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Ele Weck (left) was named Lady Fairfax in 2007. She is pictured here along with former Dranesville District Supervisor Joan DuBois and Lord Fairfax 2007 Clark Tyler. Weck passed away May 27, at the age of 72.



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Remembering Ele Weck

Eleanor Weck was dedicated to creating, preserving Great Falls trails.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Eleanor Weck, remembered by the Great Falls community as a true steward of the outdoors, passed away May 27 at the age of 72. Weck, who lived in Great Falls for almost 45 years, was a co-founder of the Great Falls Trail Blazers, an organization that is dedicated to creating and maintaining the network of trails in the Great Falls area.

In 1998, a community task force discovered a need for trails in the Great Falls area, and Weck formed the group and served as its first chairman. She helped guide the organization from 30 members to more than 750. The group has received grants of more than \$1.2 million in state and federal funding for local trails.

She was honored as a Lady of Fairfax in 2007 by the Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois. Weck said in 2006 that despite the fact that Great Falls has houses that aren't close together, the sense of community was strong.

"I find myself much closer to more people here than I did when I lived in an apartment," Weck said.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) called Weck a tremendous community asset.

"She has done as much as anyone I can think of to improve trails, parks and pedestrian access and safety in Great Falls," Foust said. "And more than that, she was just a very nice lady. She was a pleasure to work with, and she always knew her facts."

Karen Washburn worked with Weck from the late 1990s, while Washburn was the Dranesville History

Commissioner.

"She had such a quick mind, she could absorb huge amounts of information, and she was always very generous with things she would find that someone else would need to know," Washburn said. "She could connect the dots very fast. I would be working with her on something, and she'd be so fast we didn't realize she was way ahead. But she was always willing to catch everyone up."

Wes Callender, a GFCA board member, remembers Weck as having a "tremendous passion and an encyclopedic knowledge of the trails in Great Falls."

Robin Rentsch, a member of the Great Falls Trail Blazers, called Weck a gift to the community.

"Ele was brilliant, open minded and always gracious," Rentsch said. "She was devoted to her family and to providing safe, non-motorized trails for healthy exercise and to connect people through nature. She had many friends and admirers, and I was proud to be one of them."

In addition to their work together, Washburn also remembered Weck as a personal friend.

"When her mother became ill and was difficult to care for, she took care of her. Years later, when

I was caring for my parents, she was a great resource for me," Washburn said. "She was always an ear I could unload on, and she would always listen, and come up with something we could laugh about."

Up until the time of her death, Weck was still hard at work on a trail that runs along Georgetown Pike. Washburn said she was working on it "one piece at a time."

Weck is survived by her husband Fred, and children Karen, Jennifer and Christopher.

"She was devoted to her family and to providing safe, non-motorized trails for healthy exercise and to connect people through nature."

— Robin Rentsch,
Great Falls Trail Blazers

BULLETIN BOARD

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Pauline Shirley Toastmasters Club Meeting. 6:45 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. 703-893-5506 or paulineshirley.freetoasthost.info.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Networking, Interviewing and Business Strategies For Success.

7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. How being an introvert or extrovert affects work relationships and influences corporate culture, plus techniques for networking, interviewing, and navigating work environments. \$25-\$35. komeara@thewomenscenter.org.

Vienna Tysons Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. The Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. With Stephen S. Fuller, PH.D., Center for Regional

Analysis, School of Public Policy at George Mason University, on "The Shape of the Recovery." \$40-\$50. info@vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Flea Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

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

Legal Aspects About Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. McLean

Eleanor Weck's Legacy to Great Falls

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY

Eleanor Weck, an unrelenting advocate for trails throughout Great Falls for more than 30 years, died on May 27 at the age of 72. She left a legacy of ardent work.

Eleanor knew how much we all love trails. Our community told Eleanor how we envisioned a trail network as an integral part of our shared vision for 2020 and provided her with details on how that ought to look. (See www.greatfallstrailblazers.org/howtohelp.html)

Eleanor held the vision for stone dust trails: She was an unrelenting advocate for stone dust trails and nominated a change to the Comprehensive Plan that all trails in Great Falls be stone dust—or when absolutely necessary, made of pervious materials. She describes stone dust at www.greatfallstrailblazers.org/abouttrails.html

Eleanor defined "Trail Etiquette." She knew that the right to use trails also required an obligation to behave correctly on trails, whether the trail user is on horseback or bicycle, a hiker, a jogger or a pedestrian. Along with Marie Nickles, Eleanor wrote the rules on trail etiquette. (See <http://www.greatfallstrailblazers.org/trail etiquette.html>)

Eleanor bequeaths to us a handbook: She knew that getting trails in place would require a lot of groundwork, property-by-property, by a lot of people. Eleanor bequeathed to each of us who reside in Great Falls an important legacy to appreciate and act upon – A trailblazer's handbook. Along with her team, Eleanor wrote up the complete directions on what each resident needs to

know and do to get a new trail in place and maintain it. The entire handbook is posted electronically on the Great Falls Trailblazers web site. (See www.greatfallstrailblazers.org/howtohelp.html)

Eleanor's legacy invites neighborhood action: The Great Falls Trail Blazers is a large volunteer organization dedicated to clearing new trails and maintaining the existing stone dust trails. Aligned with Eleanor's 30 years of laborious lobbying, advocacy, grant writing and other efforts, and the ready guidance available from the Great Falls Trail Blazers, we can step forward to install the missing portions of Great Falls trails, through a team effort of cooperative local action. Working closely with our neighbors, property-by-property, neighborhood-by-neighborhood to put nearby missing sections of the trail network in place, we can compress the time it will take to accomplish our shared vision of a robust network of well-connected trails throughout Great Falls.

Eleanor never imposed her ideas upon us. She always respected people's resistance and honored their reluctance. Her quiet elegance allowed the process of trail blazing to unfold in its own way, in its own time. The handbook is replete with guidance on neighborly civility. In her honor, we can choose to be participants in the trailblazing process, negotiating specific desired outcomes—grounded in mutual respect and our sincere appreciation of the common good.

Eleanor's family requests that any donations made in her memory be sent to the Great Falls Trail Blazers at P.O. Box 844, Great Falls, VA 22066.

or 703-481-4422.

MONDAY/JUNE 13

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 5 p.m. Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, 1609 Great Falls Road, McLean. 703-734-1718.

Avoiding Divorce Court I: How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement. 6:30 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Mediation and negotiation tips, strategies and pitfalls to avoid and more. \$45-\$85. komeara@thewomenscenter.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Screening of "Race To Nowhere." 7 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. A documentary on the country's education system and achievement culture. Sponsored by Hunter Mill Country Day School. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. hmcads@hmcads.com

NEWS

Andrew Teeters, development director with Shelter Development, presents information about the proposed Brightview senior assisted living facility on Colvin Run Road during a public meeting at the Great Falls Library June 1.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Brightview Back to Drawing Board?

Proposed senior living facility on Colvin Run Road to undergo redesign after community response.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The proposed Brightview assisted living facility on Colvin Run Road is back to the drawing board after a June 1 meeting at the Great Falls Library. Dozens of community members came out to voice their opposition, saying the facility would be a poor long-term solution for the former Thelma's Place property.

The facility as originally proposed would have been a 90-unit, 57,000 square foot building on the 3.56-acre property. Since only 1.44 acres of the lot is zoned commercial and the rest residential, a Special Exception from Fairfax County would have been needed.

The Brightview facility was approved by the Great Falls Citizens Association after a year of working with the developers because they said they felt comfortable with the concessions Brightview was making.

"If the facility had been on fully residential property, the chances the GFCFA would have approved it is very small," said Dianne Van Volkenburg, chair of the GFCFA's Land-Use and Zoning Committee. "But the developer worked with us and met several conditions that we were able to set because of the Special Exception."

The Fairfax County Planning Commission voted May 11 to recommend approval of the exception, but neighbors say the design would reduce property values and ruin the rural nature of Great Falls.

AS A RESULT of the June 1 meeting, Van Volkenburg said she went back to the developers the next day and asked them to look at redesign options for the facility. The goals for the redesign are for the facility to possibly: fit entirely on the commercial portion of the property, reduce the number of beds in the facility and adjust the design of the building so it fits in better with the surroundings.

Van Volkenburg said at this time it is too early to figure out how, if at all, the developers will be able to meet those conditions, but they have agreed to go back to the design phase. The Board of Supervisors originally planned to vote on the Special Exception June 21, but Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said he has postponed the decision until the developer comes back with a more acceptable design.

Andrew Teeters, development director with Shelter Development, who have built 22 Brightview facilities around the area, said they have already taken steps to mitigate the impact for neighbors.

"We stepped the building down to one story on Colvin Run Road to help preserve the historic view shed," Teeters said. "We've also used multi-layered

screening on the north and west side of the property, which borders the residents, with tall evergreens, a six-foot high fence and deciduous trees that should help shield light and noise from spilling onto adjacent properties."

Shelter has also agreed to make sure all deliveries and trash pickups are done between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to reduce disturbance to residents as much as possible. Still, residents say giving an exception for a facility as large as the proposed Brightview is a mistake.

"There seems to be plenty of places around that are more affordable, and this just sets a bad precedent," said Tina Cobb of Great Falls.

OPPONENTS of the facility say the precedent could encourage other developers to seek Special Exceptions.

"Allowing a Special Exception sets a bad precedent, so developers can set their sights on other similar properties, and count on the Special Exception going through," said Joe Sartiano, who lives nearby. "We're trying to maintain the low-density rural character of one small part of Great Falls, but on a macro level, we're trying to prevent it all around Great Falls."

By right, the current property owners can construct a 26,000 square foot building with up to 126 parking spots. Joan Barnes, co-chair of the GFCFA's Transportation Committee said it was estimated that an office building would generate three times the traffic of the Brightview facility.

"I think Brightview is the best we can do if we don't know what Plan B is. I think it's in our best interest to get the best looking building we can on that property," said Wayne Foley, a member of the GFCFA Board. "This is one of the last large pieces of land in Great Falls that we can have some say over."

Foley said he had been attending meetings about Brightview since April 2010, because of his experience working with split-zoned properties. He said most people who came to the meetings over the past year were in support of the facility, and only recently did the GFCFA become aware of the growing discontent.

"Had we had this input back then, the GFCFA would have made a different decision," Foley said.

Some feel that with senior facilities located nearby in Herndon and Reston, the Brightview facility is unnecessary.

"There's a dementia facility on Route 7 that is only 20 percent full, and here we're talking about putting in a facility to compete with a building that's only one-fifth full," said Mike Pahner, who lives in the Colvin Run Historic District.

Teeters says neighboring facilities were taken into account when selecting the location of the facility, and that "we've identified what we feel is a significant need for senior living in Fairfax County, particularly in Great Falls."

Foust said that the Board of Supervisors public hearing will be postponed to at least July 26, but that the redesign from Shelter could take longer than that.



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Edelman to Speak at GFCAs Seniors Program

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Part of Edelman's efforts involves traveling the country to educate seniors on the necessity for knowing their financial condition.

According to Wayne Foley, GFCAs seniors task team chair, "We felt we'd hit an issue of great interest, especially with the economy as it is today and with so many inventive schemes aimed at our senior population. And Ric is a Great Falls resident as well."

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Justice Scalia with the Club Board of Directors and Rotary District Governors. From left, Jeffrey Thinnies (President), Dr. Kristen Runke (Treasurer), Carlos Berrios (Vice President), Jon Allan (District Governor 2011-12), Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, George "Ron" Marion (District Governor 2010-2011), William Paxton (Secretary) and Zaheer Poptani (Sargeant At Arms).

Justice Scalia Speaks at Rotary Club Inauguration

Rotary Club of Great Falls launches with 85 Charter members.

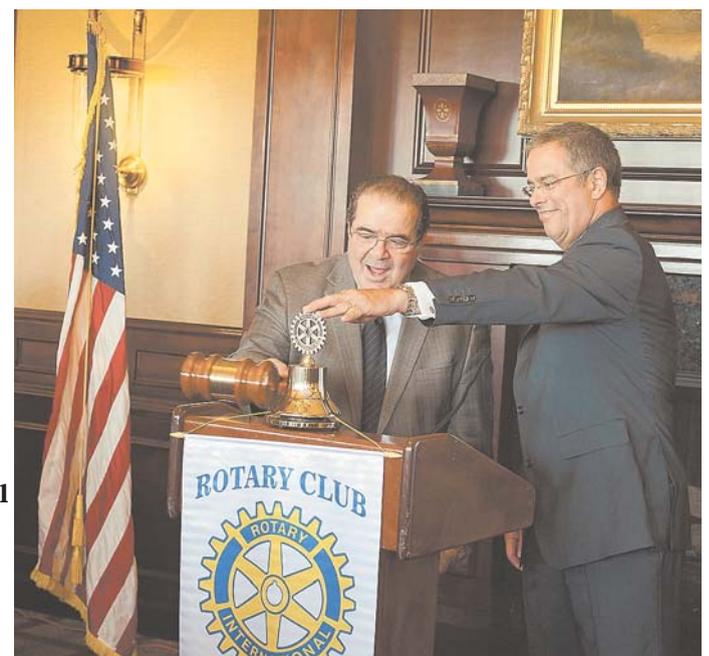
Serving as the Honored Speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Rotary Club of Great Falls, Justice Antonin Scalia addressed a crowd of over 100 attendees at the River Bend Golf and Country Club. In addition to the new club's 85 Charter Members, also in attendance were Rotary District officials and club Presidents from several Rotary clubs located throughout Northern Virginia.

Justice Scalia, launching the club's Judicial Series, shared insights on a variety of

judicial and constitutional topics currently facing the Supreme Court. His speech also emphasized the importance of public service such as that conducted by over 1.2 million Rotarians around the world. The Club plans on organizing several Speaker Series, including Corporate Leaders, Media, Sports, Non-profit, Think-Tank and Policy Institutes, Youth, and more.

The Rotary Club of Great Falls, Virginia received its charter May 20 and is already the fifth largest Rotary in the Northern Virginia District that is home to 54 clubs.

For more information on the event, about the Great Falls club or Rotary International, visit www.rotarygreatfalls.org or contact Jeffrey A. Thinnies at 703-759-0012 or email jthinnies@jtiinc.net



Justice Antonin Scalia closing the meeting ringing bell with Jeffrey Thinnies. Note Justice wielding large gavel (gift of the Rotary Club)

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

FROM PAGE 5

Edelman will discuss how to avoid financial fraud, to manage your investments so you don't run out of money, and to increase your investment income; estate planning; and whether reverse mortgages are a good idea.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. on June 14 in the large conference room of the Great Falls Library. For more information about the program or transportation to the event, please e-mail beverly.luce@gmail.com.

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Freedom Memorial

On Flag Day, Tuesday June 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Children of the American Revolution will present a flag retirement ceremony at the site of the Freedom Memorial (behind the Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike.) Worn flags may be brought to the ceremony or left year-round at the Great Falls Library.

The Children of the American Revolution, which promotes patriotism and American heritage among young people and in the community, sponsors this ceremony annually. It is held rain or shine and is open to all. Ample parking is available in the Library parking lot.

Digital Summer Camp at Madeira

Black Rocket Productions, the fastest growing digital education organization on the East Coast has partnered with the Madeira School in McLean to offer digital summer camps at the school's campus. With summer camps on 30 campuses in five states, Black Rocket specializes in many forms of digital education for children and teens including courses in designing and programming video games, making movies, building robots, LEGO film, and many other facets of new-age technology.

In order to gain exposure for the digital summer camps, Black Rocket is offering a free public event in which children and teens will be able to create their own video games in McLean. The event will be held at the Madeira School on Saturday, June 11 with hour-long classes starting at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m.

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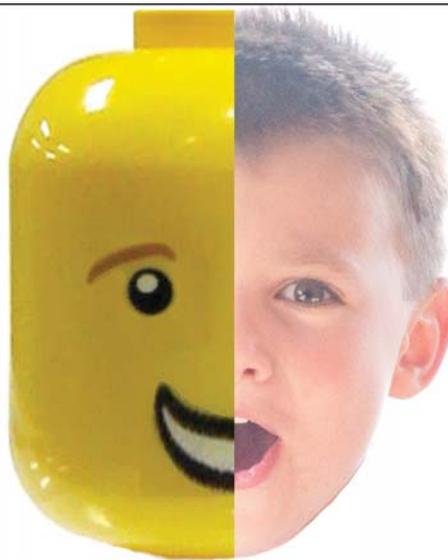
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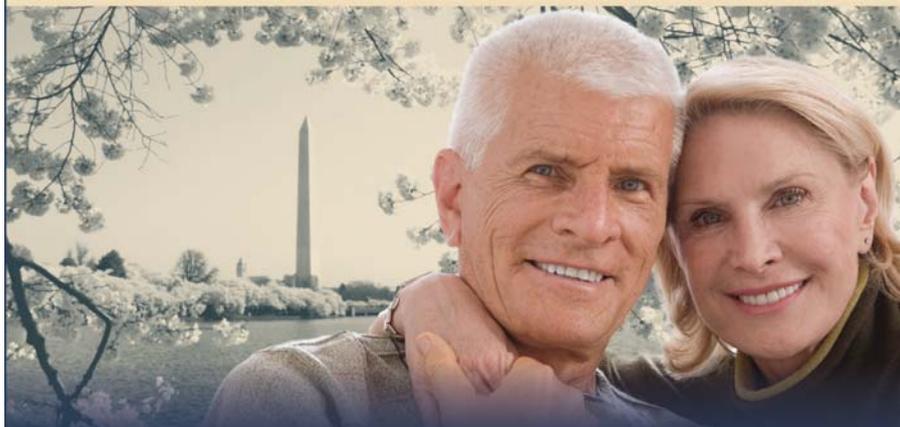
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In Virginia, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates and 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, along with the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney in each jurisdiction, and many local offices as well.

This all comes before any presidential contest. That election is in November 2012. But the news has been about President Obama seeking to raise \$1 billion (seriously?) for his reelection campaign and a colorfully expanding and contracting Republican field (seriously).

Long before then, voters in Virginia will make some very serious state and local choices that likely will have more impact on the quality of schools, property values, traffic and transit choices, public safety and all around quality of life than will the presidential race that looms in 2012.

This is the first election since redistricting, and many Northern Virginia voters will find that they are in a new House of Delegates or state Senate district, and that it takes time to get to know a new set of candidates.

In Fairfax County, where the public schools consume more than half the budget of the entire county, a majority of current school board members have chosen not to seek reelection. Intense issues, including disciplinary policy, school start times, broad and qualitative approaches to course offerings, administrative costs and much more are at stake.

Candidates for school board, a non-partisan office, have until Aug. 23 to file their candidacy. This is one reason that it seemed unfortunate for Fairfax County Democrats to scramble to endorse school board candidates last month, throwing some established procedures out the window literally in the 11th hour in the process.

EDITORIAL

In other races, the primary is really the general election. For example, state senate districts 30 and 31 that represent parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, have long-time incumbents Patsy Ticer (30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (31) retiring. A multi-candidate battle for the Democratic primary in each could predict the November results in these heavily Democratic districts.

Even though redistricting has made District 31 nearly 10 percent more Republican according to the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org, the new district still voted just 44 percent for Gov. McDonnell in the last elec-

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TO RUN

FOR PARTY CANDIDATES, the payment/filing deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 15. **NON-PARTY CANDIDATES** have until primary election day, Tuesday, Aug. 23, to declare their candidacy.

TO VOTE

Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 23
General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8
The deadline to register for the Aug. 23 primary is Monday, Aug. 1.
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tion. The previously compact district centered in Arlington now stretches all the way to Sterling. Huge swaths of McLean and Great Falls, long in District 32, will now find themselves in District 31.

Similarly, District 30 is nearly 5 percent more Republican, but voted just 41 percent for Gov. McDonnell. The district now stretches down into Mount Vernon, encompassing areas previously in District 36.

These are just a few examples of why it's time to tune in to the local elections.

We invite your suggestions, questions and contributions. The Connection will print letters to the editor, some columns from candidates, announcements of debates, stories and profiles and more in the coming months.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debating in 'an Adult Way'

To the Editor:

It was good to see the strong public interest shown in Great Falls last week at the public meeting Supervisor Foust called to discuss the proposed Brightview Assisted Living project on Colvin Run Road. A room full of people showed up at the library, some supporting and some opposing the project. One hallmark of an engaged and vital small town is an active citizenry.

Most of the audience came to listen, question or make thoughtful comments about the proposal and many heartfelt statements and observations were made. Good questions were raised. A handful of people in the audience, however, are apparently unfamiliar with how public meetings in small towns are conducted. They seemed to think that it was just fine to yell down speakers, make unsubstantiated charges and demonize volunteers who contribute hundreds of hours to the community.

Successful small towns and

neighborhoods are not made of such callous tactics. A few years ago, the Great Falls 2020 Vision survey showed some of the things residents seek in our area. Cherishing the semi-rural character of Great Falls was near the top. But the semi-rural character of a town is not limited to leafy neighborhoods and open spaces. It's also a state of mind and is shown when residents encounter each other in town, exchange greetings and work together in civil ways. All the annual festivals in Great Falls, like the Historical Society's recent street fair; the public beautification projects by the Garden Club; and many active civic organizations, such as the new Rotary Club: these are among the many ways the fabric of our town is strengthened and enhanced.

Many residents have commented about the rude behavior of a few people at the Supervisor's meeting. There is no place for it in small town life. It undermines the very things we moved here for and what we teach our children. At future meetings, I hope the sponsors will ask those who can't be civil to their fellow citizens to leave the meeting so the real is-

suess and concerns can be discussed in an adult way.

Bill Canis
Great Falls

Access and Accountability

To the Editor:

In addition to being the bipartisan candidate for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I am an advocate for access, accountability and the use of best practices.

As chairman, I will lead a review in each Supervisor's district to help improve how we encourage participation in important community discussions. Clearly, we need to strengthen our process for inclusion so residents are not surprised, for example, by the development of a 57,000 square foot assisted living facility next door.

Last week the proposed development of Brightview Senior Living on Colvin Run Road required a significant amount of ink in this publication. Somehow, the Planning Commission had already voted on May 11 to recommend

approval by the Board of Supervisors. Most local neighbors apparently oppose and were not made aware of the project when the Planning Commission voted.

By May 25, volunteers had already collected over 250 signatures on a petition opposing the project. Reportedly, almost 80 percent of the people approached by advocates fighting the development had not heard of the proposal.

I read the commentary by Supervisor candidate Dennis Husch (R) titled, "County Ignores Land Use Plans" [Great Falls Connection, May 25-31, 2011] as well as the news article reporting that Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) has called for a community meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Falls Library.

The residents of Dranesville may want to consider the method of inclusion established by former Supervisor Joe Alexander (D-Lee) and his appointed Planning Commissioner Carl Sell (R-Lee). They both possess extensive, decades-long experience serving our

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Junior Jessica Bumsted of the Langley Women's Chamber Choir performs a solo during a medley from "The Princess and the Frog" June 3 during the Langley Choral Spring Show, "A Salute to Disney."



Langley senior and Madrigals member Zack Gray prepares to surprise his mother Cyndi with a bouquet of flowers at the conclusion of the Langley Chorus Spring Show June 3. Cyndi Gray served as co-president of the Langley Choral Guild for the 2010-11 school year.

Langley Performs 'A Salute to Disney'

Spring show finishes successful 2010-11 school year, says farewell to 26 graduating seniors.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Langley Chorus presented "A Salute to Disney" June 2 and 3, which included selected Disney favorites and also served as a final performance for 26 Langley seniors before their graduation.

"Choir was like my family in high school," said senior Colleen Cofer. "I remember when we were in Orlando performing as the Women's Chamber Choir, and we did really well, and I looked at my friend Abby, and she was crying because she realized I was senior and it would be my last trip, and then I started crying too."

Freshman Paul Hefner, preparing for his first spring show as a member of the Langley Chorus, said he was impressed watching the seniors prepare for the show.

"They really know what's going on, and they're better than even I expected," he said. "It's very impressive what this group can put together, and it was a lot more work and thought going into this performance than I thought."

Six different choirs comprising more than 100 students performed during the show and many students are part of multiple choirs. The Treble Choir, Women's Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Chamber Choir, Madrigals and Voicemale groups all performed. Dr. Mac Lambert, director of Choral Activities at Langley, said they hoped to present a show to appeal to



Members of Langley High School's Chorus perform "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah" June 3 as part of the "Salute to Disney" Spring show.

music lovers of all kinds.

"We have six different choirs, so it's a matter of seeing what's published and available and then finding the right voicing for each piece," Lambert said. "These are songs that a lot of students were familiar with, so that made it a

more pop works such as Elton John's "Lion King," Phil Collins's "Tarzan" and 2008's "Camp Rock." Songs from 2009's "The Princess and the Frog" provided a jazzy, New Orleans feel, while "Aida" added a splash of Broadway.

"We try a little bit to recreate the stories with the costumes, but also trying to just present the music to the audience," Lambert said.

The show played over two nights, which is the usual for the spring show, but Lambert said there was one thing that was unusual about this year.

"Almost every medley had a solo, and we had the most auditions we've ever had for solos," he said. "We held a lot of auditions, and they were so good, we ended up double casting, one for each night, so we could get them all in."

Sophomore John Higgins said while he was familiar with many of the numbers being performed, putting them together as a chorus was a very different experience.

"It sounds a lot easier than it actually is," he said. "When you hear the songs, you're used to the melody just being there, but as a chorus, we have to create different harmonies to make it sound right."

Students helped choreograph some of the numbers, which senior Zack Gray said was a very rewarding process.

"I had a dream about how I wanted it all to look, and I got up right away and wrote it all down on paper," said Gray, who choreographed the Tarzan medley. "It was a lot of fun to then try and explain the vision I saw in my head, tell it to people and

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Ian McLagan. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. '60s doo-wop. \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Ted Vigil: A Tribute to John Denver. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 noon 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 Tyson's.org or 703-854-1856.

Art about Art. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Artist and children's book illustrator Jonathan Linton, who will demonstrate principals of design. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

The Levon Helm Band with moe. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

"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.1stStageTysons.org/jeeves

Alte Kameraden. 7 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Gemütlichkeit festmusik. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org

Marcy Playground and Shayka Boyz at 7 p.m., followed by **Those Darlins and Natural Child** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

"By Jeeves." 2 p.m. and 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.1stStageTysons.org/jeeves

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No Better Off. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Natalie York and Rob & Maggie Ulmer at 7 p.m., followed by **Fight The Lion, Cerca Trova and Playground Etiquette** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

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"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.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Freeman House, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Fiction, non-fiction, biography, business, sports, cookbooks, religion, Civil War history and more. 703-938-5187 or www.historicviennainc.org

The Go-Go's Ladies Gone Wild Tour with The Dollyrots. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop-rock. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org

Tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plant Collection. 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Observe and learn from the native plant collection. 703-255-3631.

Bright Eyes with M. Ward and Dawes. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Indie music. \$28-\$32. www.wolftrap.org

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Author Jyoti Sondhi. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Jyoti discusses her book, *Lighting the Lamp Within*. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Plant Clinic hosted by the Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Summer Movies at the Library. 1 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Age 16 and up. 703-790-8088.

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Sean Chyun & The Deceivers. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Rock. www.gfvcca.com/concerts

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"The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace." 4 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. With the Music Ministry, Sanctuary Choir, and members of the Oratorio Society of Virginia. Pre-concert lecture at 3:30 p.m. Free. 703-938-9050 or www.viennapres.org/ministries/music/events

Mill Run Dulcimer Band Concert. 2 p.m. Colvin Run Mill Barn, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 703-759-2771.

Indigo Girls with The Shadowboxers. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org

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The Duke Robillard Band. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 noon, 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 Tyson's.org or 703-854-1856.

Matt Duke, Rosi Golan and Hope Waits. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

Woof, and Paws - Read to a Dog. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Sign up to read with a reading therapy dog. Age 6-12 with adult. 703-938-0405.

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Practice Your English. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Red Wanting Blue, Riley Etheridge, Jr. and Tiger Darrow. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

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

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place,

Oakton. Bring a blanket and lunch, enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. New visitors welcome. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

"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 Tyson's.org or 703-854-1856.

Author Norman Polnar. 7:30 p.m. Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Polnar, a naval analyst and author, will discuss his book, "Project Azorian: The CIA and the Raising of the K-129," analyzing the CIA's partially successful recovery of a sunken Russian nuclear missile submarine. General public invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org

Company of Thieves, Empires and Sleeper Agent. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum. Adults. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Civil War Encampment and Reenactment of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. A wide range of commemorative activities will be take place in the area surrounding the Vienna Community Center, the site of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. This battle was the first time a train was used tactically in warfare in American history. The main encampment will begin set-up on Friday, June 17th near the community center. Activities will include period music by Evergreen Shade starting at 7 p.m. and storytelling of the Battle of Vienna by historian Jim Lewis on a projection screen at 7:30 p.m. These free events are at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Encampment activities and demonstrations will take place all day culminating with the reenactment of the Battle of Vienna at 6 p.m. With the 5th Regiment ANV and 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company G. Free. 703-255-6356.

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The Kennedys. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Classic jazz. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org

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Literary Festival at Village Green

Kindergarten Class of 2011 presents short stories, Class Gift.

BY JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

Village Green Day School in Great Falls held its Seventh Annual Literary Festival on Wednesday afternoon, June 1. The Kindergarten Class of 2011 prepared a collection of short stories, complete with title pages illustrated by each student author. Parents, teachers, Head of School Sylvia Ghorbani, and other invited guests gathered to hear the students read their stories, from fiction based upon real life, fairy tales, drama and fantasy, to nonfiction. Co-lead, Kindergarten Teacher Carey Hitchcock, said in her introduction that, while “brainstorming,” the class discussed, “writing about what you know.” Among these student authors, there are hockey fans, cookie lovers, gymnasts, gardeners and musicians, as well as those who have visited the zoo and Frying Pan Park.

Next school year, they will be entering the first grade at other



Lynn Roots, Village Green Librarian; Carey Hitchcock, Co-Lead Kindergarten Teacher; and student, Bobby Prame after reading his story, “The Champion Hockey Player,” whose main character is also named Bobby.

schools. Village Green, founded in 1979 by Lynne Simmons, a Great Falls resident since 1965, and her late husband Larry Simmons, offers preschool programs through full day kindergarten. The Literary Festival was instituted by former school librarian, Susan

Holland, and is a highlight of the kindergarten send-off celebration. The class also presented a gift of a bird house and bird bath to the school following the reading, before being ushered in to an Authors’ Tea by Co-lead Kindergarten Teacher, Jessica Scharpf.



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Young Authors: Katie Dolgoff, Eli Rakowski, Sarita Bhatia, Sofie Davidson, Sophia Dumas, Brady Youngblood, Jake Geoghegan, Charlotte Karanik, Joanna Welch, Julia Welch, Michael Matuszewski, Aliaa Saleh, Cassie Keating, Jack Gustafson, Bobby Prame and Lexie Keating with Co-Lead Kindergarten Teachers Jessica Scharpf and Carey Hitchcock



LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

county.
In Lee District every proposed modification to the Comprehensive Plan first goes before the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee. I have been actively serving on the Committee since 2004.

We focus on issues relevant to land use, traffic mitigation, storm water management, and soil conservation as well as relevant legal precedent. The Committee's membership comprises representatives appointed by civic and homeowners' associations and includes former Planning Commissioners, former candidates for the Board of Supervisors, and members of the Environmental Quality Advisory Council. Our Lee District Planning Commissioner James T. Migliaccio regularly attends.

Over time, because our process is so thorough in examining each

case, the committee has become the key advisory body for our district. No project the Committee has recommended to be rejected has been approved and no project the Committee has recommended to be approved has been denied by the Board of Supervisors.

In his commentary, Husch said, "Some elected officials in Fairfax have made it clear that they see no need to be 'hemmed in' by zoning ordinances or the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They take the position that everything is on the table and waivers and variances should be easy to get for those wishing to develop anything anywhere."

While I want more information on the specific case involving Brightview Senior Living before commenting on the project, I respectfully disagree with Husch's argument generally. Actively serving on the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Committee

since 2004, I responsibly represent my homeowners' association.

Once every four or five years we accept nominations to amend the Comprehensive Plan. Between these intensive reviews of the Comprehensive Plan, we consider specific requests for modifications on specific parcels. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the foundation in the community dialogue and professional analysis of proposed changes. The support or opposition of local neighbors plays a key role in the decision to approve or reject each proposal.

Apparently, Husch recommends we restrict residents and business leaders from making modifications to their property once every four years. He means well, but his approach is not consistent with our community's values.

We who enjoy the privilege of political service must remember residents, business owners and corporate leaders do not live their

lives by our calendar. Typically, a landowner will present an application for modification to the Comprehensive Plan only when an economic opportunity arises.

Arbitrarily requiring applicants to wait four or five years for the next round of nominations to the Comprehensive Plan is unreasonable. This would represent a significant number of lost opportunities. This would further slow government processes unnecessarily. Inefficient government drives up the costs of American production. The cost of production is the determining factor for economic growth rates. We possess better choices to ensure access and accountability.

Will Radle (I)

The writer is a candidate for Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Reach him at FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

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.

David Snell of Great Falls has received a bachelor of science in business administration from Coastal Carolina University of Conway, S.C.

Damon Dixon of Great Falls has graduated from Hampton University of Hampton, Va.

Madeleine A. Gunter of Great Falls has received a bachelor of arts in anthropology/archaeology and geoscience from Hamilton College of Clinton, N.Y. She is the daughter of David and Pattie Gunter.

Michelle Bovee of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at James Madison University. Bovee is a 2008 graduate of Langley High School.

Farewell Show at Langley High

FROM PAGE 10

see them put together. And honestly, it came out even better than I could have imagined."

Lori Taylor, who was one of the accompanists during the performance, said she enjoyed the diverse song selection in the show.

"It's great to be able to move from show tunes to jazz to pop, and in a contemporary way," said Taylor, who has been accompanying the Langley choir for the past five years. "The kids certainly work harder, but the energy they use really comes out in the production. Doc [Lambert] is great at making them work to reach the best of their abilities, and this is one of the most focused groups I've ever played with."

Before the finale, which was "Just One Dream" from the "Golden Dream" attraction at Disney's California Adventure, a brief video was shown onstage where the graduating seniors spoke about their dreams and goals for the next phase of their life.

Jane Abraham, co-president of the Langley Choral Guild, a parent organization that supports the Langley Chorus, presented Lambert with a token of appreciation for his years of service to Langley. She presented him with a letter from Governor Bob McDonnell thanking him for his accomplishments and dedication to the Langley Chorus.

The show wrapped up another successful season for the Langley Chorus. They traveled to Orlando, Fla. In March for the Heritage Music Festival and the Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir and Women's Select Choir all received first place awards. The Madrigals received the highest score of the competition, with a 98 out of 100.

Lambert also had a bit of magic working for him during the performance. A big Harry Potter fan, his students had gone to the Harry Potter world at Universal Studios while in Orlando this Spring and purchased him a replica of Dumbledore's wand, which he used to conduct the show. Before the finale, he also donned a wizard's robe to conduct the final number.

The number would be the final one performed by 26 Langley seniors who were participating in their final show. Many of them have been members of the chorus for all four years of high school.

"It's sad to see them go, and every year I think 'how in the world will the junior class take their place?' but they always come back and do it," he said. "It's a little bittersweet, because over their time here, they've really learned how to sing and perform at a high level."

More information on the Langley Chorus can be found at <http://www.langleychorus.com>



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Barnes, Knudsen Named Lady and Lord Fairfax

Supervisor John Foust has announced his choices for the 2011 Lord and Lady Fairfax honors. They are Joan Barnes as his choice for Lady Fairfax and Eric Knudsen as his choice for Lord Fairfax.

Joan Barnes has served as her homeowner's association president, Great Falls Citizens Association board member, and Great Falls Trail Blazers co-founder. As a member of the Dranesville Supervisor's 1998 Great Falls Task Force, she participated in the trails and traffic calming projects the transportation committee initiated along Georgetown Pike. She successfully obtained federal funding for the Georgetown Pike trail, and obtained the Park Authority's approval for the first volunteer-constructed trail. Barnes was instrumental in the 2008 revision of the Heritage Resources section of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to recognize

the eligibility of Georgetown Pike for the National Register of Historic Places. Since identifying concerns on behalf of the Great Falls community with the 2007 plans to widen Route 7, and becoming co-chair of the GFCAT Transportation Committee in 2008, Barnes has led a successful four-year community-wide effort resulting in a revised plan that significantly reduces the potential impact to historic Georgetown Pike.

Eric Knudsen's volunteer service began with the Great Falls Trail Blazers Committee and the Great Falls Swim and Tennis Board. Upon election to the Great Falls Citizens Association, he gravitated to the Land Use and Transportation Committee. He is currently co-chair of that committee and vice president of the Association. Along with his co-chair, he spearheaded the collection of petitions for the protection of Georgetown Pike and has successfully ne-

gotiated with VDOT for traffic lights on the Pike, safer intersections, and changes to plans for the widening of Rt. 7 that would have adversely affected the historic nature of the Pike. Knudsen has worked on the traffic calming and crosswalk plan for Walker Road, which will be implemented later this year. Knudsen continues to guide resources of the community to educate, support and protect Georgetown Pike as Virginia's first recognized historic byway and the first engineered road in the county now celebrating nearly 200 years of use.

"Ms. Barnes and Mr. Knudsen have made tremendous contributions to the community over the years," said Supervisor Foust. "Their leadership was particularly invaluable in helping to reach resolution with VDOT regarding the configuration of the intersection at Georgetown Pike and Route 7."

The Lord and Lady Fairfax Program was

founded in the mid-1980's by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. (CFI) to recognize Fairfax County residents who have significantly contributed to the community. Each Fairfax County Supervisor annually nominates a Lord and Lady from the district they serve; so far, more than 500 individuals have been honored.

A reception to recognize the Lords and Ladies will be held in the Forum of the Government Center on Tuesday, June 7 at 8:30 a.m., followed by a special presentation of honorees during the first hour of that day's Board of Supervisors' meeting.

The Celebrate Fairfax! Salute to the honorees will be on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum of the Fairfax County Government Center.

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“Bluebirds,” a photograph by Bill Garrett, taken on his deck in Great Falls, was awarded “Best of the New Village Bird” from among 53 bird artworks displayed at the Great Falls Library. The eastern bluebird is the new Great Falls bird.

Great Falls Artists Open Three Exhibits

Aviaries of bird art and a menagerie of pets highlight new art shows.

Local birds and pets are the themes for three new art exhibitions that opened this week in Great Falls featuring paintings, photographs, pottery and other artworks by Great Falls artists.

All three venues display works by members of the local arts group Great Falls Studios. The new art can be seen at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, at a virtual gallery on-line at www.GreatFallsStudios.com, and at the Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort and Spa, 11415 Georgetown Pike.

The library and on-line shows wrap up the election process in Great Falls to select a town bird symbol. All seven bird candidates, and several others, are represented in the works on display. Last month, residents voted the eastern bluebird as town symbol in a squeaker of an election in which four species finished within 10 votes of each other.

The library show is a semi-annual exhibition put on by Great Falls Studios. The exhibit is called “Birds of Great Falls.” The works shown, including photos and three-dimensional pieces, depict the avian denizens of Great Falls in a variety of styles.

The on-line gallery show on the Great Falls Studios website is titled “Behold the Bluebird.” It, too, features images of the new village bird, plus other birds that frequent the area.

The exhibit at Seneca Hill Animal Hospital sticks with an animal theme but features pets and farm animals. Many of the photographers and painters represented at the veterinary facility create portraits of pets on a commission basis.

For the first time in the Studio group’s history, an outside juror selected top work, awarding two cash prizes and seven honorable mentions for the library exhibit. The juror was Joanne Bauer, Exhibitions Director, Greater Reston Arts Center (Grace). Appropriately, Bauer is both an accomplished art critic and an accomplished birder.

The top “Best in Show” prize was awarded to



“Gone Wild Turkey” by painter Jill Banks won honorable mention for best depiction of a wild turkey, one of seven bird candidates in the Great Falls bird election. Banks also won \$50 for the “Best in Show,” a painting of an eastern bluebird available for view at the Great Falls Library.

painter Jill Banks for her portrait of an eastern bluebird. The “Best of the New Village Bird” went to photographer Bill Garrett for his image of many bluebirds at a feeder.

The other winners are “Best Pileated Woodpecker,” Walt Lawrence; “Best Red-Shouldered Hawk,” Ben Cheshire; “Best Great Blue Heron,” Laura Nichols. “Best American Goldfinch,” Dean Souleles, “Best Ruby-Throated Hummingbird,” Brenda Drake; “Best Wild Turkey,” Jill Banks. A special award for originality went to Jan Bender for a photograph titled “Bird Food,” of cookies shaped as bluebirds.

The library and on-line shows will run for the month of June. Art at Seneca Hill will hang for six months. The work displayed at all three exhibitions is for sale.

Great Falls Studios and an associated non-profit group, Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, have been working for several years to make Great Falls a more artful and creative community. More than 1.5 percent of the households in Great Falls are now home to an artist or photographer member of Great Falls Studios. In all, there are 99 working artists in the group.

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Strong Region Title Run Falls Just Short for Langley Boys

Saxons lose well played region soccer finals game to Lake Braddock, 2-1.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High boys' soccer team gave it their best shot to bring home a title at last Friday night's Northern Region tournament finals game versus Lake Braddock. But in the end, the Bruins were able to overcome a one goal, second half deficit and squeeze by the talented Saxons, 2-1. The postseason contest took place on Madison High's turf field in Vienna.

Both Lake Braddock and Langley will advance to this week's state AAA boys' playoffs.

Langley, following a scoreless first half of play in which both teams seemed to be getting a reading on one another in the championship showdown, broke through for a score less than seven minutes into the second 40 minutes of play when senior midfielder/striker Dylan Price, off a gorgeous, long throw-in pass from the left side of the field by teammate Jeff Cochran, got himself free on the right side of the goal area and headed the ball into the right side of the net for a 1-0 Saxons' lead with 33:25 remaining in the second half.

"I got some space and headed it into the corner," said Price.

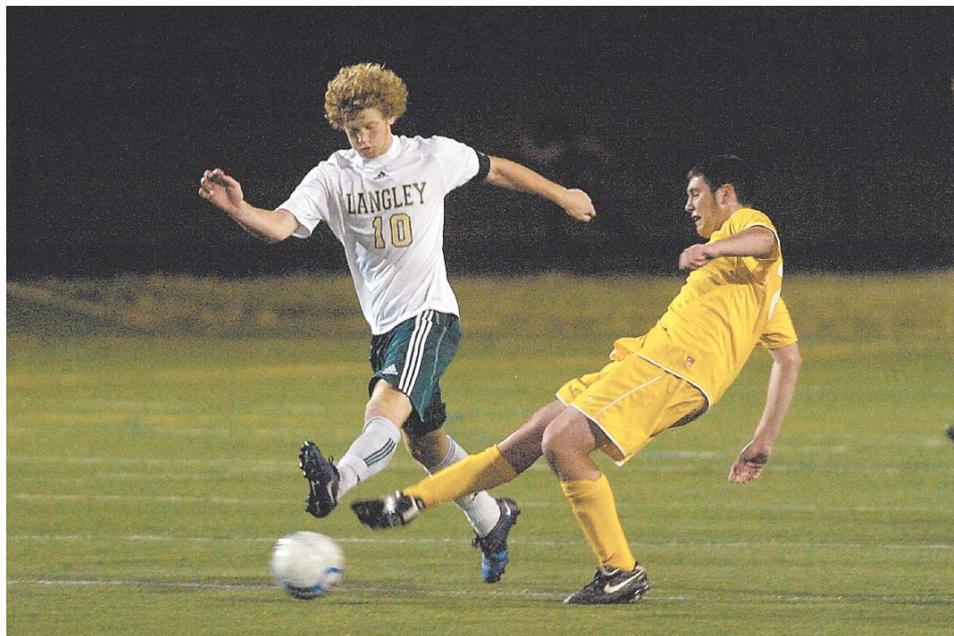
Moments earlier, Price had barely missed scoring on a kick off the right side from 10 yards out.

"We were pressuring them, I poked it past the keeper and the ball went off the right post," said Price, of the missed chance, which ultimately did not matter when he punched in his header goal.

"I think our kids have shown a belief in themselves where they don't quit and have grown closer and closer as the year has gone on."

— Lake Braddock coach Joe Soos

Amazingly, less than a minute after Langley scored, Lake Braddock came right back and answered with the equalizer when Bruin senior midfielder Elhadji Diouf, off his own rebound following a head shot at-



Langley's Dylan Price (left) scored the Saxons' lone goal in their 2-1 loss to Lake Braddock in last Friday's region finals.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



With Bruins all around him, Langley's Justin Galiani (9) goes all out for a ball in the air during the title game played at James Madison High.

tempt, scored on a scorching, close range shot off the left side to make the score 1-1. The goal was set up by a Lake Braddock throw-in ball.

Just like that, the game's momentum had gone from the Saxons' favor to the Bruins'. Then, seven minutes later, Bruins' senior midfielder Matt Fraedrich came up with what proved to be the game-winner and the biggest goal of the season for Lake Braddock.

The score came off a short breakaway left, the result of a picture perfect up-field pass from teammate Tyler Dunn. Fraedrich received the pass behind the Langley defense, moved the ball forward on the dribble, then lifted a soft touch shot over Jay Lupas, the charging Langley goalie. The ball went into the goal from about 18 yards out and put Lake Braddock ahead to stay, 2-1, with 11 minutes, 9 seconds remaining in the second half.

"Obviously, it was a great strike," said

Lake Braddock coach Joe Soos, of the goal. "But the ball played into him [by Dunn] was just as important. Tyler dropped the ball over the defense where Matt could get to it. The ball was outstanding and Matt caught it in stride."

UPON SCORING, Fraedrich, in celebration, dashed up the field's far sideline and took off his shirt, pointing triumphantly to the Bruins' fans in the visitors' side stadium bleachers. His teammates and the Bruin fandom were ecstatic at the clutch goal. However, Fraedrich was issued a yellow card for taking his jersey off. He also got a stern talking to by Soos, the Bruins' head coach.

"He just got caught up in the moment," said Soos. "He wasn't trying to show up Langley."

Fraedrich agreed afterwards that he should not have taken off his uniform top. Of the goal itself, he credited Dunn, a se-

nior defender, for setting him up.

"Tyler is a great player and capable of playing the long ball at top and he did," said Fraedrich. "He hit the ball over the top of the defense, and under my breath I said to myself, 'Yes.' I knew the keeper was coming out. At first I thought [my shot] was going over the goal and that I hit it too hard."

"I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states."

— Langley senior Dylan Price

But it wasn't too hard and went into the net. Seven minutes earlier, Fraedrich had missed a golden opportunity to score when his shot from 15 yards out off the right side on a short breakaway chance went wide right. But he didn't miss a little while later on his chance off the left side, set up by Dunn's pin-point pass.

It was the seventh goal of the postseason for Fraedrich, who scored just two during the regular season.

"He's found his range," said Soos.

At game's end when the final whistle blew, the Lake Braddock student body rushed the field and celebrated in unabashed enthusiasm with the Bruins' players at midfield.

It marked the first time Lake Braddock has won the region crown since 2003 when the Bruins defeated West Springfield in the title game. Lake Braddock also made it to the region finals in 2006 but lost to Woodson.

"I think our kids have shown a belief in themselves where they don't quit and have grown closer and closer as the year has gone on," said Soos, of his squad.

It was a frustrating game for the Bo Amato-coached Saxons, this year's Liberty District champions who were on the doorstep of a region crown before the Bruins broke through for their consecutive second half goals.

"It was a good game and we played well," said Price, the Langley striker. "The biggest regret was giving up a sloppy goal [which made the score 1-1]. Their second goal was a great finish and a great goal."

Price said his team will now look forward to making a strong run at states.

"I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states," he said. "This loss is tough, but we have a lot of seniors and good leadership. We demand a lot out of ourselves. This is the [closest] group I've ever played on. That's real special. I'm real glad to be a part of this team."

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Money for Something

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



But what exactly? And how much of it shall I spend? And what if I need it later for some cancer-related, at-home expense that I don't have now? As well as I'm doing, do I assume that my future is as asymptomatic and as relatively normal – all things considered for a stage IV lung cancer patient who's been told his disease is "incurable but treatable" – as it has been, generally speaking? And while I'm speaking generally, why should I, of all people, not suffer the same fate as so many other terminal patients who have preceded me have while battling their own incurable diseases? I don't suppose I should, which is why I'm feeling that spending money like there's no tomorrow, or at least a non-cancer-affected tomorrow, expense-wise, is not a reasonable assumption and prudent course of planning/budgeting. I realize I have beaten the odds so far, 27 months post diagnosis; still, I don't believe I'm a great long-term investment.

Nevertheless, "Tomorrow is another day," as Scarlet O'Hara so famously said at the end of the Oscar-awarded, "Gone With The Wind," exhibiting the same indomitable spirit which had carried her through the Civil War and part of Reconstruction, as well the four-hour movie made of Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. But tomorrow – for me, may be the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end – of budget control, should my cancer move and/or grow and reassert itself. And if that happens, it's likely going to cost some money; unexpectedly if I don't plan for it, and probably over budget even if I do plan for it – even though I have health insurance (reimbursements and all being what they are). Damned if I do and damned if I don't is the thought that reverberates around in my head. How does one plan for the previously unthinkable? How does one live free and die without prepaying (especially if they don't live in New Hampshire)?

But if I don't live like I'm not dying, then surely I will die unhappily – and before my time. I don't exactly want to hasten my death by acting the fastidious fool: getting my things in order for a tidy transition for my loved ones. Where's the future in that? My problem however, is the present. How do I live normally today (as if not diagnosed with a terminal disease)? How do I back-burner an underlying problem (lung cancer), the likes of which have rarely been "back-burnered"? How do I ignore the thing that I need to be (in my head, anyway) most responsible for paying attention to? Moreover, how do I deny the reality that overlaps (I didn't say consumes) my life from the minute I wake up in the morning (and sort of check myself for symptoms, changes), to the second when my brain finally shuts down at night and enables my body to have some much-needed and well-deserved non-cancer-focused rest?

How do I then allocate the precious financial resources available to me to smooth out this incredibly unexpected turn of unfortunate events? Do I try to ease my conscience and spend money to live more joyously today ("Damn the torpedoes!") or do I attempt to manage today and spend money as judiciously as possible so that my subconscious won't nag at me about how ill-prepared I am for tomorrow's inevitable demise? It's a paradox – for me, whose resolution would certainly enhance the quality of my remaining life. The dilemma is, to do so is completely contrary to my nature and what I consider common sense. Then again, being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer at 54 – after having never smoked cigarettes, wasn't exactly part of the plan either.

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THE COUNTY LINE Split in the Rail?

NEWS ANALYSIS

With local burden of rail expanding, economic pressures and political pressures lead to flash point.

By NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Part two of a two part series.

Like the Pentagon, Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport have been major engines of economic growth in Northern Virginia, transforming farmland into cities with massive office complexes and almost endless suburban communities stretching to the West Virginia line and south to the Richmond suburbs.

The result contributed to several of the richest counties in the United States. The region has been buffered against more serious economic downturn by the federal government and the vast private industry attracted here to serve it.

For most of their history, these engines were delivered to Virginia free - without major local tax investment. Over the last five decades, they have brought millions of well paid jobs to Virginia and created, in spite of recent troubles, one of the richest housing markets in the world.

The economic boom ironically created the critical traffic glut that was the impetus for the Dulles Toll Road and the airport rail line.

Until the opening of the Dulles Toll Road in 1984, there were no toll roads in Northern Virginia, no toll bridges and a major subway system built in large part by federal dollars. The original Metro system was built with 90 percent federal funding, 10 percent local. In 1979, additional expansion required 25 per cent from local funds with 75 percent federal participation. The last 13.5 miles was completed with federal paying 63 percent and local governments paying 37 percent.

THE DULLES CORRIDOR RAILWAY marks the first time that the Northern Virginia taxpayer has been asked to pay a significant portion of this public utility.

Now relatively suddenly, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority's handling of the rail project is being called into question and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has introduced a bill that would allow the removal of members of MWAA's board plus allow the Virginia governor to appoint enough members to virtually overpower Washington and Maryland delegations.

On the surface the cause would seem to be that MWAA selected a plan for Phase 2 that will cost \$325 million more than a competing plan.

But beneath the surface there are other

issues afoot.

Wolf's bill clearly is designed to carry out a political objective along with public policy changes. Though he does not mention her by name, Wolf wants to allow McDonnell to remove Mame Reiley, a prominent Virginia Democrat (party fundraiser, member of the Democratic National Committee from Virginia and campaign manager for Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who was appointed by then Gov. Mark Warner. Reiley chaired the committee which recommended the costlier airport Metro station and has firmly rejected the notion that the MWAA should back down.

The second target of Wolf's bill is a Republican chestnut. He and other Republicans in local government like Pat Herrity on the Fairfax Board of Supervisors want the project to drop the "project labor agreement" which was in force in Phase 1 and which requires union organized labor on the project.

Many federal projects use union labor, but local Virginia contractors have "right to work rules" and hire only nonunion employees.

Wolf's public statements persistently refer to his experience in congress looking into the notorious Boston "Big Dig" project where costs skyrocketed from \$2 billion plus to \$22 billion. He says he sees the danger of runaway costs here.

"Success of the rail to Dulles and to Loudoun County is critical to the future economy of the entire region."

— Leo Schefer, chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force

Wolf claims that the MWAA worked well for 25 years and often mentions his role in setting it up, but he said he believes "continued success is now threatened by a board of directors that has lost sight of its primary mission of serving airport passengers and residents of surrounding communities."

It is not likely that as Wolf's bill is drawn it can pass in a Senate dominated by the Democrats with the two Virginia senators from the Democratic Party.

The MWAA's response was muted: "The legislation proposed is concerning because of the proposal's potential impact on our organization and its mission. The Airports Authority has worked closely with Congressman Wolf for more than 20 years and continues to try to address his concerns and is cooperating fully with the upcoming federal audit requested by the Congressman."

Meanwhile, Charles Snelling, the chairman of the MWAA, has suggested all parties meet to see if they can find a solution.

Last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood met with MWAA board mem-

bers and local politicians to resolve some of the conflict.

OTHER FACTORS in this controversy may be at work as well. Fairfax County, which bears 16.1 percent of the cost of the project and Loudoun which must pay 4.8 percent, have felt the economic tightening of the past three years. Fairfax has stopped raises for employees and cut its budget three years in row. Loudoun too has had to trim though it is still the fastest growing county in the country.

When Fairfax Board of Supervisor members said they were "outraged" to learn of the decision to put the airport station underground, it was a reaction sharpened by current downturn.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors last month voted to see what the impact would be if Loudoun pulled out of the rail project, partly precipitating the emergency meeting with LaHood.

When Mame Reiley defends the underground station, she does so on the critical need for Dulles to meet the growing competition of the Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

There is also a critical need for completion of the rail line and the modernization of Dulles airport.

Leo Schefer chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force agreed that "improving passenger conditions is critical" at Dulles.

Though his organization opposes the underground station at the airport, he said a survey by his group believes that there is \$500 million to \$800 million in estimated costs that could be trimmed from Phase 2. One would be the underground station at the airport, saving \$325 to \$330 million and instead using weather protection for passengers and a baggage service that would move luggage right on to planes.

But he said getting agreements with Loudoun and Fairfax to build and manage parking garages could save \$100 to \$200 million and working out a "cost effective" rail yard with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority which will run the railway could save another \$50 million.

Schefer stressed that getting the rail project right was crucial. "Success of the rail to Dulles and to Loudoun County is critical to the future economy of the entire region," he said. "The rail is going to open up the Dulles Corridor to the rest of the region," he said. "Dulles is one of the fastest-growing labor markets in the region but it's impractical for many people in D.C. that are semi-skilled or unskilled to get jobs in Dulles because work at the airport is shift work. The Metro will open up D.C. to jobs in the airport," he said.

"A lot of employers are attracted to our region by the federal government but where they locate is driven by the ability to reach the international gateway to Dulles," he continued. "The greater accessibility of Dulles to all parts of the region, the greater the ability to diversify the wealth and the growth through the region."



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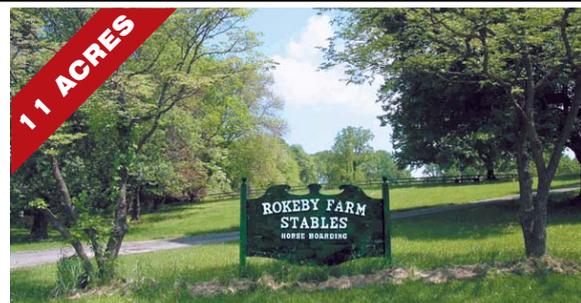
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