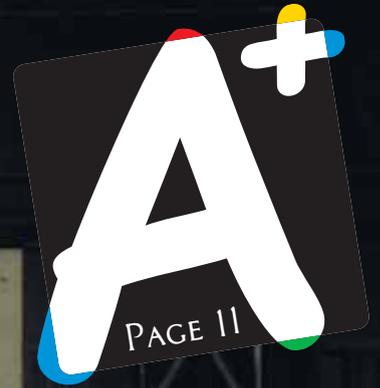
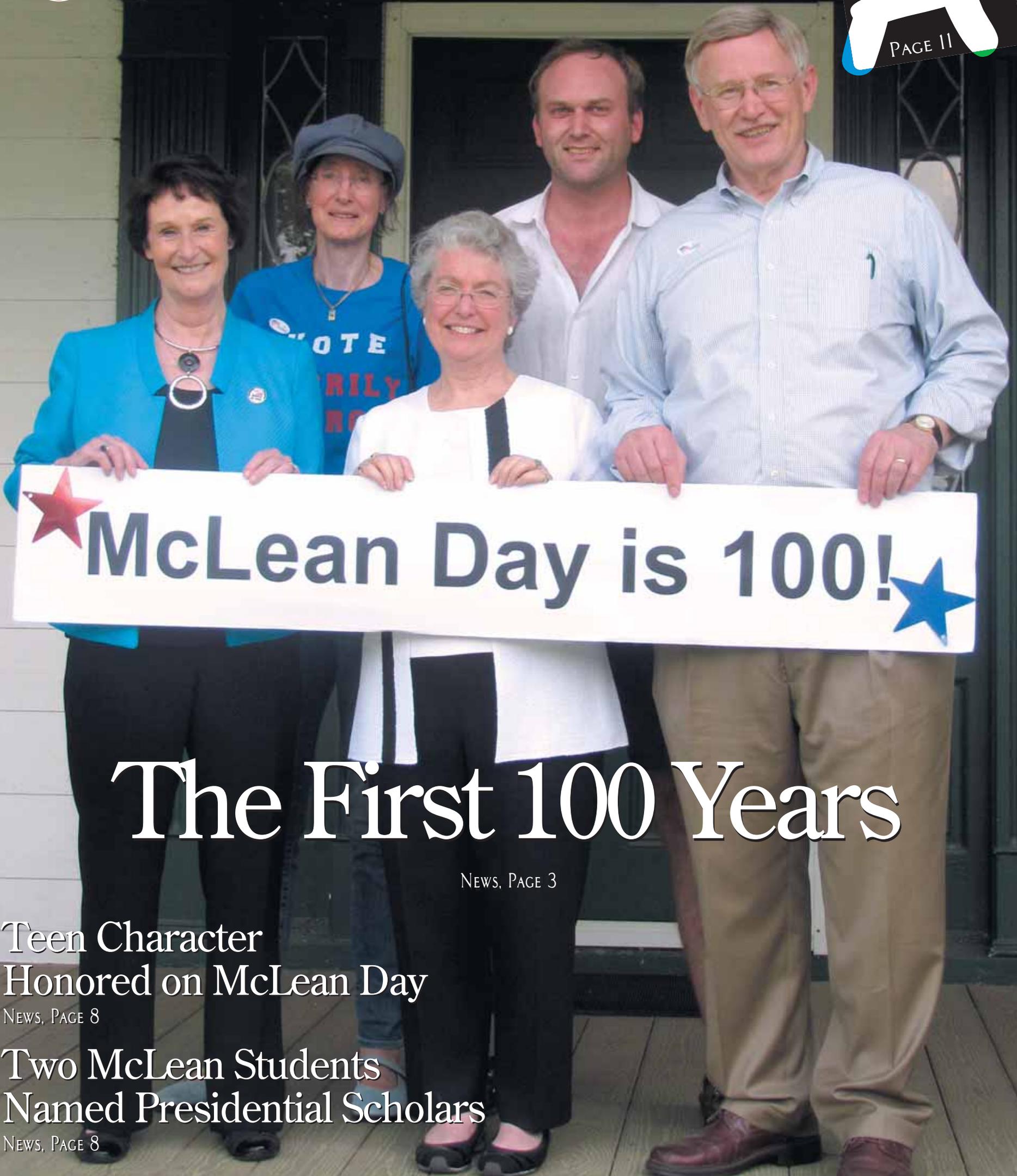


McLean CONNECTION

McLean Day turned 100 years old Saturday. In attendance: Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, School Board member Janie Strauss, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and McLean historians Merrily Pierce and Paul Kohlenberger (back row).



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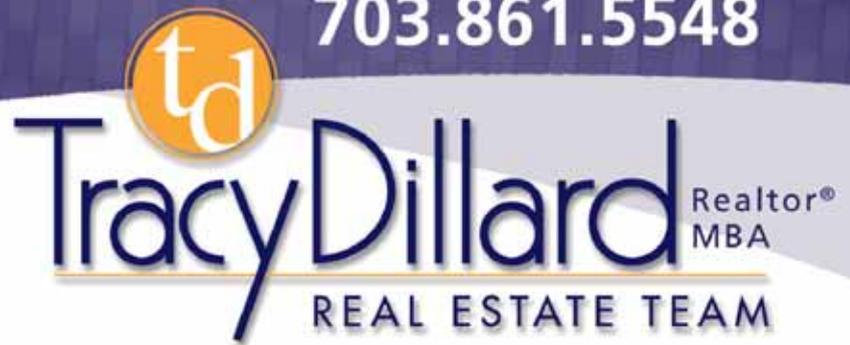
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Caroline Ruddy, 5, and friend Ariana Palmieri, 6, enjoy a trip in a flying car, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang style, at the McLean Day festival Saturday.



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Hundreds enjoyed the rides at McLean Day.

The First 100 Years

The McLean Day celebration turned 100 on Saturday. The party, produced by the McLean Community Center, thrilled hundreds at Lewinsville Park on Chain Bridge Road with amusements, rides, food trucks, games, balloon animals, bumper ball, laser tag, tennis, a history walk, a mobile petting zoo and market place and exhibitor booths to learn about McLean civic associations and businesses.

Shuttle buses were provided from the McLean Community Center, McLean Baptist Church and Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The McLean Community Center held elections for its Board during the festivities.

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Twins Wynnie (pink) and Prudence Middleton, 17 months, danced in the shade by the grandstand at their first McLean Day celebration Saturday, May 16.



Jake Dunk encapsulates himself in fun on the athletic fields at Lewinsville Park on Saturday at McLean Day's 100th celebration.



Anna Maria Davoli, 5, and her brother Paul, grew a foot taller at McLean Day's festival, which featured face painting, balloon animals, rides, music, civic groups education, a history walk and more.



Tierney Jacober, 13 months, waited a year to enjoy her second McLean Day celebration. Her mom Jennifer Jacober has taken her both times.

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NEWS

Distraction Used to Enter High-end Homes

Residents in Great Falls, McLean, Reston and other areas later discover missing jewelry.

Detectives arrested a suspect they believe is connected to at least four high-end jewelry burglary thefts on Friday, May 8. Police believe there may be up to three accomplices that have not been arrested yet.

Jan Parchewski, 39 of the Chicago area, was charged with burglary and grand larceny following an extensive investigation, involving numerous leads across Fairfax County.

The cases appear to be targeted at wealthier homes and police believe victims were being watched by suspects. There may be more cases that have gone unnoticed and unreported. In one incident, a man walked to his mailbox, and was doing a bit of yard work while suspects entered his home and stole thousands of dollars of jewelry from his Great Falls home. In another, a woman and her husband left home for a funeral, and upon return, discovered the front door had been



Jan Parchewski arrested

pried open of their Reston home. Jewelry was missing. A downtown McLean resident took her dog to the groomer on May 6, was gone for just a few minutes, when she returned to her home, two different people tried to distract her from going

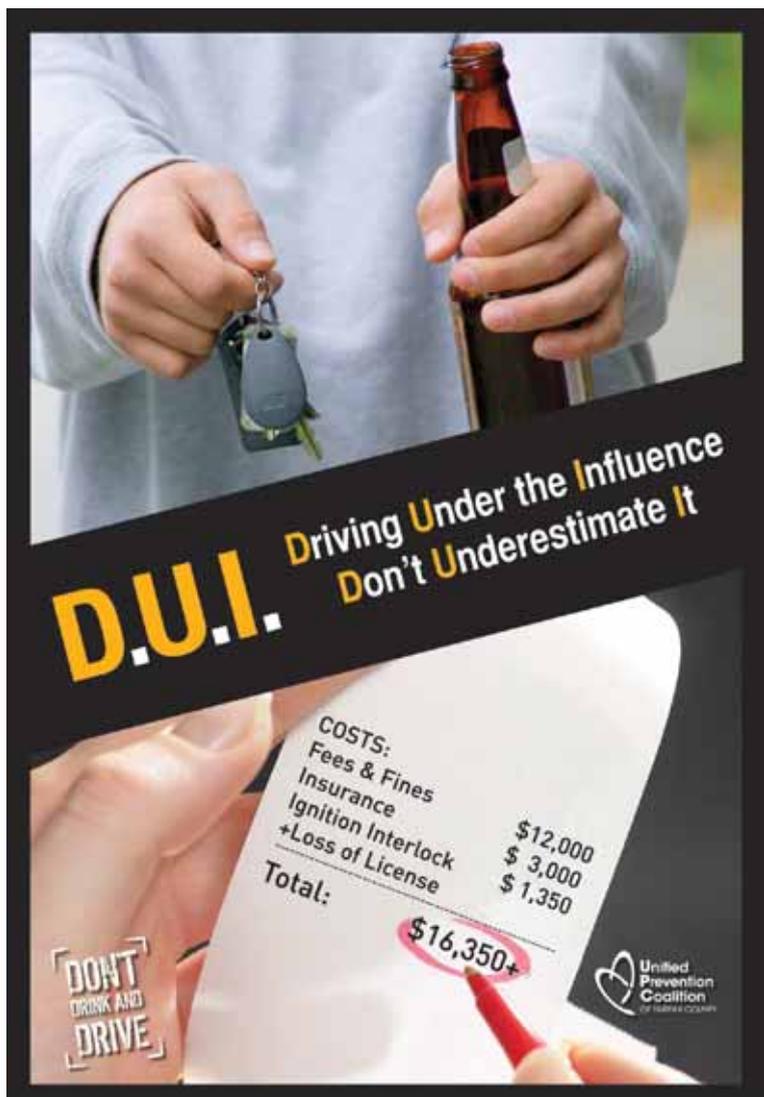
into her home. One man pulled up, asked her for the price of townhomes in the area. Afterwards, a woman approached her and said she'd lost her dog and asked her for help. Both had thick accents and the resident thought it seemed peculiar. Upon entering her home, she found her jewelry box had been rummaged through and jewels were missing.

In a fourth case, a woman who lives in the Hunter Mill Road, Lawyers Road area of Vienna, had gone to play tennis for a couple of hours and discovered her extensive collection of jewels missing when she returned.

The thieves are described as sophisticated and sometimes use two-way radios to communicate. The cases take place in the morning or daytime and often there are people in the area. Some victims have encountered the suspects and spoken with them; describing them as having thick, European accents. Typically, police encounter these sorts of burglaries a few times each year; often when the weather warms up.

Police ask that residents check their unsecured jewelry collections; if they find items missing or suspicious, don't hesitate to file a police report by calling police 703-691-2131 or filing a report online at the Citizens Reporting Service, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/>.

Anyone with information is asked to call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131 or contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, email at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637.



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From left: Woman's Club President Joan Morton and members Jackie Armstrong, Rosemarie Lazo, Joan Leonard and Sally Margolis. Seated: Virginia Neal-Newborn (at left) with Woman's Club member Kay Burnell.

PHOTO BY ZANE NEAL

McLean Resident Virginia Neal-Newborn Feted on 90th Birthday

On Saturday, May 9, family, friends, and the Woman's Club of McLean staged a 90th-birthday surprise party for long-term McLean-area resident Virginia Neal-Newborn. Neal-Newborn had been a successful realtor for many years at Long & Foster

and other real-estate firms while raising her family, and, later, served for decades as an active and productive member of the Woman's Club of McLean. Saturday's event was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars facility on Springhill Road, in McLean.

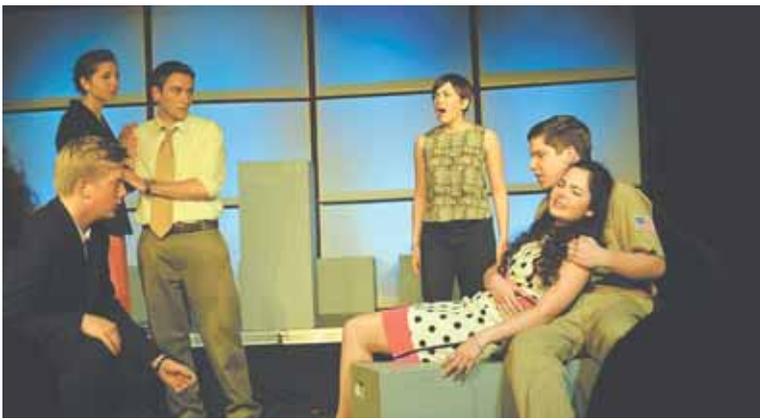
WEEK IN MCLEAN Collection, Sale to Support Scholarships for Women

McLean American Association of University Women (AAUW) 46th Annual Used Book, CD, DVD, Software first Collection is May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East. No encyclopedias, VHS, or audio tapes. Proceeds are used for scholarships for women, to promote their

professional development and to encourage grade school and high schools girls to engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Questions: email aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703-527-4201.

Additional Collections will be June 20, July 18 and, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna SunTrust Bank. The sale will be Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

CAPPIES REVIEW



From left: John Bucy, Kirsta Hackmeier, Richie Follin, Jamie Goodson, Jessica Taylor and Andrew Wantula.

Accident or Murder That Changed the Town

Langley High production of "Book of Days."

BY KATIE ANTHONY
OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Was it an accident, or was it murder? That is the question that loomed over the heads of the audience members as the small town of Dublin, Mo., came to life in Langley High School's "Book of Days."

Written by Lanford Wilson, the story is about a cheese making factory and the community surrounding it. The community seems peaceful and prosperous until, one day, Walt Bates, the owner of the company, is killed during a tornado storm. However, a growing suspicion overtakes one brave townspeople who attempts to expose the truth about what happened to Walt on that fateful night.

Jamie Goodson brought to life Ruth Hoch, or simply Joan of Arc in her community's play. Her strong convictions and slow transformation into the rejected hero of her town were both powerful and heartbreaking to watch. However, much like Joan, she never loses power and her journey is one that few high school actors could portray so convincingly.

Other standouts were Lily Brock as Ginger Reed, a local girl and friend of Ruth, and Vivian Vaeth, as Martha Hoch, Ruth's former hippie mother-in-law. Vaeth often provided comic relief with her extravagant retellings of her days of Woodstock, but was also a constant source of support for her son and his wife. Brock breathed life into the town's sassy aspiring director with "the shortest skirt anyone has ever seen in this church." Her unshakeable confidence and disregard of others' lack of approval made her one of the most

interesting actors to watch. Also tackling a difficult role was John Bucy as Rev. Bobby Groves, the town's misogynistic and two-faced religious leader. Bucy managed to balance the Reverend's seemingly kind and threatening demeanor as he maintained order in the tiny town, a feat that cannot be considered easy.

The host school was under renovations throughout rehearsals and performances, so the production was put on at Hunters Woods Elementary School. The play was performed in a small black box that was connected to a classroom. Though this ensured cramped space for both the actors and audience, there were few technical issues. The actors also had to stay on stage for the duration of the play, but never once broke character.

Though there were some technical aspects that may have been skewed due to the small space, the show generally ran very smoothly. Some of the actors could not be seen when they lay down on the stage; however, several blocks were usually well utilized to keep the actors visible and the scene changes quick. A tornado effect was also created for that one fateful season, and darkness and flashing lights overtook the audience for about 30 seconds along with eerie character narration. Needless to say, many of us were rightfully scared - in a good way.

Though many plays have been written about small towns and the scandals that rock them, there has perhaps never been a high school production of it with this much intensity.

In the black box, the audience felt as trapped and tightly squeezed as the actors they were watching, and soon were as invested as the characters. But whether it was an accident or murder, one thing was clear - the town would never be the same.

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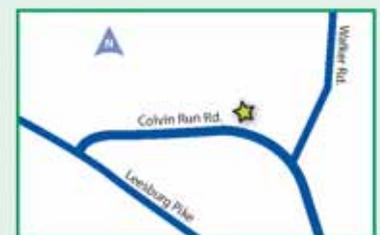
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Remembering on Memorial Day 2015

On Memorial Day, take at least one minute to reflect on those who have died.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

EDITORIAL

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the line of duty in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,800 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2014, with military operations winding down in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced the deaths of two military service members from Virginia. Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

EVERY YEAR before Memorial Day, *The Connection* names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, Va., died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Va., died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Va., died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Va., died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen

C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Va., died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

A FEW WAYS TO PAY TRIBUTE ON MEMORIAL DAY

- ❖ **Monday, May 25, Arlington National Cemetery, National Memorial Day Observance** to honor America's fallen military service members. 10:30 a.m., prelude by U.S. Marine Band. 11 a.m., Presidential Armed Forces Full Honor Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to be followed by an observance program hosted by the Department of Defense in Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater. Free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to be at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier or seated in the amphitheater by 9:30 a.m. Free parking and shuttle in the Arlington National Cemetery Welcome Center's parking lot from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ❖ **OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE** at 12:01 p.m. This Memorial Day, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) will lay a wreath before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery at 12:01 p.m. and urges people across the country to pause for a national moment of silence to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
- ❖ **Alexandria - May 25, 11 a.m. - Memorial Day Ceremony** - Versace Plaza/Memorial in Alexandria, Mount Vernon Recreation Center at 2701 Commonwealth Ave.
- ❖ **Arlington - May 25 - Air Force Association's Memorial Day Ceremony, 9 a.m.** commemorative Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony at 9 a.m., at the Air Force Memorial - 1 Air Force Memorial Dr., Arlington
- ❖ **Herndon - May 25 - Herndon Memorial Day Observance** - Town of Herndon Memorial Day Observance, Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 10 a.m.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Garza Calls Community to Help FCPS

To the Editor:

Superintendent Garza has greatly helped Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), given its constraints. She properly questioned (McLean Connection, May 6-12) Fairfax County for weakly funding FCPS in view of sizable enrollment growth and for its commitment to education. Dr. Garza projected that, without more money, FCPS cannot sustain the current quality or range of academic programs. She cited FCPS quality as mainly what attracts firms and concluded that “corporate investment in Fairfax and property values will decline.”

Unspoken in her remarks is the role of the FCPS Board, which ignores calls for accountability and transparency. The Board avoids independent assessments of FCPS programs while pursuing its internal intuitive approach. To identify success, FCPS applauds having better Standards of Learning (SOL) test scores than Virginia. Instead of annual average improvements for identical sets of students, it reports only changes in (discriminatory and less useful) SOL pass/fail rates for longitudinally inconsistent and unlinked tests for changing student compositions. It asked Virginia to eliminate some SOL tests, without pursuing better or complementary annual assessments (such as possibly Common Cores or what FCPS could compile). FCPS resists operationally critical objective assessments of annual learning by students in each grade by school. It carps about teaching to tests even though teaching and testing are core educational processes. It shuns charter

schools. Critically, it inadequately enhances working conditions, training and salaries for better teachers and principals.

If receptive to objective metrics, the FCPS Board would ask for independent annual assessments of flat-lining FCPS educational progress, changes needed to progress, and corrective policies. If so, the County surely should provide more funding. Meantime, our children suffer, better teachers leave, and good Fairfax jobs diminish.

Dr. David V. Pritchett
Concerned McLean parent

Stop Carpool Violations

To the Editor:

Stop the massive carpool violations in I-66 in the Express Lines. Current violations are between 33 to 50 percent. When one steals another's rights this is a violation of one of the Ten Commandments. Those of us in the middle class are completely baffled by something I called the “High End Car Exemption.” Just because a person owns Mercedes doesn't give them the right to violate the carpool lanes.

Dick Peacock
Manassas

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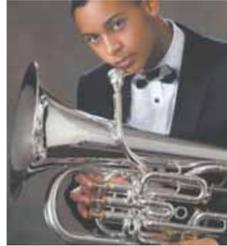
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Two McLean Students Named Presidential Scholars

Thomas Jefferson High School seniors Joe Broom and Anna Venetianer receive honors.

BY MARISSA BEALE
THE CONNECTION

Each year, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes 170 students selected from around the Country for their accomplishments in academics and in the arts. This year, two students from Fairfax County were among those named Presidential Scholars. McLean residents Kevin Joel Broom, II (Joe Broom) and Anna Venetianer are seniors at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Broom, a Presidential Scholar in the Arts and the first euphonium player to receive this recognition, plans to study music performance at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Joe Broom



Anna Venetianer

Venetianer earned this recognition, in part, for achieving a perfect score on the ACT and plans to become a pre-med student at the University of Virginia.

"I actually had no idea about the competition before," said Venetianer. While the Program does not provide financial awards, to be named a scholar carries a tremendous honor.

Broom, who has played the euphonium for many years, underwent jury evaluations with other students in the running to be named scholars in the arts.

"Annually they receive 11,000 applications and they accept about 170. From there, once selected, you spend a week in Miami and a jury evaluates you," said Broom.

He has been an advocate for the arts, creating and teaching a course at Kent Gardens Elementary School called "Full Steam Ahead," designed to peak students' interest in music, and to also introduce them to the sciences. The course takes place on Saturday mornings for six weeks during the winter and spring semesters of the school year.

Venetianer became involved with a club that some of her friends started to also help expose more middle school students to the sciences. In her sophomore year she also started coding and helped create a carpooling

app to help students in different parts of the County find rides to school.

"We entered this app into a contest and were nominated to present our app at a world summit in California," said Venetianer. Their app was designed to cut down on the area's congestion, and so was named the most environmentally-friendly app. They also entered the app into a Verizon contest and received honorable mention. Outside of the academics, Venetianer is the number one player on her school's tennis team. Because of practice, her day usually does not end until the evening.

Broom also devotes a great deal of time to music outside of school, practicing the euphonium for at least two hours each day. He uses what he learns in the classroom to help develop the curriculum for students at Kent Gardens.

"I liked physics last year because it helps me visualize the vibrations on my instrument. When you're perfectly in tune there are a lot of vibrations above and beneath, and it's a really powerful visual. Great ideas for the course," said Broom. "People often talk about how gifts in the sciences often correlate with gifts in music. I think I've helped bridge science and music."

As a part of this honor, in June, Venetianer and Broom will attend a White House-sponsored medalion ceremony in Washington, D.C. along with other scholars selected.



Teen Character Honored on McLean Day

McLean Citizens Association awards outstanding character awards for teenagers with "exceptional ethical and compassionate character."

"Teens who have, on their own and without compensation or formal recognition, cared for elderly

relatives or younger siblings, or who have helped out in the neighborhood or community," according to McLean Citizens Association's Education and Youth Committee, "deserve to be recognized not only for themselves but as an example to others."

Jack Saunders, McLean High School

Jack Saunders, a senior at McLean High School, offers experience, strength and hope for those battling teen depression.

"I want other teens to know that they're not alone and that it's okay to reach out for help," he said. "They shouldn't feel embarrassed or scared to ask their parents or their peers for help."

McLean Citizens Association honored Saunders Saturday at the McLean Day festival for his efforts to help others and for his three years of volunteering as a youth basketball coach.

Nominators shared how Saunders describes "his love of coaching and the transformative power of athletics. He told the story of one boy on his team who struggled to make a basket, but with consistent help and encouragement, managed to get the winning point in a basketball game this winter."

"Jack glowed as he described that awesome moment," said Supervisor John Foust who presented him with his award.

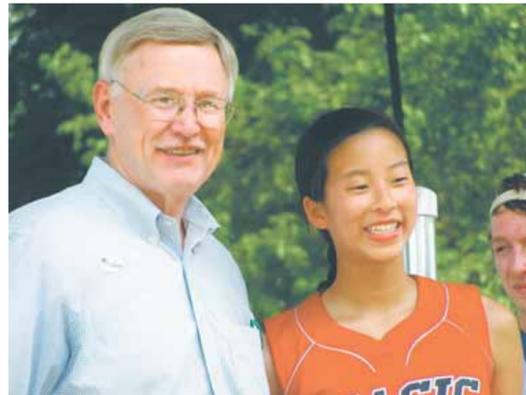


Jamie Wang, Longfellow Middle School

Jamie Wang, the captain of her travel softball team, is a teammate on the field, off the field and through her artistic ability to be of service to others.

Jamie, eighth grade, has designed T-shirts and programs covers for McLean Little League, logos and banners to celebrate the Virginia State tournaments, artistic program covers for the Longfellow orchestra program and has volunteered as an art teacher's assistant at McLean ArtFest.

As captain of her softball team, Jamie "makes an effort to ensure that all girls are included and feel welcome," said Supervisor John Foust.



Veda Nagubandi, Langley High School

Nagubandi volunteers at a local soup kitchen each week, helping to prepare and serve food.

A history teacher wrote: "While some students are focused on themselves and their personal achievement at the expense of others, Veda is supportive of her many friends in helping them study and review material before and after class." Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova presented her with her award.



Lauren and Megan Grohowski, Twins

Lauren and Megan Grohowski, twins who attend Longfellow Middle School, co-founded a nonprofit they called Help Us Help Them, which identifies organizations that need help.

"Lauren and Megan truly welcome opportunities to help others," said School Board member Janie Strauss.

For example, they chose to help Stanton Elementary School in Anacostia. "They collected gently used school supplies from other Longfellow students," said Strauss, "they publicized the project at Longfellow, managed the locker clean up at the school, provided donation receipts for the supplies, sorted and packed up the supplies, and then delivered them to Stanton."

The twins also created an application process and form for Stanton students to apply for scholarships to attend summer enrichment classes, and awarded 11 scholarships.

Audrey Morse, Longfellow Middle School

Audrey, eighth grade, volunteers with youth with disabilities.

"Audrey began volunteering in the classroom three years ago when she attended Haycock [Elementary School]," said Supervisor Sharon Bulova.

"The children respond well and adore working with her," wrote one of the classroom aides.

"Her most important contribution has been with life and social skills," according to MCA documents. "She is not only helping our children, but is teaching the rest of the school that everyone is different and it's okay to play with them and ask questions."



Katherine Detter, McLean High School

Detter volunteers as a docent at Gadsby's Tavern Museum and a junior interpreter at Claude Moore Colonial Farm.

At Claude Moore Colonial Farm, Detter tended the garden, cleared brush and worked in the bookstore.

She began volunteering at Gadsby's in fifth grade. She has led the clean-up team for Girl Scout teas, participated in Family Day program tours, led junior girl scouts through badge activities, worked as an overnight program assistant and covered weekend tour shifts for walk-in tours.

Woman's Club of McLean Installs New Officers



PHOTO BY MARICEL HEETER/WOMAN'S CLUB

A ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 13, at Mylo's Grill, in McLean, to install the 2015-2016 officers of the Woman's Club of McLean. Pictured, from left: Daisy Logan, parliamentarian; Joan Morton, president; Linda Regan, second vice-president, membership; Jeanette Calland, recording secretary; Laura Sheridan, corresponding secretary; Wanda Miller, treasurer; and Kay Burnell, assistant treasurer. Not shown: Cecilia Glembocki, first vice-president, programming.

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Sunday, May 24, 3 p.m.
Free admission

**Midday Thrillers
"Gaslight" (1944)**
Wednesday, May 27, 1 p.m.
Free. Reservations are not required.

**Old Firehouse Teen Center
Friday Field Trip
Kings Dominion**
Friday, May 29, 3:30-10 p.m.
\$80/\$70 MCC district residents



**Onstage @ The Alden
Rani Arbo & daisy Mayhem**
Friday, May 29, 8 p.m.
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THROUGH SATURDAY/JUNE 13

4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com

THURSDAY/MAY 21

James Madison High School Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. The Madison High School Auditorium, 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna. These bands were recently awarded superior ratings at the state assessment for the 10th straight year. Come out and hear joyful, spirit-lifting music.

Tyson's Thursday Music in the Park Series. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Greensboro Green. Food trucks and live music.

FRIDAY/MAY 22

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Nov. 20. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

Meet the Artist! 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pimmit Hills Senior Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church. Famed and celebrated in his homeland of China, Pimmit Hills Senior Center's very own Shun Yuan Huan. Join in celebrating his lifetime of achievements and his showcase of incredible artistry. 703-734-3338. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs.

Drop-in Chess and Board Games. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play chess and assorted board games. All skill levels and ages welcome. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Falls Walk. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 12:30-1 p.m. Join a ranger for a fun 30 minute stroll along the stunning vistas of Great Falls. Explore the natural and historical features of Great Falls that make this a timeless wonder.

Colvin's Dance for Everyone. 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall. DJ music mix of contemporary and classic dance music including west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, latin, country western 2-step, waltz and more. \$12 per person includes optional lesson, dance, soda and snacks. 703-435-5620. EdCottrell@MACP.org.

Vienna Farmers Market. All day long. Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center Street S., Vienna.

Wagon Ride - Journey to the Pond. 10 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Frogs, tadpoles and water critters abound in the pond. Journey to see what's hopping, splashing and swimming. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Fee: \$5-\$7.

Wagon Ride to the Poohsticks Bridge. 10 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Journey through the woods to Poohsticks bridge. Listen to Winnie the Pooh's story and play Poohsticks on the bridge. Fee: \$5-\$7.

Legos in the Library. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Be creative with legos. Legos provided. Age 5-12. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Author Talk with Veronica Li: Confucius Says. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Author Veronica Li discusses her new novel, Confucius



Grammy award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers share their passion for the outdoors through their Americana Folk music. See them perform at McLean's Alden on May 31.

Events Honoring Memorial Day

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Salute the Troops: The Reston Chorale Patriotic Sing-Along. 2 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. The Reston Chorale will be saluting America's troops and honoring those who serve with a patriotic sing-along. The Reston Chorale is also collecting items for care packages to send to troops deployed overseas. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of items such as single-serve snacks; powdered drink mixes; non-aerosol, unscented toiletries; paperback books and magazines; hand-held games (and non-lithium batteries), and playing cards. www.restonchorale.org. 703-834-0079.

SUNDAY/MAY 24

Annual Memorial Day Concert. 5 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The National Men's Chorus will present their annual Memorial Day concert. Patriotic songs will be played. Tickets: \$20 at the door. www.nationalmenschorus.org.

MONDAY/MAY 25

Great Falls Annual Freedom Memorial Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. Freedom Memorial behind Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The event will include a Taps bugler, patriotic songs by the St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church Family Choir/Ensemble, remarks by retired Marine Corps Lieutenant General Arthur C. Blades, a reading of the names and bell-ringing for each of the 25 residents of Great Falls who have fallen in service to our country, a wreath-laying by local dignitaries, and a raising of the flags by Boy Scout Troop 55. The proceedings will conclude with the dedication of a white oak tree to the memory of the founder of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, the late retired Marine Corps Colonel Pete Hilgartner.

Memorial Day Observance. 10 a.m. Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 831 Dranesville Road, Herndon. The Herndon Woman's Club has partnered with Chestnut Grove Cemetery to honor Veterans with the placement of dedication wreaths. 703-435-3480.

Says. A middle-aged Chinese American woman dutifully takes her parents into her home in Northern Virginia. Books will be available for sale or signing. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>

FRIDAY-MONDAY/MAY 23-25

Viva! Vienna! Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 124 Park Street, SE, Vienna. Vienna's largest festival returns to the historic Church Street corridor for three days of family fun, including carnival rides, diverse food, live entertainment for children and adults and more than 300 vendors selling crafts, services, jewelry, children's toys and books, novelties. Admission to the festival is free, rides are not. www.vivavienna.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 24

Concerts at the Alden. 3 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Young soloists recital. Free.

Patowmack Canal Walk. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 2-3 p.m. George Washington - Founding Father, Hero of the American Revolution, First President. Few people envision George Washington as an entrepreneur of a canal system on the Potomac River and westward expansion. Explore the Patowmack Canal with a Ranger to discover the history of Great Falls in the late

1700s. Easy 1/2 mile hike round trip. Meet in the Visitor Center.

2015 Summer Blast Off. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will launch Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts' summer season with a program of concert band favorites. A fireworks display will follow the concert. Free.

TUESDAY/MAY 26

Sheryl Crow. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. "Soak Up the Sun" with the nine-time Grammy-winning pop, rock, and country queen. Tickets: \$35-\$55.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Midday Thrillers: "Gaslight (1944)." 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Come by for a midday movie. Free.

A.R. Rahman. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. From Bollywood to Hollywood, this Grammy and Academy Award-winning musician mixes genres spanning Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap to create his astonishing compositions. Tickets: \$45-\$175.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

Iranian Music and Dancing. Noon. Pimmit Hills Senior Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church. Embrace the aging experience by indulging in

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Lord and Lady Fairfax Crowned

In Dranesville, Sarah C. Kirk and Robert D. Vickers Jr.

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. announced the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

"The tradition of honoring Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 to recognize exceptional citizens of Fairfax County," according to Celebrate Fairfax.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from each district who have demonstrated superior volunteer service, heroism or other special accomplishments.

Supervisor John Foust awarded this year's Lady Fairfax honor in Dranesville to Sarah C. Kirk, a horsewoman, entrepreneur, mother of six children and a 30-plus year resident of Fairfax County, he said.

"When the riding arena opened at Turner Farm Park, Fairfax County Park Authority leadership asked for help in maintaining it," said Foust. "Ms. Kirk had an idea, and the charity, Turner Farm Events, or TFE, was born."

Turner Farm Events raises funds and has donated more than \$13,000 to the Park Authority by running horse shows and other equestrian events at the park. It has purchased new jumps, poles and equipment.

"Putting her passions into action, Ms. Kirk engages like-minded souls and makes good things happen in Fairfax County," said Foust.

In 2013 after her daughter died of suicide, Kirk founded the Becky Love Foundation, a charity to raise funds and awareness for mental health. Last year, the Foundation held a fundraiser at Turner Farm Park, Mothers 5K for Mental Health, and raised



The Board of Supervisors named the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax on Tuesday, May 12.

more than \$3,000.

Foust honored Robert D. Vickers Jr. as Lord Fairfax in the Dranesville District, a "strong advocate for tree preservation."

Vickers has been the Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County Tree Commission for the past eight years.

"Mr. Vickers was the driving force behind the creation of the Fairfax County Celebrated Tree program, which has since led to 70 of the largest trees in the County being placed in the Virginia Big Tree database, including about 20 current state champions and three former national champions," said Foust. "Since becoming Chairman of the Commission in 2012, he has greatly improved the annual County Tree Preservation and Planting awards process, and he continues to work closely with citizens groups in McLean, Great Falls and Herndon to preserve and protect our endangered urban tree canopy for future generations."

The Lords and Ladies will be honored at a special dinner hosted by Great American Restaurants, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

At Large: Kate Hanley and Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova named Katherine K. Hanley, former Board Chairman, as this year's At-Large Lady Fairfax.

Hanley was first elected to the Fairfax County School Board, then the Board of Supervisors as the Providence District Supervisor and then as Board of Supervisors Chairman. "During her tenure, Ms. Hanley worked tirelessly with other members of the Board, not only advocating for education, but also for human services and affordable housing. In recognition, a homeless shelter for families, was named after her. Recently additional transitional housing units called 'Kate's Place' were built adjacent to the shelter," said Bulova.

Hanley was instrumental in the establishment of the Revenue Stabilization fund along with a significant investment in building Fairfax County's Information Technol-

ogy infrastructure, said Bulova. "She was also a great proponent of transportation initiatives, helping to position the Silver Line for federal funding."

After leaving the Board of Supervisors, Hanley served as Secretary of the Commonwealth, and is now on the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, the Fairfax County Electoral Board and the Community Services Board. She has led the bipartisan election commission, the committee on the meals tax, an effort that brought together disparate, competing groups who came up with a near unanimous vote to bring a report to the Board of Supervisors, said Bulova.

Bulova cited Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw's love for history, love of country and love of service reasons she named him the 2015 Lord Fairfax.

"Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw is well known for his tireless work to preserve history in Fairfax County," said Bulova. "His love of our past earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award from the History Commission for his decades of service as a Civil War Historian."

The Park Authority honored Lt. Col. McAnaw by naming a Recreation area for his significant preservation efforts.

A veteran serving in leadership roles within VFW Post 8469, Lt. Col. McAnaw is the past President of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. He helped lead the effort to preserve Ox Hill, an important Civil War site. In addition to this, he is also a Board Member of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and has served as a historian for a number of local organizations in Fairfax County.

In his Kings Park West community, Lt. Col. McAnaw has served as Chairman of the Parks committee, leading numerous efforts to mobilize scouts and volunteers to build and maintain trails throughout the parkland surrounding Royal Lake.

— KEN MOORE

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 28-29

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from several Disney productions,
including Frozen, Beauty and the
Beast, The Little Mermaid, Jungle
Book, Pocahontas, and
Aladdin. Tickets are available at
the door for \$10 for adults and
\$5 for students up to 8th grade.

FRIDAY/MAY 29

"American Spiritual." The
Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue,
McLean. 8 p.m. The group mixes
traditional, original and
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residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

Langley High School Band Spring Concert. 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Three bands will perform under the direction of Doug Martin including the Jazz Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Symphony. One highlight of the program is the Wind Symphony playing a piece called Eternity's Sunrise that Langley High School commissioned composer Scott Lindroth to create for its upcoming 50th anniversary. Free.

FRIDAY MAY 29-JUNE 5

"The Good Counselor." Fridays: 8 p.m. Saturdays: 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 & 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Vincent seeks truth, not only for his client, a mother accused of killing her 3-week-old son, but also for himself and his haunted past with his own neglectful mother. Both riveting and poetic in the same breath, this vibrant new play is not just another courtroom drama but a thoughtful and thought-provoking examination of human failing and redemption. <http://www.1ststage.com>

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SATURDAY/MAY 30

Silver Line Music & Food Truck Festival. 5 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Admission is free, over 20 food trucks and fun.

Flat Hat Chat. 3:30-3:45 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Drop in and join a Park Ranger on the overlook for an informal chat about unique aspects of Great Falls. Bring your questions.

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SUNDAY/MAY 31

The Okee Dokee Brothers. 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers share their passion for the outdoors through their Americana Folk music. \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. <http://www.okeedokeye.org/>

Avenue of Art. 1-5 p.m. Church Street in Vienna. Church Street becomes a Pedestrian Plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects, face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine. Music by the Difficult Run String Band.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

Dining in the Dark. 6-10 p.m. Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Dining in the Dark presents a powerful dining experience that plunges you into a world of sensitivity you have never experienced before, taking you through a unique journey, while dining in the dark. The Foundation Fighting Blindness mission is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. Tickets: tsmith@fightblindness.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

The McLean Symphony Season Finale. 7:30 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Tickets: adult: \$25; seniors: \$20; youth with student ID: \$15; children 12 and under free.



Weston Simonides (16) and the Langley boys' lacrosse team secured a berth in the regional tournament with a 10-7 victory over Madison in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 14.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Cheech McLallen and the Madison boys' lacrosse team ended their 2015 season with a loss to Langley in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 14.

Langley Boys' Lax Beats Madison, Secures Regional Berth

Despite entering the Conference 6 tournament as the No. 6 seed, the Langley boys' lacrosse team continued its tradition of success in the postseason.

The Saxons secured a berth in the regional tournament with a 10-7 victory over No. 3 Madison in the Conference 6 quarterfinals on May 14 at Madison High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Langley appeared in five state finals and won four state championships in the previous six years. The Saxons entered this year's tournament with a 7-7 record, but beat Madison for the second time this season, assuring them of a spot in the region tournament.

Langley faced No. 2 Yorktown in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Saxons are the defending conference champions.

Madison ended its season with a 7-4 record and failed to qualify for the region tournament in consecutive seasons after finishing state runner-up in 2013.

Langley Girls' Lax Advances

The No. 2 seed Langley girls' lacrosse team throttled No. 7 Fairfax 22-2 in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 14 at Langley High School.

The victory secured the Saxons a berth in the region tournament.

Langley faced No. 3 McLean in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

The Saxons will compete in the postseason without junior midfielder and JMU commit Halle Duenkel, who suffered a torn ACL during a 19-9 victory over Marshall in the Saxons' final regular-season home game on May 8.

McLean Boys', Girls' Lax Win Tournament Openers

The McLean boys' and girls' lacrosse teams each won in the quarterfinals of their respective Conference 6 tournaments. Each earned a region tournament berth.

The top-seeded boys' team defeated Hayfield 15-1 on May 14.

The Highlanders faced Fairfax in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

The No. 3 girls' team beat South Lakes 11-9. The Highlanders faced No. 2 Langley in the semifinals on Tuesday.

McLean Boys' Soccer Upsets No. 1 W-L

The McLean boys' soccer team, the lowest seed in the Conference 6 tournament, upset No. 1 Washington-Lee in penalty kicks 1-1 (6-5) during the quarterfinals on May 15 in Arlington.

W-L, which finished state runner-up in 2014, entered Friday's match with a 12-0-1 record.

McLean was scheduled to play its conference semifinal match on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

McLean Girls' Soccer Continues Unbeaten Streak

The McLean girls' soccer team defeated Hayfield 6-0 in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 15. The victory improved the Highlanders' record to 12-0-2 and secured the team a spot in the region tournament.

McLean faced Washington-Lee in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Langley Boys' Soccer Qualifies for Regionals

One year after the Langley boys' soccer team squandered a strong regular season by losing in the opening round of the Conference 6 tournament, the Saxons made sure to take care of business.

Langley defeated Yorktown 2-1 on May 15, securing a berth in the region tournament while improving its record to 12-1-1.

Last year, the Saxons went 10-1-2 during the regular season, but ended the year with a loss to McLean in the opening round of the conference tournament. Langley competed in its semifinal match on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Madison Girls' Lax Blows Out Hayfield

In their first matchup in the Conference 6 tournament on May 14, the top-seeded Madison Warhawks defeated No. 8 Hayfield 25-1.

Madison took an early and commanding lead, which allowed for playing time by the entire squad.

Scoring for Madison were Allison Krisko, Shannon Condon, Zoe Dyer, Anya Saponja, Maddie Roberts, Hailey Swaak, Carly Rogers, Lia Cooley, Kierra Sweeney, Caroline Kurtz, Ashley Go and Annabel Bentley. Jacqueline Schultz, Saponja, Andie Battin, Rogers, Cooley, Sweeney, Go and Bentley provided assists. Sigourney Heerink and Ellie Socher shared goalie duties, with Heerink making one save and Socher tallying three.

In the lead-up to tournament action, the Warhawks completed regular season play on May 8 against Thomas Jefferson. The Madison offense fired for 24 goals to the Colonials' 1, capping off the celebrations at Madison's senior night.

Madison faced No. 4 Yorktown in the con-

ference semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Madison Baseball Headed to Regionals

The Madison baseball team thumped Hayfield 21-2 in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 15, securing a berth in the region tournament.

The Warhawks, seeded No. 2 in the tournament, were scheduled to face No. 3 South Lakes in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Madison is the defending conference champion.

Madison Softball Beats Fairfax

The Madison softball team closed the regular season with a pair of victories before securing a berth in the region tournament with a 12-2 win over Fairfax in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 15.

After losing to McLean, 1-0, on a walk-off home run on May 8, the Warhawks responded with wins over Fairfax (7-1) and Langley (6-0) to close the regular season with a 17-3 record. Madison then defeated Fairfax in the conference tournament.

The Warhawks, seeded No. 2 in the tournament, were scheduled to face No. 3 South Lakes in the semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Oakton Girls' Soccer Blanks Westfield

The Oakton girls' soccer team shutout Westfield 3-0 in the opening round of the Conference 5 tournament on May 15 and secured a berth in the region tournament.

The Cougars faced Chantilly in the tournament semifinals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Parents' Role in Educating about Alcohol and Drugs

Suggestions for talking to teens about staying safe.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Graduation, prom and the summer before heading off to college are some of the highlights of a teen's high school experience. While the season brings landmark events, it can be marred by the consequences of engaging in harmful activities.

Parents can play a pivotal role in keeping teens safe. The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County reports that teens cite their parents as the leading influence for them not to drink, and say that it is not difficult to get alcohol from their family home, older siblings or friends. Initiating a dialogue with teens about the dangers of unsafe behaviors such as drinking and drug use can be daunting for some parents.

"We know that teens who receive consistent messages from their parents about their expectations that their child not use alcohol are much less likely to use," said Diane Eckert, deputy executive director, Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County.

The season brings celebratory activities and less supervision, and therefore more opportunities to take chances, said Eckert. It's criti-

cal that parents "sit down with your teens and talk with them about your expectations," she said. "With less structure and more excitement, teens can find themselves taking more risks, so it's important for parents to be involved."

Conversations about safety during activities where teens will have more freedom can be difficult to navigate. "For sure those are hard conversations," said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor of Sociology and chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Parents want to be careful not to drown out the fun times that prom and graduation also represent. It's about finding balance. Part of it is about finding ways to talk about the risks without your teen walking away feeling hyper-vulnerable and disempowered."

The dialogue should be factual and non-threatening. "Ask open-ended question about what is going on at school and with their friends," said Best. "It easier to open those conversations when you're not talking about your child, and you're collecting information about what is going on at school and with their friends." Best is author of "Prom Night: Youth, Schools and Popular Culture" (2000 Routledge), which was se-

lected for the 2002 American Educational Studies Association Critics' Choice Award.

Difficult conversations are made easier if there is a history of open, honest communication between a parent and child. While parents should make their expectations for their child's behavior clear, Best warns against lecturing or talking down to a teen. "The prom should not be the first time that these conversations occur," she said. "It's really important that kids to be able to express their feelings and have an active role in the conversation. Trust has to be built into the relationship in order for that to happen."

A concrete plan for ensuring safety should be part of the conversation. "Kids are often in situations where alcohol is being consumed and they may not be the ones consuming it," said Best. "So safe driving arrangements are important."

"The good news is that a lot of kids are opting out of drinking and greater awareness around the potential for sexual assault," said Best. "The message has to be communicated in advance and schools have a role to play in that."

In Arlington, School Resource Officers are collaborating with local high schools to focus on alco-

hol use prevention and awareness programs now that prom and graduation season is underway. Programs such as "Drive to Stay Alive" and "Prom Promise" are in place to educate students in having a safe and fun prom season. One of the roles of the officers is to provide positive guidance to students "and to act as positive role models both inside and out-

side the school environment."

Kathy Ely, spokeswoman for Connelly School of the Holy Child, an all-girls school in Potomac, Md., says her school, as well as most schools, have safety plans in place. "We understand the pressures that these girls are under, and work hard to educate them about effects not just now but for their future," she said.

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- ❖ Know where your teenager is attending a party; verify there will be parental supervision, and that it will be alcohol-free.
- ❖ Make it clear to your teen(s) that you do not approve of their drinking alcohol.
- ❖ Report underage drinking parties by calling the Fairfax County Police Department's non-emergency number: 703-691-2131. Your call can be anonymous and may prevent injuries or a fatal car crash.

❖ Educate your family on the risks associated with underage drinking and its proven harmful effects on the brain. The legal drinking age is 21, and students who wait until their early 20s to drink are 84 percent less likely to develop an addiction than those who start earlier.

- ❖ Make sure your teen has a plan for the night and that you know what it is.
- ❖ Do not rent hotel rooms for prom-goers.
- ❖ Know who is driving — if it's a limo, check their policy on not allowing any alcohol in the vehicle and driving any teen who clearly has been drinking.
- ❖ Encourage your senior to attend their school's All Night Graduation Celebration.

— Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County

Longfellow Mural Honors Earth Day

Under the direction of Longfellow art teacher, Diana Gibson, Longfellow Middle School art students created a chalk mural in Honor of Earth Day. The mural was proposed by Science Teacher, Connie Cooper, and is based on work done by the Longfellow Eco-Action team to catalogue the birds which inhabit Longfellow's property. The mural created on the sidewalk in front of Longfellow displays birds that are a part of the community.



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Longfellow Middle School chalk artists at work.

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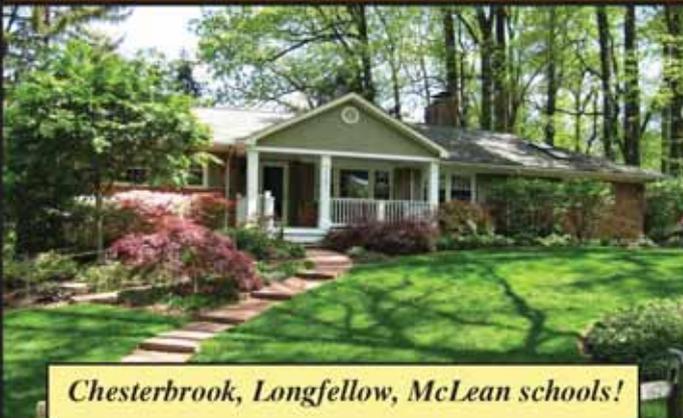
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