

Phil Lynner, 9, Zoe Bierman, 7, and Luke Bierman, 5, took turns cranking the ice cream maker with Colvin Run Mill volunteer Liam Fitzmorris of Great Falls. For the record, Phil's favorite flavor is green mint, Zoe's is strawberry, and Luke's is M & M.

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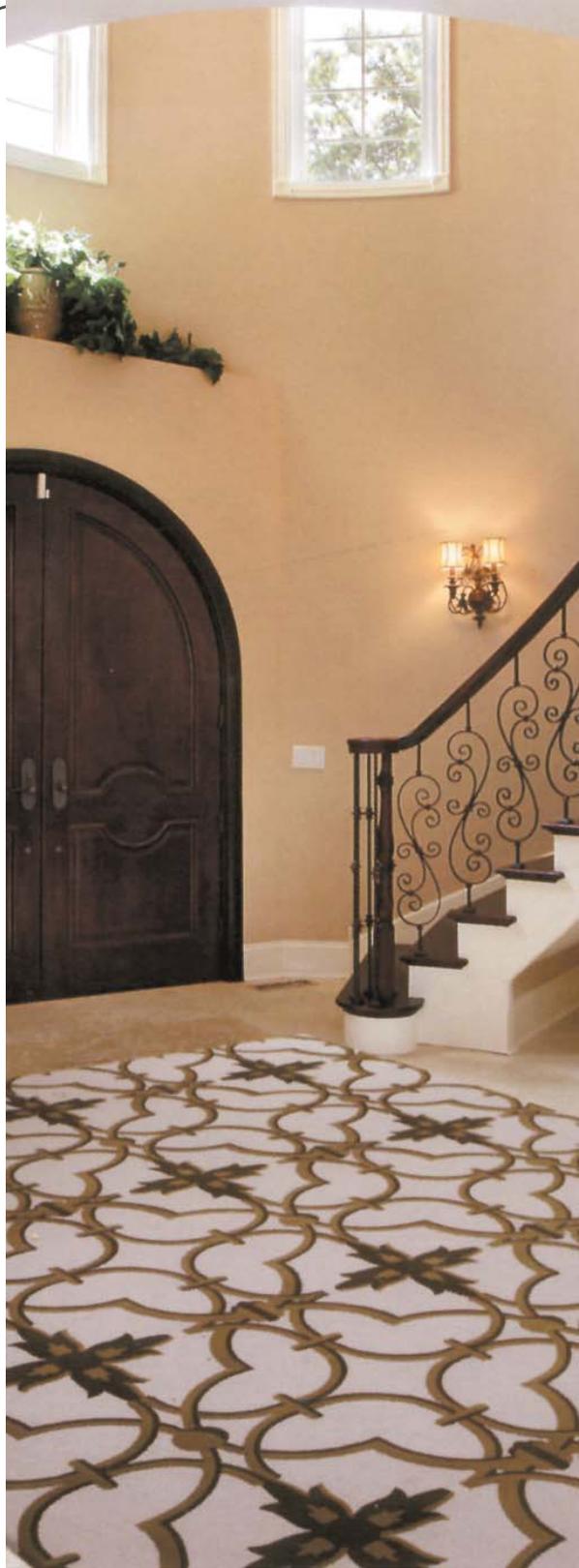
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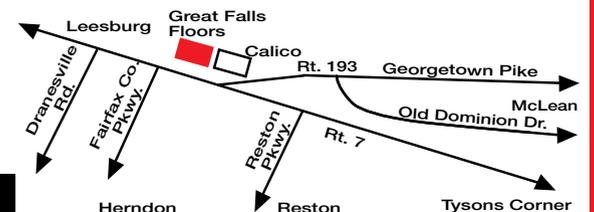
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Hand-cranked Ice Cream Makes Comeback

Colvin Run Mill features interactive ice cream making demonstrations throughout July.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

In the midst of hot Washington, D.C. summers comes National Ice Cream Month, July. Yes, you can buy gourmet ice cream in the area. And, yes, you can buy electric ice cream makers for home use in the area. What is a lot harder to come by is freshly made, all-natural hand-cranked ice cream in the area.

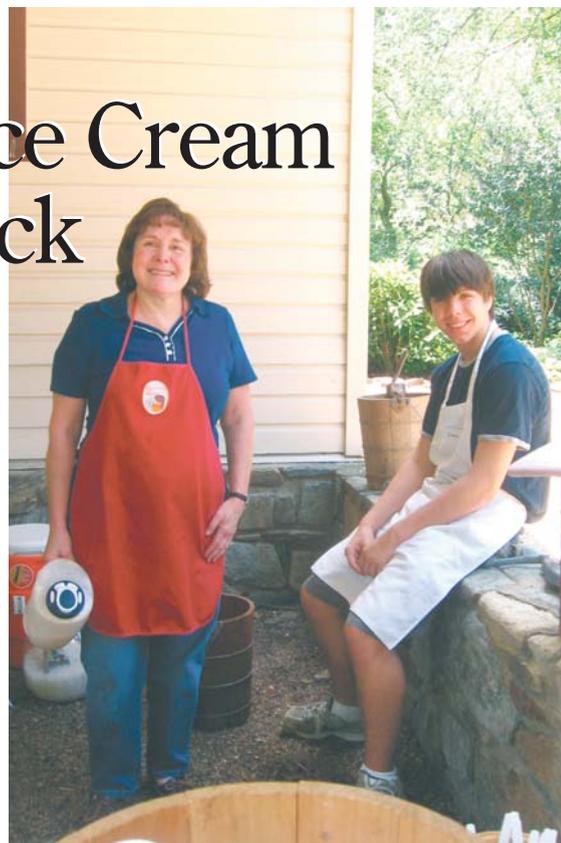
At Colvin Run Mill, ice cream making is one of the summer's most popular interactive activities. Children and grownups take turns cranking the old-fashioned machine by hand, and, for \$1.25, guests may buy a cup to dress up with chocolate syrup and sprinkles. Each week introduces a different flavor, too.

ON JULY 9, several families — children and adults — got a chance to try out the old-fashioned process of hand-cranking ice cream. The first batch of the day, making about 30 cups, takes approximately 25 minutes of cranking. When stiff, the ice cream is ready to soft-serve. As the canister sits in the brine, the ice cream “ripens,” becomes a more typical solid ice cream.

Mark Lynner brought family visiting from Denver to the mill. Lynner had been to the mill previously and thought it would be a fun thing for the families to do. He didn't know about the ice cream making when he made the plans but the children, Phil Lynner, and Zoe and Luke Bierman, were delighted to crank the vanilla ice cream and pour toppings over their scoops.

Langley High School student Liam Fitzmorris of Great Falls was looking for things to do this summer and when he found a position as a volunteer at the mill, he thought volunteering there would be fun. And it is, he said. It was Liam's second participation as ice cream maker and he called the experience “awesome.”

Sarah Maciejewski, and her husband Scott, who just came by to buy grits, watched the ice cream making demonstration and ate some of the finished product. Maciejewski pronounced it “delicious.” Even as Maciejewski promotes Fairfax County as part of her job with Visit Fairfax, she also participates in the County's activities and events as any resident would. “It's [Colvin Run Mill] a real gem we have here,” said Maciejewski, as she and her husband rocked their chairs on the porch of the general store. “For the kids, especially, it's a great way to learn



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Colvin Run Mill volunteers Barbara Raymond of Vienna and Liam Fitzmorris of Great Falls demonstrated the old-fashioned process of hand-cranked ice cream making at the Fairfax County Park.

COLVIN RUN MILL HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

This recipe is one that Colvin Run Mill uses in its interactive demonstrations. One batch makes about 30 servings.

Ingredients: 1 quart heavy whipping cream; one-half gallon whole milk; 2 cups sugar; 4 tablespoons vanilla extract

Preparation: mix cream and sugar; add vanilla extract and stir. Pour into plastic jug and add enough milk to fill the container. Less milk makes the ice cream richer. Pour mixture into ice cream maker canister. Fill only three-quarters full. Fill ice cream maker bucket with ice and rock salt. Churn until stiff. Ice cream will be ready as soft-serve. To harden, leave ice cream canister in salt brine. One bag of thawed berries may be added to the mixture.

about a time or way of life they've never experienced.”

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month, and established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in July. Probably no child knows or cares about that fact because, for them, any hot sticky day is ice cream day.

The ice cream maker used at Colvin Run Mill, produced by White Mountain, is the real traditional thing, sold in hardware and specialty kitchen stores. The unit is manual, its casing made of New England white pine that needs pre-use soaking to swell the wood fibers, creating a tight fit to retain the ice. The smaller manual White Mountain ice cream maker sells for approximately \$175.



Erik Sofiaz was intrigued by the innards of the White Mountain crank ice cream maker. His favorite flavor, vanilla, was featured at Colvin Run Mill on July 9.

ICE CREAM MAKING at Colvin Run Mill continues through July on the 16th, 23rd and 30th of the month, from noon to 3 p.m. Interactive demonstration free; ice cream is \$1.25 per cup.

Recurring summer programs at Colvin Run Mill include grain grinding and blacksmithing demonstrations, and woodcarving lessons. For the complete schedule of Colvin Run Mill events, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm.

Community Service As Second Nature

Maggie Kovacs recognized for service with University of Oregon lacrosse team.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Like many children, Maggie Kovacs of Great Falls spent her childhood playing sports, first soccer, then lacrosse, swimming and field hockey during her time at Cooper Middle School and Langley High School. But she also got experience coaching sports at a young age, starting with her younger brother's coaching team when she was in fourth grade. She also learned how much she enjoyed being mentored by older students.

“I played for McLean lacrosse in seventh grade, and I remember Kaitlin Duff, who was in high school and later went on to play for UVA, and others helping out with our team,” Kovacs said. “I remember thinking how cool it was that these older people were helping us, and how much I wanted to be like them.”

Now Kovacs is the one setting the example, performing many hours of community service around the University of Oregon, where she is currently a sophomore studying Business Administration. She was awarded the Community Awareness Honor by the International Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association last month because of these efforts. Only 18 women around the country are given the honor each year.

KOVACS HELPED recruit and organize the Quack in Action event at the university, which brought more than 300 children from the Eugene, Ore. area to participate in activities designed to foster fitness and nutrition. She also recruited her lacrosse team to help start a local Habitat for Humanity chapter, which built a playground and houses for those in need.

She also spent Martin Luther King Jr. day this year helping coordinate a volunteer effort at a local homeless shelter.

“Considered a ‘day off,’ several hundred students including Maggie and her teammates spent the ‘day on’ by volunteering to help clean the White Bird



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Maggie Kovacs, Great Falls resident and current sophomore at the University of Oregon, was honored for her community service efforts by the International Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association last month.

“There have been so many positive people in my life that always encouraged me to keep going, that I feel like I need to pass that on.”

— Maggie Kovacs

Clinic, a local clinic for the homeless and people in need. Read Across America is the first week of March every year, and the sophomore has participated the last two years by going to a local elementary school and reading and spending time with the children,” according to the IWCLA. “She also participated in the local Polar Plunge as a volunteer to benefit the Special Olympics, in February of 2011. The event is a fundraiser and people pay to jump in the river during the middle of winter. Maggie helped

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NEWS

Becoming an Eagle Scout

On April 30 before a full house at the Great Falls United Methodist Church, John "Clark" Andersen, son of Claude Andersen and Carrie Clark of Great Falls, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 673, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Clark joins a group of seven scouts from Troop 673 who have achieved the Eagle Scout rank in the past year.

Clark started his adventure in scouting in early elementary school. He joined Troop 673 in 2004, after earning the rank of Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout in Pack 673. Since joining the troop, Clark has served as Patrol Leader four times, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He is currently serving as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Clark has completed many rigorous, high adventure trips during his time in Troop 673. He started by completing the 185 mile bike trip down the C&O Canal Towpath, twice. He also participated in the Triple Crown of High Adventure trips: Sea Base in 2007, Northern Tier in 2008 and Philmont in 2010.



Eagle Scout Clark Andersen, a member of Boy Scout Troop 673, with his father Claude Andersen.

Clark earned a special religious award, Ad Altari Dei, in 2006. He was elected into the Order of the Arrow in 2008, completing both his Ordeal and Brotherhood levels. Clark also received the Cory Corrales Spirit Award in 2009.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Clark helped SeeCareDo, a non-

profit organization, create a game designed to record and map good deeds performed in honor of the men and women who serve or have served in military services. His objective was to establish a beta test for the game. Working closely with the organization leaders and the scouts and parents of Troop 673, Clark was able to help them develop the rules of the game and test the computer program for recording and mapping these dedicated "good deeds."

A graduating senior at Langley High School, Clark has been a member of the Langley Lacrosse team for four years, which has won two consecutive Virginia State Championships. Outside of school, Clark has trained in a rigorous and unusually disciplined martial arts program for nearly twelve years at the John Chung Tae Kwon Do Institute in Reston. He has achieved the level of First Degree, First Stripe Black Belt. In the fall, Clark will attend Christopher Newport University where he hopes to play lacrosse and continue his martial arts education while pursuing a career in federal law enforcement.



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Kovacs Honored

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register volunteers and serve warm beverages when they got out of the water.”

Kovacs says that Eugene is a little bit different in the ways the community approaches fitness and athletics.

“In Oregon, everyone is very active, and they love the outdoors, but they’re very much into things like track and field, and not so much into team activities,” she said. “Especially with girls, team sports aren’t as big, but they’re getting into it. Almost every elementary school in the area has asked us to come and speak, and I can’t tell you how many gym classes we’ve talked to.”

With indoor activities, like increased technologies and more appealing video games, Kovacs said it’s important to impart the idea of physical fitness to the younger generations. She also reads to students at local schools and participates in the local Boys and Girls Club Wednesdays.

Jen Larsen Beck, her lacrosse coach at the University of Oregon, says Kovacs is a prime example of what a player should be on and off the field.

“Maggie did an amazing job organizing our team throughout the year with our community service,” she said. “She is a great example of hard work. Maggie is a phenomenal student and impactful player for our program but never forgets to give to others that are not as fortunate as she is in life. Every day Maggie remembers others as well as being excellent herself.”

Kovacs says that athletics and community service has been such a part of her life up until now, it’s simply a part of who she is.

“I was so young when I first started coaching, I always knew how to make time for it. I helped with swim team, then I always had service hours at Cooper, my confirmation or for National Honor Society, so it’s always been a part of my life,” she said. “There have been so many positive people in my life that always encouraged me to keep going, that I feel like I need to pass that on.”

SHE REMEMBERS deciding not to swim her senior year at Langley, just play lacrosse and field hockey, and she didn’t know what to do with the extra time.

“I think I always feel better when I’m busier, I don’t give myself the time to procrastinate,” she said. “For example, when I go to the Boys and Girls Club every Wednesday, they’re so excited to see us every time we show up that when I come home to do some homework I’m completely rejuvenated. I guess it would be easier to say ‘I don’t have time’ but it’s well worth the time spent.”

Kovacs says that given her lifestyle, when it comes to community service, it’s only natural that she does what she loves.

“I’m a very active person, so most of my community service is about being active, not just sitting down and organizing,” she said. “Running around and playing with kids, that’s about as fun as it gets.”

Tell Supervisor Foust “NO!” to Brightview

This could be your last chance to express your views to the Supervisor elected to represent your interests.

Your neighborhood could be next if you allow this precedent to be set in Great Falls.

Here are the facts:

- Brightview Assisted Living plans to build a 52,000 sq. ft., 90-unit residential medical facility (plus common and administrative areas) on only 3-1/2 acres in Great Falls.
- This is the former site of “Thelma’s” and abuts several homes on historic Colvin Mill Road.
- Nearly 2/3 of this land is zoned residential.
- Brightview is not in keeping with the low-density, residential character and nature of Great Falls.
- Brightview is not needed. There are already numerous accredited assisted living and memory impairment rooms sitting empty in the Great Falls area.
- Brightview supporters are using shady “scare tactics” to push Fairfax County to grant the required Special Exceptions.
- Fairfax County did not inform Great Falls’ residents in time for them to object.
- The Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) did not inform Great Falls’ residents in time for them to object. Though the GFCA Executive Board is in favor of Brightview, GFCA’s membership is less than 20% of the adult population of Great Falls, and many of their own members object to Brightview.

Tell Supervisor Foust “NO!” to Brightview

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NEWS

Celebrate Great Falls Supports Local Schools

BY ALEX MCVEIGH

THE CONNECTION

Members of Celebrate Great Falls handed out \$18,000 to local elementary school Parent Teacher Associations Monday, the proceeds from their annual golf tournament that took place June 6 at Reston National Golf Course.

Each school received checks for \$6,000. In addition to Great Falls and Forestville Elementary Schools, which have received the money in the past, this year included Colvin Run Elementary School. Colvin Run Principal Steve Hockett said he was grateful to be a beneficiary this year, and said CGF's generosity has already inspired his school.

"We're the new guys this year, but we're excited to be brought into the fold. It means a lot to us that the community is reaching out to us," he said. "Celebrate Great Falls has already been a great asset to us, and it's an amazing relationship."

Hockett says the \$6,000 given to the school will go to "integrating 21st technology around the school, as well as help with

our international languages programs."

Ernie Leighty, principal at Great Falls Elementary, says his school has enjoyed their relationship with Celebrate Great Falls and its previous incarnations.

"They've supported us for the past five years, and we've benefited immensely from their contributions," he said. "It's helped us get a lot of support and resources from the community, and we've used it to help get more technology into our classrooms."

Both Great Falls and Forestville Elementaries have used the funds raised from the annual golf tournament to buy Smart Boards, which are interactive white boards used in the classroom, as well as mobile computer labs that can be wheeled from classroom to classroom.

Mari Arbach, assistant principal at Forestville Elementary said this was her first year being involved with the golf tournament and the funds raised, and that she was amazed at the extent of the dedication shown to the schools.

"It's amazing to see the outreach that this organization is capable of," she said.

Mike Kearney of Celebrate Great Falls said

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From left, Molly Ascrizzi, her daughters Kitty, 13 and Michelle, 10 and Simon Smith of Forestville Elementary School, Leigh Burke of Celebrate Great Falls, Ella Smith, 7, and Assistant Principal Mari Arbach of Forestville Elementary, Tim Burke of Celebrate Great Falls, Erie Leighty, principal of Great Falls Elementary, Ryan Sribar, 8, Trevor Sribar, 6, Vandana Pamecha, Faith Skeen, 9, Laura Skeen, Kathryn Skeen, 8, and Principal Steve Hockett of Colvin Run Elementary and Mike Kearney of Celebrate Great Falls. Members of Celebrate Great Falls presented Colvin Run, Great Falls and Forestville Elementary Schools with \$6,000 each, the proceeds from the Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament that took place June 6.

Golfers Help While Having Fun

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that even though this is the first year of existence for the organization, the tournament and dedication to the area's local schools hasn't changed.

"We're under a new umbrella as Celebrate Great Falls, but as far as the team goes, we're just as dedicated to finding local sponsorships and support for our local schools," he said. "With these schools struggling with budget shortages, they need help now more than ever."

Molly Ascrizzi of the Forestville PTA says she learned a lot helping with the golf tournament, and she was also impressed with the way local businesses rally around the cause.

Tim Burke of Celebrate Great Falls says that the group is trying to get more people involved in the

planning for the golf tournament, so they can bring on and educate new people while at the same time putting on a great event.

While the benefits of the golf tournament are readily available each and every day in the elementary schools, the donors themselves enjoy being a part of the process, getting in a day of golf while knowing they're supporting their local community.

"You can see on the faces of every golfer during the day that not only are they having fun, but they know they're helping," said Ernie Leighty, principal of Great Falls Elementary, and participant in many of the past tournaments. "Even ones who don't have kids in the school system anymore are always ready to help."

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OPINION

Hot Races? Primaries? Uncontested?

Northern Virginia awash in uncontested races; but there are several hot primaries on Aug. 23.

First of all, there are some very important races taking place on Aug. 23, and absentee voting is already underway. If there is any chance you might either be away on vacation on Aug. 23 or you might have a combined work day and commute of 10 hours (that is to say, if you work), or you might be away for any other reason, you can vote in person absentee or by paper ballot absentee.

PRIMARIES AUG. 23

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock district Democrats, Janet Oleszek and Christopher Wade compete to face incumbent John Cook (R) in November.

❖ Senate District 30, Democrats Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka are in a three-way race for the nomination to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer. The winner will face Tim McGee (R) in November. This district, including parts of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, trends to Democrats, so the primary could determine the winner.

❖ Senate District 31, Democrats Jaime Areizaga-Soto (D) and Barbara A Favola (D) face off; winner will face Caren Merrick (R), to replace retiring Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple. If you live in McLean, Great Falls, parts of Herndon or Sterling, listen up, you are likely in this newly configured district that used to be almost entirely in Arlington.

❖ Senate District 36, Republicans Jeffrey M Frederick (R) and Tito Muñoz (R) compete to face state Sen. Toddy Puller (D) in this district that includes Mount Vernon, parts of Lorton and much more of Prince William County than before redistricting.

❖ Senate District 39, Republicans Miller

EDITORIAL

Baker and Scott Martin compete to challenge incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D) in November. This district encompasses parts of Centreville, Clifton, Lorton, Fairfax Station, Springfield and the City of Alexandria.

❖ House of Delegates 49, Democratic primary, Stephanie Clifford (D) v. Alfonso H Lopez (D). So far there is no Republican or other candidate so the winner of the primary could be uncontested in November in this Arlington district.

UNCONTESTED:

Parties could still add a candidate up until Primary Election Day, Aug. 23, but at this point it's unlikely that many of these seats will be contested. This is not an exhaustive list.

Fairfax County, Hunters Mill Board of Supervisors, incumbent Cathy Hudgins (D) is so far uncontested. Also on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Jeff McKay (D-Lee), Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Michael Frey (R-Sully) are uncontested.

House of Delegates District 35 in Vienna, Del. Mark Keam (D) is so far uncontested

House of Delegates, District 86, Del. Tom Rust (R) is so far uncontested in this district in parts of Oak Hill, Herndon, Chantilly and Loudoun.

House of Delegates, District 41, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D) is so far uncontested in this district that covers parts of Fairfax, Burke and Springfield.

House of Delegates, District 53, Del. Jim Scott (D) is so far uncontested.

House of Delegates, District 43, Del. Mark Sickles (D) is so far uncontested.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer Internship Invitation

To the Editor:

All who cherish Great Falls have come to deeply appreciate and respect the Great Falls Historical Society's preservation of the historic heritage and character of Great Falls. GFHS enjoys over 80 oral histories in its online collection, historical properties on National and County Registers of Historic Places including the historic nomination of The Georgetown Pike, a rich collection of historical photos that are in the process of being digitized, a number of significant published works about local history, and an outstanding website. Historic insights provide a sense of past and a sense of place for all who come to live in our community, regardless of origin or heritage. Our historical

work serves to anchor residents of diverse pasts into a common bond created by a place with well-marked historic roots.

There is much more left to be done...

We invite dedicated history lovers — 14 years to 114 years — to join us in a four-week summer internship project to advance several important initiatives regarding the history of Great Falls. We seek the participation of experts, the experienced, and the knowledgeable as well as history novices who want to advance their skills through practical application. Everyone who shows up will be graciously welcomed and appreciated. Please realize that this project is a labor of love — the main benefit being an experience of enthusiastic teamwork and collaboration in pursuit of historic excellence.

If you have a love of history, enjoy the chance to perform historical research work and would like

to team up with others in pursuit of our local history, please join us:

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Depending on the qualifications of the team members who come forward, the internship work may focus on one or several of the following areas:

❖ Preparing, conducting, filming and film editing oral histories of Great Falls residents;

❖ Supporting the preparation of a historic houses tour of the Colvin Run area;

❖ Supporting the delivery of a film series on the Civil War to be held in the Village Green;

❖ Coordinating the preparation of a written publication on the

House of Delegates, District 44, Del. Scott Surovell (D) is so far uncontested in this Mount Vernon district.

House of Delegates, District 45, Del. David Englin (D) is so far uncontested in this district that includes parts of Mount Vernon, Alexandria and Arlington.

House of Delegates, District 46, Del. Charniele Herring (D) is so far uncontested in this City of Alexandria district.

There are some hotly contested races for November, but more on those races later.

To register to vote, to vote absentee, contact:

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The summer edition of the Pet Connection will publish on July 27, with contributions and submissions due July 21.

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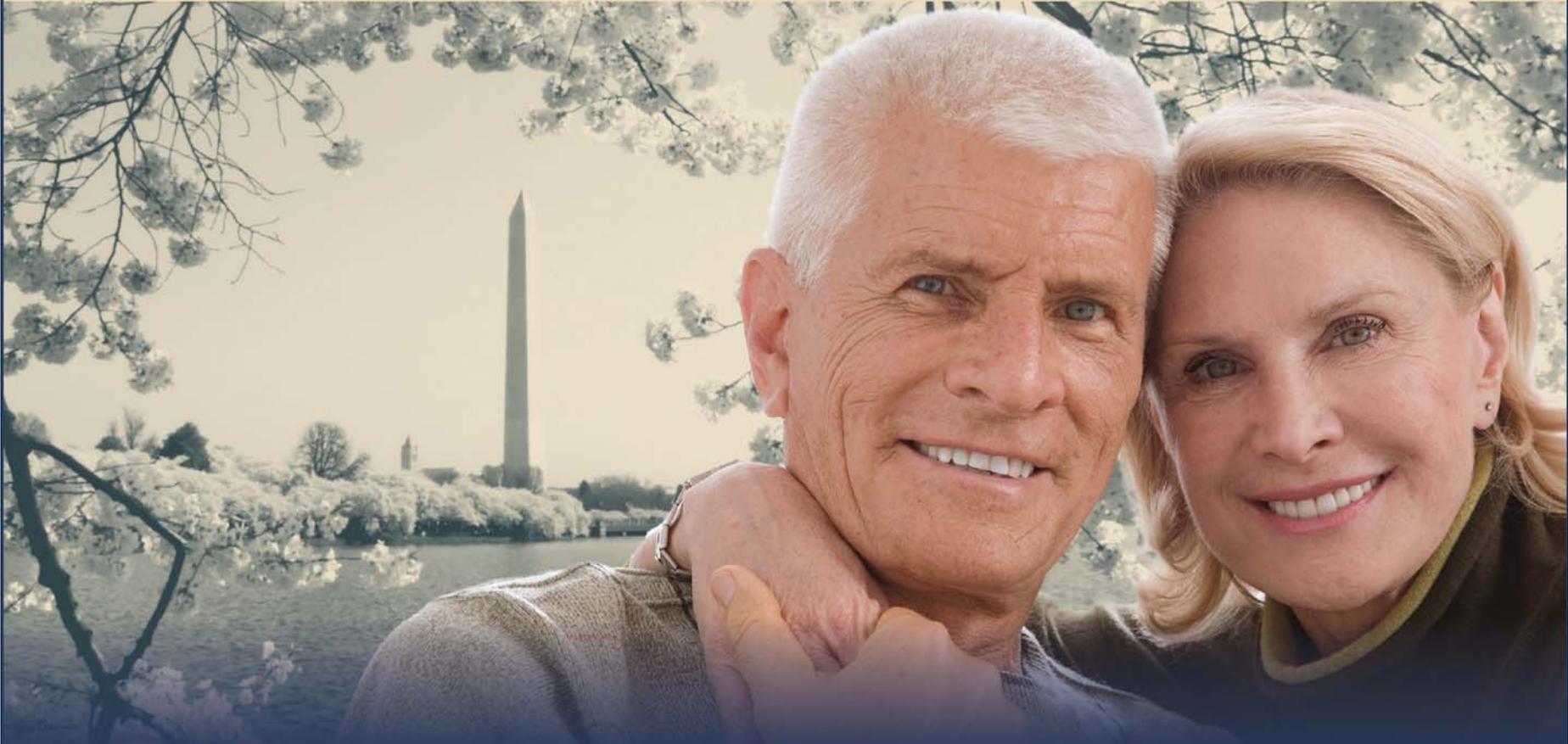
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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Interior designer Deborah Wiener isn't afraid of a messy house. In fact, she finds the chaos challenging, and says she tackles it with "the common sense of a Jewish mother [and] the muscle of a professional wrestler."

When Winkle Nemeth approached her to get help decorating her McLean home, Wiener was in her element. Nemeth, a mother of two college-aged sons who live at home, wanted new furniture for her living room. The family's two mixed-breed dogs have free rein of the room. Nemeth was searching for stylish yet durable pieces that would accommodate both her active family and her fondness for entertaining friends.

"My two dogs like to get up on the sofa so that they can look out the window," Nemeth said. "Their claws had destroyed the fabric on the back of my old sofa."

Wiener came up with a design for the room that took Nemeth's desire for elegance and durability into consideration. She chose substantial furnishings that were chic but sensible and able to withstand everything from spilled soda to

muddy paws. She included pieces from Slobproof!, Wiener's own line of furniture that is made from a fabric called Crypton. The designer says it is virtually indestructible and can be easily wiped cleaned.

Color was one of her secret weapons. "Color is camouflage, but beige is like having another child in the house. It needs protecting and watching," Wiener said. "Get out of the beige rut and use color to camouflage spills and stains."

"I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

— Deborah Wiener

Nemeth settled on a deep blue sofa and pale green arm chairs. Wiener helped her rearrange the furniture to create a sense of openness in the room, and suggested a brightly colored area rug to cover the existing hardwood floors.

Wiener said the goal is to design



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Winkle Nemeth with her dogs Sid (black) and Annie in her McLean living room.



The living room of the Mansfield home in Chantilly. On the sofa are 6-year-old twins Will and Josie Mansfield.

living spaces that match the realities of your life. "I am not your typical designer," she said. "I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

Wiener's advice also comes in the form of unconventional design tools such as Wite-Out and permanent ink markers.

"Keep Wite-Out on hand at all times," Wiener said. "It may be obsolete for correcting typos, but it's a miracle when it comes to camouflaging dings and scuff marks wherever you have white trim around your house — like door frames, baseboard molding or



A reading nook in Winkle Nemeth's McLean home.

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Wiener's Tips for Active Households

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Solid Marble Bathrooms?

Seamless stone showers, walls and floors point to new direction in high-end bathroom design.

BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

Susan Cassell, of Great Falls Design Build, recalls the chain of events that convinced her some of the fundamentals of bathroom design were about to change.

"We were remodeling a bathroom that had been seriously damaged from leakage caused by cracked grout," Cassell said. "This is a common homeowner concern, so I contacted Shawn Daghigh at EuroStoneCraft who had developed some ideas for dealing with this longstanding problem."

Cassell had worked with

EuroStoneCraft — a local marble and granite importer and fabricator based in Herndon — for many years. But she'd heard that the firm had a new brainchild — a custom-made solid marble shower floor which they were introducing under a new division, Verona Showers.

"The shower floor pan is a solid stone slab custom-made to your shower width ... so there's no water-exposed grouting, no cracking or leakage," Daghigh said. "This means there's no mold build up, and no need for time-intensive maintenance."

"It struck me as a breakthrough," Cassell said. "I've found this a re-

ally effective solution for bathrooms, and the color options are impressive. I've been regularly introducing it to my clients."

EuroStoneCraft's already well-honed milling capabilities mean "everything they offer is one of a kind," Cassell said. The firm's skill at shaping natural stone, granite or marble to precisely fit surface specifications eliminates any need to sectionalize or use exposed seams requiring grout.

Homeowner Lisa Schultz is pleased with the EuroStone/Verona design advantages, which allowed her to distinguish the interior of her spacious Great Falls colonial while greatly reducing maintenance needs. Schultz selected an array of custom-fitted surfaces for strategic parts of the house throughout an extensive five-month remodeling process, including finishing the master bath

in contrasting shades of Verona marble hand-picked from the EuroStoneCraft showroom.

"The vanity, shower floor and tub surround are stunning — a very original shade of dark brown," Schultz said. "The floor, tub facing and shower walls are a kind of mocha. The whole is nicely balanced — there's a restful symmetry."

The bathroom's "invisible shower" consists of a custom-made MarbaFloor pan, two solid marble walls converging in one corner and dual sheets of unframed glass forming the other.

Schultz said the master bathroom's new interior seems substantially larger than its previous incarnation, even though the footprint is mostly unchanged.

Schultz added a prized oriental rug, just for effect.

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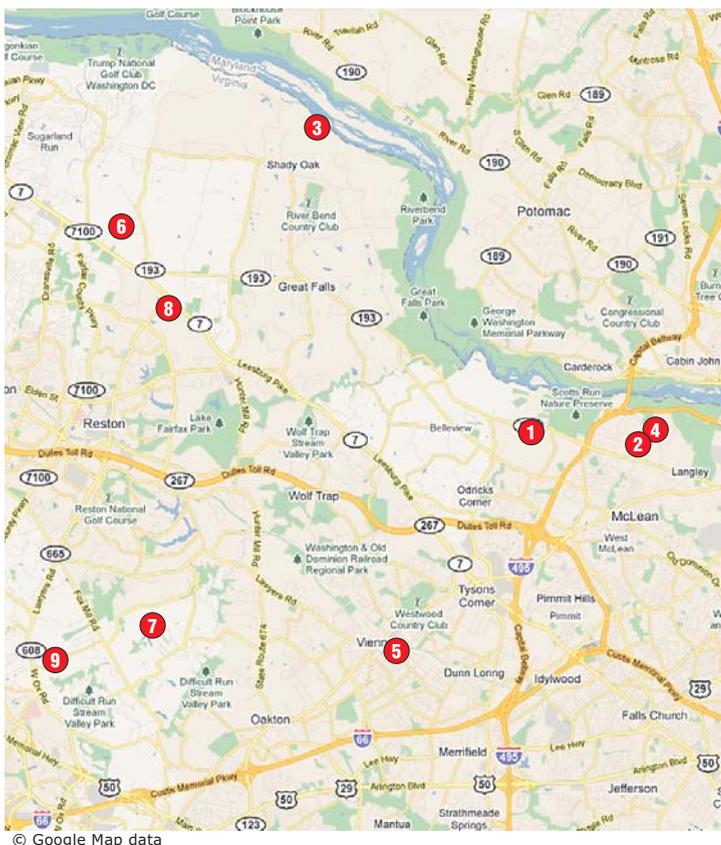
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REAL ESTATE A Bumpy Recovery

Housing Market for McLean and Great Falls experiencing ups and downs.

BY KAREN BRISCOE

The tallies are in for houses sold during the first half of 2011. The best news occurred in the \$1.25 to \$2 million bracket with 80 homes changing hands, up from 63 in the first half of 2010. As you may recall, the recovery of this price range began in the first quarter of 2011 and fortunately carried over into the second quarter. The total number of sales for McLean and Great Falls was 423, which is down from 446 in the same time period in 2010, a drop of 5 percent. The volume is still down from the peak of the

McLean & Great Falls Market Analysis of Homes Sales

1ST HALF 2011 COMPARED TO 1ST HALF 2010

(Based on Final Closed Price)

	>\$3 Mil.	\$2-3 Mil.	\$1.25-2 Mil.	\$750k~ \$1.25 Mil.	<\$750k
1ST HALF 2011					
22101	1	7	34	79	67
22102	5	3	18	36	79
22066	3	2	28	39	22
Total	9	12	80	154	168
Combined Total	101			322	

ALL SALES 1ST HALF 2011: 423

	>\$3 Mil.	\$2-3 Mil.	\$1.25-2 Mil.	\$750k~ \$1.25 Mil.	<\$750k
1ST HALF 2010					
22101	4	3	28	82	83
22102	3	7	12	35	96
22066	0	5	23	51	14
Total	7	15	63	168	103
Combined Total	85			361	

ALL SALES 1ST HALF 2010: 446

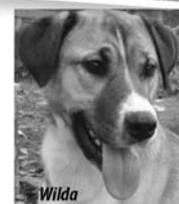
market of 145 properties which changed hands during the first half of 2005.

My prediction for the remainder of 2011 is much the same as the first half of the year: recovery of the housing market will continue, but in a bumpy fashion. Dr. Stephen Fuller, Director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis is the foremost authority on the economy for the Washington DC metro area. Fuller spoke at the Economic Summit for the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors on Sept. 16, 2010 where

he anticipated a rocky recovery. Fuller stated: "Recession is over when you stop declining," he said, "not when you get back to where you were." He predicted that it will be 2012 before we will be in an accelerating economy. Thankfully 2012 is just around the corner!

The good news is that the McLean and Great Falls housing market is on the road to recovery, it just appears to be taking two steps forward and one step backward. Good houses, priced correctly for the current market are selling.

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Design for How We Live Now

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chair rails. Permanent ink markers can cover a lot of dings and scratches.”

Melinda Mansfield said that she has one of the most active households in her Chantilly neighborhood. She and her husband Rob have 6-year-old twins, two dogs and three cats.

“I have a face painting and glitter tattoo business for children,” Mansfield said. “I am the troop leader for my daughter’s Girl Scout troop, and my husband is the leader of our son’s Boy Scout troop. All the kids in the neighborhood come to my house to play.”

Mansfield said that she likes a lively household, but not the mess that often comes with the territory. She wanted to decorate her home to accommodate the chaos without sacrificing style. “I like really nice things,” Mansfield said. “I always have. I wanted a fresh, clean look with good fabrics that will stand the test of time.”

When Mansfield found interior designer Wiener, she knew that she’d found a good match. Wiener started Designing Solutions to specialize “in real life, pet-friendly, family-friendly design.”

Wiener’s design for the Mansfield living room and lower level that took Mansfield’s desire for style and durability into consideration.

CARLENE STEPHENS and her husband Gary Sturm live in Alexandria with two Great Danes who have free rein of the house. She was searching for stylish but durable pieces that would accommodate both her active household and desire for fashionable furniture.

“I was so tired of having messed-up furniture or no furniture at all,” said Stephens.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

For one couple, furniture that can stand up to life with two Great Danes.

Sturm and Stephens had completed a home renovation project and added an open kitchen, dining and family room space. Wiener came up with a design for the room that took the couple’s desire for style and durability into consideration.

“She began with a rug,” Stephens said. “And the other furniture was chosen around it.”

Wiener started with a grey area rug with large circular patterns in shades of blue and yellow, and added a blue sofa and matching arm chair. She completed the look with two gray dining chairs and a gray ottoman that also serves as a coffee table.

Stephens said her furniture has already passed one important test.

“When the furniture arrived my dog had just taken a drink from his water bowl and was dropping water on the new sofa. It was like watching Niagara Falls coming from this Great Dane’s mouth. I wiped it up quickly with no evidence that [the water] had been there.”

Solid Marble Bathrooms?

FROM PAGE 10

After 15 years at the same address, Schultz said the changes have reinvigorated her appreciation of her surroundings:

“It feels like a whole new custom house, which is exciting.”

Describing personal benefits accruing from her own recent master bathroom makeover, Stacy Smith was especially pleased at the relief from perennial grout-replacement duties.

“After years of contending with the predictable problems of mosaic tile — cracking grout, mold build-up, and grit — there’s just no substitute for a solid maintenance-free stone surface.”

Smith explains that in previous homes she and her husband had routinely spent hours repairing tile and re-grouting — so, when the couple purchased a partially finished new house recently, they undertook a serious search for ceramic tile alternatives.

As luck would have it, Smith, who is particularly attracted to natural materials, wandered into EuroStoneCraft’s showroom one afternoon and was immediately struck with the range of granite and marble, and the well-equipped stone fabrication operation.

“It was obvious that they could accommodate almost any design I could dream up,” Smith said. “Since the process eliminates surface seams by customizing to my space requirements, it was as though the countless hours I usually spend on shower maintenance had been given to me as a gift.”

Smith was also impressed with the aesthetics of granites and marbles cut to reveal their signature color, texture and strain.

“No one could have designed a more compelling backsplash or vanity than what I selected for our master bath,” Smith said.

As a final nod to the nirvana of perfect personalization, Smith had Daghigh fashion the Marbafloor shower base as a French drain.

“Why not? This is really a revolutionary bathroom concept,” Smith observes. “It replaces grouted ceramic ... the way the computer replaced the typewriter.”

David Prakken of Fairfax was impressed with both the functional and aesthetic outcome resulting from Verona Shower upgrades to his 25-year-old bathroom.

“The variety of choices is really impressive. The color, texture and patterns in natural granite or marble yield a design statement that only gets lost when there’s too much cutting and patching.”

Prakken notes that his remodeled bathroom, which includes a spacious shower and a Jacuzzi embedded in a marble platform, is “completely cohesive ... a lovely place to just relax.”

He also appreciates the performance of the solid slab materials fabricated to specification: “There’s no leakage, no cracking, no molds ever. It’s a whole series of aggravating maintenance concerns that have been completely eliminated from my life.”

Once Again, Legion All-Star Baseball Game is a Hit

Nationals team victorious in Fourth of July showcase.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The grand old game of baseball was once again on Vienna's center stage earlier last week on Independence Day as the annual American Legion All-Star Game was played in the heart of town at Water's Field. A big, laid back crowd was on hand to take in the District 17 (Northern Virginia) league's holiday showcase game, which began at 10 a.m. and was played in pleasant, overcast conditions.

As usual for the July 4th contest, made up of high school and first year college aged players, winning was not so much the day's priority for either team — the Nationals or the Americans — as much as simply enjoying the game and giving those on hand a good show.

"It's a game where you get to go out on the Fourth of July and play with and against the best players in the league," said Springfield Post 176 catcher/infielder Nathan Slater (Lee High School), who lined a single into left field in a first inning at-bat for the Americans. "Everyone wants to win and everyone out here is competitive. But at the end of the day it's about having fun."

Slater said the atmosphere was fantastic for the Legion All-Star game.

"It's nice seeing there's still support for baseball in the area," he said, after the game. "This place is packed."

Bill Murphy, in his 12th year as the District 17 baseball commis-



Nathan Slater readies for the pitch during first inning action of the annual District 17 American Legion All-Star Baseball Game held on Independence Day at Waters Field in Vienna.

sioner, was the public address announcer for Monday's All-Star game.

"A lot of the players really look forward to this," said Murphy, a former President of the Vienna Little League. "The All-Star game gives the players incentive and pride, and something to shoot for. Every year people around town will come up to me and ask, 'Are you still having the Fourth of July All-Star Game?'"

ON THIS DAY, the Nationals team, made up of players from Alexandria Post 129, Arlington Post 139, Vienna Post 180, and Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976, lit up the scoreboard and defeated the Americans by a tune

of 15-6. The American squad was made up of players from Falls Church Post 130, Springfield Post 176, Fairfax Post 177, and Centreville Post 1995. Both teams also had players from Alexandria Post 24.

Throughout much of the game, patriotic band music could be heard from the grounds of the Vienna Community Center beyond the outfield fence as preparations were being made for the upcoming day-long festivities.

There were a myriad of offensive highlights for both teams. The Nats, in a seven-run top of the second inning, knocked around four doubles, the two-baggers coming from 1976's Joe Warren (St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School),

Post 139's Ryan Dick (Washington-Lee High), Post 24's Robert Banks (Hayfield Secondary), and Alexandria Post 129's Adam Forrer (T.C. Williams). During that same half inning, Alexandria Post 24's George Palacio (Mount Vernon High) and Vienna Post 180's Eli Facenda (Madison High) both had singles. Eleven players batted in all during that breakout second inning.

The game's lone home run came by Warren, a towering fly ball over the center field fence to lead off the fifth inning and give the Nationals an 8-4 lead. Warren would finish the day with three hits.

The Nationals displayed some aggressive base-running in a four-run sixth inning. Vienna post 180's Chris Hanson (Oakton High) began the big inning with a high fly double into shallow left center field. Two batters later, the hustling Hanson scored from second base on a groundball out to shortstop off the bat of Vienna Post 180's Mason Hauser (Oakton). Later in the inning, Forrer, who earlier reached base on a hit's batsmen, stunned the fans and American Leaguers with a dash towards home on the pitchers' windup. Forrer slid safely onto the plate for a rare steal of home. Later that same inning, Alexandria Post 129's James Clark (T.C. Williams) roped a line drive double into left center field to plate two more runs, giving the Nationals a commanding 12-4 lead.

The Nationals would go on to tally three more runs in the eighth, the big blow coming off the bat of left-handed hitting Facenda, who tripled down the right field line for two runs. Earlier in the game, Facenda, who

was the Nationals' starting pitcher, singled the opposite way down the left field line.

THE AMERICANS also had some big at-bats. In their three-run bottom of the second, Springfield Post 176's Joe Townsend (South County Secondary) pulled a ball into deep left field and off the left field fence for a double. But a fine defensive relay play on the extra base hit resulted in a base-runner being thrown out at the plate, the tag applied by catcher Hanson.

In the American third inning, Falls Church Post 130's Danny Zdancewicz (Bishop O'Connell) doubled home a run. The Americans, later in the game, scored single runs in both the sixth — an RBI single by Centreville Post 1995's James Wiltshire (Paul VI) — and seventh innings — a sacrifice fly by Falls Church Post 130's Bruce Beatty (McLean High).

The Americans used nine different pitchers (one inning apiece). Tossing shutout innings were Post 176's JT Williamson (West Springfield High), Falls Church Post 130's Phillip Morris (McLean), Springfield Post 176's Matt Keen (Lee High), Springfield Post 176's Justin Drechsel (Hayfield), and Beatty.

The winning pitcher for the National League was Facenda, a southpaw who worked both the first and second innings.

McLean High graduates Phillip Morse (2012) and Bruce Beatty (2011) were members of the American All-Star team from Falls Church Post 130. Outfielder/catcher Dan Ashley (Falls Church Post 130), a 2011 graduate from Marshall High, also played for the American team.

SWIM REPORT

In Dominion Country Club League action last Saturday, the RiverBend StingRays beat Country Club of Fairfax, 372-143. Will Koeppen broke two of his own team records in the Boys 9-10 50 Backstroke and 25 Fly with times of 39.51 and 16.56, respectively. In addition, Jack Hall also broke his own RiverBend team record in Boys 15-18, 50 Fly, lowering the mark to a 28.56.

Savie Seebold, Will Koeppen, Eliza Pastore, Ryan Windus, Micaela Grassi, and Jack Hall each won first-place ribbons in four events. Anna Phillips won three blue ribbons while Ryan Bond scored two first-place finishes. Other first place winners included: Thomas Youngkin, Tommy Rogers, Allan Spiegel, Sabrina Slavin, Emma Grassi, Davis Riffe, and Devlin Wesolowski.

The StingRays dominated many events,

sweeping first, second and third places in Boys 8-under 25 Free and 25 Backstroke races; Girls 9-10, 50 Free, 50 Backstroke, and 100 IM; Girls 11-12 50 Breaststroke; Boys 13-14, 50 Backstroke; Boys 15-18, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke, and 50 Fly.

The Highlands Whomping Turtles remained undefeated in Division 2 swimming with a 259-143 victory over the Hunter Mill Sharks. Double winners from Highlands were Claire Collins, Diego Cruzado, Hayden Evans, Colton Heuple, Chris Hylton, Chuck Katis, Allison Martin, Olivia Tripodi, and Helen Yablonski.

Highlands' single winners were Scott Callander, Maggie Campion, Xenia de Cazotte, Maria Huisinga, Jayme Katis, Griffin Romanek, Greer Schuman, Sydney Stocks, and Zach Tripodi.

The 13-14 girls 100 Medley Relay team of Sydney Stocks, Claire Collins, Xenia de

Cazotte and Rachel Tate set a new team record of 1:03.49, and the boys mixed age 200 Freestyle Relay team of Colton Heuple, Diego Cruzado, Scott Callander and Chuck Katis set a team record with their time of 1:55.28.

The McLean Marlins hosted their last home meet of the season with a victory over McLean Hamlet, 212-189, last Saturday. Double winners for McLean were: JJ Horsfield, Olivia Gore, Dereck Charles, Timothy Wu, Andrew Do, Libby Ulrich, Christopher Murphy, Will Soobert, Andrew Seliskar and Stephen Seliskar. Single event winners for McLean were: Natalia Rongione, Hannah McCarron, Bill Kim, Nick Loria, Abby Lucas, MJ Ulrich, and Jake McCarron.

Andrew Seliskar set a new team record in the 13-14 boys 50-butterfly with a time of 27.28. The 8-under boys Freestyle relay

team of Ellison Soobert, Nick Loria, Quin Frew, and JJ Horsfield set a new team record with a time of 1:12.30. The 13-14 boys Medley relay team of Christopher Murphy, Andrew Seliskar, Justin Nguyen, and Jack Saunders set a new NVSL record with a time of 54.85.

The Langley Wildthings (1-1) lost to Lakevale Estates, 223-179, in an NVSL Division 4 meet. Double winners for Langley were Jinwon Bailar, Schuyler Bailar, Meghan Overend, Katie Robinson and Izzy Schone. Single winners were Jack Hoeymans, Nate Johnson, Christopher Paul and Emily Wallach. Three Langley records were broken: Jinwon Bailar in the 11 - 12 free (27.94) and back (31.14); and the girls 8-under free relay by the team of Liliana Schone, Kate Walter, Addison Collins and Audrey Wallach (1:22.53).

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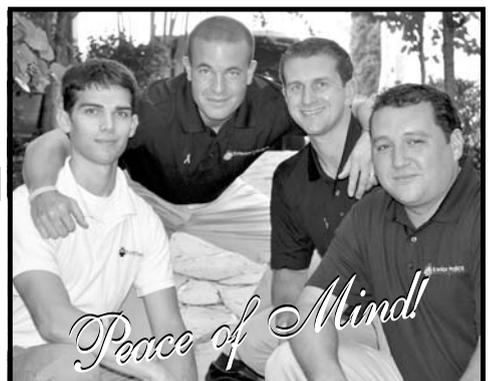
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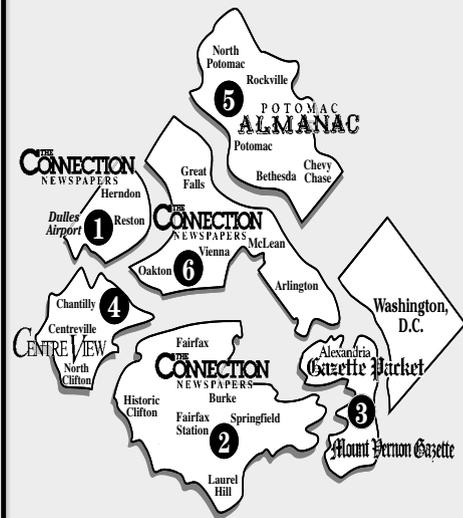
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



There are people I know, with whom I interact irregularly, who I would characterize as more than acquaintances but less than friends, who know I've been diagnosed with cancer but who, for a million different and acceptable reasons are not exactly current with my most-up-to-date health circumstances. These are people who fall just outside my social circle but who might fall within that hypothetical concentric circle where the interaction and intersection with my ongoing activities is somewhere between random and likely, depending on varying time intervals. These intervals are months at a time (give or take) and might include health care professionals, local and/or business people I see routinely but not predictably, out-of-town friends, former co-workers, as but a few examples. People who you don't contact, necessarily, and who don't contact you, unless by happenstance, sort of.

Then you see/talk to them and converse as normally as the depth of your relationship/association warrants (I do, anyway). But the elephant in the room, the fact that yours truly has stage IV lung cancer, eventually rears its ugly head. Typically I try to make light of it, say I'm doing fine (which I am, miraculously, comparatively), and segue into some less Kenny-with-cancer-centric topic. All of which is generally no problem, and after 28 months of it (post diagnosis) fairly normal – for me, in my accepted scheme of things.

My thought about these kinds of exchanges has to do with the other party though, not me (mostly). I wonder about the substance of the conversation we're having at that moment, but also whether this person is thinking about how much time has passed since our last interaction and likewise wondering if, having not heard from me/seen me for sooner, perhaps I had succumbed (died is so final) to my disease. I mean, it's reasonable to think that, not having heard from a terminal cancer patient for a few months might not exactly be a benign set of said-happenstance. Silence may be golden, but in this circumstance, it might be permanent. And the nature of our geometric relationship might delay the communication of certain facts.

Obviously it's not something I worry about – too much, but given my rather introspective obsession with my cancer-affected life, it's practically impossible to not focus, more-than-occasionally on the myriad levels of cancer's insidious hold on my (not over me though) life and its effect on others as well. At least that's my working explanation.

Nevertheless, 28 months into an original "13-month-to-two-year" prognosis, I am able to live with, and balance my ongoing obsessions. However since my brain is still working reasonably well (comments from the peanut gallery welcomed), it sort of has a mind of its own and sometimes takes me places I had not intended or anticipated. What brought this column out is an appointment I made recently to get my hair cut with my regular hairstylist, a lady with whom I have minimal – make that zero – contact between my every-three-month's haircut. I wondered, since she knows the seriousness of my underlying problem, if not having heard from me in 11 weeks, approximately, is worrisome for her, as in whether I'm still alive. I'll have to ask her. Her answer will probably generate another column.

I know what I think, but I do wonder what others might be thinking, and who needs to know what – and when.

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THURSDAY/JULY 14

Dean's Big Ol' Gay 50th Birthday with Jimmy Gnecco, The Blackjacks, Struan Shields and The Independent. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

SteveSongs. 11 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. For ages 2-10. 11AM. Sing and dance with "Mr. Steve," cohost of the PBS KIDS preschool show. \$8 day pass (includes Baba Jamal Koram show at 10 a.m.), under age 3 free. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

Author David R. Stokes. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center. "The Shooting Salvationist: J. Frank Norris and the Murder Trial that Captivated America." 703-506-2937.

FRIDAY/JULY 15

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. www.mcleancenter.org.

King Creosote and Jon Hopkins at 7:30 p.m., followed by **The Dinobabies and FeelFree** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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Swing Dancing with the Natty Breaux Band. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 8:30 p.m. beginner swing lesson, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. dance. Jump-blues, swing and rockabilly music. \$15 admission.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

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Latin Pop Rock group Maná. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$55-\$91, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.mana.com.mx.

Rick Thompson Jazz Quartet. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Rocknocoer presents The Hometown Debut of "Colonel Purple Turtle." 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Big O and Dukes: Back to the Bunker One-Year Anniversary Party. 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Art in the Garden. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A demonstration of how to create yard art with copper tubing, leaf-imprinted stepping stones, a sphere covered with glass gems and more. \$5. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

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18th Century Summer Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Stroll living history museum and working farm grounds. See spinners and dyers, test your quill writing and watercolor skills or order nails from the blacksmith. Children can play quoits, bob for apples and see chickens, turkeys, pigs and cows. See colonial family and community members in costume and character. Spit-roasted rosemary chicken, corn, fruit pies, lemonade and more available for purchase. Adults \$6, age 3-12 and senior citizens \$3. Weather permitting. Free parking. www.1771.org/directions.htm.



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Kate Merryman in the McLean Community Players production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.'

SUNDAY/JULY 17

Western Electric and Bennie Potter. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Western. www.gfvcca.com/concerts.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 3 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. www.mcleancenter.org.

Nikka Costa and Bronze Radio Return. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/JULY 18

The Chapin Sisters and Sean Rowe. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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

Chess Club. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn chess rules and strategy. Children may bring their own chess sets; no chess clocks needed. Age 6-14. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/JULY 19

Reptile Wonders. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meet and learn about these animals with Reptile Wonders' Nature Center on the Go. Age 6-12. 703-757-8560.

The Grey Area, Shoot The Radio and Shelby Blondell. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

Blame Sally, Cindy Lee Berryhill and Rebecca Pronsky. 7:30 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 branch for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Larnell Starkey & the Spiritual Seven. 7 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna. African-American Gospel. 703-324-SHOW.

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

Murphy's Kids, Irresponsible and Mr. Dr. MC. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 22

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$19 adults, \$17 seniors and students. www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 23

The National Park Service Commemorates the Sesquicentennial of the First Battle of Manassas. Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas. The National Park Service will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas with special ranger tours of the battlefield, living history and historic weapons demonstrations, exhibits, lectures, and music. Exhibition areas include a living history camp area, a three-dimensional photographic exhibit displaying historic images of the battlefield, a medical aid station demonstration area, a youth program tent offering exhibits, programs, and activities and the Civil War 150 HistoryMobile. 703-361-1339.

Pringle House Confederate Field Hospital. 6:30-8 p.m. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas. Tour a restored hospital used by Confederate forces after the First Battle of Manassas. Not appropriate for age 11 and under. Admission \$15, under age 6 free. 703-367-7872 or www.pwcgov.org/historicsites.

United Daughters of the Confederacy Wreath Laying. 2 p.m. 9027 Center St., Manassas. 703-368-1873 or www.manassasmuseum.org.

Battle of Manassas Reenactment. Pageland Farm, Pageland Lane, Manassas. Modern services to support spectators, event and educational lecture tents, period vendors and large early war garrison-style camps. Tickets available at 703-396-7130 or www.manassasbullrun.com.

Bristow Station Battlefield Tours. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Bristow Station, 10709 Bristow Road, Bristow. Admission \$5, under age 6 free. 703-792-5546 or www.pwcgov.org/historicsites.

Camp Manassas. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Jennie Dean Historic Site, 9601 Wellington Road, Manassas. Military encampments, soap making, period activities and games, horse training and more. Free. 703-361-6599 or www.manassascivilwar.org.

Martinez & Guthrie. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

8th Annual Asian Food and Tennis Festival. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With 35 multi-cultural food and 150 product vendors. Four showcase villages, Heritage India, Wow Philippines, Image of China and Amazing Thailand. Free admission. info@asianfestivaldc.com.

Tropical Plants. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Join a walk through the gardens to learn how to grow, propagate and over-winter tropical plants. \$5. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

Horsemanship Demo, Classes and Fundraiser. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Turner Farm Park, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Lessons for adults and children. Sponsored by The Saddlery. Portion of proceeds to benefit Turner Farm Park. pam_swinger@yahoo.com.

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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.

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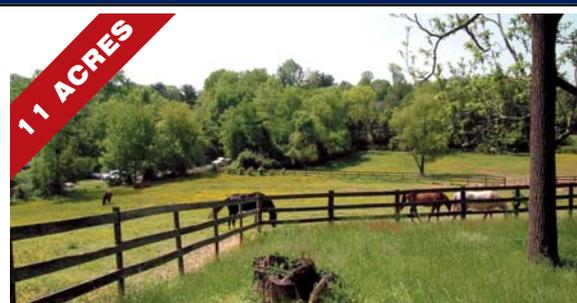
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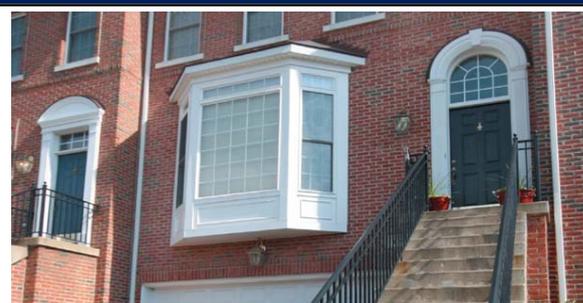
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