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Oceanography students from McLean High School watch as their remotely operated underwater vehicles try to perform a variety of tasks at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association May 26.

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From left, WWII veterans attending the McLean Memorial Day event: Ed Hicks, Len Holmberg, Marvin Quinn and James Wheeler.



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## Honoring Heroes in McLean

### World War II commemorative stone unveiled.

BY CHRISTOPHER MUDD  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n a hot and sunny Memorial Day outside of McLean High School, World War II veterans, their families and friends gathered to celebrate the lives of former veterans. To the sound of trumpets, the members of McLean Post 270 of The American Legion unveiled a World War II commemorative stone at the dedication ceremony on Memorial Day.

Elizabeth Skidmore, whose late husband TSGT Jim Skidmore was part of the Normandy invasion, donated the stone which was placed in the McLean High School Memorial Grove.

Elizabeth Skidmore set the tone of the ceremony by reading a poem, which was found on a dead soldier during World War I. "Lord God I have never spoken to you, now I want to say how do you do? You see God they told me you didn't exist, and like a fool I believed all this... Though I wasn't friendly to you before, I wonder God if you'd wait at your door? Look I'm crying, I'm shedding tears, I'll have to go now God, good-bye. Strange now since I've met you, I'm not afraid to die."

During her speech Skidmore spoke of her husband's entrance into Normandy and how he followed the troops from that fateful beach all the way to Berlin. TSGT Jim Skidmore was honorably discharged in 1946. Elizabeth Skidmore explained the importance of such a stone saying, "By the laying of this stone we keep them in our memories forever. The real honored guests here today are the World War II veterans."

The Memorial Cove is part of a Service Learning program at McLean High School that teaches students the importance of American's history and of the nation's veterans. The Cove now contains three stones, one commemorating those who fought in the Vietnam War, one commemorating those McLean High School alumni who have given their lives in combat, and the newly added World War II stone.

Commander Tom Lukas led the ceremony, and was



McLean community members honor those who serve in a Memorial Day ceremony at McLean High.



Commander Tom Lukas speaks at the ceremony.

pleased with the turnout and participation. He believes the best way to celebrate the veterans is by, "honoring them at ceremonies that dig into their past and to congratulate them."

Jack McMahan, who has been in charge of planning events for Post 270 for more than 20 years, said that he believes Memorial Day should, "bring people out of their homes to come to a public event in order to express belief in freedom." The most important aspect of Memorial Day for McMahan is that "it is not a political event and politics aren't important on this day. It is one moment. A moment in time and we must preserve that moment and our veterans."

## Rotary Takes on New Challenges

### Incoming General Secretary addresses McLean club.

**I**ncoming Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko told the Rotary Club of McLean that he could see a Nobel Prize in the 106-year-old service organization's future. With the possibility of eradicating polio getting closer, Rotary International "needs to develop a more robust communication strategy to commemorate the end of the disease and to ensure that Rotary gets credit," Hewko told more than 75 Rotarians at the McLean Club's April 26 meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean.

"Since it will be only the second disease ever to be eradicated after smallpox...the achievement should qualify Rotary International for a Nobel Prize," he said referring to the organization's 20-plus-year campaign to rid the world of the crippling disease. Most notably, Rotary International is working to raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support immunization campaigns in developing countries. Polio remains endemic in only four countries—Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Hewko is a Washington, D.C. attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors. The second-generation Rotarian will become Rotary International's top executive on July 1, 2011. His father is a member in Michigan and Hewko helped start the first club in Ukraine, which today has led to 40 clubs and 800 members in the Eastern European country.

As general secretary, Hewko will manage more than 600 employees responsible for supporting the activities of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. He also will oversee The Rotary Foundation, which distributes more than \$180 million each year to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects throughout the world.



John Hewko

In addition to his focus on eradicating polio, Hewko's other priorities include attracting younger members; implementing Rotary International's new strategic plan, which focuses on the organization expanding its role in key humanitarian areas; enabling Rotary International to become a major player in establishing policies on providing aid to developing nations; and quantifying the benefit of Rotary's work worldwide.

"While perhaps 150 to 200 grants pass through the Rotary Foundation, the benefit is much larger than the dollar amount listed in the grants when one considers the service provided by Rotarians to implement the projects," said Hewko, who believes the real benefit of Rotary's work is in the \$2 billion range.

"With 1.2 million members, Rotary is well positioned to do good in the world," he added.

In addition to the McLean Rotarians, several members of Rotary District 7610 leadership attended the meeting. They include District Governor Ron Marion, District Governor-Elect Jon Allan and former District Governors Horace McCormack and Tin Tin Nu Raschid.

Founded in November 1965, the Rotary Club of McLean comprises 60 business and community leaders dedicated to providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations and helping to build goodwill and peace in the world. Visit [www.mcleanrotary.org](http://www.mcleanrotary.org).

# Helping America's 'Superheroes'

**Our Military Children provides grants to children of deployed service members.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls resident Bob Nelson was listening to the radio about three years ago when he heard a commercial about Our Military Kids. Since then, Nelson has hosted Military Appreciation Mondays at the Old Brogue, and celebrated Our Military Kids for the third time Monday. The McLean-based charity provides grants for children of National Guardsmen and Reserves of all branches of the armed forces to participate in activities such as sports, the arts and tutoring.

"When I first started hosting these events at the Brogue, it was called 'Charity Tuesday,' but when I decided to focus on the military, I realized that the military isn't a charity, so we changed the name and day," Nelson said. "Our Military Kids will always hold a special place in my heart, because it was the first one we've done."

**LINDA DAVIDSON AND GAIL KRUZEL** founded Our Military Kids in 2004, with the goal of providing for children of Reserve and National Guard members who are deployed as well as children of service members wounded in the current Middle East con-

flicts. Unlike active duty service members, more than 60 percent of Reserve and Guard families live at least 25 miles away from a military installation and the support groups located there.

"We're trying to help children who are coping with separation from deployed parents, or whose parents have been wounded," Davidson said. "It's a simple program, but it's effective."

The grants awarded by the foundation can be up to \$500, and go to helping the child enroll in activities, or perform other activities that help take the stress out of their life. Grants have gone to such things as prize-winning cattle for students at a 4-H Club to covering the cost of Driver's Education or SAT preparation courses for high-schoolers.

"That's what makes this program so unique, people can use it for whatever they want," said Gregory O'Brien of Our Military Kids. "Whatever way families can reduce stress, we can help."

Davidson recalled one boy who lived in Jamaica, N.Y. who filled out his own grant application to take hip-hop and jazz dancing classes. The boy later told the foundation that taking the classes helped distance himself from troublemakers in the neighborhood, and he was awarded Most Improved Student his senior

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**Linda Davidson, co-founder and executive director of Our Military Kids and Bob Nelson, a realtor of Great Falls, welcome guests to Military Appreciation Monday May 23 at the Old Brogue. Last week's Military Appreciation Monday raised money for Our Military Kids, which provides grants to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve service members.**

## Military Appreciation Mondays

Military Appreciation Mondays are held every month at the Old Brogue in Great Falls to benefit military-related charities. The next meeting will be Monday, June 27 to benefit the Lift Me Up Back in the Saddle Program. The Great Falls-based nonprofit hosts the Back in the Saddle Program for wounded warriors, allowing them to take advantage of the benefits of therapeutic horse riding.

Sponsors pledge to donate a percentage of the total dinner bills from all attendees, which generally adds up to 100 percent of the bill amounts.

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# Mondays for Heroes

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year before becoming the first member of his family to attend college.

Children of deployed service members are 80 percent more likely to show signs of stress and act out, according to a survey conducted by Our Military Kids. In addition, many Guard and Reserve members receive a cut in pay when their unit is activated.

"It can be hard for children to talk about their feelings, fears and worries. In fact, they may not even be aware of the stress they are experiencing, they just know they don't feel great, are tired, find it hard to focus or keep up in school," said Jane Bandler, a Washington, D.C.-based counselor. "Besides coping with sadness and loneliness, children worry about the well-being of the parent-soldier. Imagine these children watching television reports of helicopters downed or battles underway. These images and reports can be deeply disturbing and confusing."

**OUR MILITARY KIDS** started locally, working with a National Guard unit in Winchester, and have now expanded into all 50 states as well as Washington, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico. In 2005, they gave out less than 100 grants worth \$17,585. In 2010 they awarded more than 10,300 grants worth \$4.2 million. To date they have awarded more than 29,000 grants totaling more than \$11.5 million.

Davidson says that knowing their children are being cared for also eases the burden on the deployed parents.

"Lots of people don't understand the need for a program like this, they assume all families have access to resources on a base, but these families don't," she said. "Whether it's giving them a positive outlet for their stress or just maintaining the normalcy in these children's lives, it's very important."

Despite the draw down of many deployed troops, Davidson says the number of deployed National Guard and Reserve members will not be reduced until after 2012, so there is still plenty of need. "The men and women serving are heroes, but these kids are superheroes," he said. "They're superheroes because they're dealing with the stresses that comes with being away from their moms and dads while they serve this country."



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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 subway.

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.

# WEEK IN MCLEAN

## Salona Park Task Force Created

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) has announced the nine members of the Salona Park Task Force formed by the Supervisor and Fairfax County Park Authority Board member Kevin Fay. The task force will provide input to the Park Authority for development of a Master Plan for the future Salona Park. The mission of the task force is to work with the community and stakeholders to identify, evaluate and recom-

mend alternative uses for the Park.

The Salona property is located in McLean and comprises approximately 52 acres, including a residential core of approximately 7.8 acres. The residential core is protected in perpetuity by a 1971 easement granted to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Salona is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and on the Virginia Landmarks Register. In December 2005, the property owners, Dan and Karen DuVal, placed approximately 41.5 acres of the Salona property under a conservation easement. The Fairfax County Park Authority

was named as the grantee, and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust was designated as the party with standing to enforce the terms of the easement.

The nine task force members are: Beth Chung, Representing Dranesville Supervisor John Foust; Ed Pickens, Representing Dranesville Representative to the Park Authority Board; Whit Field, Representing Northern Virginia Conservation Trust; Margaret Malone, McLean Citizens Association; Mark Turner, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; Joel Stillman, McLean Youth Athletics; Carole Herrick, Fairfax County

History Commission; Sybil Caldwell, Surrounding Neighborhood; and Dan DuVal, Conservation Easement Grantors.

"We have a very talented and diverse group. The members represent a wide range of public interests, and I expect great work from them," said Supervisor Foust. "This is an exciting opportunity to receive community input to the master planning process for Salona."

The organizational meeting of the task force is scheduled for late June when the

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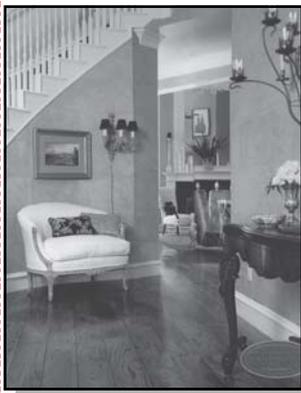


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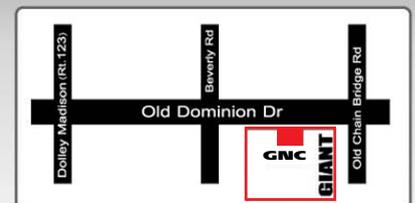
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# OPINION

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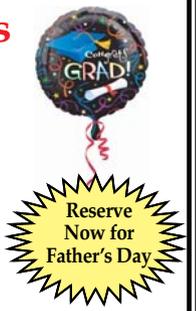
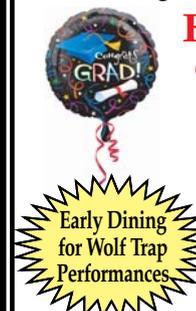
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Katie Nigsch-Fairfax, Edward C. Nagle and Matt Dewberry (rear) in the 1st Stage production of 'By Jeeves.'

# 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 PG. Wodehouse (1881-1975). Music was composed by Tony Award winning Andrew Lloyd Webber usually known for lush, big musicals such as "Cats," or "Evita."

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Where and When

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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. Nagle 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 or 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.

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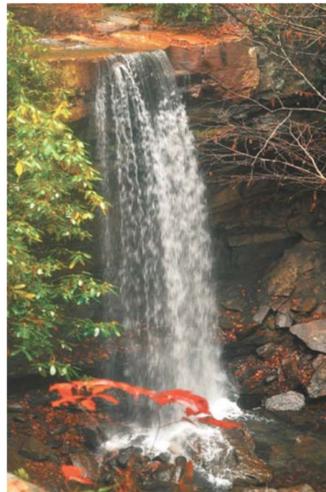
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From left, Daveeda Shaheen, Jay Branscomb, Sam Simon and Karen Masih in 'Seeds.'

# Murder Mystery, Comedy at Alden

'Diverse Weekend' highlights McLean Drama anniversary.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Celebrating its 7th anniversary the McLean Drama Company (MDC) will be presenting a retrospective weekend of performances with a wide range of dramatic and comic entertainment at the Alden Theatre. The performances will have a connecting theme. "They are diverse socially and politically relevant work for our times, including new work," said Rachel Bail, MDC founder.

The performances will "showcase the breadth and scope of the diversity of material that the McLean Drama Company has staged over the course of its seven years at the Alden Theatre," said Ely Lamonica, director for the upcoming productions. In its casting and technical crew the Company strives to be "well-balanced; representing the community," according to Susan Baumel, MDC Vice President.

The anniversary celebration will be held the weekend of June 10-12. Included will be a revival of "Emily and I" written by Rachel Bail, the one act murder mystery play involving global and local McLean themes with underlying issues such as domestic violence. Topic humor also abounds with the serious nature of the play. For that Bail spoke of "the realities of a time when foreigners were to be taught English with a soft southern accent so that they might fit in better when they came to the United States."

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Rising 7th Grader Dance

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## SCHOOLS



McLean High School seniors Jack Boller and Alec Werner try to control their remotely operated underwater vehicles without looking at them. The pilots had to rely on their teammates to tell them where to go.

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## Vehicles Navigate the Pool

McLean High Oceanography students take their creations to the pool.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The first swimmers of the year at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association weren't able to appreciate the dip in the pool waters on a 90 degree day last week. They weren't there for fun, they had work to do, and more specifically, they weren't human.

Almost 20 oceanography students from McLean High School tested out their remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) for their final project May 26. The students had to outfit their robots to perform three separate tasks, simulating the work that ROVs perform to study aquatic life.

The vehicles designs started in March, said Claire Silva, McLean's Oceanography teacher. After first making drinking straw models, they turned to PVC pipe and other materials to make the rectangular framework vehicles.

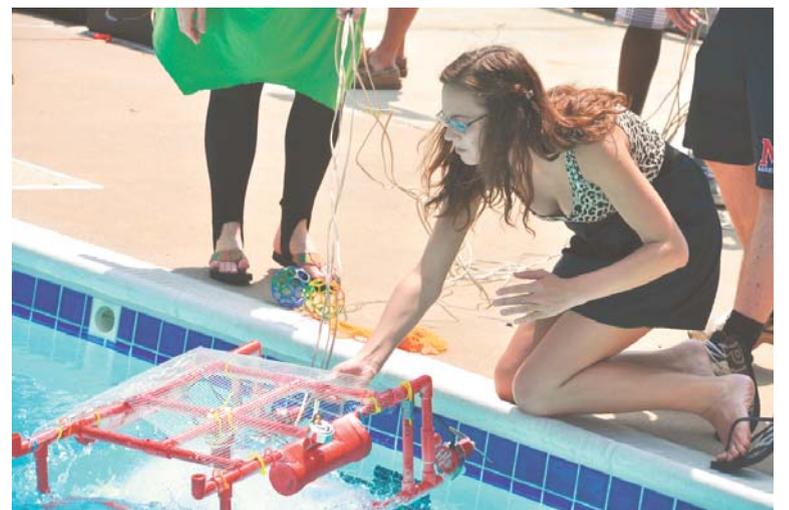
"After the straw model, they learned about things such as buoyancy, ballast, thrust and lift so they would know the forces that would help their ROV succeed," Silva said.

Some groups painted their robots different colors and the dimensions varied, but most carried the same basic design.

"It actually only took us about five minutes to get the design



McLean High School Oceanography teacher Claire Silva tries to repair a set of propellers on a remotely operated underwater vehicle built by her class at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association May 26.



McLean High School senior Aly Callander lowers her remotely operated underwater vehicle into the pool at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association as part of her Oceanography class's final project May 26.

worked out," said senior Andrew Smith. "We didn't really want to get too complicated with it."

fill: the pilot, the navigator and the teatherman. The pilot used a remote control to operate the ve

EACH TEAM had three roles to

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# SCHOOLS

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**Jake Sammis** of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at New York University. The 2009 Landon School graduate is the son of Wendy Sammis of McLean and Jack Sammis of Arlington.

**Karri Matti Kuuttilla** of McLean has received a bachelor of arts degree from Lock Haven University of Pa.

**Peter Doon Foley** of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in economics and commerce from Hampden-Sydney College. Foley is a graduate of Langley High School, and the son of Stephen and Sheila Foley.

Longfellow Middle School students **Kate Salamido, Bobbie Sheng, Ross Dempsey, Tajin Rogers, and Renee Wah** placed third in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments Middle School National Championship Tournament, answering questions about current events, sports, popular culture and more. Competition includes both individual skills and team collaboration.

**Merritt Schantz** was part of the Randolph-Macon Academy chorus that

performed at the NRA "Salute to Patriots," part of the "Celebration of American Values Freedom Experience" on April 30. Schantz is the son of Brian and Jennifer Schantz of McLean.

**Kelly Martins** of Langley High School won third place in Environmental Management for "The Effect of E. crassipes on the Nitrate and Ammonia Levels from Sewage Treatment Waste Water" at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Martins also won a \$15,000 scholarship to the Florida Institute of Technology.

**Jacob Dean Pierce** of McLean was named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Hampden-Sydney College. The McLean High School graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Pierce.

**Andrea Rae Burton** of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of science in marine biology from Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pa. Burton is a graduate of McLean High School.

**Lara Linden** of McLean has graduated bachelor of science in biology at Grove City College of Grove City, Pa. The 2007 graduate of Washington Christian Academy was also named to the spring 2011 dean's list with high distinction. She is the daughter of Derek Linden.

# 'Tons of Fun' at Pool

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hicle, but they had to do it while facing away from the pool. Pilots relied on information from their navigators on turning direction and where to go.

The students had to devise an effective way of communicating to their pilot where to go to achieve the objectives.

"It was really confusing at first, but I think I got the hang of it toward the end," said senior Alec Werner, who served as his group's pilot.

Silva said the pilot's lack of vision was to simulate the difficulties of piloting a real ROV.

"In the real world the ROV pilot can't just look over the side of the ship and watch it move around, they're working much too deep for that," she said. "We wanted to simulate the experience of just how tough it can be."

The teatherman's job was to keep the wires that came from the battery and remote control clear of the propellers of the robot. Each vehicle has two propellers to move left and right, and one that would raise and lower the vehicle.

"It was harder than I thought to keep the wires clear," said senior Ben Bikoff. "The ROV was a lot more responsive than we thought, so it took a lot of finesse to get it where we wanted it to go."

**THE FIRST TASK** involved the ROVs going after a ringed ball on the bottom of the surface. Stu-

dents had to pilot their robot, which had a point on the end, to capture the ball and bring it to the surface. This simulated the capture of benthic organisms, which are the ones that live the furthest underwater, including the floor and its sediment.

The second task involved the vehicles trying to capture a diver's ring and carry it to a plastic crate also located on the bottom of the pool. These represented the nektonic organisms, which live in the middle of the water column, often drifting or floating between the surface and the bottom.

The third task required the students to retrofit their ROV with a funnel on the top and capture ping-pong balls floating on the surface, representing organisms that reside at or near the surface.

Senior Erin McBride says it was hard to keep the directions straight when it came to which of the three levers on the remote did what. He also said with a laugh that it was sometimes hard to decipher directions from the other members of his team.

"It was hard to remember which direction was which," he said. "And it makes it harder to learn on the fly when everyone's yelling 'Up! Down! Left! Too far, go back!' But I did manage to capture two of the ping pong balls."

The students said they enjoyed getting outside on a Thursday afternoon. Bikoff called it "tons of fun, but it would have been a lot more so if we could have gone swimming too."

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**Kathy Albarado, founder, president and CEO of Helios HR, presents the 20 finalists for the 2011 Apollo Awards in McLean. The awards, which go to businesses in four categories, recognize companies that demonstrate the best practices with their employees.**

**Finalists for the 2011 Apollo awards toast the release of Helios HR's new book, "Building a Culture of Intention: Visionary CEOs Define Organizational Culture" in McLean. Helios presents their annual Apollo awards every year to companies that embody best practices, and the book is a collection of stories from past winners.**

# Recognizing Best in Business

**Fifth annual Apollo awards seek to recognize positive corporate atmospheres.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s founder, president and CEO of Helios HR, a Reston-based human resources management firm, Kathy Albarado knows a thing or two about what it takes to staff a successful business. Five years ago, she came up with a way to recognize local companies that create positive atmospheres for their employees.

"People are always interested, curious and even passionate about how to build a business," Albarado said. "Companies have a chance to be the spirit of the community they're in, and we try to recognize ones that embody that. There are a lot of CEOs here that help to build a culture of intention."

A culture of intention is the theme of this year's Apollo awards, which are given to local businesses that serve as the best examples of how to foster a good working atmosphere. The finalists for the 2011 Apollo awards were announced during a reception Thursday, May 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tysons Corner.

**THIS IS THE FIFTH YEAR** of the awards, and to celebrate that milestone, Helios is releasing a

book called "Building a Culture of Intention: Visionary CEOs Define Organizational Culture." The book allows past Apollo award winners to tell their stories, philosophies and practices of how they do business.

"These are the kind of organizations that help build a community, and we wanted to give them a chance to share their best practices," Albarado said. "My hope is that by reading this book, someone sees these ideas and implements them in their own companies."

Ted Rose, president, CEO and founder of Rose Financial Services, based in Rockville, Md., has been a finalist for the past four years. His company developed RFS University, which is an employee training program consisting of more than 40 training modules.

"Our team worked very hard to put together this program, and we all enjoyed discussing strategies and how they worked," Rose said. "It's helped us become more effective in serving our clients, but also getting our employees up to speed faster and more effectively."

Rose was one of the contributors for the book, where he discusses learning the need to create a culture, which focuses on both client success and develop-

## And the Nominees Are:

Twenty businesses from the Washington, D.C. area have been nominated for the Apollo award in four categories.

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- ❖ Near Infinity, Reston, Va.
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### SMALL

- ❖ Fox Architects, McLean, Va.
- ❖ Rose Financial Services, Rockville, Md.
- ❖ Triumph Enterprises, Fairfax, Va.

- ❖ iCore Networks, McLean, Va.

- ❖ Government Services Integrated Process Team, Lanham, Md.

### MID-SIZE

- ❖ High Performance Technologies, Reston, Va.
- ❖ Intelli Dyne, Falls Church, Va.
- ❖ Pariveda Solutions, Washington, D.C.
- ❖ SevaTec, Falls Church, Va.

### LARGE

- ❖ Clifton Gunderson, LLP, Arlington, Va.
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- ❖ Dimension Data, Herndon, Va.

ment and growth of their own employees.

David Baxa, president and CEO of Herndon-based Vista Technology Services, Inc., said his company's culture is employee-centric.

"I listened to a lecture from the founder of Wegman's supermarket, which is always listed as one of the top 10 places to work, and he talked about three groups: shareholders, customers and employees," he said. "You have to understand how to prioritize those groups. Employees come number

one, because they are the ones who decide what kind of experience a customer will have. And if you're paying attention to employees and customers, the shareholders will be taken care of."

Baxa said being selected as a finalist for the Apollo awards has reinforced his belief in the employee-first attitude.

"This award is based on employee development, and it means a lot to is to be selected as a finalist, because we feel we reinforce and recognize that philosophy," he said.

## FAITH NOTES

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

**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.

**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.

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, announced their sermon for May 29 at 11 a.m. will be "On Not Shooting our Wounded." 703-938-3494 or office@epiphanyumc.com.

**Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.

**Centering Prayer offered at St. Dunstan's**, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, Tuesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. Centering prayer is meditation and contemplative prayer, wordless, trusting, opening of self to the divine presence. Instruction offered. marjorie.cole@gmail.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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**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. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

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Five McLean teens received the Teen Character Award at the McLean Day festival on May 21: (from left) Keon Hashemi, Craig McKenzie, Lauren Kliska, Christine Meyer and Scott Feit.



PHOTO BY CAROLINE BURR/ THE CONNECTION

# Five Honored With Teen Character Award

BY CAROLINE BURR  
THE CONNECTION

A hot and busy McLean Day on Saturday, May 21, greeted the five youths who were recognized for their work with the community. The McLean Citizens Association awarded five teens each a Teen Character Award. This was the award's 15th annual ceremony at McLean Day. The McLean Citizens Association gives this award to teens (ages 13-19), with an exceptional display of character, who have independently helped out in their neighborhoods or communities. The teens are recognized not only for their own achievement but also as an example to others.

Keon Hashemi, a junior at the Bullis School, volunteers at INOVA Fairfax Hospital every Saturday for three hours. He helps deliver flowers and comforts patients. Hashemi also helps out in the patient recovery room and transports specimens. Many of the other volunteers are college students and Hashemi is one of the youngest. He was named head of the student volunteers in November 2010 because of his leadership and professionalism.

Craig McKenzie, volunteers at the McLean Community Center, helping with the Teen Center and special events. Now a sophomore at Langley High School, McKenzie was a participant at the Teen Center when he was in seventh grade. McKenzie helps

with administrative duties, plans and conducts youth events and makes Power Point presentations of feedback collected during the events.

Lauren Kliska, a sophomore at Flint Hill School, has volunteered with Share for the past three years. In 2008, Kliska decided to seek donations for socks for Share's annual holiday celebration and collected 650 pairs of socks for Share clients. She is the first student responsible for establishing and overseeing the distribution of supplies to families. She creates signs and flyers, organizes the donated items and delivers them to Share. For the past two years she has been the Youth Chair for the food, clothing and furniture drives. Share is now a recipient of Flint Hill food drives.

Christine Meyer, a junior at Langley High School, volunteers at Sunrise Assisted Living. She helps the senior residents with crafts and decorates for their parties. Not only does she make root beer floats for their afternoon socials, she assists the exercise classes.

Scott Feit reassembles and reconfigures old desktops and laptops into high-speed computers used by Share clients for homework and Internet access. He is a senior at McLean High School. Feit managed the selling of old but still usable parts, using eBay. After collecting the funds, Feit purchased new parts with the money and used them to fix the clients' computers. He rebuilt 38 computers in nine months.

VIEWPOINTS

## Teen Character Award Winners Discuss What They Like Most About Volunteering

—CAROLINE BURR



**Keon Hashemi, Junior at the Bullis School**

"I like helping patients who need assistance and the smiles that they have on their faces when they leave the hospital."



**Craig McKenzie, Sophomore at Langley High School**

"I just like seeing the benefits that the Mclean community gets as well as the Teen Center."



**Lauren Kliska, Sophomore at Flint Hill School**

"I like getting to see the impact that it has on the community and the people in our community."



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# Highlanders Celebrate Holiday With Playoff Win Over Hayfield

Next up for McLean softball is region semifinal meeting with South County.

BY RICH SANDERS  
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**H**ayfield Secondary's season-ending 9-0 girls' softball loss to McLean High on Memorial Day earlier this week was enough to convince Hawks' head coach Ron Giovannucci that the Highlanders are the real deal.

The Northern Region quarterfinals round playoff game took place on a hot evening at Falls Church High School, the host site of all four of the quarterfinals round contests played throughout Monday's holiday.

Hayfield, part of the National District, finished the season with an impressive 20-2-1 overall record. The Hawks thrived in the National District, considered to be the weakest of the region's four districts in softball. Their lone district setback this season took place a couple weeks ago on May 19 when they lost to Mount Vernon, 2-1, in the district tournament semifinals. The team's only loss prior to that had come against Westfield, 6-1, way back on March 29 early in the regular season. Westfield, an annual region contender, was victorious over Chantilly in one of Monday's earlier quarterfinals games at Falls Church.

Hayfield, following the loss to Mount Vernon at the district semifinals, bounced back nicely with a 5-1 home win over Robinson in a first round region playoff game last Friday, May 27 to advance to Monday's encounter with McLean, the defending state AAA champion. But the Highlanders played a solid all-around game to end Hayfield's season.

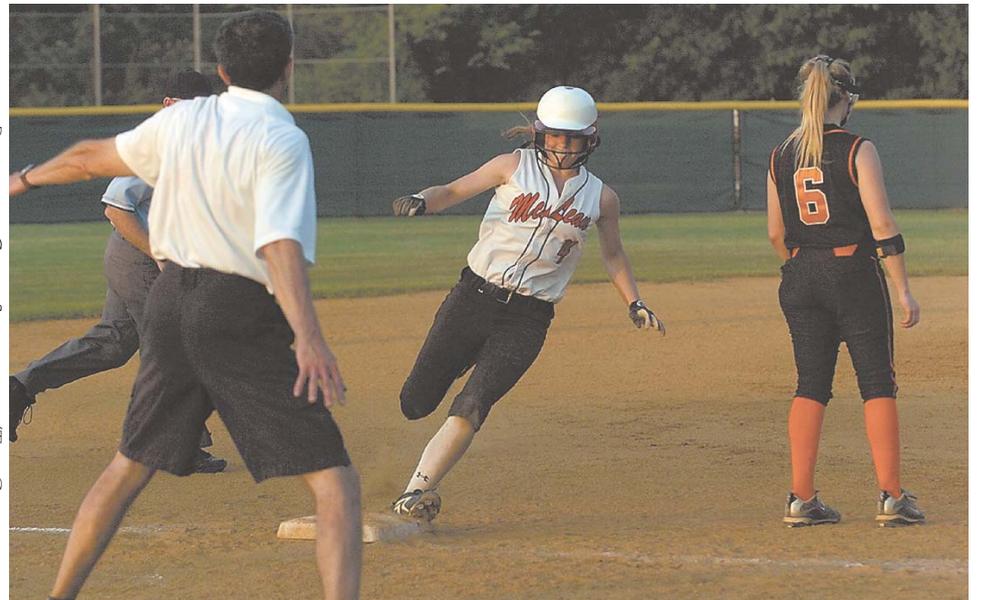
"We just got beat by a good team," said Giovannucci, following the game with McLean. "They're defending state champions and played like it. They're the best team I've seen all year with pitching, defense and hitting. I'll be surprised if they don't win [states again]."

Giovannucci, the longtime coach of the Hawks, said his team had not faced the caliber of pitcher it saw in McLean's Jamie Bell on Monday. Bell, a senior, was the Highlanders' starting pitcher on the way to the state crown last year and is considered perhaps the region's top pitcher.

"We haven't seen pitching like that," said Giovannucci, of the right-handed throwing Bell. "She's real good at moving the ball around. ... We're in the National District and the competition is not that good. We won all our district games except to Mount Vernon in the district semifinals. We got a little complacent after going undefeated in



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**Jamie Bell, on a hot Memorial Day evening, gazes in at the plate before making her pitch during Monday's region quarterfinals girls' softball game at Falls Church High School.**

the regular season."

McLean, with the win over Hayfield, saw its record improve to 22-3. The Highlanders, the top seeded team from the Liberty District, defeated Stone Bridge, 4-1, in the recent district championship game on May 23 at Madison High School. They then went on to defeat Lake Braddock, 4-2, last Friday night at home in a first round game at regionals to advance to the meeting with Hayfield.

McLean is next scheduled to play South County in a region semifinal game set to take place on Wednesday, June 1 of this week at Robinson. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m., following the other semifinals round contest between Westfield and Oakton. The two semifinals round winners will meet for the title game 6:30 p.m. this Friday, June 3 at Madison High in Vienna.

McLean is looking for its' first-ever region crown. A year ago, the Highlanders lost in the region finals to Madison before going on to win the state tournament.

Wednesday's region semifinals round game versus South County will mark the third consecutive year in which the two teams have met in the round of four. Two years ago, the Stallions defeated McLean in a semifinals affair on way to capturing the region championship. Last year, McLean defeated the Stallions in the semifinals to earn an automatic bid to states.

"This is our third year at the semifinals and we've faced South County every year," said Bell, the McLean pitching ace.

Westfield, under first year head coach Gary Dillow, won its fifth consecutive Patriot District tournament two weeks ago. On Memorial Day, the Stallions defeated Chantilly, 5-4, to move on to the region semis.

**HAYFIELD**, in the holiday loss to McLean, had several opportunities to touch Bell and

**McLean broke the game with Hayfield open by scoring four times in the third inning and three times in the fourth.**

the Highlanders up for some runs, but could not break through against the All-Liberty District pitching standout. Over six innings, Bell, in the shutout win, allowed five base hits (all singles) while striking out six and walking two.

By the middle innings, Bell had a nice lead to work with after McLean had scored a run in the bottom of the second, four in the third, and three more in the fourth to take a commanding 8-0 advantage. Bell retired the side in order just two times — in the first and fifth innings.

In the second, Hayfield had runners on first and second with one out following a pop fly single into left center field by senior catcher Samantha Perry. But Bell retired the next two Hawks' batters on grounder to first baseman Lauren Hahne, the latter grounder resulting in a nifty, backhanded pickup by the sophomore fielder.

In the fourth, Hayfield's first two batters reached base — pitcher Amber Fowler reaching by walk and shortstop Megan Perry Shifflett grounding a single up the middle to advance Fowler to second. Bell struck out the next two batters before walking Jessica Reynolds to load the bases. But she got another strikeout to get out of the jam. The Hawks also had a chance to score in the sixth with two outs and runners on first and second as a result of singles by both Fowler and Taryn McElhenny. But Bell forced a come-backer to end that threat.

The scorching heat made it difficult during the middle innings for Bell to keep her pitching hand dry, making it a challenge to control her pitches.

"It was rough," she said. "Normally I lick my fingers to get a grip on the ball but my hand was so sweaty. Those first couple of innings were rough because the sun hadn't set and it was still hot."

Maurice Tawil, the McLean coach, saw much of the day's earlier quarterfinals round games before his team took the field. He said Bell stood out among pitchers in quarterfinals action.

"It was probably the most dominant pitching performance I saw on the day," said

Tawil.

McLean hit the ball well throughout the game and had nine hits. Junior right fielder Allison Wilhelm (2 hits, 2 runs), in a scoreless tie, opened the bottom of the second inning with a fly ball double off of the left field fence and later scored the game's first run on a sacrifice fly by catcher Maddie Moore.

The Highlanders broke the game open in the third inning by scoring four times. The big hits of the inning came on run-scoring doubles from third baseman Jessie Straub, who lined a ball over the left fielder's head to score two runs, and Hahne, whose deep fly ball two-bagger tipped off the left fielder's glove for another run.

In the fourth, Bell, McLean's leadoff hitter, roped an RBI single into right center field before second baseman Tina Anwyll (1 hit) squeezed home a run with an RBI bunt fielder's choice.

McLean's last and final run came in the bottom of the sixth inning when shortstop Grace Henry (2 hits, 3 runs), on an infield ground ball, rounded the bases, benefitting on a couple of overthrow errors.

**LAST YEAR'S MCLEAN** line-up was more experienced than this year's team. The 2010 squad played outstanding defense behind Bell. This year's squad has seen its defense get better as the season has moved on. The Highlanders made just two errors on Monday.

"We got off to a slower start defensively [this season]," said Tawil. "We were a very strong defensive team last year. But we've come on. That's a tight defense behind our pitcher right now."

In last Friday's first round 4-2 region playoff win over visiting Lake Braddock, the Bruins made several errors resulting in McLean runs. In a game that was halted for 90 minutes due to thunderstorms, McLean led 4-0 before Lake Braddock scored two sixth inning runs. But the Highlanders held on in the seventh to win.

"That game could have gone either way," said Bell.

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as 814 Leigh Mill Road, Great Falls, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Farzaneh S. Sohrabian, also known as Farzaneh S. Hashemi and Shawn Sohrabian, dated February 23, 2006, and recorded March 1, 2006, in Deed Book 18249 at page 934 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, June 7, 2011  
At 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale.

Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY  
Substitute Trustee

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## Spring Benefit Breaks Fundraising Record for MPA

On May 12, the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) Spring Benefit raised funds for their exhibitions and education programs and in the process broke the MPA's fundraising record. This year's event raised \$123,000 eclipsing the \$118,000 raised for MPA in 2008.

"This overwhelming support, despite the weak economy, shows that our community truly values the arts and MPA," said Nancy Perry, Executive Director of MPA. "MPA is a non-profit organization. It receives small grants from Fairfax County via the Arts Council of Fairfax County and from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, but it must raise the remainder of its annual operating funds from private individuals, corporations and foundations. It is wonderful to see such a turn-out for MPA."

There were 350 art lovers in attendance in the expansive gardens at the home of John and Debbie Motley. Spring Benefit co-chairs were Anjali Gupta and Terry Lineberger. Guest of Honor was Dr. Elisabeth Griffith, who donated a large portion of her art collection to MPA in 2010. Honorary Chair was Her Excellency Audrey Marks, Ambassador from Jamaica.

"MPA is so appreciative of the wonderful generosity of our sponsors and donors," said Karen DuVal, MPA Board Chair. The turnout was fantastic. It is always a treat to see so many from the McLean area come out to celebrate the arts and help support MPA. We are truly grateful to our Guest of Honor, Elisabeth Griffith; to the Motleys for sharing their fabulous home; and to our hard-working co-chairs, Anjali Gupta and Terry Lineberger."

**AT THE EVENT,** both Dr. Griffith and Ambassador Marks spoke about the importance of art in life and community.

Mark Lowham, Managing Partner at TTR Sotheby's International Realty and a long time supporter of MPA said, "I look forward to this terrific event every year. MPA brings vitality and vibrancy to the McLean community, and we are honored to support their excellent exhibitions and programs. It's simply not spring without attending MPA Spring Benefit."

Plans are already underway for next year's

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task force will adopt the procedures it will follow to carry out the mission set forth in the task force charter.

## Riley Ennis Wins National Achievements Award

AXA Advisors, LLC, a leading provider of financial services for consumers and businesses, has announced that Riley Ennis, a high school senior attending Thomas



Enjoying a spring evening are Dr. Elisabeth Griffith, MPA Spring Benefit Guest of Honor; State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32); and Her Excellency Audrey Marks, Ambassador from Jamaica, Spring Benefit Honorary Chair.



Mark Lowham, Managing Partner of Sotheby's International Realty; Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville); Marilyn Jerome Foust, and Dr. Joe Ruzzo arrive at the home of John and Debbie Motley for McLean Project for the Arts Spring Benefit.



Anjali Gupta, Spring Benefit co-chair; Karen DuVal, MPA Board Chair; and Terry Lineberger, Spring Benefit co-chair.

spring benefit event, which will celebrate 50 years of art at MPA. It will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Salona, the historic home of Dan and Karen DuVal.

For more information on how you can

support McLean Project for the Arts, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org) or call 703-790-1953.

MPA is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in the McLean Community Center.

Jefferson High School, will receive \$25,000 as a national winner of the 2010 AXA Achievements Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report.

Riley is one of 52 students — one from each state, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico — who have been awarded scholarships of \$10,000. Of those 52 students, 10 students, including Riley, have been chosen as national winners and will receive an additional \$15,000 scholarship award, a new laptop computer and an opportunity for an internship with AXA Equitable. The announcement was made by Mark Swartz, Executive Vice President of

AXA Advisors— American division and manager of its Falls Church office.

Riley discovered a way to use the human immune system to recognize and remove cancer and other diseased cells from the body. Based on a vaccine platform he invented, patented and is currently working to license, he founded and is chief executive of RC Molecular Innovations. He is presently working with a former pharmaceutical executive to license his vaccine and has received research funding from several biotechnology firms. Riley interned at the National Institute for Health (NIH).

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