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Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale announced that he would retire in June 2013, at the end of his current contract.



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**Woman's Club members pose with recipients of gift certificates. Club members, from left, are Joan Morton, President Ginny Sandahl and Iris Reimann. At far right is Karla Barnes, Lemon Road reading specialist.**

### Summer Reading Rewarded

On Friday, Sept. 16, the Woman's Club of McLean hosted a pizza and ice cream party for students in the summer reading program at Lemon Road Elementary School. In addition, the club awarded \$20 gift certificates for books to three of the children, selected by lot, one from Grades 1 and 2, one from Grades 3 and 4 and the third from Grades 5 and 6. Three other students received "goody bags" of school supplies, and each child in the program received a pencil. This year 50 children participated, compared with 30 in 2010. The purpose of the program, according to Karla

Barnes, Lemon Road's reading specialist, is to encourage reading. From the end of the school year until fall, a period of 76 days this year, the students keep a log of the time they spend reading. The ideal, according to Barnes, is for a child to read at least two-thirds of the summer. Reading for as little as 30 or 40 minutes a day "counts."

The program at Lemon Road can be considered an "institution," having been administered jointly by the Woman's Club and the school since the early 1990s.

— LAURA SHERIDAN



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A row of carved pumpkins created at last year's children's carving event at Wildfire in Tysons Corner. This year's event will take place Oct. 22, and will benefit Food For Others.



Children carve pumpkins at Wildfire in Tysons Corner last year. This year's event will take place Oct. 22 and will benefit Food For Others.

## Fall Fun To Help Those in Need

### Local fall events benefit nonprofits.

This fall offers plenty of ways to have fun in McLean, many of which will help the needy around the community. The McLean Community Center and Century 21 New Millennium will team up for the fourth year in a row for the annual McLean 5K race on Saturday, Oct. 1. The race will benefit Habitat for Humanity, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project and the Children's National Medical Center

"The race will run through downtown McLean, and a little through some of the nearby neighborhoods," said Ryan Brookes of the McLean Community Center. "It's a great event for the whole family. While there are some people who will race, we'll have people riding, skating, walking. It's a perfect opportunity to bring together families and also support local charities."

The top overall male and female winners will receive a seven-day Wyndham Worldwide vacation to a destination of their choice, and an additional Wyndham vacation package will be raffled off.

The race will begin and end at the Century 21 New Millennium office, 6629 Old Dominion Drive. Registration starts at 6:45

### Fall Fun in McLean

- ❖ **Oct. 2:** McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest, McLean Central Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forty-six artists will be on display, as well as live music throughout the day. There will also be a children's Art Walk, featuring the work of local students. Opportunities to sketch a live model during the Day.
- ❖ **Oct. 15:** McLean Uncorked International Food and Wine Festival, McLean Community Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wine seminars, wine tastings and wine and food related vendors, including hors d'oeuvres bento boxes from Balducci's Food Lovers Market.

- ❖ **Oct. 15-16:** Autumn Colonial Market Fair at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Market fair entertainers, tradesmen and militia will inform and educate while guests enjoy a variety of local apples, meat pies and hearty breads. Visit [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org).
- ❖ **Oct. 22:** Old Firehouse Teen Center Block Party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live entertainment, amusements and the first edition of "McLean's Got Talent" talent competition.
- ❖ **Nov. 5:** Children's Flea Market at McLean Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can sign up to sell their old toys, games, clothes and other items. For sellers ages 3 to 15.

a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. It is sponsored by JB Creative Services, Bowa Builders, Inc., McLean Mortgage Company, McLean Copy and Balducci's among others.

Registration is \$30 before the race and \$35 the day of the race. Participants can pick up their packages the day before the race, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Century 21 New Millennium offices in McLean, 6629 Old Dominion Road. Racers can also register Friday, Sept. 30, or the morning of the race.

More information can be found at [www.mclean5k.com](http://www.mclean5k.com).

Wildfire at Tysons Galleria will be hosting a children's pumpkin carving class, the proceeds of which will go to benefit Food For Others, a Fairfax-based free food distributor. The class will take place Saturday, Oct. 22 from 3-4 p.m., at the restaurant, located on the third floor of the mall.

Wildfire hosts a few events per year to benefit Food For Others, which is the largest free food distributor in the county. Over the past 12 months, Food For Others has given out 2.7 million pounds of food.

"Wildfire has been a wonderful partner for us. They approached us last September about doing a cupcake-decorating event, and since then, everyone at the restaurant has stood behind us for these events," said Lynne Galanis of Food for Others. "It's hard

to understand why their chefs would take their valuable time while preparing lunch and dinner service to work with kids and families, but they are always more than willing to do it."

NBC4 weekend anchor Angie Goff and Wildfire Chef Edie Ishaq will lead the session. The pumpkins will be pre-scooped out before the children get there, and Ishaq and his staff will roast them so the children can snack while they carve.

"The kids will also get aprons that say 'Sous Chef' and have a spot where they can write their name on it, so they can take home," said Bunny Polmer, one of the event's coordinators.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call Michelle Bringham at 703-442-9110. For more information on Food For Others, visit [www.foodforothers.org](http://www.foodforothers.org).

The Woman's Club of McLean will be hosting its annual Holiday Homes Tour Dec. 1 at Evans Farm Village. The site of the old Evans Farm, club member Laura Sheridan said it will be a unique opportunity to get a glimpse inside a gated community filled with unique architecture.

"It's a landmark in the community, and up until 10-12 years ago it was a park," Sheridan said. "It's still a well-known, beau



PHOTO BY LAURA SHERIDAN

The gated community at Evans Farm will be the subject of this year's McLean Holiday Homes Tour.

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# Autumn Activities

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tiful area, complete with its own pond and old mill wheel.” Chairman of the event Kay Burnell said she is excited for the tour because of the land’s history and the chance to look inside of a gated community.

The tour will include four houses within the community, as well as the historic Stone House, which is the only building remaining from its farm days. The house will also serve as the location of the raffle, where items ranging from value of \$100 to \$1,000 will be available.

“People like exploring different architectural styles and seeing what homeowners have done when it comes to restructuring floor plans and seeing the art they have on display,” Sheridan said. “We got about 600 people last year, and this year’s goal is to sell more than 700 tickets.”

Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the tour. Proceeds will go to benefit Share of McLean, the McLean Project for the Arts, Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the McLean Symphony, the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**A runner finishes in last year’s McLean 5K. This year’s edition will take place Oct. 1.**

McLean Fire Department and Fisher House as well as the scholarships given out by the Woman’s Club.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Mesmerelda’s (1339 Chain Bridge Road, McLean), Karin’s Florist (527 Maple Ave., E., Vienna), Great Dogs of Great Falls (9859 Georgetown Pike), Vinson Hall (6521 Old Dominion Drive, McLean) and online at [www.mcleanwc.org](http://www.mcleanwc.org).



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The McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) presents MPAartfest as a way to connect art and community. The event brings friends, neighbors and art patrons to the park to enjoy art-focused camaraderie. More than 200 volunteers help on the day of MPAartfest.

Co-chairing this year's event is Margi Vanderhuy, McLean Project for the Arts board member and former Virginia state delegate and Mark Lowham, managing partner with TTR Sotheby's International Realty.

"My family and I have attended MPAartfest every year," Lowham said. "I have watched it grow to become an important part of life in McLean. MPA has done a stellar job of connecting art and community and it is vital that we support McLean's only fine arts festival."

In addition to the fine arts and crafts, MPAartfest

will also highlight the Children's ArtWalk, sponsored by the McLean Community Foundation and coordinated by the New Dominion Woman's Club, featuring the art from elementary school students throughout McLean; figure drawing demonstrations from MPA's Open Studio; Senior Showcase, featuring the artwork of McLean's elders; and Innovation Station, sponsored by TTR Sotheby's International Realty, where children can explore the connection between the arts and innovative thinking. Food and music help complete the experience. Food Vendors include Armand's Pizza, Greenberry's, J. Gilbert's, Lebanese Taverna, Nourish Market, Old Fashioned and Kettle Korn Company.

MPAartfest is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested to help support the event. Parking is free at designated MPAartfest lots with free and frequent shuttle buses courtesy of Montessori School of McLean.

In the event of bad weather or soggy park conditions, MPAartfest will take place at the McLean Community Center.

The 2011 event sponsors, are the McLean Community Center and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

For more information about MPAartfest and McLean Project for the Arts, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org)

McLean Project for the Arts is located in the McLean Community Center, at 1234 Ingleside Ave. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, 1-5 p.m.



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The McLean Community Center board has proposed its FY2013 budget.

## Community Center Vets Budget

Board proposes \$5 million budget, second consecutive assessment reduction.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center Governing Board is in the process of approving its FY2013 budget, which will run from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Board Treasurer David Sanders said the new budget calls for a decrease in the tax assessment to residents of Small Tax District 1A, from the current 2.3 cents per \$100 assesses real estate value to 2.2 cents for FY2013. This would be the second year of a 0.1-cent reduction in the assessment.

The center projects proposed revenue for FY13 at \$5,039,037, and expenditures totaling \$6,012,563, resulting in a \$973,528 balance taken from their general fund. This would leave the general fund at \$10,924,306 million at the conclusion of FY13.

The proposed budget also contains a 1.52 percent market rate adjustment for salaries, which turns out to be a 2 percent increase, as mandated by the Board of Supervisors. The updated total would be changed on the budget that is submitted for final approval.

MCC Comptroller Bob Taguding estimated that it would affect the overall budget "very little," that the increase in payroll would be less than \$10,000.

Sanders also said the board has approved approxi-

mately \$100,000 in expenditures that will go towards a series of studies to investigate options in pursuing a new location in downtown McLean.

"The only thing we didn't want to disclose was the actual properties we are examining," Sanders said.

Resident Jeanne McChesney said she hoped a new downtown facility would contain features not present in the current facilities.

"It would be nice to have a stage where teens could perform in bands and use for theater groups or dancing," she said. "I'm very much in favor for teens having a facility like that, and the current [Old Firehouse Teen Center] seems inadequate for that."

Though the budget projects a more than \$900,000 loss, often times the center spends less than budgeted. In FY2011, the budget projected a \$364,842 loss, but came out of the year with a \$33,351 surplus.

"When you look at revenue and what's projected, it's important to remember that it can vary when the final calculations are made," said Board Member Jay Howell.

Final approval must be made by the end of this month and sent to the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in the county's FY2013 budget. More information on the proposed budget can be found at [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

## "Shoulder Tap" Effort in McLean Police District

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, officers from the McLean District Station and Traffic Safety Services Unit conducted a "shoulder tap" effort near several stores in the Tysons Corner and Vienna areas of Fairfax County.

This initiative is part of the Fairfax County Police Department's ongoing youth alcohol/business compliance efforts. The locations of the periodic enforcement operations are parking lots of businesses that possess state ABC licenses to sell alcoholic beverages.

Fairfax County Police Department cadets approach adults in parking lots and ask them to purchase alcohol for them. If asked whether he is 21 years of age, the police cadet will respond with his true age. If the sale or service of alcohol transpires, a plain-clothes police officer intervenes and places charges against the adult.

Fifty one adults were approached and five arrests were made for illegal purchase of alcohol at the following locations: 7-Eleven at 7451 Patterson Road, 7-Eleven at 1931 Old Gallows Road, 7-Eleven at 8391 Leesburg Pike, 7-Eleven at 8616 Park Street and 7-Eleven at 2915 Cedar Lane.

The operation was conducted using two teams, each consisting of one plain-clothed officer, one uniformed officer and one cadet.

Underage possession of alcohol continues to be a concern to the Fairfax County Police Department. For more information on underage drinking and prevention programs, log on and learn more about the Unified Prevention Coalition at <http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org/>.

## Register Now for the McLean 5K Run, Walk and Roll

Local families can participate in a healthy activity and help others at the same time if they sign up now to participate in the McLean 5K Run, Walk and Roll on Saturday, Oct. 1. Sponsored by Century 21 New Millennium and the McLean Community Center, the race benefits several local charities.

Registration is open and costs \$30 until Friday, Sept. 30, and \$35 on the day of the race. Registration will begin at 6:45 a.m. on the day of the race. The race will begin at 8 a.m. in front of the shopping center outside of Century 21's office, which is located at 6629 Old Dominion Dr.

Proceeds from the race will benefit Children's National Medical Center, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project and Habitat for Humanity.

The mostly flat, 3.125-mile course winds through community streets and is appropriate for wheelchair-bound participants and strollers. Capital Running Company will manage the race and provide ChronoTrack timing services.

For more information, visit <http://mclean5k.com>, call 703-556-4222, or write [info@mclean5k.com](mailto:info@mclean5k.com).

## Foust Hosts Community Forum

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) is hosting a community forum, "McLean: Creating a Supportive Community for All Ages" on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The forum will begin a dialogue with McLean area residents on the issues of aging and accessibility in the community.

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the event will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Capital One Bank Headquarters, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean.

Attendees will have the opportunity through discussion in small facilitated groups to provide input on future planning efforts, to identify the challenges and to help craft a vision for McLean residents as the population ages. Advanced registration is strongly suggested.

Sponsors for the forum are: AARP, Capital One Bank, Fairfax Long Term Coordinating Care Council, the McLean Community Center, and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

To register visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/mcleanlivablecommunity.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/mcleanlivablecommunity.htm) or call 703-288-5426.

# CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean police department through Sept. 23.

## BUSINESS COMPLIANCE CHECKS

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, officers from the McLean District Station, along with a member of the Traffic Safety Services Unit, conducted a "Shoulder Tap" at several locations in the McLean area of the county. This undercover operation is part of the ongoing alcohol enforcement campaign. Fairfax County police cadets dressed in plain clothes attempted to have adults purchase alcohol for them in violation of Virginia State Code 4.1-306. The locations of enforcement for this operation were parking lots of businesses that possess state ABC licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. The cadets were advised to approach adults in the parking lots and ask them to purchase alcohol for them. If asked by the adult if they were 21, the cadets were told to respond with their true age. If the illegal purchase of alcohol took place, a plain clothes officer watching the transaction would intervene. Appropriate charges would then be placed. As a result of this operation, 51 adults were approached and five arrests were made for illegal purchase of alcohol at the following locations: 7-Eleven 7451 Patterson Road 1 Arrest 7-Eleven 1931 Old Gallows Road 1 Arrest 7-Eleven 8391 Leesburg Pike Tysons Plaza 1 Arrest 7-Eleven 8616 Park Street 1 Arrest 7-Eleven 2915 Cedar Lane 1 Arrest The "Shoulder Tap" operation was conducted using two teams, each consisting of one cadet, one plain clothes officers and one uniformed officer serving as team security.

## LARCENIES

- 1400 block of Balls Hill Road.**  
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- 1400 block of Chain Bridge Road.**  
Prescription medication stolen from business.
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Generator and scaffolding stolen from business.
- 7400 block of Georgetown Pike.**  
Purse, jewelry and bank bag stolen from business.
- 8300 block of Greensboro Drive.**  
Furniture and painting stolen from residence.
- 7400 block of Lee Highway.** Beer stolen from business.
- 2000 block of Leonard Road.** iPads stolen from residence.
- 6800 block of Melrose Drive.**  
Handbag, iPod and necklace stolen from residence.
- 1200 block of Pine Hill Road.**  
Change stolen from vehicle.
- 1200 block of Spring Hill Road.**  
Bag stolen from business.
- 8400 block of Tyco Road.** Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.

## VEHICLE THEFTS

- 1600 block of Mary Ellen Court.**  
2000 Toyota Camry.

Activities reported by the Fair Oaks police department through Sept. 23.

## ROBBERY

A teenaged boy robbed a 46-year-old woman in the 13600 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway around 8:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19. The victim was taken to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries. The suspect was described as black, about 15 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, wearing a navy blue jacket and riding a bicycle.

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## Overabundance

If you've lived almost anywhere in Northern Virginia for 10 years or longer, you probably remember when it was a bit of a thrill to catch sight of a deer.

Now in some neighborhoods, it can be a bit surprising if you don't see half a dozen deer in a mile at dusk. With the automobile the only active predator, and a remarkable 24-hour buffet set on nearly every block, the deer population is growing. Along with the growing deer population come serious impacts on people, as well as the deer and other plants and creatures.

If you drive in suburban Washington, chances are you know someone who has hit a deer, or had a deer hit them while driving. This has proved to be fatal for the driver in a small number of cases, but nearly always results in death or serious injury for the deer, plus often thousands of dollars in damage to the vehicle.

Lyme disease is an increasing problem, which can have serious health consequences if untreated. Lyme disease is often overlooked as a diagnosis.

The large deer population is hard on other flora and fauna. Not only do the deer consume vegetable gardens and landscaping, they damage habitat needed by other wildlife and impact native plants and young trees.

But even as we admit that something needs to be done about the deer population, it's difficult for many to embrace hunting in urban/suburban areas. Some residents have safety concerns, some are concerned about the suffering of the deer.

### EDITORIAL

Last year, Fairfax County's archery program killed 452 deer in 11 county parks, more than half the 815 deer killed through the county's deer management program on parkland. Last year marked the most deer killed since the deer management program began in 1998. Sharpshooting operations, conducted at 15 parks by Fairfax County police, killed another 226 deer. Managed hunts killed 137 deer at four parks.

Bow hunting allowed on private property is also part of county efforts to keep the deer population in check. With the deer population likely more than 25,000, it's not clear that such numbers will make enough of an impact.

Fairfax County will again use bow hunting, sharp shooting and managed hunts from now through March 2012 in efforts to control the population of deer. The sharpshooting and managed hunts will be conducted at selected park sites throughout the county.

Bow hunting began last weekend and will run until February in parks in every part of Fairfax County: Lake Accotink and Accotink Stream Valley park in Springfield; Wakefield Park in Annandale, Eakin Park in Fairfax, Laurel Hill Park and golf course in Lorton, Pohick Stream Valley, South Run Stream Valley and Lake Mercer in Springfield; Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station, Confederate Fortifications Historic Site and Johnny Moore Stream Valley Park near Clifton; Eleanor C. Lawrence Park and Cub Run Stream Valley Park in Chantilly;

## Adapting suburban, urban sensibilities to controlling deer; adapting deer control to suburban, urban sensibilities.

Sully Woodlands Park and Sully Historic Site; Colvin Run Stream Valley and Difficult Run Stream Valley parks, along with Riverbend Park in Great Falls; Difficult Run Stream Valley and Clark's Crossing parks in Vienna; Sugarland Run Stream Valley park in Herndon, and Huntley Meadows in Mount Vernon. Bow hunting is also used at Fort Belvoir, Mason Neck, and on private property. It is a continuous program with bow hunting allowed six days a week from just before dawn until sunset.

Managed hunts will go forward in two county park authority parks, Sully Woodlands on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12, and Scotts Run Dec. 14-16.

More research is needed. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) sponsored legislation that would direct more funding to develop a better test for Lyme disease. There are methods under study to apply some insecticide to deer to kill the ticks that spread Lyme disease. Some breakthrough method of curbing reproduction would be a welcome addition to deer management.

What are your thoughts? Have you seen bow hunters in the parks you frequent? Do you have an anecdote to relate about deer? We also welcome your photos.

MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Political Signs

To the Editor:

With over a month to go before the next elections, I hate to imagine how many more political signs are going to pop up in my neighborhood. It seems that in the last few years, campaign rivalries have spurred on a sign movement that is tantamount to an 'arms race.'

Political signs are illegal anywhere but on private property, and if the private property, business or residential, is governed by an owner's association that states you cannot post political signs, then that is against the rules as well. Additionally, depending on where one's private property exists, it could still be illegal to post signs if it is near an intersection or road way, causing safety issues. This means that signs placed in median strips and sidewalks, trails, telephone poles, etc. that are public property are illegal. This "turn a blind eye" practice by just about every campaign, including the top jobs in the state legislature, has become grossly abused in McLean.

Signs don't vote. What they represent is just how much money a candidate is willing to spend to make sure we see their name. And

some of our local candidates are willing to spend a lot of precious donor dollars to make sure that we not only see their name every few feet, sometimes inches, but with Mcbillboard size, we can see them from really far away! While I don't have any issue with a reasonable amount of signs, the fact that our community is starting to look like "Vegas on the Potomac" is quite disconcerting.

Last week, I spoke with an agent at VDOT. She confirmed the law and told me that while she does not live in Northern Virginia, she is certainly aware of how big our problem with political signs here is as they get angry calls from constituents about them every day. VDOT, she told me, will investigate and they can determine if a sign is on private or public property and they will take them down and haul them away. Campaigns simply put them back up again all the while likely blaming their opponent. There are time limits on when signs can go up and when they need to come down. It is clear that this practice is also disobeyed adding to the blight. Unless you were in a primary in August, you should not have had signs up in June like some around here did.

Is this an appropriate use of VDOT's time and taxpayer's money? Taking down illegal political signs? What a financial and environmental waste.

Lawmakers should not be lawbreakers. While I am sure that most candidates aren't involved in the day-to-day management of their campaign signs, they still hold the ultimate responsibility. So, let's speak to leadership. What candidates are willing to take a "No Illegal Political Signs Pledge" today?

Judi Hershman  
McLean

## Strong Leadership

To the Editor:

Fairfax County School Board Chairman Janie Strauss (Dranesville) helped lead our schools through the recession. She made tough but wise decisions. In spite of constrained revenues, she brought full-day kindergarten to all our McLean/Langley schools and helped end the pay freeze for our hard working teachers. Our teachers will get an average a 3.5

percent raise.

The central office has been reorganized and downsized to save classroom positions and is at a 10-year low. Since FY2007, our student population has increased 8 percent, our school based staff has increased by 4.5 percent, while the central office staff has decreased by 7.5 percent. Our strong FCPS curriculum is intact and has not been narrowed to close large deficits.

What makes Fairfax Schools thrive, a robust program of math, science, language arts, social studies, foreign languages, technology, the arts and Career and Technical Education (CTE), as well as plenty of athletics and extra curricular activities such as music and theater, is due to Janie's strong leadership and support. Businesses continue to locate to Fairfax in part because of the strength of our schools.

Good schools that survive tough times need exceptional leadership, and Janie Strauss is that leader.

Frederick S. Mittelman  
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# Park Authority Listens to Dranesville

Director John Dargle addresses Turner Farmhouse, Salona planning.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Park Authority Director John Dargle held a listening forum at the McLean Governmental Center Thursday, Sept. 22, to address concerns in the Dranesville District.

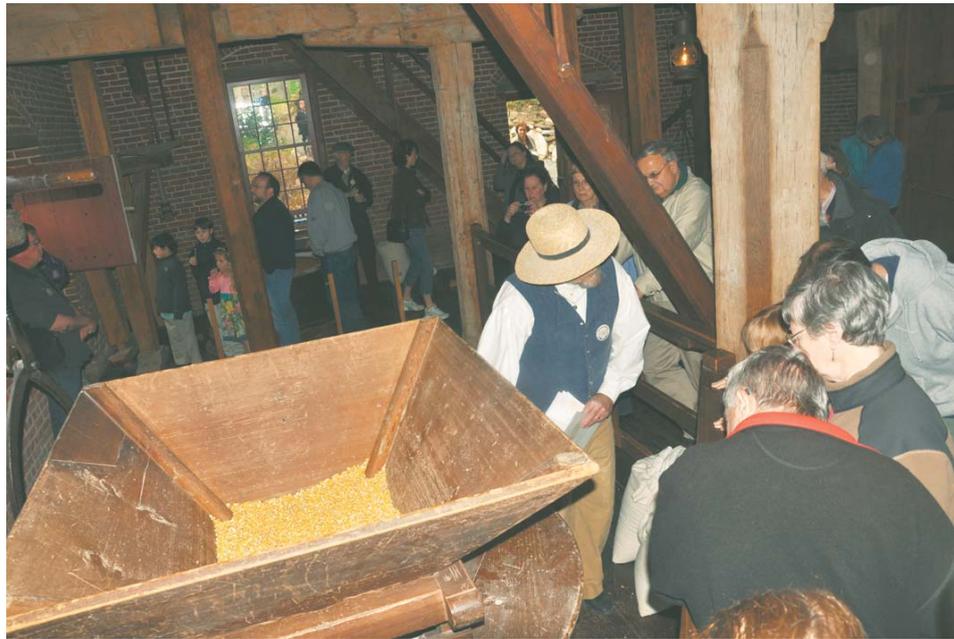
Mary Allen, president of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill, wanted to know when the money would be available to fix the mill machinery.

"They've done an engineering study on the miller's house, but we're still waiting on money to finish working on the machinery," she said. "There is community interest in that."

Dargle said the 2012 Bond Referendum contains \$50 million dollars approved by the Board of Supervisors for parks, \$38 million of which would be slated for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

"We've got a \$400 million need we have to fill with very small amounts of money," he said. "We've created a categorical list for the park board to respond to that shows \$38 million... and they will prioritize that list."

Dargle was also asked if the money could



**Park Authority Director John Dargle responded to requests that some funds from the 2012 Bond Referendum could be used to repair the milling equipment at Colvin Run Mill.**

be made up by charging admission to parks such as Lake Fairfax. Currently only Burke Lake Park charges admission.

"The Board has looked at that the last few years, as we've gone through some general fund reductions," Dargle said. "I think we've

determined that the net revenue would be about \$700,000 if we were to charge for, say our lakefront entrance [at Lake Fairfax], it's going to take a little bit more communication with elected officials to see if that would work though."

Glen Sjoblom of the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Great Falls Historical Society asked if a historical curatorship program could be used by the county to save money and keep places like the Mark Turner farmhouse maintained.

The program would allow a potential curator to make a proposal for a certain property and would perform maintenance in exchange for a long-term lease on the property.

"This would mean that the county oversight for these historic buildings would be much lower," Sjoblom said. "It would be a constructive, adaptive re-use of a building."

He said such a curatorship would help the property around the Turner house would also ensure things like grass cutting is done more often than the county budgets for.

Both the GFCA and GFHS have passed resolutions in support of such a program, said Bill Canis, a member of the GFCA.

"Rather than see some of these places like Turner Farm languish, it's sort of an eye

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**Kids Show: Oh Susannah.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**"Social Security."** 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An adult comedy about the shattering of yuppie bliss, romance and an aged Jewish mother. \$10-\$15. [www.mcleancommunityplayers.org](http://www.mcleancommunityplayers.org).

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**The 73rd Annual Potomac Rose Society Rose Show.** 1-6 p.m. Merrifield Garden Center Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Exhibitors must place rose specimens by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, judging follows. Consulting Rosarians will answer questions. Free. 301-869-4948 or [kay.george@verizon.net](mailto:kay.george@verizon.net).

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

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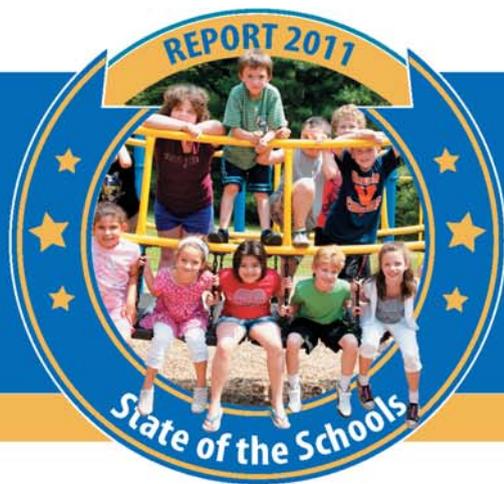
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**In every classroom, teachers are channeling the enthusiasm of their students** and taking them on a journey that will inspire, motivate, and prepare them with knowledge and skills they will need for the future. Everyday, FCPS teachers help their students learn skills that will allow them to succeed in personal, community, and workplace environments and to understand and

participate in the global economy. Teachers adjust their methods and techniques to meet the unique needs of individual students and challenge all students.

**Look inside a classroom.** An elementary school teacher leads a language arts class discussion on synonyms and antonyms. The teacher is using an interactive white board to demonstrate how the words are similar or opposite. Observe other classrooms where students work quietly in centers, or designated areas of a classroom, allowing for small group instruction and learning.

**Visit a middle school and observe 8th grade students in the science lab** using computers and probeware to study temperature change during chemical reactions. The geometry class down the hall is hard at work using theorems to determine if lines are parallel.

**Take a seat in a high school auditorium where students are participating in a seminar about the Cold War**, listening to speakers who share their stories as influential players during the war. In another classroom, students log onto their computers and access their online social studies textbooks that offer extra learning resources and interactive maps to enrich their learning.

**Hear a tune coming from the band room down the hall?** Open the door and your ears fill with the music of Frank Ticheli's *Vesuvius* played by the high school concert band. Beginning in grade 4, FCPS students can play an instrument and be part of the band



or orchestra, or even choose to sing in their school's chorus.

**For many students, their day does not end with the learning in the classroom.** Thousands of FCPS students participate in extracurricular activities which can enhance what they learn in the classroom and also provide important lessons in teamwork, cooperation, and problem solving.

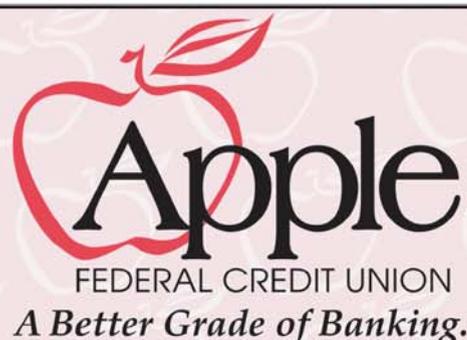
The clapping in the auditorium is coming from yet another sold-out performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Secondary and high schools throughout Fairfax County have established well-known theater programs that produce popular plays and shows.

**The athletic fields and gymnasiums at FCPS schools are buzzing with activity most of days** of the week as soccer, lacrosse, football, basketball, volleyball, and many more sports teams are

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## Greetings from Superintendent Jack Dale



Fairfax County Public Schools is fortunate to have the support of an engaged community, involved parents, talented principals and teachers, and motivated students. Our school system ranks among the best in the nation and throughout this State of the Schools Report, you will see why. We are very proud of the hard work and focus of our staff and students, which have resulted in our extraordinary student achievement gains. But there's always more to do to make sure every one of our students is reaching his or her highest potential—academically and personally.

In moving FCPS forward, we have to help each student find his or her element—the meeting point between natural aptitude and personal passion. Our commitment here in FCPS is to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to achieve at the highest levels and help our students discover what possibilities for passion lie within them.

However, the reality is that while the way we educate students remains somewhat static, our world is changing exponentially. Through lots of great interventions and technology, we educate more students to higher levels of success and often at younger ages, but all within the current model of education. I believe it's time to change the paradigm.

What should our education system look like and be like to prepare our students to create the possibilities and opportunities to succeed in the 21st century? We will start to have these conversations during this school year throughout our community. I invite you to join in that conversation by visiting a special web site we have set up where you can share ideas and comments about what the future should look like for FCPS at <http://fcps.uservoice.com>. Ideas will be posted on the site throughout the year. School system employees, parents, and members of the community are welcome to weigh in on these topics, vote for the ideas they prefer, and include their comments.

Thank you for your continued support of our school system, our families, and our students!

## FCPS Focuses Relentlessly on Student Achievement....

FCPS has established three student achievement goals as a framework to prepare students for the world of college and beyond:

**Academics** - Students will integrate academic knowledge and 21st century skills, allowing them to succeed in personal, community, and workplace environments and to understand and participate in the global economy.

**Essential life skills** - Each student will demonstrate the ability to work with others and develop relationships through effective communication, cooperation, negotiation, honesty, and ethical behavior.

**Responsibility to the community** - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and rights specific to a democratic society such as expressing ideas, act-

ing responsibly toward self and others, making informed decisions, accepting accountability and consequences for actions, and practicing honesty and treating others with respect.

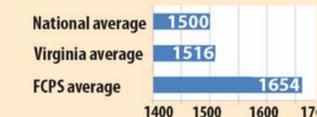
Each year, the School Board receives reports on how the school system is progressing toward reaching each of these goals.

### ... That Results in High Performance

- For the 2010 Standards of Learning tests, 92 percent of FCPS students passed mathematics and 93 percent of FCPS students passed reading.
- FCPS had the second highest graduation rate (91.2 percent) among the nation's 50 largest school districts.
- 91.7 percent of 2010 graduates are attending post-secondary programs.
- 65 percent of 2010 graduates earned advanced studies diplomas.

- All FCPS schools were in the top 6 percent of all American high schools as measured by their student participation in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams, according to the 2011 *Washington Post* rankings.
- A record 234 National Merit Scholars semifinalists were named from the class of 2011, the most in FCPS history.
- FCPS students earned more than 7,000 industry certifications during the 2009-10 school year, an increase of 86 percent from the previous year.

### SAT Scores (Class of 2011)



## THE TALENTS OF FCPS STAFF

FCPS employs 22,980 staff (92.9 percent school based and 7.1 percent non-school based).

Just as every student brings individual strengths and needs to our classrooms, our teachers and staff bring unique skills and talent to prepare students for the future. More than 9,700 (64 percent) of teachers have master's degrees and more than 360 FCPS teachers are certified by National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential a teacher can earn.

Our principals provide strong leadership and focus on creating collaborative teams that use the best teaching practices to raise the bar

for all students and close the achievement gap. Principals also collaborate throughout the school system to share leadership strategies and success stories.

FCPS has the lowest ratio (0.8 percent) of non-school-based management positions to total school system positions in the entire metropolitan region. So while FCPS enrollment increased by 13,000 from 2007 to 2012, we hired 906 positions in the schools and decreased non-school positions by 130.

### 177,629 students



## THE FACES OF FCPS STUDENTS 2011-12 Projected Enrollment: 177,629 students

Fairfax County Public Schools is the 11th largest school system in the United States with nearly 200 schools and centers.

Diversity is one of FCPS' greatest strengths and is an important part of creating resilient, caring, and innovative citizens of a global community. Our schools support more than 23,000 students who receive services for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and more than 24,000 students who receive special education services. One in four students (or 45,000) is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the federal measure of poverty.

## More Ways Why FCPS is a World-Class School System

- Closing the achievement gap between black and white students and Hispanic and white students is a priority for FCPS. Over the past three years, the black/white achievement gap on Standards of Learning (SOL) reading tests continues to decline from 13 percent to 10 percent. The Hispanic/white achievement gap on SOL reading tests increased from 10 percent to 11 percent. On SOL math tests, the achievement gap between black students and white students declined from 15 percent to 13 percent. The Hispanic achievement gap also declined from 16 percent three years ago to 11 percent.
- FCPS is one of eight school divisions in Virginia to be recognized with 2011 **Excellence Award from the Virginia Board of Education**, which recognizes divisions that exceed minimum state and federal accountability standards and meet or exceed a number of performance indicators. In addition, 98 FCPS schools were honored for Virginia Index of Performance Awards.
- Nine students from FCPS won awards at the 2011 **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair**.
- FCPS received the 2011 **CIO 100 Award**, recognizing innovative use of technology, from *Chief Information Officer* magazine. FCPS was honored for creating and deploying the FCPS Electronic Curriculum Assessment Resource Tool (eCART), which provides teachers and school administrators with access to web-based curricula, assessments, tools and resources that support teaching and learning for grades K-12, and are available anytime and anywhere.
- The Broad Foundation recognized FCPS in 2010 as one of the top performing school districts in the nation for improving African-American and economically disadvantaged student achievement.



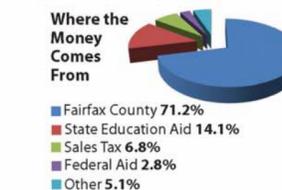
## FCPS Manages Its Resources Responsibly

Two primary budgets help to fund the programs and facilities of Fairfax County Public Schools—the annual school operating budget and the Capital Improvement Program budget.

The school operating budget, which is approved by the Fairfax County School Board every year, provides for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the schools.

In FY 2011, FCPS ranks in the middle of other school districts in the Washington metropolitan area with a cost per pupil of \$12,597, a decrease of \$301, or 2.3 percent, from \$12,898. This decrease was due primarily to a lower county transfer and budget reductions. This represents the third consecutive year of declining per-pupil spending, with an overall decrease of \$810, or 6.0 percent, from FY 2008 to FY 2011.

### 2011-12 Fiscal Year Operating Budget -- \$2.2 billion



### FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program -- \$805 million

Student enrollment continues to grow each year. More than 177,629 students attend FCPS, an increase of 2,333 students in one year alone. Enrollment has increased by 13,000 students since 2007. Additional space is needed to accommodate our growing student population and the accompanying normal wear and tear on buildings.

Since 2007, FCPS has built three new schools, renovated 10 schools, and completed three school building additions and eight modular additions. In 2011-12, FCPS is currently building two new schools and renovating 10 others. We will begin renovations on two schools and putting additions on nine other schools this year.

### Did You Know ?

65 percent of FCPS graduates complete college-level courses in high school.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE PAST YEAR



### Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook Update

Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to the safety of all students and providing a secure learning environment at school. The *Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R)* handbook helps students understand both their right to be educated in a safe environment, and their responsibility for proper behavior. This year, the booklet has been updated to reflect recent Fairfax County School Board decisions about the discipline process. Some of the changes include:

- Principals will have increased discretion regarding consequences for possession of prescription drugs at school.
- Ensuring that before a student is reassigned from his or her base school, other disciplinary options would be considered, including loss of privileges.

- Providing, if feasible, academic support and other services to a student on out-of-school suspension to maintain academic progress.

### Priority Schools Launch

As part of the school system's commitment to closing the achievement gap, 30 elementary and middle schools were designated as Priority Schools. These schools receive additional support in training, resources, and staff to ensure that all their students achieve at high levels. Support teams composed of central office staff provide new ideas and extra attention to the Priority School principals and teacher leaders so that any barriers are removed that might impede success. First-year results show significant gains in reading and math in many of the priority schools.

### Online Textbooks for Social Studies

All FCPS students in grades 7-12 began using online textbooks this year in all core social studies classes. Online textbooks offer resources to differentiate and enrich student learning and can include built-in features such as read aloud, highlighting, dictionaries, glossaries, videos, and flashcards.

### Full-Day Kindergarten Rollout

Beginning this fall, children entering kindergarten will attend a full-day program in every one of our 137 elementary schools. The completion of the implementation of full-day kindergarten in the remaining 36 elementary schools this year was a critical step that ensures all of our youngest students will receive the same educational opportunities.

## CHALLENGES AHEAD

### Closing the Achievement Gap

While FCPS has made progress on closing the achievement gap, we haven't reached our goal of all students achieving at high levels. School system data show that black and Hispanic students still do not perform academically, as a group, as well as their white and Asian counterparts. A steady focus on best teaching practices, collaborative teams, and using data to drive decisions on teaching and learning strategies will result in the continued narrowing of the gap.



### Larger Class Sizes

Fairfax County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. This year's budget provided for an increase of more than 2,300 additional students for the 2011-12 school year at a cost of \$28.4 million. As FCPS enrollment continues to grow, more resources will be needed to accommodate more teachers, learning materials, and classrooms.

### Did You Know ?

Approximately 70 percent of high schoolers participate in student activities, and nearly 40 percent participate in Virginia High School League (VHSL) athletic or academic activities.

### Teacher Compensation

More is demanded of teachers every year. They consistently update their professional training to improve their teaching skills, and are required to keep up with technology changes in their classrooms and new ways of collaborating together to ensure every child succeeds. In FY 2012, FCPS teachers (and all other employees) received their first salary increase in two years. FCPS believes in its teachers and wants to compensate them for the increase in demands of their jobs.

## Fairfax County School Board

### We Believe in Our Children

- Each child is important and entitled to the opportunity to realize his or her fullest potential.
- High expectations promote high achievement.

### We Believe in Our Teachers

- Effective teachers are essential to student success.
- Learning occurs best when instruction is tailored to individual needs.

### We Believe in Our Public Education System

- Adults and children thrive in a vibrant, safe, enriching, and respectful environment.
- A well-rounded education enables students to lead fulfilling and culturally rich lives.
- An educated citizenry is critical to sustaining our economy and our system of self-governance.

### We Believe in Our Community

- A dynamic partnership among students, parents, teachers, staff members, and the community is critical to exceptional student achievement.
- Our diversity creates resilient, open, and innovative citizens of the global community.



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## Parents, Citizens Invited to Education Summit on Saturday, October 15

Education is moving away from the traditional industrial model and evolving into an era of customization in which individual student goals drive the learning process. The second annual **Fairfax Education Summit** will explore student goal setting, project-based learning, and new ways of measuring student success. Superintendent Jack Dale will lead a discussion panel composed of educators, students, and business leaders.

Please join parents, school system leaders, and community members at Woodson High School on October 15 from 8 a.m. to noon for this program, "Moving to the Next Level: Customizing Public Education."

For more details, visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

## Getting to Know Us

### Middle School Teacher **Jamie Sawatzky**



For Rocky Run Middle School history teacher Jamie Sawatzky, every new school year is like the opening day of baseball season. The year is a fresh start, a chance to work with a new group of students and help each of them hit an academic homerun.

Sawatzky, the Fairfax County Public Schools 2011 Teacher of the Year, brings history lessons to life for seventh graders at his school. Not only do his students learn about historical events, they participate in role play exercises to reinforce the lesson. For example, his students are assigned a position to debate the merits and expenses of the Social Security program while studying the New Deal or they each assume the identity of an immigrant arriving at Ellis Island.

Sawatzky also serves as a coach in FCPS' Great Beginnings, a comprehensive program that provides support to new teachers through mentoring and professional learning opportunities.

"It is an extensive program designed to inspire teachers who are new to FCPS," he said. "The level of excitement in the new teachers is just great. Fairfax County recognizes that teaching is a profession and they provide the resources to help us on that journey."

Sawatzky has been teaching for 12 years. He is also the recipient of The Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for educational excellence.

### Strengthening Schools with Business and Community Partners

More than 350 businesses, community organizations, and individuals have partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools. Through generous donations or time, each person makes a valuable contribution to creating a world-class school system and an environment that values learning. To date, 130 schools, supporting 3,800 students, have active mentoring programs.

If you would like to partner with FCPS, here are five ways to get involved:

- Mentor a child
- Partner with a school
- Partner systemwide
- Support an existing partnership
- Help develop or advance an educational initiative

To learn more about how your business or community group can support the schools, please visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

For more information on Fairfax County Public Schools, visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

Be sure to look for regular updates about Fairfax County Public Schools every month right here in your Connections/Gazette newspaper!



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**Did You Know** ?

In partnership with the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools was launched this year to support the mission of the world-class school system to inspire, enable, and empower students to meet high academic standards, as defined by the superintendent, through resource development and business partnerships.

Learn more at <http://www.fairfaxchamber.org>

### High School Senior **E. J. Coleman III**



E.J. Coleman's week is similar to many other high school seniors. He's an active member of the Mount Vernon High School debate team, the National Honor Society, the Men of Vision and Purpose program and many other clubs. He is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at his school and he serves as a Battalion commander in the Marine Corps JROTC. He's even a licensed pilot. But the one thing that sets him apart from other seniors? He's the student representative to the Fairfax County School Board.

Coleman said he wanted to serve on the School Board because he is interested in politics.

"I saw it as a way for me to help other students in Fairfax County Public Schools in a more direct way. Before I was elected to the position I spoke at different public hearings and that was a way to help other students. This position allows me to have more of a positive impact on a larger group of my peers," he said.

Coleman has served as class president and was elected Governor at Boy's State last summer. His experience at Boy's State gave him the opportunity to meet students from around the country.

"I'm especially proud to say that Fairfax County Public Schools is one of the best school systems in the country and that it has been recognized internationally," he said. "I am also proud of the fact that some of the best students in the country would give me the honor of representing them on the school board."

## Lifelong Partners Through Education Apple Federal Credit Union and FCPS

Apple FCU is pleased to sponsor FCPS' outreach efforts in the *State of the Schools* initiative. This year, Apple and the Apple FCU Education Foundation were named the FCPS Business Partner of the Year and we're honored to be associated with this premier school district.

### Serving the Education Community Since 1956

No one understands educators, students and their families better than Apple FCU. Our commitment to the education community is evident through our exclusive product and service offerings and support for student achievement and academic success.

**19 Student Run Credit Unions (SRCU).** Apple FCU was the first credit union in Virginia to deploy an SRCU program at Robert E. Lee HS in 1995, providing students with invaluable money management skills and financial literacy acumen.

**Sponsorship of the Junior Achievement Finance Park.** Apple hosts a storefront to provide practical skills and financial education to approximately 14,000, eighth-grade students.

**Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive** supports Fairfax County families in need with school supplies and backpacks.

**FREE Money Management Workshops.** Monthly workshops are provided to assist FCPS employees in meeting their financial dreams.

Apple FCU Education Foundation's partnership with the Great Beginnings New Teacher Induction Program.

For details, visit [AppleFCU.org](http://AppleFCU.org) or call 703-788-4800.



# ENTERTAINMENT

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games, local restaurants, live music and entertainment until 2-mile walk begins at dark. Register at 703-960-1100, 1-877-LTN-WALK or leukemia-lymphoma.org.

**The Insider's Guide to Music.** 4 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. A pre-concert lecture on Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony," which will be performed by the Amadeus Orchestra on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Saint Luke Catholic Church. With violinist Josef Spacek, concertmaster of the Czech Philharmonic, and his brother, cellist Petr Spacek, founder of the Prague Cello Quartet.

www.amadeusconcerts.com.  
**Violinist Dr. Rami Kanaan and Pianist Bettye Cooley in Concert.** 6 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. The duo will perform Three Sonatinas for Violin and Piano, op. 137 by Franz Schubert. Free admission, donations accepted. www.oaktonbrethren.org or 703-281-4411.

**Adopt-A-Lab Event.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11201 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Meet Labrador retrievers from shelters, humane societies and more. Bring the family and you may be able to adopt the same day. Event organized by Lab Rescue of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac Inc. Free admission. 703-385-3766 or www.lab-rescue.org.

**NAMI Walk for Mental Illness Awareness.** Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. The Walk begins at 10:30 a.m., check-in at 9:30 a.m. Raise awareness about mental illness and funding for programs that support those affected by mental illness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia provides educational programs, support groups, a helpline, and outreach to schools and the community. Naminorthernvirginia.org.

**Great Falls Optimist Club Barn Dance.** 7 p.m. 964 Walker Road, Great Falls. Classic rock and rockabilly by Western Electric & Bennie Potter. Dinner, soft drinks, and dancing. Cash bar, raffles and auction. Proceeds benefit the GF Optimist Youth Fund. www.GreatFallsOptimist.org or 703-759-2959.

**The Michael Weiss Foundation Presents Ice Champions Live!** 5 p.m. Kettler Capitals Iceplex, 627 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. With Brian Boitano, Ilia Kulik, Richard Dornbush, Sinead and John Kerr, Steven Cousins, Kimmie Meissner and more. The Michael Weiss Foundation provides scholarships to assist aspiring Olympians in training and competition with an emphasis on continuing their education. Tickets \$30-50. www.MichaelWeiss.org or 866-468-7630.

**St. Francis Country Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Live entertainment, quilt show, market, silent auction, bake sale and more. Games and activities include a giant slingshot, dunking booth, moon bounce, crafts, and petting zoo. Free admission, \$20 for all-day games. 703-759-2082.

## The ValeArts Fall Art Show

Reception on Friday, Sept. 30 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. There will be more than 150 paintings by nine artists. Free. www.valearts.com or 703-860-1888.



**Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers with Punch Brothers will perform music spanning rock, bluegrass, country, and jazz on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.**

**The 19th Annual Fall For Fairfax KidsFest.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Interactive and educational programs, entertainment and activities for families with elementary and pre-K children. Free admission. 1-800-880-6629.

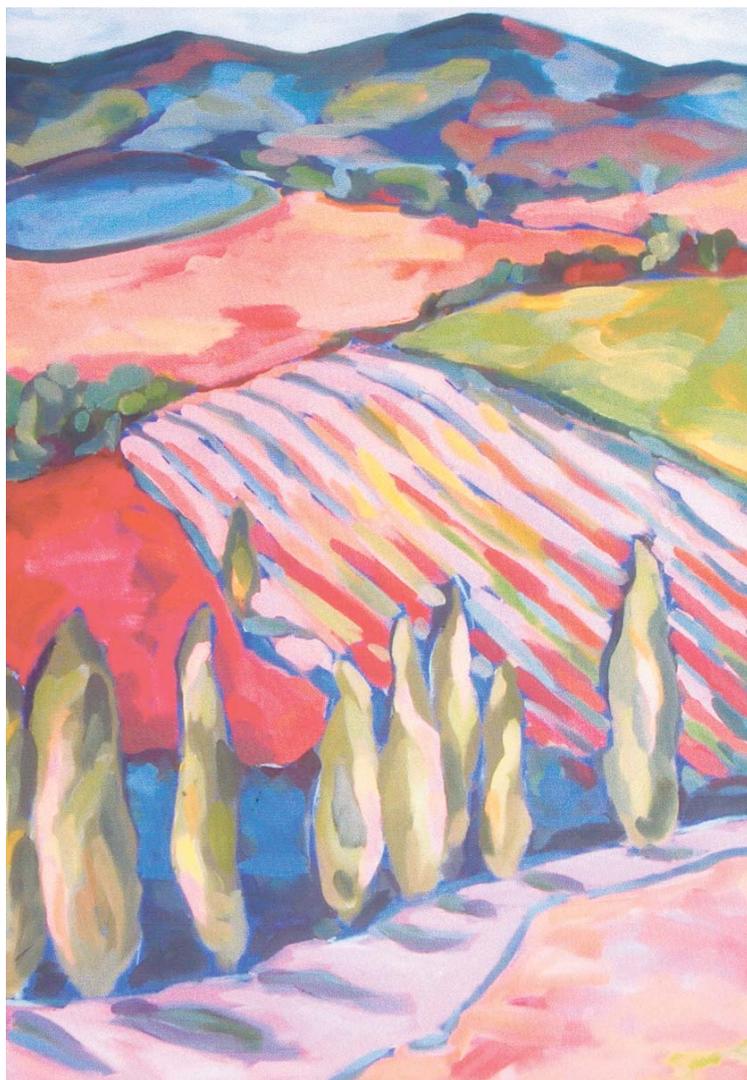
**Y'Art Sale.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. Meet the artists as they sell original artworks, jewelry, and other art-related items. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

**Sheriff's Children's ID Program.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Room, McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The Fairfax County Sheriff's office provides a free laminated card about the size of a driver's license, including a photo, thumbprints and other vital

information for authorities to use in case a child goes missing. The ID process takes less than four minutes and uses clean, inkless technology. The Sheriff's Office recommends that parents tuck away the card for safekeeping and have it updated with a new photo once a year. 703-246-3673 or Stacey.Kincaid@FairfaxCounty.gov.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 2

**Amadeus Concert: Tempest and Tranquility.** 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Amadeus Orchestra, A. Scott Wood, conductor. Violinist Josef Spacek and cellist Petr Spacek perform the "Double Concerto" by Brahms. \$25, age 17 and under free. Reception to follow. www.amadeusconcerts.com.



"Tuscany" by Kathy Bodycombe



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC



### 4th Annual McLean 5K Run, Walk & Roll

Saturday, Oct. 1

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

Race begins at 8 a.m.

\$30 until 9/30 at mclean5k.com; \$35 race day

Pull on your running shoes and come join Century 21 New Millennium and MCC. Proceeds from the race will benefit four charities this year: Children's National Medical Center, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, and Habitat for Humanity.

### MPA Artfest

Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free Admission

McLean Central Park will reverberate with the sights and sounds of art and music at the 5th annual MPA Artfest.

### McLean Uncorked

Saturday, Oct. 15

Tastings & Festival Hours, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wine-and-Dine-Around, 5-10 p.m.

Free Admission

Wine Taster's Wristband:

\$40 per person/\$30 McLean district residents

Here's your chance to learn about wines from around the world. Featuring, Food Network's Own "Gastrophysicist" Alton Brown and Special Guest Bob Kinkead of Kinkead's Restaurant.

### Fish & Explore Trip

Saturday, Oct. 15, 12:45-8:30 p.m.

\$130/\$110 tax district residents

Catch fish on the Chesapeake Bay with our Coast Guard-certified charter captains.

### Old Firehouse Teen Center 21st Annual Block Party

Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free Admission

With live entertainment, amusements, food concessions and the first ever "McLean Teens Got Talent Show," it's sure to be a blast!

The McLean Community Center



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www.mcleancenter.org



# Jack Dale To Retire in 2013

Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale to retire at end of current contract.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale announced Thursday, Sept. 22 that he would retire in June 2013, at the end of his current contract. Dale, who has been in education for more than 40 years, has been superintendent since July 2004.

As Fairfax County has developed, Dale said he believes Fairfax County Public Schools have become a “destination district,” and “there are pressures that come with that.”

“People and businesses move here to have access to Fairfax County Public Schools, which brings pressure,” he said. “But pressure is what we need to maintain the excellence that has become one of our hallmarks.”

Dale served at a time when budgets went down as school enrollment went up. He said while making cuts were tough, it was important for the school system to know its values.

“When it came to making cuts, I asked the board to prioritize their core values,” he said. “And what was near and dear to their heart was their quest to serve needy children, knowing that if they’re successful, Fairfax County Public Schools will be successful.”

He also said the cuts made in the school’s central office could have long-term affects.

“By diminishing our central office, we’re eliminating opportunities for research and development, and we’ve always been proud of our research and development,” he said. “When you eliminate the ability for R and



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

**Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale announced that he would retire in June 2013, at the end of his current contract.**

D, that’s going to create a long term challenge for future school boards and superintendents.”

In the seven years since Dale took office, technology has been a driving force in education, often requiring rapid changes to curricula. New tools such as Smartboards require teachers that are trained to use them most effectively, he said.

“Also, technology gives kids access to so much information, it falls to us to show them how to sift through and find the right information,” he said. “We used to have encyclopedias, now we have Wikipedia, and there’s a huge difference in the accuracy of each.”

Dale also said that he considers Fairfax County’s growing diversity is an asset.

“I’ve spoken to high schoolers who come

back and say ‘college wasn’t as diverse as high school,’” Dale said. “I think it allows students to learn so much about the world just from their classmates.”

Dale’s tenure was not without controversy, as issues such as changing grading scales drew much discussion within the community.

“From my view, changing the grading scale to change the weights of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes helped kids get more merit scholarships,” he said.

On Friday morning, Sept. 23, Dale attended the White House when President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced that states could seek waivers from the No Child Left Behind Act. Dale said he would give the act an A-

or B+ in intent, but a D or F because of components that he believed would fail over time.

“You have that expectation that 100 percent of students on any given day will pass a test, and if they don’t, your school is deemed to be failure,” he said. “I think Virginia will probably apply for a waiver and create its own accountability.”

Dale says future county staff must figure out a way to deal with the expected growth of the county.

**“I never looked at it as a job, but as a passion.”**

— Dr. Jack Dale,  
FCPS superintendent

“Birth rates are increasing, and we currently have more kids in kindergarten classes than are seniors,” he said. “As we go through our plans for future renovations, we’ll need to add more space, but not even that might satisfy the need. We could look at building new schools, but we don’t have the land.”

Dale said he plans to spend his retirement visiting family around the country, golfing and flying a plane he co-owns with several other pilots. While he said he would enjoy his retirement, the four plus decades spent in education were well worth it.

“I thought about going into education when I was in college, and since then, I rarely thought about it as going to work, more like going to school,” Dale said. “I never looked at it as a job, but as a passion.”

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**James McGrath** of McLean has been selected to be a McDonough Scholar at Marietta College this fall. The program helps students gain a deeper understanding of leadership, practice leadership skills and grow as engaged leaders.

Ten Langley High School students have been named as 2011 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: **Allison S. Brady, Saba Eskandarian, Jimmy J. Fang, Jamison G. Fox-Canning, Nathaniel C. Howe, Dylan J. Kriz, Debbie R. Pan, Spencer C. Shabshab, Holliday L. Shuler** and **Andrew J. Stewart**.

Six McLean High School students have been named as 2011 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: **Nana-Kwabena A. Abrefah, Daniel J. Lee, Eric R. Leimkuhler, Elizabeth McGrady, Justin Nam** and **Brian Tong**.

**Michael P. DeSantis** of the Potomac School has been named as a 2011 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN BARNA/  
DULLES CORRIDOR METRORAIL PROJECT

## Progress at the Tysons East Metrorail Station

**Dulles Transit Partners crews work with forms for escalator pit walls for the ground floor lobby escalators that will lead to the mezzanine deck above at the Tysons East Metrorail Station under construction along the northwest side of Route 123 at Scotts Crossing near the Gates of McLean condo community.**

## COMMUNITY

# Volunteers Needed To Help Adults Improve Literacy

**Nonprofit has long waiting list needing tutors.**

BY DENISE LEW  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n light of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, Sept. 12-16, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is seeking at least 75 more volunteer tutors to promote its mission in teaching adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.

The organization already has a long waiting list of adult students who are eager to improve their literacy skills by working one-to-one with a trained volunteer.

"LCNV is the only organization in Virginia that offers one-to-one tutoring for adults at the lowest literacy level. There are over 129,000 adults living in Northern Virginia who are functionally illiterate," said Patricia Donnelly, executive director at LCNV.

Illiteracy often leads to unemployment, homelessness, criminal behavior, low self-esteem, poor health and poor performance in school. "I relied on my husband for everything because I don't speak English," said an LCNV student from Korea.

"Literacy education strengthens the community through workplace skill development, better jobs, better economy, improved life styles, better health, stronger tax base, more people active in their schools and neighborhoods," said Donnelly.

The LCNV currently educates 1,600 adults in the basic skills of understanding, reading, writing, speaking and English to empower them to integrate more fully and confidently in their communities. The Basic Literacy program works with native and fluent English speakers to improve their ability to read and write, and the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Tutoring program works with non-English speakers who are usually illiterate in their native language and want to improve understanding, speaking, reading, and writ-



**McLean resident Anne Spear and her student work together during a tutoring session.**

ing English. Both one-on-one tutoring and classroom programs are offered along with self-paced computer classes.

"I like the Literacy Council because it requires commitment both on the part of the tutor and the student. I am working with my third student and he recently became a citizen of the United States. His hard work and constant study enabled him to pass the test on his first attempt. He was thrilled at his success and I was proud of him and his hard work," said Alexandria resident Lynn Gallagher, who recently retired and was looking to volunteer.

Often the tutors and students form long-lasting professional relationships that are beneficial to both sides. "I joined LCNV to help adults who need instruction in the English language so they can become active participants in American society," said Anne Spear, a McLean resident who tutors at the LCNV. "This experience has been very satisfying for me because I have watched my student become more confident in expressing herself in English and she is a role model for the rest of her family. LCNV's tu-

toring approach is unique and perfect for those who do not have the time or money to take English classes. It's a huge opportunity LCNV provides for adults who do not have the benefit of the K-12 system's wonderful ESOL program."

Tutors have also seen the program enrich their own lives in terms of serving the community. "I volunteered to be a tutor for two reasons. I wanted to maintain a pro-bono dimension to my life and believe that helping people to learn English is very important for our society. I've gained the satisfaction that my student has improved his English and will soon take the examination to become a naturalized citizen. This is an inspiring accomplishment for a 40-year-old man who never went to school anywhere. He could not read nor write in any lan-

## Special Event

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is one of the 10 selected participants in the Third Annual Acumen Solutions Race for a Cause on Sunday, Oct. 16, in Arlington. The event includes an 8K run and a 1 Mile Fun Run. All proceeds benefit the selected 10 local nonprofits.

## Join

The next Basic Literacy tutor training workshop will be held on Sept. 24 at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church.

For more information, e-mail [volunteers@lcnv.org](mailto:volunteers@lcnv.org) or call 703-237-0866 x111.

guage," said Robert Stump, an Arlington resident.

Each year, LCNV hosts eight tutor training workshops to coach volunteer tutors to provide individualized instruction to adult students. Each tutor is trained, matched with a student, and suggested to meet weekly for an hour and a half to help improve the student's reading and writing skills. Tutoring usually occurs at a library or community center, and tutors and students are matched based on geographic proximity to make the weekly sessions as convenient as possible.

Most students have had positive life-changing experiences as a result of the LCNV programs. "I started to study last November with my tutor, Elison. Since then, I've been learning to speak English and about America. Elison encourages me to try doing everything and so, I'm changing. I can order what I want to eat, return something and explain simple things now," said the LCNV student from Korea who used to rely on her husband on everything.

"The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has the best mission. We give people the tools they need to change and improve their lives forever: the gift of reading. Once you learn to read, then you can read to learn," said Donnelly.



**New tutors attend a training course.**



**A Literacy Council of Northern Virginia class poses for a picture together.**

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## HOME SALES

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6527 FAIRLAWN DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$710,000	Detached	0.24	22101	.....	EL NIDO ESTATES
1552 GREAT FALLS ST	5	3	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$689,000	Detached	0.15	22101	.....	HUNTING RIDGE
6860 MCLEAN PROVINCE CIR	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	.....	MCLEAN PROVINCE
2015 MAGARITY CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	.....	MAGARITY MEWS
1719 VALLEY AVE	4	3	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$675,000	Detached	0.26	22101	.....	DIVINES CHESTERBROOK
1153 RANDOLPH RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	.....	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	.....	KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES
2124 POWHATAN ST	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$669,500	Detached	0.26	22043	.....	POWHATAN HILLS
6628 KIRBY CT	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$652,000	Detached	0.46	22043	.....	KIRBY COURT
6617 BYRNES DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$650,000	Detached	0.38	22101	.....	GRASS RIDGE
7310 GORDONS RD	6	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$632,000	Detached	0.53	22043	.....	FALLS HILL
1826 PEABODY DR	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$615,000	Detached	0.23	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
6610 ROSECROFT PL	4	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$614,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	.....	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
6622 MIDHILL PL	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	.....	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
6897 MCLEAN PROVINCE CIR	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$579,000	Townhouse	0.05	22043	.....	MCLEAN PROVINCE
2123 KINGS GARDEN WAY	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$577,500	Townhouse	0.04	22043	.....	DOMINION
1584 DUNTERRY PL	3	3	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	.....	STONELEIGH
1826 PIMMIT DR	5	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$517,500	Detached	0.34	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
7440 CHUMMLEY CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	.....	CHURCHILL SQUARE
7716 MARSHALL HEIGHTS CT	3	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	.....	MARSHALL HEIGHTS
2114 DOMINION HEIGHTS CT	3	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$472,000	Townhouse	0.04	22043	.....	MARSHALL HEIGHTS
1911 GRIFFITH RD	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$470,000	Detached	0.25	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
8350 GREENSBORO DR #814	3	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$449,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	ROTONDA
7210 SHREVE RD	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$430,000	Detached	0.21	22043	.....	GORDONS
7011 FALLS REACH DR #102	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$410,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22043	.....	PAVILION THE
1645 INTERNATIONAL DR #403	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$405,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	LILLIAN COURT AT TYSONS
1641 INTERNATIONAL DR #TH-26	2	2	1	MCLEAN	.....	\$395,000	Attach/Row Hse	.....	22102	.....	LILLIAN COURT AT TYSONS
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1014	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$390,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	REGENCY AT MCLEAN
1641 INTERNATIONAL DR #TH-23	2	2	1	MCLEAN	.....	\$375,000	Townhouse	.....	22102	.....	LILLIAN COURT AT TYSONS
1738 GILSON ST	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$369,000	Detached	0.29	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
2775 BLOCKER PL	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.05	22043	.....	PINEWOOD GREENS
1911 CHERRI DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$359,000	Detached	0.23	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
7721 LUNCFORD LN	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$355,000	Detached	0.29	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1513	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$352,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22101	.....	REGENCY AT MCLEAN
2018 CHERRI DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$350,000	Detached	0.23	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
8380 GREENSBORO DR #205	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	ROTONDA
2000 PIMMIT DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$317,000	Detached	0.40	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
6800 FLEETWOOD RD #1106	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$315,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22101	.....	MCLEAN HOUSE NORTH
1504 LINCOLN WAY #221	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$305,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
1539 LINCOLN WAY #101B	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$303,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
7704 LISLE AVE	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$300,000	Detached	0.23	22043	.....	PIMMIT HILLS
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #818	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$300,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22043	.....	RENAISSANCE 2230
7720 TREMAYNE PL #211	2	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$290,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	THE COLONIES
7721 TREMAYNE PL #111	3	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$280,776	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	THE COLONIES
1656 WESTWIND WAY #156	3	2	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$260,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	WESTERLIES THE
8340 GREENSBORO DR #509	1	1	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$242,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	ROTONDA
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1512	1	1	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$236,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	REGENCY AT MCLEAN
1952 KENNEDY DR #201	2	1	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$229,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	MCLEAN CHASE
1580 SPRING GATE DR #4105	1	1	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$226,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22102	.....	GATES OF MCLEAN
8370 GREENSBORO DR #109	1	1	0	MCLEAN	.....	\$220,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22102	.....	ROTONDA
7628 LEE LANDING DR	2	1	1	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$215,000	Townhouse	0.02	22043	.....	LEE LANDING PARK
2311 PIMMIT DR #1117	1	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$170,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	22043	.....	IDYLWOOD TOWERS
7612 SAVANNAH ST #12/302	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	..	\$158,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22043	.....	FALLS CHURCH GARDENS

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### FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Oakton United Methodist Church**, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, will cancel services on Sunday, Oct. 2 to participate in Faith in Action (FIA), a four-week ministry that invites Christians to mobilize and "Be the Church," by practicing their faith in a way that uniquely serves their immediate community. Many members of Oakton UM Church will serve at local agencies helping persons and households affected by poverty and other life transitions. Sponsored by three Christian organizations, World Vision, Outreach and Zondervan, FIA culminates in a community outreach Sunday where regular services are cancelled and the entire congregation engages in service projects in, and with, the community. The program also helps Christians invite members of their community to join in serving. The theme for Oct. 2 will be "Don't go to church: Be the church!" [oaktonumc.org](http://oaktonumc.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. Reserve by Sept. 10 for luncheon after services. [office@epiphanyumc.com](mailto:office@epiphanyumc.com) or 703-938-3494.

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emo-

tional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class** at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

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

**Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The

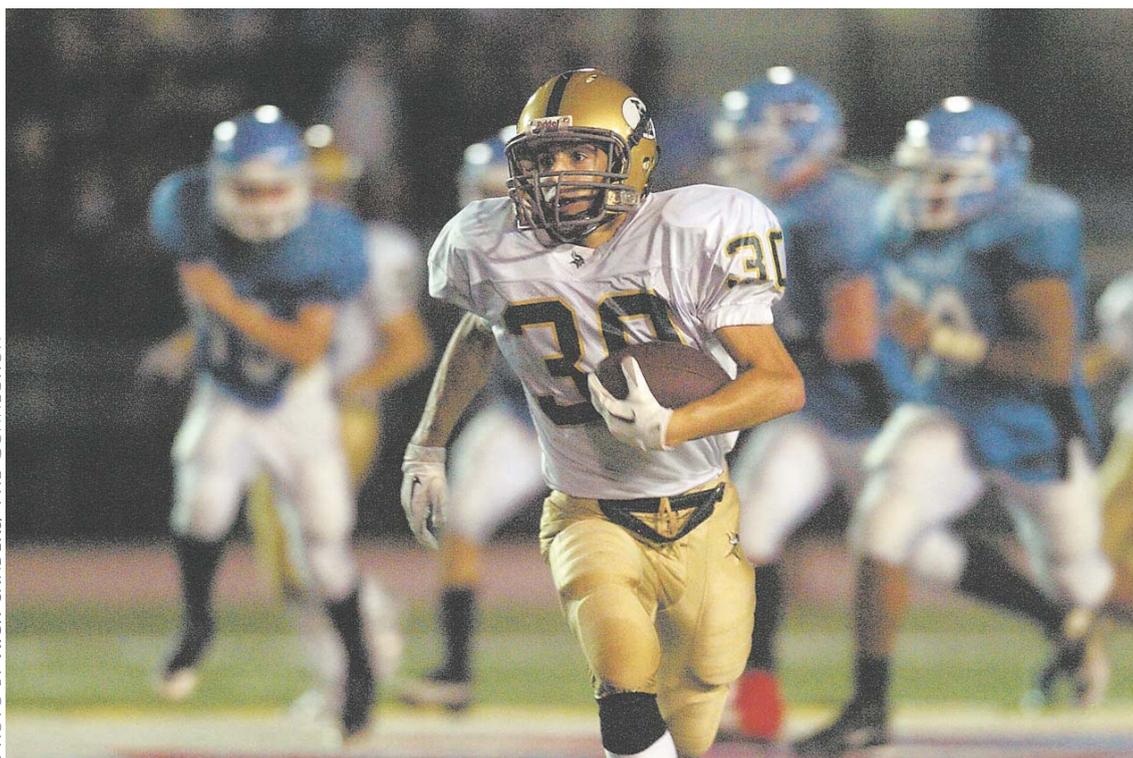
DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938 9050 or [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

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

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms**, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

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

**A Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.



**Marshall sophomore wide receiver Kevin Wood runs ahead of the field after catching a pass during the Saxons' game against Marshall last Friday night.**

## Bittersweet Football Win

**Saxons, in win over Marshall, lose starting QB to injury; McLean loses tight contest to Madison.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**L**angley High defeated Marshall last Friday night, 35-0, in a Liberty District road game. With the win, the Saxons improved their record to 3-1 on the season. Their prior wins had come over Herndon and Jefferson with the only loss coming to Chantilly in week three.

Unfortunately, Langley starting quarterback Austin Vasiliadis injured his knee on a first quarter play and is out for the season. Backup quarterback Nick Casso stepped in and played a good game in place of the injured starter.

"It's a shame," said Langley coach John Howerton, of the injury to the senior signal caller. "He's a great athlete for us and a premier basketball player. You get sick watching something like this. He's a great kid. He was not only playing quarterback for us but fulfilling a leadership role for us too."

Vasiliadis, on the play he was injured, was running around the end on a potential pass play. He ended up running instead. Although he was not hit by a defensive player, Vasiliadis made an awkward cut, according to Howerton.

"He was going around end and cut and landed funny and extended his knee," said the coach. "He tore an ACL and is out for the year."

For Langley, which has played good, solid football over the season's first half, the injury loss of Vasiliadis is a tough blow.

But Casso stepped into Friday's game nicely. The Saxons took control of the game early on with two first quarter touchdowns and another in the second quarter to carry a 21-0 lead into halftime at Marshall.

They added touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters to put the final touches on the victory.

Casso, a sophomore, had an outstanding game, completing 11 of 14 passes for 205 yards and tossing three touchdown passes. The scoring passes were caught by senior tightend Colin Pitts from three yards out, A.J. Holtberg from 12 yards, and Joey Robinson on a 39-yard play.

"He's a sophomore and looked very good," said Howerton. "There were a couple of times he moved the wrong way or mishandled the ball. But he threw the ball very well. He did a great job and didn't seem nervous at all. He has a pretty good group [of linemen] up front and pretty good running backs."

Langley running back Phil Mun ran for scores of 33 and 18 yards and finished the game with 74 rushing yards.

Howerton was proud of the play of his team's defense and earning a shutout.

"We're trying to improve our defense every week and every year so we can be successful against any offense," he said. "We're starting to come together. We're always trying to shut out our opponent, of course, but this is our first one this year. It was a key to the win to be able to shut Marshall down."

Langley, with Casso behind center, will be on the road this Friday night when it meets an improving Madison team under first year head coach Lenny Schultz. The Warhawks were beaten soundly in their first game of the season at Oakton, 55-17, on Sept. 2 but have played three good games since. They beat Woodson, 24-0, before losing a tight game to Hayfield, 29-27. Then they edged McLean last Friday. The Warhawks will be looking to get over the .500 mark when they play at home versus Langley. Madison will be celebrating its homecoming.

**THE MADISON HIGH** Warhawks beat McLean, 17-16, in a fiercely-contested Liberty District high school football game last Friday night that was finally decided late in the fourth quarter when Madison recovered a McLean fumble to thwart the Highlander's

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## SPORTS NOTES

**The Madeira School** (McLean) volleyball team captured first place at the recent Flint Hill Girls' Volleyball Tournament. Madeira defeated its first round opponent, Madison High, by scores of 25-9 and 25-21. In its next match, the Snails were winners over Liberty Christian, 2-1 ( 25-18, 18-25, 15-11).

Madeira continued its solid play with match wins over both Holy Cross (26-24 and 25-15) and Fredericksburg Christian Academy (25-16 and 25-20). That put the Snails into the finals against host school Flint Hill. In that championship match, Madeira defeated the Huskies, 25-15 and 25-11.

Named to the All-Tournament team from Madeira were seniors Nicole O'Donnell (setter) and Catherine Humphrey (outside). Senior Bre Atkinson (outside) was named the tournament MVP.

Madeira, going into this week's action, is unbeaten. Prior to its tournament action at Flint Hill, the Snails had earned wins over Pope John Paul the Great, Maret, Bishop O'Connell, Episcopal, and Bishop Ireton.

**The Flint Hill School football** team defeated visiting team, John Paul The Great, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24, by a score of 35-13. The Huskies trailed 3-0 in the second quarter before getting a pair of touchdowns, a 22-yard run by Trevor Ogundepo, and a 7-yard scoring pass from quarterback Andy Rehberger to Nick Bazzarone, to give the home team a 14-3 halftime lead.

Flint Hill put the game away with a pair of long touchdown plays in the third quarter. The first came on a 92-yard kickoff return by Chrystian Brown. The latter score came on a 55-yard scoring pass play in which Rehberger connected once again with Bazzarone. That made the score 28-3 going into the final quarter.

The Huskies got a 2-yard scoring run in the final quarter by Jerrod Reed, helping offset the 10 points scored by the guests over that final quarter.

Huskies kicker Hunter Windmuller converted all five of his extra point kicks in the win. He also had punts of 71, 48, and 43 yards.

Rehberger, the Flint Hill QB, completed 7-of-12 passes for 86 yards and the two touchdowns. The Huskies' leading ball carrier was Ogundepo (11 carries, 93 yards, 1 TD).

Ben Kase, who had seven tackles and also two pass deflections, led the Flint Hill defense.

**Caroline Harris**, of Vienna, a versatile high school athlete who distinguished herself in two sports over a seven-day stretch, was named the Foxcroft School (Middleburg) Athlete of the Week for the period ending Sept. 17. A senior and tri-captain of the varsity volleyball team, Harris recorded 15 digs and connected on 93 percent of her serves in Foxcroft's 3-1 victory over St. Michael the Archangel High School on Sept. 8 in Fredericksburg. The win ended a 16-game match losing streak for Foxcroft. Seven days later, Harris volunteered to run in a Delaney Athletic Conference cross-country race when Coach Matthew Mohler invited students to participate in the opening meet, which was held at Foxcroft. Even though Harris had never competed before in a cross country event, she covered the arduous 3.1-mile course with a time of 26 minutes, 57 seconds, good for the top spot among Foxcroft's nine runners. Her performance also placed her 20th in the field of 56 competitors.

The daughter of Victor Harris and Cheryl Ann Borden of Vienna, Caroline is also an outstanding softball player, having made All-Delaney Athletic Conference First Team last spring. She is also a strong student and a dormitory prefect.



**Vienna's Caroline Harris was recently named Athlete of the Week at Foxcroft School in Middleburg.**

# Area Runners Shine at Oatlands Meet

**McGorty captures first place in boys' race; Kolonich earns third in girls' race.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The annual midseason Oatlands Invitational high school cross country meet took place Sept. 17 at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg. Numerous schools from the Northern Region participated in the huge showcase event.

In the varsity "A" boys' meet, consisting of 46 teams, Chantilly High, led by junior Sean McGorty, earned a second place overall finish with 197 team points, finishing behind champion Albemarle High (146 points) of Charlottesville. Other Northern Region teams competing in the "A" boys' race included fourth place Oakton (265), 11th place Jefferson High (282) of Alexandria, 15th place Hayfield, and 20th place Stone Bridge. South County finished 26th and Annandale 28th. Madison, Westfield, Lan-

gley, Fairfax, and Marshall High Schools were also among the schools that competed.

Chantilly's McGorty captured the individual title with a time of 15 minutes, 30 seconds, finishing ahead of second place finisher Ahmed Bile, a senior from Annandale. Chantilly junior Logan Miller also had an outstanding race with a third place finish at 15:49. South County senior Jeff Puhek finished 10th place overall.

Three-hundred sixteen runners in all participated in the boys' race. Other good outings from Northern Region runners included: Stone Bridge sophomore Brady Guertin (23rd); Marshall High sophomore Mackenzie Haight (41st); Westfield High junior Jeff Edmondson (47th); Chantilly sophomore Peter Malander (also 47th); Oakton seniors Greg Petruncio (33rd), Pratik Singh (37th), Chris Jewell (52nd), and Patrick Eberhart (55th); and Hayfield High's Jacob Miller (58th).

**IN THE GIRLS' "A" RACE**, McLean, Madison, and Jefferson High Schools finished eighth, ninth, and 10th, respectively, in a field of 41 teams. Other Northern Region schools finishing in the top 25 were Oakton (15th), Washington-Lee (16th), Langley (17th), and Stone Bridge (22nd).

Top area individual finishers, included: Lee sophomore Bailey Kolonich (3rd place); Jefferson senior Katherine Sheridan (22nd); Oakton sophomore Hailey Dougherty (25th); Westfield senior Leidy Arias (32nd); McLean junior Hannah Dimmick (36th); South County junior Mary Cate Scully (40th); Madison freshman Amanda Swaak (45th); Langley senior Mary Fouse (50th); and McLean senior Alexa Tabackman (51st).

**IN THE VARSITY "B" BOYS' RACE**, Oakton finished sixth overall among 66 teams. Also among the top 25 teams were 11th place Centreville, 12th place Jefferson, and 14th place McLean. Top local individual finishers were: Centreville junior Chan Young-Lee (19th place); Lee High sopho-

more Biruk Amare (23rd); Oakton sophomore Jack Stoney (43rd); Jefferson's Elliot Simon (45th); and McLean senior Jason Richards (46th).

**IN THE VARSITY "B" GIRLS' RACE**, Chantilly High captured the team title with 81 points, finishing ahead of second place Briar Woods of Ashburn and third place Centreville High. Oakton (seventh place) and Hayfield (eighth) finished among the top 10 as well.

Oakton freshmen Allie Klimkiewicz captured the individual title with a first place finish.

Chantilly had three runners finish in the top 10. They were junior Kendall Crowe (fifth), freshman Xaveria Hawvemarle (sixth), and senior Carolyn Carlson (10th).

Centreville runners Rebecca Vinter, a junior, and freshman Jackie O'Shea finished eighth and ninth, respectively, while teammate Joanna Ahn, a freshmen, was 23rd overall.

Hayfield sophomore Abigail Power finished 14th.

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 1

#### Sheriff's Children's ID Program.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Room, McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The Fairfax County Sheriff's office provides a free laminated card about the size of a driver's license, including a photo, thumbprints and other vital information for authorities to use in case a child goes missing. The ID process takes less than four minutes and uses clean, inkless technology. The Sheriff's Office recommends that parents tuck away the card for safekeeping and have it updated with a new photo once a year. 703-246-3673 or [Stacey.Kincaid@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Stacey.Kincaid@FairfaxCounty.gov).

#### Shop Like An American Seminar.

11 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Learn the tips and tricks that Americans use to get discounts, and things for free. For non-native English speakers, diplomats and the international community. Free. [www.diplomagicausa.com/upcoming-events.html](http://www.diplomagicausa.com/upcoming-events.html) or 703-951-7708.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 4

#### Senior Fall Prevention Classes.

The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays from 2-3 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Instructor now certified in Back and Hip Rehab. \$10 per class. Pre-registration required at 703-667-9800.

**Women's Club of McLean.** 11:30 a.m. Trinity Methodist Church, on Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. With Caroline Evans Van Wagoner, daughter of the former owner of Evans Farm. Evans Farm will be the site of the Woman's Club's Holiday Homes Tour in December. 703-556-

0197.

#### Suits and Sneakers Celebration.

6 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The event will feature a "Taste of McLean," showcasing restaurants, non-profits, schools, and other groups and honor the 2011 "Business and Community Award" winners. Sponsored by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. 703/356-8230.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 6

#### Workshop for Older Adults with Chronic Health Conditions.

11 a.m. Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Take control of your medical care and improve your ability to handle the frustration, fatigue, and feelings of hopelessness that often accompany life with a chronic illness. A series of six weekly two-hour workshops. Sponsored by the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Elderlink and the Shepherd Center of Oakton/Vienna. 703-281-0538 or [eileentarr1@verizon.net](mailto:eileentarr1@verizon.net).

#### Chronic Illness Workshop Series.

11 a.m. Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, 541 Marshall Road, Vienna. First of six weekly workshops for people with chronic conditions and/or their caregivers. Free. [DFSPPIO@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSPPIO@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 11

#### Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Luncheon.

12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

**Vienna Area AAUW.** 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Lecture by Dr. Janette Kenner Muir, associate professor at George Mason University, on "Power and Influence in the White House: The Evolving Role of First Ladies." Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

**Candidates Night: State Senate and House of Delegates.** 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Hosted by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. [rhjackson@cox.net](mailto:rhjackson@cox.net).

#### Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting.

1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

#### Multiple Sclerosis Support Group.

7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis, their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 13

#### 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. \$40-\$70. A divorce attorney will guide you through a comparison of mediation and negotiation and provide mediation and negotiation tips. The workshop covers strategies and pitfalls to avoid and a general discussion of the issues that are commonly addressed in an Agreement, from property to support to custody. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

#### Re-entering the Workforce.

7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. How to get started, the nature of the job market, what hiring managers seek, proactive and reactive job search strategies, the key steps of a targeted job search, key competitive advantages and how to develop them, and addressing the issue of your absence on your resume. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

## McLean Football

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last drive.

The game was originally supposed to be played on McLean's home field. But due to the rainy weather the contest was moved to Madison's turf field in Vienna.

With the loss, McLean fell to 2-2 overall. It marked the second week in a row in which the Highlanders have lost a down-to-the-wire game. Two weeks ago, McLean lost a tough district game at Fairfax in overtime, 19-16. Madison, meanwhile, improved its record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the Liberty District.

McLean came up with some big plays in the first quarter of the game, getting a blocked field goal on one occasion and recovering a fumble deep in its own territory on another Madison attempt to put points on the board.

McLean opened the game's scoring in that opening quarter with an eight-play drive capped by a two-yard scoring run by Nathaniel Fletcher to take an early 6-0 lead.

Madison, however, got its offense untracked in the second quarter with a 10-yard touchdown run by Jacob Hall and a 22-yard field goal by Nick Dorka to take a 10-6 lead at the half.

Madison began the second half with a successful onside kick and seemed poised to take control of the game, but a tipped ball interception gave the ball back to McLean, which went on to convert the turnover into a touchdown when Hunter Eckrod found the end zone on a two-yard touchdown run. Chris Rosenbaum added the extra point kick and McLean had the lead at 13-10. Later in the third quarter, Rosenbaum nailed a field goal from 45 yards out to increase the Highlanders' lead to 16-10.

But before the third quarter was through, Madison would score the touchdown which would prove to be the difference when quarterback Dan Powers found his favorite target, Tom House, for the game-winning 14-yard scoring pass.

In the fourth quarter, McLean, which had lost its starting quarterback, Ryan McColgan, to an injury in the first half, twice drove the ball into Warhawk territory. But Madison's defense ultimately came up with some big plays to end the threats.

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**Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Assessment**

Navy Annex/Federal Office Building 2 (FOB2) Land Transfer at Arlington, Virginia

Agency: Department of Defense

Public Comment Period: October 1 - 30, 2011

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Department of Defense Instruction 4715.9, Washington Headquarters Services has prepared and issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Navy Annex/FOB2 Land Transfer. The Secretary of Defense, as authorized by Congress, proposes to transfer approximately 42 acres currently occupied by the Navy Annex/FOB2, the Navy Exchange Service Station, and associated parking lots, to the Secretary of the Army for Arlington National Cemetery use. The Navy Annex/FOB2, the Navy Exchange Service Station, and associated parking lots are to be demolished and all improvements removed from the property. The land would then be restored to open green space for cemetery use. Arlington County and the DoD may exchange equivalent acreage within the land transfer area, which will allow for the removal of Southgate Road from Columbia Pike to Gate 3 of Joint Base Myers-Henderson Hall, provide a site for a museum that honors the history of the freedmen's village and county heritage, and also provide for the building of a new access road from Gate 3 to Columbia Pike, along the western edge of the Navy Annex/FOB2 complex. The analysis found the implementation of the land transfer plan Alternative Options has no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the natural or human environment.

Where Draft EA May Be Reviewed: The EA is available on the internet at <http://www.whs.mil/fsd/safety/index.htm> and in paper copy at the following libraries:

- \* Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201
- \* Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202
- \* Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed., Arlington, VA 22204

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments on the EA to:

Michael Dangerfield  
100 Boundary Channel Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3700  
Email: [Michael.Dangerfield@whs.mil](mailto:Michael.Dangerfield@whs.mil)

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**Yard sale, Sat 10/1, 8-2, 2740 Linda Marie Dr, Oakton, VA**

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

Improved by the premises known as 6616 Melrose Drive, McLean, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ana Maria V. Clarke and Paul F. Clarke, Jr., dated October 18, 2010, and recorded November 20, 2010, in Deed Book 21361 at page 78 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

**Friday, October 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

Lots 38, 39 and 40, Section B, Water Heights Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Book T-9 at page 247, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 6616 Melrose Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$100,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 4.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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

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

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

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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

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DAVID N. PRENSKY  
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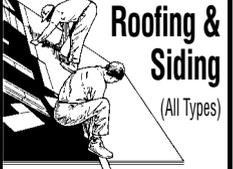
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## "Confliction"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I know I need to get out more, as in go places – out of town, specifically, and do more things (while I'm able), but I'm conflicted. Since my diagnosis, back in February 2009, my life has evolved into a variety of cancer-targeted pursuits whose goal was to survive the original 13-month-to-two-year prognosis I was given; from adhering to the standard cancer-treatment protocols with which most people are familiar: chemotherapy and/or radiation, lab work, diagnostic scans, regular and recurring appointments with my oncologist, etc., to lifestyle and diet changes: alkaline diet, alkaline water, miscellaneous pills and supplements, baking soda, apple cider vinegar, pureed asparagus, probiotics, exercise and so forth. And largely, given the 30-month point at which I am presently still living and breathing, these changes/modifications have had a presumably positive effect on my life expectancy.

In considering the facts/feelings and wondering still (always) about the future (and the present, too; let's be honest here), I feel like I'm at a crossroads of sorts: what to do/where to go next? If I want to live longer and hopefully prosper, perhaps something in my life needs to change. But change is difficult for me, especially when changes that I've made previously have apparently (not definitively) extended my life way beyond that rather grim and discouraging prognosis I received two and a half years ago.

Nevertheless, stagnation is probably not good for the soul, either. And if I want to continue to pretend that nothing is really wrong with me, staying in my routine, as much as I've come to embrace it, might not be the best long-term answer. I can't imagine that being afraid to live outside my cancer-fighting cocoon is the best revenge, as they say. But breaking free of some of these cancer-induced boundaries is risky – in my head, anyway, and worrisome, too; as in why mess with success? But if I don't, there's an ever-increasing sense that the mental restraints that I am self-imposing will weaken my resolve somehow and provide a type of aid and comfort to the enemy which I – and so many others, are fighting.

I can't stop thinking that to do so would be a leap of faith, however. And though I've had faith and belief in what I've been doing to support my immune system in fighting this insidious – and incurable disease (stage IV lung cancer), I still want to think and act like I'm open to, and always doing, more – without leaping too much. But if more (something new and different – for me) causes me to do less of what I have already been doing and what I perceive has been successful in keeping me alive/enabling me to outlive my original prognosis, then I start using some of my deceased father's made-up words, which means I don't have any of my own real words to accurately describe the stress, anxiety, fear, uncertainty and "confliction" I feel. And even though invoking my father's memory – in almost any context is a good thing, invoking it here, with respect to one of my cancer conundrums seems disturbing somehow, as if I'm involving him in something I'd rather spare him from knowing. Do you know what I mean?

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## COMMUNITY

# Salon Daniel Celebrates Anniversary, Hosts Red-Carpet Auctions

Salon Daniel of McLean, sponsor for the upcoming Becky's Fund "Walk This Way" Fashion Show in November, will host red-carpet auctions on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Salon Daniel from 6-10 p.m. kicking off their 20-year anniversary celebration.

The salon, which has serviced more than 30,000 clients in 20 years, is marking this 20-year milestone by thanking its clients and giving back to the community by featuring two auctions. The live auction benefits Fran Drescher's non-profit organization, Cancer Schmancer, and includes one special auction entry: a day on set with Fran Drescher at her new television show, "Happily Divorced." Also, several beauty packages will be presented at a silent auction that directly benefits Becky's Fund, a non-profit organization focused on domestic and dating violence awareness and education. Refreshments and food will be served. For more information call 703-893-5000 or visit [www.salondaniel.com](http://www.salondaniel.com).

Silent auction items to benefit Becky's Fund will include: an Ultimate Day of Beauty Package to include a facial, massage, manicure and pedicure, wash and blow-dry, makeup application and lunch, at a total value of \$430; a Girls Night Out Beauty Package valued at \$500 with a manicure, massage, wash and blow-dry, makeup application; and many more. They will also



Salon Daniel Team with Daniel Bechara, center, Salon Daniel owner.

raffle off a Salon Daniel gift bag containing Daniel Bechara's (owner of Salon Daniel) hair product line, valued at \$100. Guests attending the party will receive \$20 gift cards to be used on any service of their choice. Refreshments will be provided including food from neighborhood McLean restaurants like Sweetleaf and Greek Taverna, while Windows Catering will provide pastries.

The Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C, inviting celebrity guests. They'll be featuring hair and fashion from different eras. In honor of their 20th anniversary, Salon Daniel will be offering 20 percent off haircuts for all new clients and with an additional 20 percent donated to Becky's Fund, valid from Sept. 20 through Dec. 31.

## Park Authority Listens to Dranesville

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sore now, we could make it look better," Canis said. "And if we could get private money to do that, that would be great."

Park Authority Board Member Kevin Fay (Dranesville) said that they are working with the Board of Supervisors on a program like this, but there are obstacles.

"The challenge is the house, in order for us to use it for anything, probably requires about a half-million dollar investment," Fay said. "The curatorship program is great for some things, but it doesn't go a long way toward addressing those kinds of financial needs."

Community members also wanted to know the status of the Salona Master Plan.

"Supervisor [John] Foust's [D-Dranesville] office has set up a task force, and we're taking the master plan process through the public," Dargle said. "There was some issues that came up as far as development, and what should be master planned their, so the supervisor's office put a task force together to look at both sides of the story."

Dargle said it wasn't sure about a timeline for the process. The task force's recommendation would go to Foust, who would make a recommendation to Fay, which will then go back to the Park Authority Board.



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Maintenance of the Turner Farmhouse in Great Falls was brought to the attention of Fairfax County Park Authority Director John Dargle during a community forum Sept. 22.

"We've asked them to come back to us with some estimate of their timing, when we first set up the task force we were thinking about six months, maybe a little longer

than that," Fay said.

A complete summary of the forum can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/listeningforums.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/listeningforums.htm).

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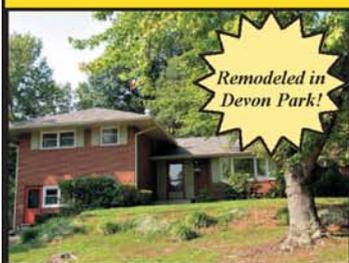


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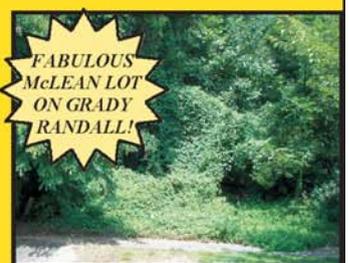
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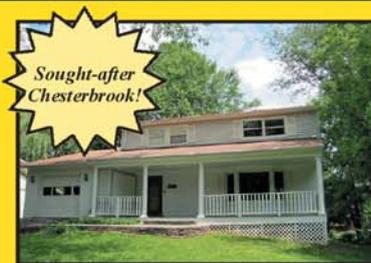


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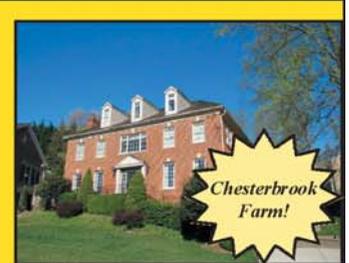
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