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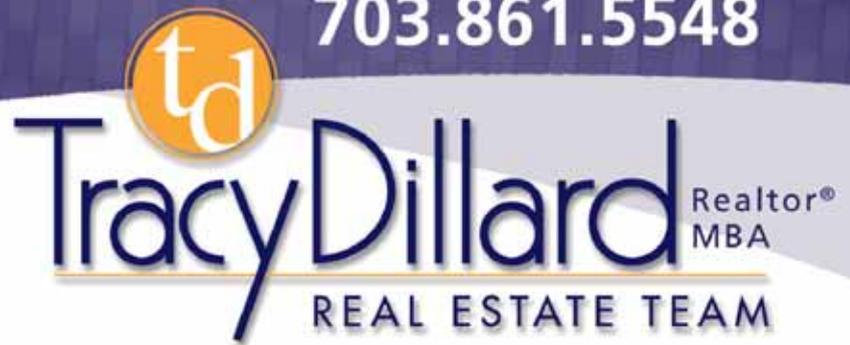
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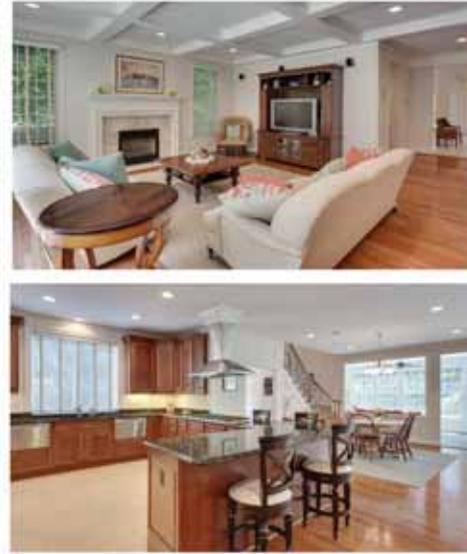
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## Stalled Labor Market Slows County Budget

Proposed budget calls for no real estate tax rate increase, but average homeowner would pay \$184 more.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Jeff McKay pointed out the irony in County Executive Ed Long's proposed \$3.8 billion budget. Three planning positions would be eliminated from the budget even though Long suggested the county needs more efforts to raise revenue from commercial and industrial venues.

"A timely planning process in revitalization is important in economic development," said McKay after Long's 30-minute presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Feb. 17. "The planner piece is not going in the same direction as the economic development question."

McKay pointed to redevelopment along the Route 1 corridor as a source of economic growth that would require extra input from planning. Long agreed that the county urgently needs to expand the nonresidential tax base in the county.

Commercial assessments dropped 0.6 percent, while residential assessments increased 3.4 percent. Commercial vacancy rates are higher than they have been since 1991. Although the U.S. economy grew at an estimated rate of 2.6 percent during the fourth quarter of 2014, "we are clearly underperforming the national economy," Long told the Supervisors, mostly due to the sequester and reductions in federal spending and contracting.

"Our economy is very dependent on people buying cars, buying houses and shopping," Long said.

Long forecasts no significant improvements in the short term future. "We cannot fund all our priorities and investments." Most departments, aside from public safety, will see some expenditure reduction.

Just 5,100 jobs were created in Northern Virginia in 2014, less than half of the 11,900 jobs created in 2013, which is half the number of jobs (25,250) created on average in 2011 and 2012.

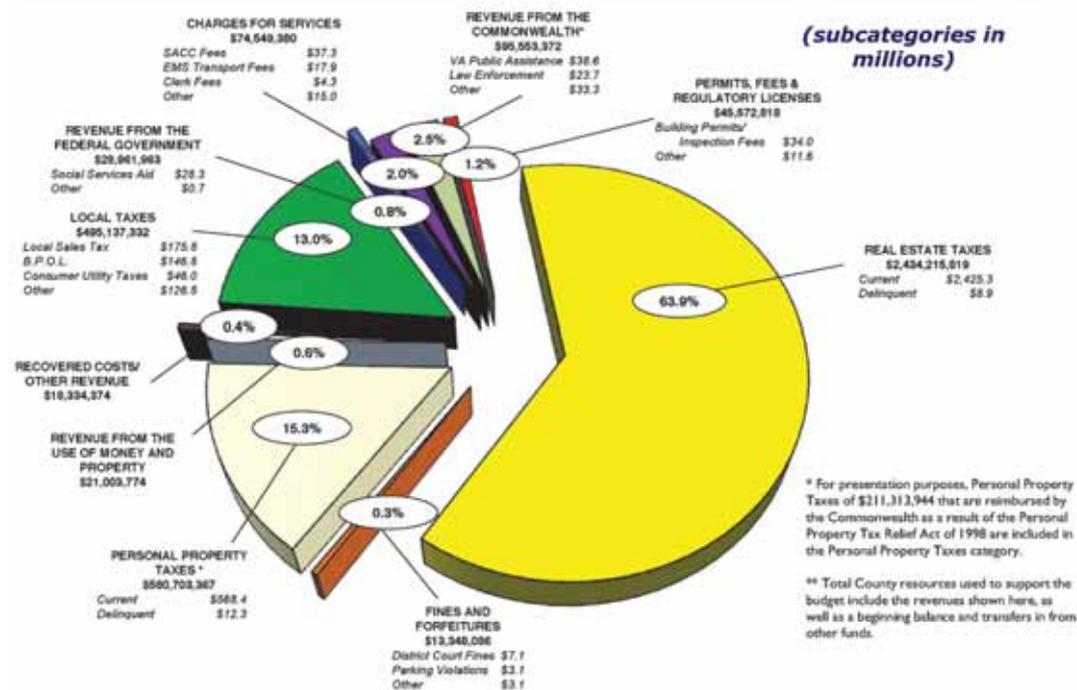
"It is a bit sobering," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins.

### Budget Schedule

March 3: Board advertises FY 2016 tax rate  
April 7-9: Public hearings  
April 21: Budget markup  
April 28: Budget adoption

To sign up to speak at one of the public hearings, call the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-3151 or 703-324-2391 (TTY 711) or to access the form to sign up to speak, go to [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm) The public can send written testimony or communicate with the Clerk's Office by email at: [clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan: "Where it Comes From"



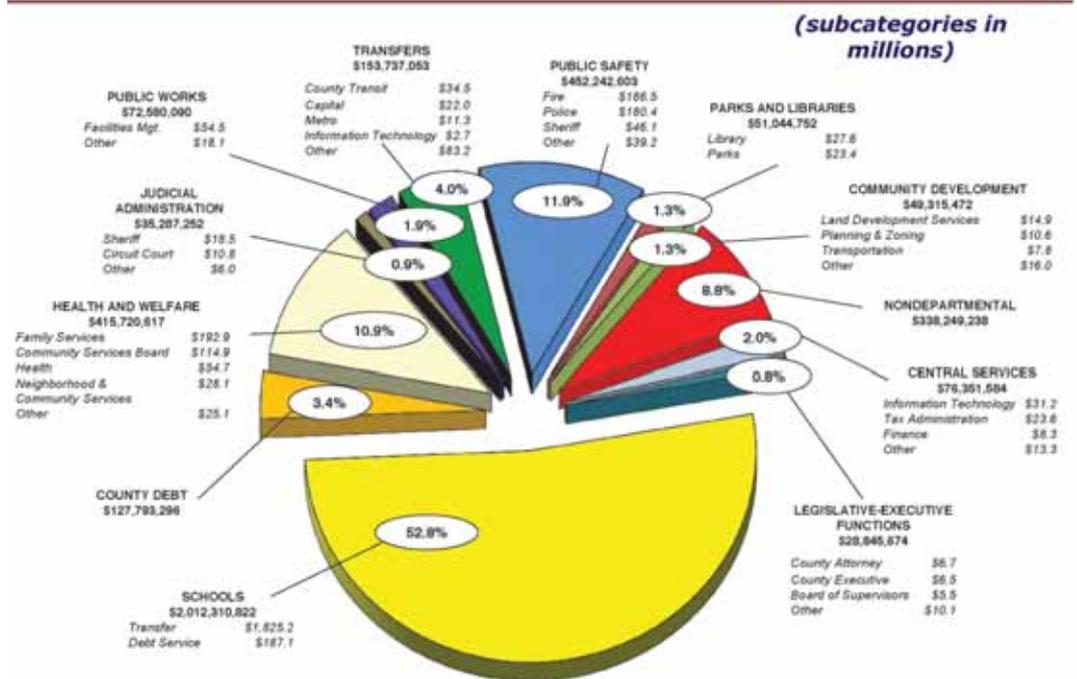
FY 2016 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS\*\* = \$3,807,380,285 \*\*

Fairfax County, Virginia: FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan (Includes Multi-Year Budget: FY 2016 - FY 2017)

COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

This pie chart shows sources of county revenue, with 64 percent coming from real estate taxes.

### FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan: "Where it Goes"



FY 2016 GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS = \$3,813,478,453

Fairfax County, Virginia: FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan (Includes Multi-Year Budget: FY 2016 - FY 2017)

COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

This pie chart shows county expenditures, with 52.8 percent going to Fairfax County Public Schools, and 12 percent to public safety.

### Budget Town Hall Meetings

Hunter Mill District Budget Meeting  
Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road,  
Herndon  
Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.

Dranesville District Budget Meeting 1  
Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown  
Pike, Great Falls  
Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Dranesville District Budget Meeting 2  
McLean Community Center, 1234  
Ingleside Avenue, McLean  
Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Providence District Budget Meeting  
Providence Community Center, 3001  
Vaden Drive, Fairfax - Multi-  
Purpose Room 2  
Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Chairman Bulova's Community  
Dialogue on the Budget  
Fairfax County Government Center,  
12000 Government Center  
Parkway, Fairfax - Conference  
Room 9/10  
Saturday, March 14, 2:30 p.m.

Sully District Budget Meeting  
Rocky Run Middle School - Cafeteria -  
4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Braddock District Budget Meeting  
Braddock Government Center, 9002  
Burke Lake Road, Burke - Braddock  
Hall  
Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Bulova's Community  
Dialogue on the Budget, South  
South County Center, 8350 Richmond  
Highway, Alexandria - Room 221  
Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.

### 5 Things to Know about the Budget

❖ One penny change in the real estate tax rate, currently \$1.09, is worth \$22.6 million.

❖ The average 2014 home selling price, \$517,000, has still not reached its previous peak value of \$543,271 achieved in 2005.

❖ Direct office vacancy rate was 15.2 percent as of mid-year 2014, the highest office vacancy rate since 1991.

❖ Fairfax County Public Schools request \$14 million more than is in the current proposed budget. Schools ask for a 3.99 percent increase; the current county budget proposal includes 3.43 percent increase over last year.

❖ School Age Child Care (SACC) fees restructured to generate revenue and to better reflect income levels and affordability for participating families. Full paying families will see an increase of 8 percent.

# PET CONNECTION



**The Schneider family of McLean - Farah, Phillip, Fatima, Peter and Sami - with their King Spaniel/Beagle mix, Tibby.**



PHOTOS BY LORI BAKER/THE CONNECTION

**McLean ninth graders, Caroline Garcia and Jamie Baker, with Caroline's cat, Zeus.**

## McLean Loves its Pets

BY LORI BAKER  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen it comes to pets, McLean is much like other communities. Our pets are pampered, doted on, and loved. And with good reason. According to these McLean pet owners, the unconditional love they give in return is immeasurable.

McLean's Phillip Schneider was very clear. He did not want a pet. His three children, however, Peter, Sami, and Farah, did. Even his wife Fatima agreed with the kids. Needless to say, the Schneiders now have a loveable, and very loved dog.

Tibby is a short-legged, slightly roundish Beagle/King Spaniel mix who greets visitors with a full body-wag. She came to the Schneiders when Phillip popped into an animal shelter one day, sensing the inevitable. Tibby was not at the shelter that day, but they discovered her at a PetSmart adoption day in Fair Lakes soon after, seemingly waiting for the Schneider family to arrive.

"She fell in love with us the first time she saw us," said Fatima. "I held her, and she did not want to let go. She just rested on my shoulder."

"On the first day of school when they ask if you have any siblings, I always say I have two sisters and a dog," said Peter. Sami and Farah agreed that she is a good "cuddle buddy." The whole family enjoys the walks that Tibby has inspired, and the companionship she brings to the family.

**MCLEAN SIXTH GRADER,** Greg Kopp, and his family got their Labradoodle, Coco when she was 6 weeks old. Because the little blonde pup had recently undergone surgery, the Koppes would carry her up and down 14 stairs every time she needed to go out. Months went by, and she still never learned how to go up and down stairs. "She would just stand there waiting," Greg's mom, Carole Kopp laughed. The first time we



**McLean sixth grader, Greg Kopp, and his Labradoodle, Coco.**

boarded her, they couldn't believe it, she said. "Needless to say when we picked her up, she knew how to go down the stairs."

Coco is not so little anymore, but still just as loveable. She is soft and friendly, and follows her family around the house, especially if there is food involved.

Greg is an avid baseball player and spends quite a bit of time at the baseball field. So Greg's mom often brings Coco along. "We're always there," she said. "I would bring her to practice and walk her and she couldn't wait to get off her leash and run." She visits with the kids after practice, and loves to be chased.

One afternoon, one of the kids celebrated his birthday by sharing donuts with the team. Coco managed to snag at least a few donuts. If she could, she would surely say that the only thing better than baseball practice is baseball practice with donuts.

Several years ago, McLean ninth grader, Caroline Garcia, brought a small kitten home from the barn where she used to ride

**Pets connect owners to the wild world around them.**



**Two-year-old golden retriever, Sadie, with her Falls Church family, Katherine and Jack Leahy.**

horses. They named him Zeus, and he fit in just fine with her family, which includes four kids, parents, and at that time, just one dog; a Bichon/Poodle mix, named Junior. Since then, the Garcia family has rescued a third pet. This time, a small golden mixed-breed named Lily.

The pets all get along great, with a surprisingly small amount of discord. Junior often eats Zeus' cat food. Zeus waits patiently for Junior to finish. And from the looks of it, they both are getting ample nutrition. Meanwhile, Caroline's siblings have come home from school to find Lily with a dog treat bag over her head, having scarfed a fair share of those.

These resourceful pets have found a loving home with the Garcias. The Garcias appreciate their pets too. "They keep you company all the time," said Caroline. "They're always there for you."

Sixth-grader, Jack Leahy and his eighth-grade sister, Katherine, are driven to McLean's Langley School each day by their 2-year-old golden retriever, Sadie. Actually,



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**Jacques' family says he is known as a "Big Scruffy."**

their mother, Kristin does the driving. But Sadie is such a well-known part of the ritual that one can almost picture her buckled in with her paw on the passenger-seat armrest. "Her favorite thing is to ride to school," Kristin said. "She gets depressed on the days she can't go to school."

One of Sadie's other favorite things is what her family calls "shinys." Sadie loves shiny reflections on the wall; especially those that reflect off of a computer screen, or come from a flashlight. She seems determined to one-day catch one.

Sadie loves "shinys" so much that Katherine's science fair project involved constructing a self-walking dog machine. Katherine made a dog-friendly contraption that would shine tiny light beams in front of the dog. Theoretically, Sadie would wear

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## PET CONNECTION

# Best Friends of McLean

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it and follow the lights. But when she tried it, she was so mesmerized that she just stood at attention, focused on the “shinys.”

**WITH HER IN THE FAMILY**, “it’s hard to get bored,” said Jack. She loves to play with rocks, and “oinks” when she’s especially happy. “She’s highly entertaining,” her mom said. “We call it fluff therapy.”

McLean residents Lois Lefkowitz and her husband, Paul Schneider have fostered many dogs. Lefkowitz has been a volunteer for Homeward Trails, a local rescue organization, for nearly ten years. Her two dogs are rescues. Both are mixed-breeds, and both started out as foster pets.

Ren is a very friendly hound mix. He was rescued from an animal-hoarding situation where he lived with an astounding 300-plus dogs. Lefkowitz met Ren and agreed to foster him. He was shy, but she said it didn’t take long for him to gain confidence. He loves people, especially women, and other dogs. “He’s not the smartest in the pack,” she said. “But he’s a really sweet boy with a really good disposition.”

Jacques is a fluffy mixed-breed. Lefkowitz said she is often asked what he is, but she and her husband just don’t know. They sim-



PHOTO BY LOIS LEFKOWITZ

**Ren started as a shy foster pet, but is now a very friendly part of the family.**

ply refer to him as a “big scruffy.” He is a “very happy affectionate dog,” she said.

As a volunteer, she worries about the number of homeless animals that are euthanized each year. But she is also encouraged by the fact that the number of people who adopt rescue pets has grown slightly, and that more pet owners spay and neuter their pets.

One thing that all of these McLean pet owners agree on is that pets are a wonderful addition to the family. “It’s a connection to nature and the wild world around you,” Lefkowitz said. “They’re lovely to have.”



COURTESY PHOTO

From left - MCF Board Member Winnie Pizzano, Redeemer Renaissance After School Director Roberta Pittman, MCF Board Member Joann Berkson and MCF president Ameer Burgoyne.

## Helping Renaissance

The McLean Community Foundation partnered with Redeemer Renaissance After-School Program for the purchase of a bus. Since 2008, Renaissance has been providing hundred of families with local, reliable after-school care. An independently-operated, secular program, Renaissance was established by Redeemer Lutheran after Fairfax County’s School Age Child Care (SACC) program was unable to meet the demand for after-school care and the County reached out to community organizations for help. Initially, the County allowed buses to make extra stops to take children to Renaissance and

other similar programs. In 2013, however, Renaissance was notified that some of the special bus routes would no longer be available, leaving some children with no transportation and others on buses for an hour to travel just 2 miles. The McLean Community Foundation was able to respond with a grant to Renaissance that was used to help purchase a bus. The Community Foundation funds non-profit efforts that benefit McLean residents and was happy to have this opportunity to support working families. To find out more about your community foundation and to make a donation, visit their website, [mcleancommunityfoundation.org](http://mcleancommunityfoundation.org).

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# OPINION

## Managing Mental Illness in Jails

**Natasha McKenna's death provides window on national concern.**

**A** national report released on Feb. 11 highlighted the prevalence of people with mental illness incarcerated in local jails.

"Serious mental illness, which includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depression, affects an estimated 14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women in jails — rates that are four to six times higher than in the general population. ... While most people with serious mental illness in jails, both men and women, enter jail charged with minor, nonviolent crimes, they end up staying in jail for longer periods of time." See vera.org.

Natasha McKenna, a woman with a long history of severe mental illness, died on Feb. 8, five days after being repeatedly shocked with a taser, restrained, hooded and forcibly removed from her cell by six deputy sheriffs "pursuant to its protocols for managing combative inmates."

McKenna, a small woman according to press

reports, had been held in the Fairfax County Detention Center since Jan. 26, on a warrant from the City of Alexandria. Fairfax deputies were forcibly extracting her from her cell so she could be transported to the Alexandria jail.

Here is part of the police release on the incident:

"During the struggle to restrain McKenna, a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team deployed a conducted energy weapon (Taser) on McKenna. While being restrained, deputies placed a spit net (which is designed to restrict and prevent spitting) on McKenna.

A nurse from the ADC medical staff was present at that time to check on her prior to transport and cleared her for transport. Deputies attempted to put her in a medical transport chair, but McKenna continued to be combative and was moved to a restraint chair for transport."

To understand a little of what was happening, search for images of "spit net" and "prisoner restraint chair."

When the emergency response team was getting ready to load McKenna into a vehicle, "medical personnel from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office checked McKenna and determined she was experiencing a medical emergency."

McKenna never regained consciousness.

The incident was recorded on video, but "the video is currently retained as evidence by detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department and will not be released at this time."

Less than two weeks after McKenna's death, the public knows a lot more about the details of this incident than previous cases involving the Fairfax County Police, but questions of what happened, how and why, greatly outnumber answers.

It is standard operating procedure in the United States to warehouse disruptive people with mental illness in jails. A 2006 Special Report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that 705,600 mentally ill adults were incarcerated in state prisons, 78,800 in Federal prisons and 479,900 in local jails, according to the National Institute for Corrections.

We have to ask what constitutes humane, effective treatment for people with mental illness, and often substance use disorders, who end up in jails. Are the brutal images of Natasha McKenna's handling a common experience for people with severe mental illness in jails? While deaths resulting from such incidents are rare, they do occur. What can be done to provide treatment?

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Help Find Rocky

To the Editor:

Our family's beloved dog, Rocky has been lost since Saturday at 5 p.m. — last seen in McLean (intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Linway Terrace). While on a walk, Rocky began chasing an SUV and after his leash became tangled in the wheel, the leash became unhooked. We're hoping Rocky isn't too injured, because he was terrified and able to run away. Neighbors reported seeing him late Saturday, but we haven't seen him since then.

Rocky is shy, and is probably very scared right now, so the best way to try to get him to come is with food and then to gently put fingers through his collars when he comes near to grab the food. If found, anyone can contact Sean Kim at 703-489-7600 or sean.kim@agillence.net.

Suejin Kim  
McLean



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Vital Info: Name — Rocky, Age: 6, Weight: 35 Lbs, Breed: Cattle Dog Mix, Color: white with a large brown spot over his right eye and ear, small brown spots all over.**

#### Oversight Needed in Police Shooting Cases

To the Editor:

Kudos and thanks for your recent editorials voicing the concern of many Fairfax County citizens in connection with the investigation of police shootings.

James Madison said of government that we must "oblige it to control itself" through checks and balances, including vigilant oversight of administration. It is difficult to conceive where Board of Supervisors oversight is more needed than over a group—even a group as honorable and courageous as our police officers—entrusted to exercise coercive powers, up to and including life and death. The Board of Supervisors should fulfill that oversight function, starting with investigative hearings into the reasons for the secrecy shrouding the shootings identified in your editorial. State Sen. Barbara Favola and our new Del. Kathleen Murphy may also wish to consider whether to propose statutory changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Bruce Ellis Fein  
Great Falls

#### Supporting Deer Management

To the Editor:

Thank you for the excellent article on deer management in Fairfax County ("A Time to Hunt?" - Connection, February 18-24, 2015). One deer can carry 1,000 ticks, and approximately 25 percent of ticks in our county carry an infectious agent. In addition to borrelia burgdorferi, the tick can carry babesiosis, bartonella, and other pathogens. Current methods of testing humans for such diseases are unreliable, resulting in possibly thousands of undiagnosed patients in our county. Nationwide, 300,000 new cases of Lyme disease were estimated by the CDC last year, a 10-fold increase over prior estimates. As a former Lyme sufferer, support group leader and current patient advocate, I see the devastation these diseases cause to our residents. From bedridden children to suicidal teens to failed marriages and economic ruin, these diseases take a toll on more than just one's car and garden.

I appreciate all the county is doing to reduce the number of deer in our yard!

Marjorie Veiga  
Vienna

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# PET CONNECTION

## Microchip Reunites Pet With Owner

**O**n the night of Wednesday, Jan. 28, a cat invited itself into the home of a McLean resident, bringing with it a mystery spanning several months and almost a hundred miles. An ODAHC client watched with awe as a friendly black cat with a white chest, or "Tuxedo" cat, walked in through her garage and made itself at home. When she saw that her visitor was sneezing, had an infection in both of its eyes, and was suffering from a recent puncture wound through its ear, the kind-hearted client knew she had to take action: she called and made an appointment.

During the visit with Dr. Andrea Newman, the cat was scanned, a routine procedure for stray animals, to ascertain whether it had a microchip. The results shocked both the staff and the client who brought in the cat: the microchip database company notified them that the cat, named "Rhudy," had

been reported as missing since May of 2014. Even more astonishing was that the cat had disappeared in Edinburg, Va., a town situated over 90 miles from the client's home in McLean. The animal hospital placed phone calls to all four of the numbers provided by the microchip database, but only one still worked. A voice on the answering machine mentioned the name "Penny," matching the name of the owner as provided by the microchip database company.

**MICROCHIPPING PETS** is a practice that has reunited tens of thousands of pets with their owners since its inception. The simple procedure involves injecting a tiny, glass-encased radio frequency transmitter under the skin between the shoulder blades of the animal. When a lost pet is brought into an animal shelter or animal hospital, the staff uses a special scanner to read the microchip. The hospital

staff can then call a national pet microchip database, which stores contact information for pet owners, and enables animal shelters and hospitals to give owners the good news about their pets. While Rhudy had been fitted with a microchip that would allow him to comply with the travel regulations of almost any country in the world, he needed the microchip simply to get home.

Despite its obvious medical issues, the cat appeared to be surprisingly clean and well-fed. After a thorough examination, Dr. Newman administered an injection of long-lasting antibiotics to treat the animal's respiratory infection and ear, and prescribed an appropriate medication for its eyes. Having pets of her own that might become ill if they came in contact with the visiting cat, the Good Samaritan left Rhudy in the care of the staff at the animal hospital.

That night, after the hospital had closed and the night nurse was car-

ing for Rhudy, Penny Nixon left her own voicemail on Old Dominion Animal Health Center's answering machine. With a voice filled with emotion, she said, "I got your message. . . you don't know how much this means to me!" She called again as soon as the animal hospital had opened the next morning, and told hospital staff that she was on her way up from her new home in Galax, over 300 miles from McLean.

Nixon told Old Dominion staff that she had gotten Rhudy when he was a kitten, after hearing his plaintive meows while cleaning up after a yard sale. Now a 10-year-old cat, Rhudy had always been a homebody, Nixon explained, until they moved to a new home, whereupon he demanded to go outside. He was let out, and was last seen walking over a nearby hill.

**THE CAT** gazed placidly into Nixon's face as she approached the medical isolation room in which he

had stayed at the hospital, and allowed himself to be petted. "Hi, Rhudy!" she exclaimed. "He recognizes me," murmured Nixon, while caressing his thick, black fur. Alluding to how the microchip had made it possible for her to be reunited with her beloved pet, she said "Now I have to get my other cat microchipped!"

It was a joyously tearful reunion, thanks to a microchip and a phone call. The question remains, however: how did Rhudy end up 90 miles away from his home? Hospital staff members guessed that Rhudy might have jumped into a home contracting van and fallen asleep, jumping out once he arrived in Northern Virginia. Only Rhudy knows the full story, and he shows no indication that he will ever tell: after his 9-month odyssey, he is simply content to be once again in the arms of his owner. Dr. Newman underscored the importance of that tiny microchip: "He'd never have made it home without it."



Rhudy and Penny Nixon

## When Sam Met Frodo

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## FRIDAY/FEB. 27

**Concert: John Eaton.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. 8 p.m. Renowned pianist, vocalist, musicologist, and humorist delivers rendition of cherished American songs. Tommy Cecil, Bass. Tickets \$25-27.

**Ice Skating.** 3:30 - 10 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 28

**Mardi Gras Gala.** 8 p.m. American Legion Post 180 Patriot Hall, 330 N. Center Street, Vienna. Music by Terry Lee Ryan (New Orleans' own). Heavy Hors D'oeuvres Costumes optional. Prize for best costume. Tickets: \$35 can be purchased at Post 180 or Online at <http://Legion180.net> Open to the public.

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## SUNDAY/MARCH 1

**125th Anniversary Town of Vienna Concert.** 7 p.m. Vienna Community



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Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. A free concert featuring music celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Town of Vienna. The band will perform Johann Strauss's "Radetsky March," Franz von Suppe's "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna," Aaron Copland's "Down a Country Lane," Pavel Tschesnokoff's "Salvation is Created," Stephen Bull's "Bond . . . James Bond," and other favorites. For more information, visit [www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org) or call 703-403-9179.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 3

**Speaker on Honoring Military at Arlington Cemetery.** 12:15 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church,

McLean. The McLean Woman's Club will host as speaker Paula McKinley, chairman of The Arlington Ladies, a group that honors fallen military members during burial at Arlington and supports their families. Reservations: 703-356-3646.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 6

**Antigone Rising.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. The girls will be bringing their trademark sound - a fusion of country, pop, rock and folk. Tickets: \$15-\$18.

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**Pancake Breakfast.** Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street South, Vienna. 8 a.m. - Noon. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. Adults \$8, Seniors 65+ \$7, Children under 12 \$6, Children under 4 free. There will also be tours of the fire equipment available. All proceeds go to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department to assist in purchasing life saving fire equipment. Come have a delicious breakfast, spend time with the members of the VVFD and the community. For more information contact: Joanie@vvfd.org

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## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

**Buckwheat Zydeco.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Join a "Swamp-boogie joy ride" (People) as this Grammy-winning zydeco band serves up their vibrant brand of Creole music. Tickets: \$28

## Great Falls Historical Society

**March Program.** 6 p.m. Celebration of the Grange, refreshments; local memories of the Great Falls Grange, film.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 12

**Artist's Demonstration.** 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society invites the public to discover how Potomac artist Jack Harding creates subtle textural effects with watercolors on distressed rice paper. Free. 703-319-3971.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 13

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Sanaie, at a reception Friday, March 13, 7-9 p.m. Free and open to the public.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 20

**Enter the Haggis.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Experimental roots-rock stalwarts push the boundaries of Celtic music with vigorous performances and inventive albums. Tickets: \$28.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 24

**Annual Children's Printmaking Workshop.** 4-5 p.m. Patrick Henry

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## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

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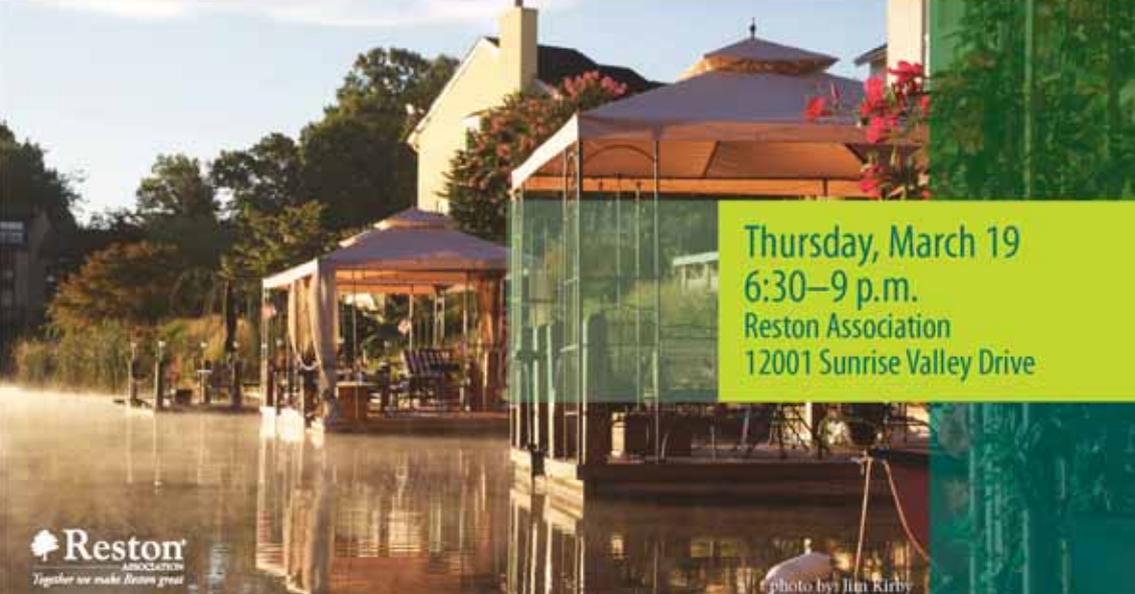
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# McLean Gymnastics Wins 6A State Championship

Highlanders first Fairfax County champ since Langley in 2004.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean gymnastics team pulled off the trifecta Friday. After winning their fourth consecutive Conference 6/Liberty District championship and capturing the 6A North region title, the Highlanders finished the 2014-15 season by winning the state championship on Feb. 20 at Patriot High School.

McLean posted a score of 145, edging Stafford (144.75) to win the team title. Ocean Lakes finished third (143.9) and Battlefield took fourth (139.175).

"It was such an exciting experience!" McLean gymnast Jacqueline Green wrote in an email. "We had no idea what the outcome would be throughout the competition so we were surprised and thrilled by the news. We have all worked so hard to get to this point and it feels great to finish my senior year first in the state."

McLean, led by head coach Courtney Lesson, is the first Fairfax County school to win a VHSL state gymnastics title since Langley accomplished the feat in 2004.

"We really had not competed against many of the teams at the state competition but we knew they were all stacked with talent, so that was definitely intimidating," McLean senior Lizzy Brown-Kaiser wrote in an email. "Going into the competition, the entire team was really focused on hitting our routines and having fun while doing it."

**MCLEAN CAME CLOSE** to winning it all last season. After winning their conference

**The McLean gymnastics team won the 2015 6A state championship on Feb. 20 at Patriot High School.**



PHOTO BY  
MIKE GALLAGHER

and finishing region runner-up to Washington-Lee for the third straight season, the Highlanders placed second at the 2014 state meet, finishing 1.225 points behind Frank W. Cox.

"We were all motivated to live up to the high expectations that we set for ourselves after last year," Green wrote. "We wanted to make this season even better than the

last."

"This year we had a lot of depth with the addition of several talented freshmen to the team," Brown-Kaiser wrote. "I think everyone on the team improved immensely throughout the course of the competitive season and peaked at states. We all became a lot more consistent and confident with our skills with the help of our coach,

Courtney Lesson."

Green and Brown-Kaiser were two primary reasons McLean captured its first state title. Green finished with the Highlanders' top score on floor (9.525), vault (9.425) and beam (9.35). She also scored 8.8 on bars.

"I felt great about the meet," Green wrote. "I had my best individual all-around score of the season. It was a great way to finish up my last meet with the team. It feels very gratifying to have all of our hard work pay off. ... We knew that we needed to have our best meet of the season to pull off first place. It was an incredible team effort and I am very proud of everyone."

Brown-Kaiser scored 9.15 or better in each event, including 9.425 on floor. She scored 9.3 on vault, 9.25 on beam and 9.15 on bars.

"Personally, I was very satisfied with my individual performance but I was especially proud of the team," Brown-Kaiser wrote. "I was really happy that I could contribute to our team score."

Calista Parude (floor, 9.275), Carolyn Brown-Kaiser (vault, 9.15) and Mathilde Larose (vault, 9.05) each scored 9 or better in an event for the Highlanders.

Madison Schumann (8.675) and Delaney Gallagher (8.6) competed on beam for McLean.

**THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**, originally scheduled for Feb. 21, was postponed until noon on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Patriot High School due to inclement weather concerns. Lizzy Brown-Kaiser will compete in the all-around. Green will compete on floor and vault, and Carolyn Brown-Kaiser qualified on vault.

"I hope to do some of my best routines of the season," Green wrote. "I want to finish off my high school career on a good note!"

## McLean Wrestler Grammes Wins 152-Pound State Title

Junior's confident approach pays off with championship.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

McLean junior Conor Grammes entered Friday's VHSL state wrestling tournament with a different mindset and left with a different result.

Disappointed with his performances at the 2013 and 2014 state tournaments, Grammes approached the 2015 competition with a cool confidence. After a grueling victory in the semifinals, Grammes captured what he came for.

Grammes took home the 6A 152-pound state championship, beating

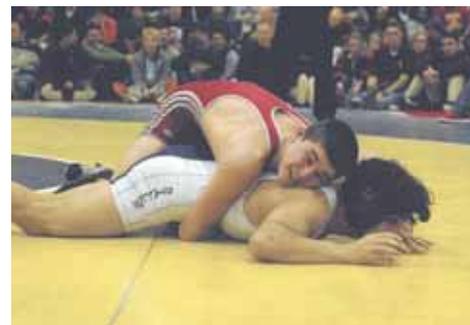


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**McLean wrestler Conor Grammes, top, won the 6A 152-pound state championship on Feb. 20 at Robinson Secondary School.**

South County's Jacob Wassif via 5-2 decision in the final on Feb. 20 at Robinson Secondary School.

"It feels pretty good to be honest," said Grammes, who also won Conference 6 and

6A North region titles in 2015. "Both of the last two years [were] kind of upsetting at states — I struggled a little bit. ... Going in my freshman and sophomore year, I was really nervous. I didn't really focus as much on warming up properly because I was nervous.

"This state tournament, I went in confident, thinking that I deserved to be a state champion and it made it a big difference in the way I wrestled."

Grammes earned a trip to the 152-pound final by defeating Herndon's Samuel Milligan in the semifinals, 6-3.

"In my mind, that was my finals match," Grammes said. "I knew that was going to be a real grind-out. Me and Sam, we've been wrestling together since we were in first grade. ... I was gassed [toward the end of the match]. I had no energy left. It was straight who wanted it more."

Fellow McLean wrestler Gavin Legg fin-

ished runner-up in the 160-pound bracket, losing to Oscar Smith's Seldon Wright in the final via third-period technical fall, 26-11.

McLean finished seventh in the team standings with a score of 32. Colonial Forge dominated the competition, winning the team title with a score of 147. Centreville finished runner-up (57.5), followed by Robinson (51), Westfield (48), Battlefield (47) and Oscar Smith (37.5).

Due to inclement weather concerns, the VHSL condensed the two-day event into a one-day tournament. Friday's competition lasted past midnight.

Other 6A individual winners included: Centreville's Victor Echeverria (113) and Tyler Love (195), Westfield's Justin Yorkdale (132) and Austin Knies (285), and Robinson's Austin Riggs (145) and Cole DePasquale (182).

## Three Local Keller Williams Teams Among Top 100 in USA

Ron Cathell, the owner and operating principal, and Amina Basic, CEO of Keller Williams McLean/Great Falls office, announced three teams made 2014 "TOP 100 Teams" Nationwide for Keller Williams. The following teams made it to the top 100 nationally: The Belt Team, HBC Realty Group and Ron Cathell Team ranked among the best in the country out of more than 100,000 associates. All three teams consist of a long time area residents. "This ranking affords them access not only to tools, technologies, and resources that uniquely benefit their clients. That's a win-win for us and for our clients. Our company motto is 'God, Family, Business.' We live by that. And so it's even more gratifying to be able to help so many clients find that 'perfect home,' as well as help them sell their properties quickly and for the highest price possible, so they can make their dreams come true. All three teams are family businesses and they treat their clients like family," said Basic.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But real-time once again: February 20, 11 hours, approximately, after our regularly-scheduled, post-scan meeting with the oncologist at 10:00 this morning. The news could have been better, and realistically assessing, it could have been worse. But since it wasn't better, it was definitely worse. Something "fluffy" (my oncologist's description) has appeared and begun to take some kind of shape in my left lung. It's not exactly a nodule or a tumor yet, but it's something that wasn't there previously. Oddly enough, all the other tumors that we've been monitoring didn't grow, nor were there any fluid issues to consider. Nevertheless, something new seems to be forming.

In discussing its appearance with my oncologist, he said if the mass was smaller, he wouldn't be too concerned and if it was larger he'd be more concerned. But its size is in the middle. Compounding his level of concern – and complicating his medical opinion, is that I remain relatively asymptomatic, giving him no clues and/or indications to corroborate a malignancy or even a possible pneumonia. Consequently, this appointment became a serious discussion about varying options to determine a prudent course of action treating forward; the kind of appointment which we haven't had for over 18 months, since I was last hospitalized in August, 2013.

To say we've been living on easy street, accordingly, this past year and a half is a bit of an oversimplification. To say we've occasionally taken for granted my amazing good fortune is likewise a bit of a presumption. We have, however, gotten accustomed to an ebb and flow, focusing more on the good and less on the bad. But since an updated determination concerning this growth can't be made for two months, until my next CT Scan (advanced by one month due to these new circumstances), waiting, wondering and worrying will be the inescapable order of the day, week and months ahead; a bit of a different mindset than we've been used to of late. Over this interval, my treatment will continue on as usual: chemotherapy every three weeks with Alimta, so long as my kidney function allows it. In the short-term interim, I have been prescribed five days of antibiotics in case this growth is pneumonia, not cancer. Regardless, we still won't know anything for a few months, unless, of course, I develop some new symptoms.

I can't deny that receiving this news earlier today was discouraging. I'll probably need some time to assimilate it, rationalize it, understand it and ultimately deal with it. But "it" is definitely now top of mind once again, not where I want it and certainly not where I need it.

Still, life goes on, as I often say, and it's a life I've been extremely fortunate to have had, given the "13-month to two-year" prognosis I received back in late February, 2009. (I always put the "prognosis" in quotes because that's what my oncologist told Team Lourie.) In fact, next Friday is February 27th, my six-year anniversary of surviving a terminal diagnosis, I'm proud to point out. And even though I've been there and done that years longer than anticipated, doing this doesn't get any easier.

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