of photographs by Terri Parent, on display through June 30 at the Artists Atelier Gallery, 1144 Walker Road, Suite H in Great Falls.** [parent.terri@gmail.com](mailto:parent.terri@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 4

**Skirmish at Fairfax Court House Reenactment and Living History Day.** Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. A reenactment of the first organized land engagement of the Civil War will occur from 1-2 p.m. west of the Courthouse grounds at the corner of North and Main Streets.

After the skirmish reenactment meet the Cavalry and infantry reenactors at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, to talk about the reenactment, what it was like for soldiers in the 19th century, and explore the historic Blenheim Estate. Also at the Blenheim Estate will be the Virginia Historical Society panel exhibit, An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia, from May 23 to June 6. Free. 703-591-0560.

### Manassas Heritage Railway Festival & Civil War Weekend.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas. Step into a military encampment on the museum lawn as living historians from Confederate and Union regiments demonstrate wartime medicine, musket and artillery fire, and camp life. Free crafts for children, tours of historic caboose, music, and model railroad displays a community celebration of Manassas Railway heritage. Outside activities free, \$1 Museum admission. 703-369-1873.

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**Barney Live in Concert: Birthday Bash!** 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Celebrate Barney's birthday with more than 25 upbeat sing-along tunes. Tickets \$20-\$30, \$45 Gold Circle Seats and \$75 Dino Seats also available. 703-573-SEAT or [www.barneylive.com](http://www.barneylive.com).

**Billy T's Time Machine.** 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike - Falls Church. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Books, magazines and more for adults and children. [TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or 703-790-8088.

**Tea and Chocolate.** 1 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Discussion and sampling. \$25. Registration required at 703-759-2771.

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 400 Center St. S., Vienna. Tours of the fire equipment. Refreshments available for purchase. Free admission. [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).  
**Colvin Run Community Hall Dance.** 10201 Colvin Run Road Great Falls. Live music by The Family



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**Renee Schmidt, Jack Mead and Maryam Bada drawing from the casts during the Monday after school Progressive Drawing Class at The Great Falls School of Art.**

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## Langley High Orchestra to Present Pops Concert

The Langley High School Orchestra will present its highly anticipated Pops Concert on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in the Langley HS Auditorium. The culmination of a year for the Langley's Blue-Ribbon winning program will be a rendition of "The Final Countdown," performed by the graduation Class of 2011. The orchestra will also explore the potential of pop music such as Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" and Haddaway's "What is Love," including break dancers and dramatic stage lighting and effects.

The orchestra will also perform film soundtracks by the contemporary composer Hans Zimmer. This will include "Spirit" from the animated motion picture and "The Dark Knight," where they will join forces with volunteers from the band program.

The evening will also feature performances by some of the graduating seniors. Jeffrey Principe will present a movement of Copland's Clarinet Concerto; David Parker will be featured in Saint-Saens' Septet for Trumpet, Strings, and Piano; and percussionist Craig Hunter will lead one of his own original compositions titled "Lost Days of Summer."



**Langley High School artists - seniors Lizi Lim, Rebecca Chung, and Karen Pan and Junior James Cho - have created the Lady Gaga/Andy Warhol style print for the Pops concert.**



The concert is free and members of the community are encouraged to attend.

## BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 2

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. 703-281-9515.

**Introvert vs. Extrovert: Networking, Interviewing and Business Strategies.** 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. How being an introvert or extrovert affects work relationships and corporate culture. Techniques for networking, interviewing and more. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. 703-281-4928 ext. 276.

**Virtual Art Workshop.** 10:15 a.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. "Drawing with Pastel and Charcoal: Tips and Techniques." Bring art supplies to work along with the DVD. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsociety.org).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 4

**Core Strength Training.** 8 a.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Instructed by Maria Spearman. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Missions Yard Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Toys, clothes, linens, luggage, yard

tools, books, furniture, paintings, vases, electronics, computers and more. Refreshments for sale. All proceeds benefit church mission projects. [www.andrewchapelumc.org](http://www.andrewchapelumc.org).

**Benefit Garage Sale.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 9510 Francis Young Lane, Vienna. Proceeds will benefit youth attending Antioch Christian Church camp. Power tools, snow skis, furniture, pet items, camping and RV items, shower stall, stool and vanity with sink, clothing, mower and weed eater, videos, books, solo-flex and more. 703-938-6753.

**Shopping Expo.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, Vienna. Handmade goods, vendors, flea market and garage sale items. [christianmemories@comcast.net](mailto:christianmemories@comcast.net) or 703-938-2006.

**A free public screening of the documentary on Lyme disease: "Under Our Skin,"** 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library (Patrick Henry Meeting Room), 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. More information about the film can be found at: <http://www.underourskin.com/>. Following the film will be a Q & A session with a healthcare provider. There will also be time after 4 p.m. for informal discussion.



## Here's What's Happening at MCC

**Summer Session Class Registration is Open!**

MCC is offering an exciting assortment of summer camps, classes, community events, youth activities and visual and performing arts programs this summer. Jump in!

**Alden Theatre McLean Kids Series**  
Theatreworks USA's production of  
**Click, Clack, Moo**

**Sunday, June 5, 3 p.m.**  
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**Old Firehouse Teen Center**  
**Rising 7th Grader Dance**

**Friday, June 10, 7-10 p.m.**  
\$5 members/\$10 all others

OFTC invites all rising 7th graders to join the fun at this dance for prospective new members. Teens can come and bring a friend to this special dance with concessions and carnival food.

**Young Soloists Recital**  
**Sunday, June 19, 3 p.m.**

Admission is free; tickets are not required.

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## SCHOOLS

**Jolana Jordan will retire at the end of this school year after 27 years as a bus diver, 23 of which were spent driving for Forestville Elementary School.**



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THE CONNECTION

## Hail to the Bus Driver

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lmost 30 years ago, Jolana Jordan, her husband Hugh and their two young daughters moved from Herndon to Great Falls. Jordan felt like she needed to find a job, and after her husband came across an ad in a local paper for a school bus driver, she figured it would be a nice temporary job.

“It was purely by accident. But they let me take my kids with me, and that meant I could raise them myself while working, not someone else at a day care,” Jordan said. “But it was only supposed to be temporary, I would leave when my kids got older.”

After 27 years, Jordan is finally ready to call it quits on her temporary job after a generation of serving the area’s children. She has driven for Forestville El-

ementary for 23 years, but she has also driven for Langley, Herndon, South Lakes and James Madison High Schools, as well as Navy and Armstrong Elementary Schools.

“I loved every day of it. It gives you a whole new outlook on the kids too. When you’ve driven some of them from elementary school all the way through high school, there isn’t a lot you don’t know,” she said.

Forestville Principal Matt Harris has been at the school for eight years, and he calls Jordan “completely unflappable” while performing the difficult job.

“She sometimes has 60-70 students at a time, and she’s always calm, and she handles so many situations on her own,” Harris said. “In the eight years I’ve been here, she’s come to me only twice with issues. She’ll take advice, but she also wants to handle

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# SCHOOLS

## School Buses Less Respected, Retiring Driver Says

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things herself.”

**FORESTVILLE** first grader Kendall Ladd says Jordan must have one of the hardest jobs in the world, “because the bus is so long, it must be impossible to turn.”

Jordan owns two dogs and a cat, which students say she loves to talk to them about. Her love of animals extends beyond her house as well.

“Just this morning she saw a turtle trying to cross the road, and rather than run over, it, she stopped, and the safety patrols went out and moved it out of the road,” said Katie Feng, a fifth grader at Forestville. “She’s always great with the safety patrols. We sit up front and she loves to talk to us.”

Many of her students do an impression of Jordan, who was born in Australia and still has an accent. Forestville fifth grader Ellie West knows that when someone is

standing up on the bus, Jordan is soon to follow with an “Oi! Sit down!”

Megan Carlon, a fifth grader at Forestville, remembers Jordan always correcting overheard grammar mistakes.

“Sometimes someone will say, ‘We was playing’ and she’ll make sure we know to say ‘were’ instead,” Carlon said. “One time I came on the bus and said ‘I brung you something’ and she just said, ‘brought, sweetie, it’s brought.’”

But school buses are also a place where students get out there before and after-school mischief, and Jordan has seen more than her fair share of that.

She recalled an instance when a group of students tore up piles of newspapers on the bus and left the shreds behind on a Friday afternoon. After the day was through, she picked up all the scraps in a trash bag, and by the time Monday rolled around, those same students got on the bus to find the torn paper sitting there, waiting for them

to clean it up.

“Sometimes you just have to play their game,” she said. “You don’t scream and yell, that’s when they’ve got you.”

But that doesn’t mean she is above helping students who truly need help.

“One time a drink spilled in my backpack, and got everywhere,” West said. “I tried to stay behind before school to clean everything up, but Mrs. Jordan told me to go to class, and she cleaned it up.”

**OVER THE PAST 27 YEARS**, Jordan has seen many changes in her profession, both good and bad.

“Getting air conditioning on the bus was a dream come true,” she said. “I can remember doing summer school runs and being stuck on the beltway in 90 degree days and I could just feel the sweat pouring down my legs.”

One of the negative changes is a common complaint of the Northern Virginia area: the

increased traffic.

“The traffic is the worst change I’ve witnessed. I can remember bringing students from Herndon High School to Chantilly High School when Fairfax County Parkway was brand new, and I’d be one of the only vehicles on the road,” she said. “But now it’s evolved into something awful.”

She says people have become less respectful of buses in general. She remembers one incident where she was stopped with red lights flashing, and a car just went past her. After catching up to the driver at a light, she rolled her window down and asked why, and the driver told her, “I didn’t have time to stop.”

“The challenge is to really stay aware. Parents are subconsciously trusting me to make sure their kids are getting to school comfortably and safely,” she said. “But on roads like Walker Road or Georgetown Pike, cars will whip past me on the left over a double-yellow line like it’s nothing.”

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# Dulles Rail in Crisis?

Rising costs, station choice and ideology sow discord rolling into Phase 2.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

First of a two-part series.

In the space of two months, the handling of the Dulles rail project by the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority has come under a major legal attack, a challenge by a senior member of Congress, the angry criticism of the governor of Virginia and has outraged the members of the Fairfax and Loudoun Boards of Supervisors.

❖ On April 6, the MWAA voted to select an underground station design at Dulles International Airport that will cost an estimated \$325 million more than the competing above-ground plan, raising the Phase 2 cost of the \$6 billion project \$1 billion more than previous estimates.

❖ The governor of Virginia and the supervisors of Fairfax and Loudoun counties angrily attacked the MWAA and said that the Virginia partners in the project will not pay the additional costs.

❖ On April 14, two users of the Dulles Toll Road sued the MWAA in Federal Court challenging its constitutional right to collect tolls, the second lawsuit on this issue in recent years. The current funding plan calls for motorists who use the Dulles Toll Road to pay for nearly 60 percent of the rail project, some \$3.7 billion.

❖ On May 10, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives that would make it easier to replace members of the MWAA, increase the authority's size and increase the number of Virginia members from five to nine persons. Wolf claims the current MWAA board has "lost sight of its primary mission of serving airport passengers and residents of the surrounding communities."

MWAA has stumbled on other issues this year. In March, seven members of the MWAA board voted informally to hire Nathaniel Ford, currently chief executive of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, at \$375,000 a year to be the new chief executive of an authority that operates two airports as well as the rail-to-Dulles project. He had no airport experience and it was only learned after the vote that that he owed \$75,000 in back taxes. The search for a chief executive continues.

Only last week, the MWAA Dulles rail management team got into a major fight with West Falls Church citizens groups and



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**Leesburg Pike (Route 7) will be expanded from six lanes to eight lanes between Route 123 and the Dulles Toll Road as part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail construction. The Route 7 expansion is necessary to make room for the future Metrorail line through Tysons Corner.**

several members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors trying to get zoning approval to build a "control station" on Fisher Avenue. The MWAA won the vote only on a technicality of zoning law, but testimony at the meeting disclosed that MWAA chose one site in 2007 and held it for four years before deciding it was not suitable. Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) called the MWAA's behavior during the weeks of debate over the location "arrogant."

One key issue that has dogged the rail project is its reliance for financing on tolls from the Dulles Toll Road. In 1984, when the road opened for traffic, tolls were used to pay for operations and support \$57 million in debt to finance the 16-mile road. Using the tolls to fund the rail project could be an example of "mission creep."

Then, in 2005, the first of two crucial developments occurred. The tolls were raised in May to finance a bond issue for the Dulles Rail project — a move the lawsuit asserts was unconstitutional because, if the tolls are not used solely for the road, it becomes a tax and only officials elected by the people can level taxes under both the Virginia and U.S. Constitutions.

At almost the same time, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority took over the road as a device to secure bonds for building the new Dulles corridor rail.

According to a report by the Tollroadsnews.com, a national electronic newspaper covering toll-charging entities throughout the United States, the estimates of toll levels' impact on traffic use changed sharply between 2005 and 2009.

In 2005, the Wilbur Smith Associates reported to VDOT, which then ran the Dulles Toll Road, that "a \$2 toll would maximize revenues." Wilbur Smith added, however,

that "toll rates cannot be increased without bound. At a high enough price, potential customers will find other ways of completing their journeys and will not pay the higher toll."

By 2009, Wilbur Smith Associates took a new view of its income potential in a report to MWAA, characterizing Dulles Toll Road as being in a corridor of high income people who would place a high value on saving time and said "the long term economic and demographic outlook is very favorable."

"Revenue soars under the 2009 forecast along with steeply higher tolls," the Tollroadsnews reported.

The actual use of the road dipped slightly in 2008 primarily due to the slowing of the economy.

Now with billions in rail construction on the line, MWAA is faced with a dilemma. It needs to raise tolls to pay for Dulles rail, but in doing so, MWAA may put its primary source of funding at risk.

MWAA took over operation of the road from the Virginia Department of Transportation in 2005. Until that time MWAA's expertise had been in airport management.

Though called the Dulles rail project, the real impetus for getting it underway some 40 years after the airport was opened was the extraordinary growth created by the Dulles airport in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Reston, Herndon and Tyson's Corner were villages and farmland when Dulles opened.

Now to drive to Dulles from the Capital Beltway is to pass endless rows of giant corporate buildings and vast expanding communities.

The principle role of the Metro line will be to carry residents from those areas to the Pentagon, Washington and beyond.

## Metrorail Schedule

According to Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority website:

**Construction of Phase 1** of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is underway with efforts concentrated in Tysons Corner where preparations for construction of a short tunnel, the beginnings of station foundations and installation of the first pier to support the guideway are taking place.

**Phase 1** will run from the East Falls Church Metro Station westward with four stations in Tysons Corner to the Wiehle Avenue Station at the eastern edge of Reston. Revenue service will begin in late 2013.

**Phase 2**, opening in 2016, has six stations – Reston Parkway, Herndon-Monroe, Route 28, Dulles Airport, Route 606 and Route 772.

At a hearing on the new rail line, former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) said airline passengers would only make up some 7 percent of the riders of riders when it is built. He is quoting an estimate by Dulles Corridor Users Group, which is often critical of the MWAA.

The estimate may not be far off. Maryland's Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) has had its own rail station for years and is served by MARC and Amtrak and Baltimore light rail. The airport reports that 99 percent of its passengers use bus, cab or private car to reach BWI.

A slightly higher percentage of the BWI workforce uses rail, and it is estimated at Dulles that a significant portion of the 13,000 airport workers will use the Dulles Rail.

To attend a MWAA meeting in its crowded little conference room at the north end of Reagan National Airport is to begin to comprehend the enormity of MWAA's task and its struggle to bring organized management to bear on its projects.

The room is packed with the board's employees: police and security experts, landing rights experts, airport management experts, personnel experts and construction company experts.

On the day the MWAA selected the higher priced Metro headquarters, the meeting room was so crowded the authority put dozens of interested parties in a separate meeting room a floor away.

The atmosphere suggests that managing two of the most active airports in the United States 23 million passengers passed through Dulles in 2009 and 17 million through Reagan and running a \$6.7 billion rail construction project has overtaxed a body virtually unchanged since it was created 25 years ago.



# Langley Boys Reach Region Soccer Semifinals

**Galiani overtime goal lifts Saxons past Mount Vernon Majors.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**B**oth the Langley and Mount Vernon High boys' soccer teams have known their share of overtime games at the Northern Region playoffs over the past two years. A year ago, the Majors defeated Langley in a first round region playoff overtime affair before falling to Robinson in double overtime in the quarterfinals.

At this year's regionals, both teams won first round overtime playoff games last Wednesday, May 25 — the Majors ending Robinson's season, 2-1, and the Saxons eliminating T.C. Williams, also by a 2-1 score.

It was probably quite fitting then, that the two non-district foes — Mount Vernon from the National District, and Langley of the Liberty District — would once again, in last Friday night's region quarterfinals playoff meeting, go beyond regulation play.

Langley, in a game interrupted late in the first half by a lightning/thunder storm, avenged last year's postseason heartache defeat at the hands of the Majors by ending Mount Vernon's season with a 2-1 double overtime victory. The game took place in front of a modest, but enthusiastic crowd at Langley.

"This was our third overtime [playoff] game in a row," said Langley senior striker Josh Ellis, who was including Langley's recent district tournament finals 3-2 overtime win over Stone Bridge, on May 20. "Last year we had high expectations and losing in the first round [at regionals to Mount Vernon] was hard on all of us. Losing to them last year motivated us."

Langley led Friday's game at halftime, 1-0, before Mount Vernon tied the contest at 1-1 with a score midway through the second half. Later, Langley scored what proved to be the game-winner three minutes and 45 seconds into the second, five minute overtime session when sophomore striker Justin Galiani, off a long, picture perfect cross-field pass from teammate Alex Brunton, sent a low liner shot from the left side into the back of the net from 18 yards out to put his team ahead, 2-1. The Saxons then held Mount Vernon off for the remaining 1 minute and 45 seconds to secure the dramatic, hard-fought win.

"Alex served the ball real soft to me," recalled Galiani, of his game-winning score. "I got a good chest on it [to knock it down]. Then I just thought of getting off a solid shot."

The hip-high shot went into the near-post left side of the net.

Langley, with the win, improved its sea-



**Langley High senior defender Alex Brunton (22) goes hard for the ball during the Saxons' Northern Region quarterfinals playoff win over Mount Vernon this past Friday night. No. 5 for the Saxons is Jeff Cochran.**

son record to 15-1-2. The Liberty District champions, under head coach Bo Amato, were scheduled to meet West Springfield High in a semifinals game on Wednesday, June 1 at Robinson Secondary.

Mount Vernon, with the loss to the Saxons, finished its season 14-3. The young Majors, who two weeks ago lost in the National District tournament finals to champion Washington-Lee, will lose just two starters to graduation — midfielder Ruben Alvarez and part-time starting goalie Kevin Moran.

"We've had a great year," said seventh year Majors' head coach Bobby Garza. "This team has shown its heart, determination and skill."

Garza said most of his team's opponents, including Langley, were physically bigger than the Majors, who offset that factor by utilizing their outstanding team quickness. While Mount Vernon was able to defeat Langley at last year's regionals, it came up just short of doing the same this season.

"This is tough for us," said Garza, of the season-ending loss.

Several of the Majors have played with or against Langley's players over recent years as members of select programs such as McLean Academy, Team America, and Great Falls.

**LANGLEY BROKE** a scoreless deadlock just beyond the midway point of the first half when a deflected ball found its way into the net. Nima Kassiri, a senior midfielder, set the score up with a crossing shot from the left corner of the field. During a flurry of action in front of the net, the ball ricocheted off a player and went into the goal with 18 minutes, 22 seconds left in the first half.

Later in the first half, several streaks of lightning resulted in the officials halting the game with 2:04 left in the half. Several min-

utes later, after players, coaches, officials, and fans had been asked to clear the stadium, there was a huge downpour of rain lasting about 30 minutes. Players had gone into the school while most fans returned to their vehicles in the parking lot. Ultimately, after the rain had stopped and the nighttime skies had cleared up, players returned to the field and warmed up for another 30 minutes. The thick natural turf field, despite the soaking, appeared to be in fairly good shape. The game, which had originally begun at 7, picked up again at about 9:15 with the final couple minutes of the first half. A brief five-minute halftime followed before the teams began the second half with Langley still ahead 1-0.

Mount Vernon, which had limited scoring chances in the first half, played with renewed vigor in the second half, putting more sustained pressure on the Saxons' defense. Midway through the half, the Majors got onto the scoreboard when sophomore forward Erik Rodriguez, on a free kick attempt from 20 yards out off the right wing, sent a beautiful shot high into the far side of the Langley net to tie the game at 1-1 with 19:59 showing on the clock.

It was another playoff goal for Rodriguez, who scored in all five of Mount Vernon's postseason games this spring.

"Eric sized it up and made a great shot into the corner," said Garza, of the equalizer against the Saxons.

**BOTH TEAMS** would continue to work hard for scoring opportunities with neither squad finding the net again throughout the remainder of regulation play and through more than eight minutes of overtime before Langley finally got the goal by Galiani in the second OT.

Both goalies — Langley's Jay Lupas and Mount Vernon's Lucas Belanger — played outstanding games in denying several good



**Jay Lupas earned the win in the net for Langley.**

scoring chances throughout the night. Outstanding defensive play for Langley came from junior defender Rhys Howard and senior Jeff Cochran, among others, while Mount Vernon's defensive corps of Damaro Dacosta, Cedric Ekoye, Ishmael Castro, and Hatzael Diaz had strong games.

Ellis, Langley's star striker, said the Saxons stayed strong even after Mount Vernon had tied the score midway through the second half.

"It's important to keep your head up," he said. "We all know we are the best team in the region. Mount Vernon has heart. They're definitely a young team and skilled."

Langley got goals from Ellis and Howard in the Saxons' first round region playoff win over T.C. Williams earlier last week at Langley. The Saxons, who had been disappointed in their first round loss to Mount Vernon the year before, had their hands full against a tough and underrated Titans' team, coached by Martin Nickley, which entered regionals as the No. 4 seed from the Patriot District.

"I think they're better than a No. 4 seed," said Ellis. "They gave a good showing."

Langley, which entered the season as one of the top teams in the state, has the ultimate goal of winning a state title later this postseason. If the Saxons can defeat West Springfield in this week's region semifinals, they will, along with reaching the region finals, automatically qualify for the following week's state tournament.

"This year, our goal is to win the state," said Ellis. "We know that's tough to do."

But certainly not out of the question for Langley.

"Langley has all Division 1 [college caliber] players who are very big, fast, and strong," said Garza, the Mount Vernon coach. "Playing them allowed us to raise our level of play."

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KADEE LYNN AUSTIN, Plaintiff  
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v.  
 JOHN DOE  
 DONOR ID NUMBER 1432  
 Defendant.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 CASE NO. 2011-DR-10-1326

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SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at her office, 1327 Ashley River Road, Building C, Suite 100, Charleston, South Carolina 29407, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service.  
 YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that if you fail to appear and defend and fail to answer the Complaint as required by this Summons within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
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 In the Durham County Court  
 To the attention of: Bennett Kwaku Letsu  
 Re: Diane E Letsu vs. Bennett Kwaku Letsu  
 File No. 11 CVD 213 (Durham County)  
 The Plaintiff in the above referenced action, Diane E. Letsu, filed a Complaint for Absolute Divorce On February 21, 2011 in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division of Durham County, North Carolina. You are required to make defense to such pleading No later than 40 days after MAY 11, 2011 and, upon your Failure to do so, the party seeking service against you Will apply to the Court for the relief sought.  
 You may receive a copy of the aforementioned Complaint by contacting the law offices of Ann M. Credle, P.A. At (919) 688-6400. If you do not respond by the date specified herein, A hearing may be held in this matter without your presence, which May affect your rights.  
 This the \_\_\_th day of May, 2011.

Ann M. Credle, P.A.  
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**Tuesday, June 7, 2011**  
**At 9:30 a.m.**

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Tax Map No. 013-1-01-0085

Commonly known as 814 Leigh Mill Road, Great Falls, Virginia 22066.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$300,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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past. David Sharrett Sr. was a beloved AP English and Composition teacher at Langley High School. Past students and their families rallied to help him when he was in need. Chief among them was James Gordon Meek, then a Washington Correspondent for the NY Daily News. Meek has fought side-by-side with David Sharrett Sr. filing Freedom of Information (FIO) requests and meeting with military officials for years. Meek is now the Senior Investigator for Counterterrorism for the House Committee on Homeland Security.

"I happened to be from Langley High School and they circle the wagons around their own. Because of the people I know from there and their influence, we have taken it to a level that most families don't have the resources to do. We aren't the only family this has happened to," David Sharrett Sr. said. He and Meek are currently working on a book that chronicles their experience and the information they uncovered.

"The truth still has value. You have to open and take them to it but they are willing to see it when you show it to them," said David Sharrett Sr. of the Army's willingness to reopen the investigation into his son's death after they were able to provide video evidence of friendly fire causing his son's death.

Chris Grimes, the Director of a Second Knock at the Door, said, "I really think it's a belief by the Army that they are protecting the families, even though it's wrong-headed. It's like; let them be a hero in the families' mind. That's better than the truth."

The truth David Sharrett Sr. uncovered came to him via two active duty soldiers who had been there when his son was killed. "We had enlisted men coming to us at a Holiday Inn and handing over classified documents, putting themselves and their careers at risk to get the truth out. This to me is the ultimate patriotism," said David Sharrett Sr.

Those documents led David Sharrett Sr. and Meek to uncover Apache video that filmed the entire battle and struggle by Pfc. David Sharrett to live. "The live Apache video feed was undisputed evidence of events. It wasn't until we brought that to the Army's attention that they wanted to act," David Sharrett Sr. said.

There is currently a second, more involved investigation into Pfc. David Sharrett's death and the incidents surrounding it. According to Meek and David Sharrett Sr., the video not only shows the gunfight but the events afterward which the Army could take action on.

"Dave did everything he was supposed to do. At one point he got up and blasted into the woods and killed one of the Al Qaeda guys. You can see it on the video and they never told us that. Then he took a couple steps back and that's when he was shot," explains David Sharrett Sr.

Also on the Apache video, according to David Sharrett Sr., is the Lieutenant in charge leaving a badly wounded Pfc. David Sharrett on the field to bleed out but also



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**Pfc. David Sharrett, with his brother Brooks, before he left for war.**

leaving two fallen soldiers. This is not standard military procedure. Even laymen know the term, "Leave no one behind." Pfc. David Sharrett bled to death over the course of 60 minutes. He probably would have lived if he had been taken to a hospital that night.

"My generation said question, question, question till you know what the truth is," David Sharrett Sr. said. "That's what I taught my son to do and what I'm doing for him.

"Without the press and a Senator looking over their shoulder they wouldn't have done crap. Jim Webb's office is involved and has helped," David Sharrett Sr. said. Webb's office declined to comment specifically on the investigation. Alison Jaslow from Senator Webb's office said, "Helping citizens of Virginia who are having individual difficulties or challenges relating to the federal government is among Senator Webb's highest priorities. That includes anything from resolving an issue with veterans benefits to helping the family of a fallen soldier get the answers they deserve about his/her death."

The heart of what families with loved ones killed by friendly fire want is to get the Army to uphold its own regulations. Army Reg. 800.6.1 requires the Army to tell families immediately when friendly fire is suspected. According to Grimes, ballistic matching on the field and at army hospitals is so fast and accurate that "in general they know it or should have suspected it right away."

Despite the anger at not being told the truth immediately, Grimes said the families he interviewed for the documentary have been overwhelmingly supportive of America and the military and contend they are trying to improve the notification system to support the military not to degrade it. "The big message is that families deserve to know the truth because the truth is what you've promised. The Army is not living up to its own values. Most families have not changed their overall thoughts on American policies."

Sadly, Grimes says, "Many had been told that just to ask questions wasn't patriotic." The families are not asking for a new set of policies but for the Army to live up to its current one. We found these families to be very much patriots. They know the cost of war," said Grimes.

Grimes' documentary, which features David Sharrett Sr. and his son's story, is currently traveling the country and entering film festivals. The director and producers hope that each person who views the film walks away with a new understanding of patriotism and how the Army's policy on death notification is falling short of its own mandate. "The American public understands there is a major cost to war and that friendly fire is going to happen. It would be best if the Army told the American public that friendly fire is a cost of war.

"I don't think people lied to cover it up and hide it. I can't really define motivation. The Army is an honorable institution made up of honorable people. I really think it's a belief that they are protecting the families. Let him be a hero in the families' mind," said Grimes.

**A HERO** is exactly what Pfc. David Sharrett is in his hometown. Oakton High School has retired his football jersey number and installed a plaque in the tunnel leading to the field and in 2008 the post office in Oakton was dedicated to him. "His legacy is intact," said David Sharrett Sr. "He's almost larger in some ways than he was before."

His death may prevent other friendly fire incidents. In a memorial book online, Steven Cook from Fort Meade, wrote, "I speak of Dave, and his story- all of it- to my young soldiers and young officers. I hope it can instill in them the caution; prudence and courage they need to prevent history from repeating itself. Dave continues to make a difference, and he helps me pass this lesson on to every soldier with which I train and deploy."



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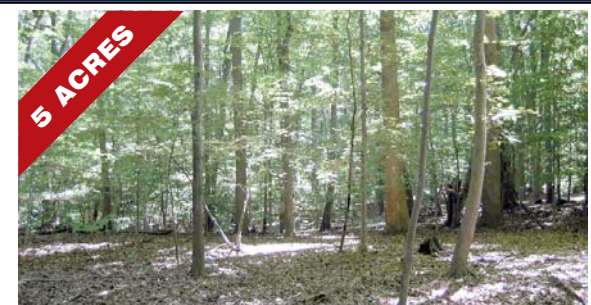
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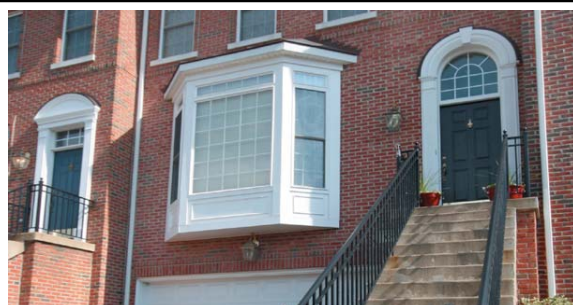
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