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Residents raised concerns about losing more than 200 trees in McLean Central Park as part of restoration of Dead Run stream.



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# ‘Don’t Want to Be Disturbed’

Stream restoration efforts, including loss of trees, ruffle neighbors’ feathers.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Many McLean Central Park neighbors aren’t convinced. Why focus on McLean Central Park, asked one resident, “in this pleasant community where people don’t want to be disturbed?”

Last Tuesday, June 9, more than 75 people attended a community meeting at Dolley Madison Library where members of the Department of Public Works gave updates to a Dead Run Stream Restoration Project they hope to begin selecting contractors for in the fall of 2016.

“There’s a real reason why we are here. There’s real degradation,” said Matt Meyers, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch Chief for Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division. “We know that this is an important project to improve the quality of the stream. We want to work with you to make it a good project.”

Meyers and other team members took about two dozen residents outside to walk along Dead Run Stream behind the Dolley Madison Library and Community Center to demonstrate why restoration is needed and to let residents ask more questions in the field where the impact would be visible.

Dead Run is impaired and in poor quality, he said.

Meyers highlighted the intensity of stream erosion and degradation, increasing phosphorous levels and flooding that is impacting the surrounding community. The stream restoration project would improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient loads, stabilize stream banks to reduce bank

erosion and reduce tree loss in the future, improve aquatic habitat and restore and enhance the stream buffer, officials said.

Slides were shown of Reston’s Snakeden Branch, where stream restoration efforts appear successful.

**NEIGHBORS VOICED ANGER** over lack of outreach at the beginning of the project, lack of warning of the 220 trees that could be destroyed, impact on individual homes and yards, lack of assurance that the project will be successful, loss of noise buffers from trees and more.

Meyers admitted the county’s efforts to include the community at the beginning of the project were less than optimal. “We know we got off to a bad start,” said Meyers.

Through Supervisor Foust’s office, the county hopes to develop a “Stream Team,” a task force of interested and concerned citizens who can voice concerns of the community and help develop a project that meets goals of both the stream and the public.

“We’re taking a step back,” said Meyers, “slowing down to work with the community. We know it’s an important park but we also want to improve the health of the stream.”

While Ben Wiles of Supervisor John Foust’s office suggested a task force with about 10 members could be most effective, he also said they are prepared to include anyone who wants to be involved in the Stream Team.



George Rhodes from Stantec, left, and Matt Meyers with Fairfax County.

“We can certainly accommodate anybody who is interested,” he said. “We’d like to have people who want to stay involved in the entire project.”

The County started to address some community concerns last week, although some concerns were put to rest.

For example, neighbors were concerned that trails inside McLean Central Park would be closed for up to a year.

“This is inaccurate,” said Dipmani Kumar, project manager.

But the county did confirm that there would be loss of trees, including the loss of 88 trees greater than 12 inches in diameter (23 already at risk), 133 6-12-inch trees (up

## Get Involved

The county wants to start a task force in July, called the “Stream Team,” through Supervisor John Foust’s office.

The Department of Public Works intends to invite anyone who is interested to be involved in the Stream Team throughout the duration of the project in order to voice concerns of the neighborhood and community and to voice concerns and questions.

Contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551.

## Send Comments

Comments on current plans should be directed to the project manager Dipmani Kumar at [dkumar@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dkumar@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-324-5500. See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes)

to 20 for access) and 28 which are at risk. “The estimated canopy loss is approximately 11 percent of the forest area,” said Meyers.

He and his colleagues said 20 percent of the trees were at risk already, a percentage neighbors disputed.

**THE COUNTY** acknowledged it needs to improve outreach efforts and will work with the park authority to improve its notification process to alert residents of timetables and future community meetings.

“We recognize that our standard public notification process was inadequate,” read county documents.

Neighbors hope smaller equipment can be used in the project to minimize impacts as well as other considerations.

Bob Vickers, tree commissioner, asked if there were alternative design plans to reduce the number of trees to be cut down, if smaller equipment could be used, and if property owners could allow access to minimize impact.

The county said such conditions could be mandated as special conditions in bid documents, but limitations on equipment could mean fewer bidders would submit applications to work on the project, and timelines might be extended and be more costly.

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## NEWS



**McLean Woman's Club Chorale**

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### Chorale Presents Program for Children's Center

On Saturday, June 6, the McLean Woman's Club Chorale sang a program of romantic and traditional favorites in its spring concert at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church to benefit the Falls Church—McLean Children's Center. Dubbed "Memories," the music included famous songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Johnny Mercer, along with traditional melodies like "Danny Boy." Toward the end, preschoolers from the Center became part of the action when they walked down the aisle with festive umbrellas during the Chorale's rendition of "Singin' in the Rain."

The concert was the Chorale's second benefit for the Children's Center. The group of about 30 ladies has also performed at retirement homes and other churches, as well as for its parent organization; its annual holiday concert for the public is scheduled

for early December. Director and accompanist Iris Reimann, a trained, lifelong musician, founded the group in the late 1990s. Many of the singers also have strong musical backgrounds.

The nonprofit Falls Church—McLean Children's Center, founded in 1968, is designed to help young children achieve school readiness and "to give all young children, regardless of their family's economic resources, a strong foundation on which to build the rest of their lives," according to its mission statement. The Center is a member of United Way, and is licensed as a child care facility in Virginia and accredited in D.C., Virginia and Maryland and has received multiple honors and awards. For more information, see <http://fcmcc.org>.

— LAURA SHERIDAN

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**Oakton Book Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Join Oakton's book discussion group of "Blindness" by Jose Saramago. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

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#### MONDAY/JUNE 22

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**Spanish Chat.** 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come and converse in Spanish with native speakers. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Non-native speakers can drop by for practice speaking English. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

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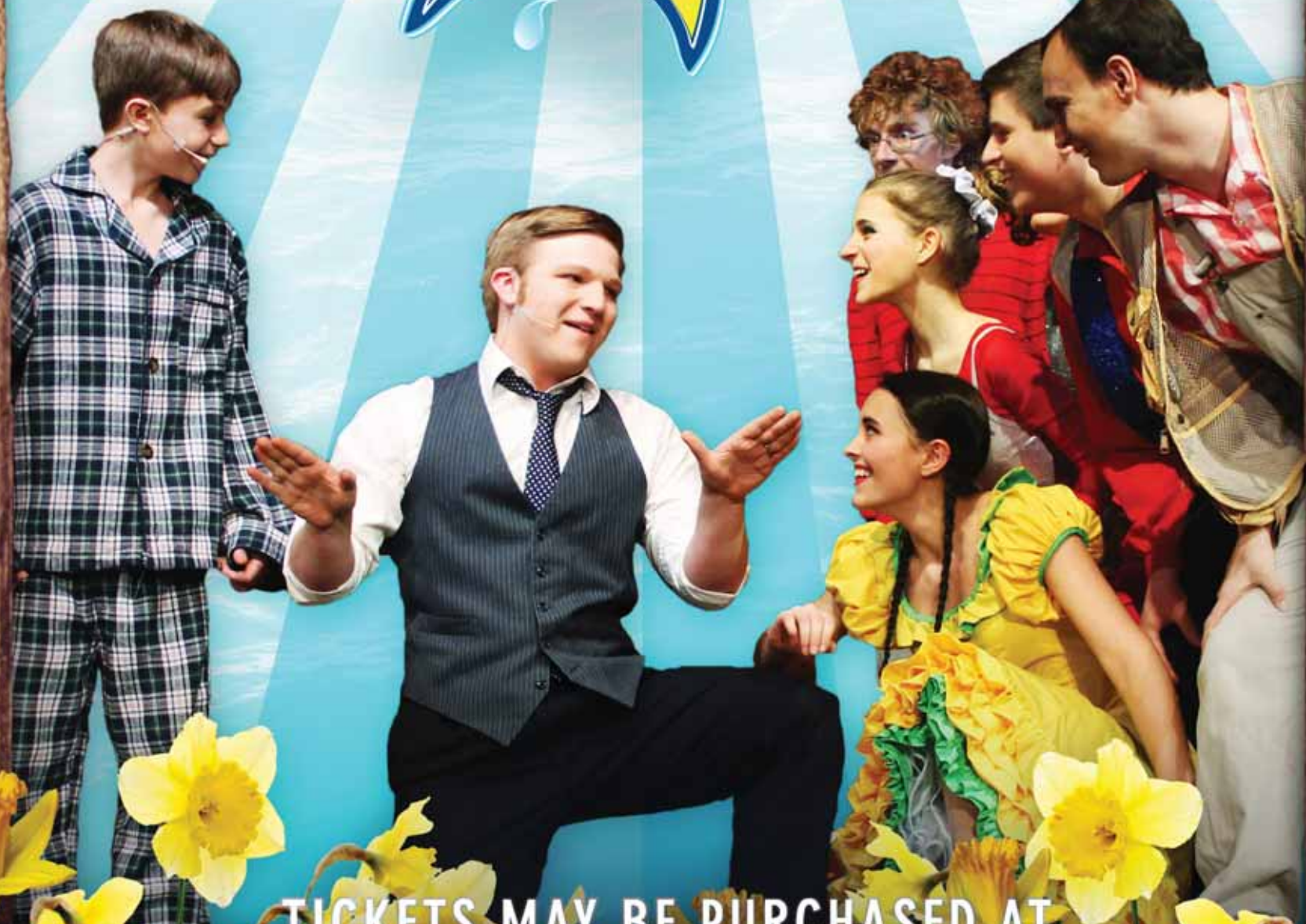
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# Citizens Speak on Upcoming Family Life Education Vote

## LaTeef honored at June 11 School Board meeting.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board's May 7 meeting drew a passionate and boisterous crowd that filled the Luther Jackson Middle School auditorium and spilled out into the main lobby. That night the board voted in favor of adding "gender identity" to its non-discrimination policy for students, employees and applicants for employment.

On June 25, the board may face a similar scene. It's scheduled to vote on proposed updates from the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee, including adding the topics of gender identity and sexual orientation, beginning in seventh grade Family Life Education, classes out of which parents may opt their students.

Other advertised changes include moving a portion of the curriculum from Family Life Education to students' health courses. This would be done to comply with the Virginia Board of Education's recently revised health standards of learning for kindergarten

through tenth grade.

According to Fairfax County Public Schools, the topics that would no longer be part of Family Life Education (and therefore no longer opt-out) are:

- Personal development (emotions/feelings, self-image, self-concept, personal characteristics, skills to work and play successfully in a community)

- Healthy relationships (includes conflict resolution skills)

- Respecting individual differences (disabilities, ethnicities, cultures)

- Mental health areas such as depression and suicide

The recommendations came up as new business at the school board's May 21 meeting. At the June 11 meeting, eight out of the 10 citizen speakers and one additional speaker on a prepared video addressed the recommendations. Each of those speakers opposed the proposed changes.

"How one identifies should not take the place of science and truth," said citizen Steven Mosley, who introduced himself as



Harris LaTeef

a "black, ordained, evangelical reverend" who works in higher education. "Here's the truth we need to hang on to: Man cannot determine his gender just like I can't determine my race. Both these things are gifts from God and affirmed by science."

Citizen Mary Beth Style said, "Fairfax County Public Schools have no expertise to teach lessons on the development of transgender identity. 'This religious belief that the soul is separate from the body and that man creates his own reality is not supported by science,' Style continued. 'There is no agreement in the therapeutic world and certainly no agreement in society or even among the theorists who are fighting among themselves. Yet you are teaching it anyway. That is arrogant.' Community review of the board action will continue until Friday, June 19, through the website [www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml). The page contains frequently asked questions and answers from Fairfax County Public Schools, as well as contact information for Elizabeth Payne, health and physical education coordinator for the school system. Email comments can be sent to [FLEcomments@fcps.edu](mailto:FLEcomments@fcps.edu).

Citizens may also request to speak at the upcoming meeting by either registering online at [www.fcps.edu/schlbld/meetings/requestspeak.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/meetings/requestspeak.shtml) or calling the School Board office at 571-423-1075 during nor-

mal business hours, beginning three days prior to the meeting. Ten spots are available and are filled on a first-come basis.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD** also recognized its outgoing, 44th student representative Harris LaTeef, a senior at Langley High School. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Garza followed the individual board members and summed up their effusive compliments of LaTeef's work. "You're one of the most impressive young men I've ever been around: intelligent, articulate, calm under pressure and wise beyond your years," Garza said. "Being the student voice on the board, you always added significant value to our work and reminded us why we're doing this." In his remarks, LaTeef thanked the board for teaching him about "politics, education, human nature and the true meaning of serving one's community." He also offered the public some commentary from his perspective. "Though they may seem divided at times," he said, "each has the same goal, to make Fairfax County Public Schools a great school system to send your kids to each and every morning." LaTeef's final thoughts were directed back at the School Board members: "Keep fighting the good fight," he said. "Don't let petty politics or gamesmanship distract you from why you are here, and that is to focus on the future."



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## Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Virginia voters in areas with contested primaries went to the polls last week to select their candidates for the Nov. 3 general election when all seats in the General Assembly are up for election as are many local offices. Primary elections attract mostly party faithfuls in small numbers and are not clear barometers of the mood of voters generally on issues. Some of the results in General Assembly primaries merit attention.

In the Republican dominated Shenandoah Valley, senior Senator Emmett Hanger who was one of the three Republicans in the General Assembly who supported Medicaid expansion had two more conservative challengers who made Medicaid expansion an is-

sue in the primary with both of them opposing expansion. Hanger won easily. In Hampton Roads, the lone Democratic incumbent who opposed Medicaid expansion lost to his primary challenger who supported it. Before jumping to the conclusion that Medicaid expansion has suddenly become popular in the Commonwealth, there is the primary involving the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker was reported as campaigning in part on his being able to keep Virginia from expanding Medicaid. Of course, his Tea Party opponent opposed Medicaid and suggested that the Speaker's opposition had not been strong enough. After campaigning hard and out-spending his challenger, the Speaker won easily.

Across the state a senate incum-



bent and a delegate incumbent, both Republican who opposed Medicaid expansion, beat their challengers who also opposed Medicaid expansion. The election results do not give a clear indication of the outcome of what will be a critically important issue for the 2016 General Assembly session. The Governor remains committed to Medicaid expansion, but his having any chance of success is dependent upon the outcome of the Senate races.

In the November state senate races there will be several key contests. At a 21-19 advantage for Republicans, Democrats need to pick up at least one seat to give Democratic Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam the opportunity to break ties. The seats being vacated by the two other moderate Republicans who supported Medicaid

expansion offer hope for Democrats, but Democrats need also to hang onto the seat vacated with the retirement of Democratic State Senator Chuck Colgan. The only Democratic state senator in western Virginia is in a three-way race.

If elections were based purely on facts, Medicaid expansion would be a sure winner. The White House Council of Economic Advisors issued a report recently that said expansion would reach an additional 179,000 Virginia residents with lifesaving care. The report also said Virginia will miss out on \$1.24 billion in federal funding in 2016 by not expanding Medicaid. That is billions of Virginia taxpayer dollars that could come back to the Commonwealth, freeing up state funds for crucial under-funded programs. Go to the polls this November, and in the meantime let friends and families know the importance of Medicaid expansion and that their votes will matter in making it happen.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Stream Team for Dead Run

To the Editor:

I attended a meeting at the Dolley Madison Library last Tuesday afternoon. The agenda was an explanation of the project to improve the stream bed of Dead Run as it passes through McLean Central Park on its way to the Potomac. The rationale offered was two-fold:

1. Enlarging the cross section of the stream would improve the run off speed and the stream's carrying capacity and thereby reduce the flood heights for catastrophic rain events.

2. It would reduce the pollutants of silt, phosphorous and nitrogen being carried into the Potomac and thence down to the Chesapeake Bay which pollutants have been documented for Dead Run as being excessive. The objections centered around the necessity of removing so many trees.

Two kinds of large trees are targeted (and tagged) for removal. The first are those that are too close to the edge of the current bed (or the proposed bed), so close that they are leaning or likely to suffer erosion at their roots that would cause them to fall into the stream at some point. The second are those trees that would block the access of equipment needed to rebuild the stream bed.

The specific objections to the tree removals fell into several categories.

1. Wildlife: There would be a loss of wildlife habitat, for both cover and forage.

2. Noise: There would be an increase in noise from Dolley Madison traffic.

3. Access: There would be intermittent closures of the pathways through the Park. The resulting damage and repairs to pathways would render them not accessible to wheelchairs.

4. Efficacy: There would be a loss of absorption capacity of the flood plain allowing flood waters to penetrate further into neighboring properties.

5. Privacy: Given past performance the promised replacement plantings would not be maintained and would be overgrown by vines. They would also require 30 years to become real replacements.

6. Cost: Would not the money be better spent on other streams? Was it necessary to use heavy equipment?

After the presentations I walked the upstream portion of the planned stream bed repair with the presenters and other attendees. I listened to the explanations that addressed the objections, observed the current erosion and leaning trees and the nature of the stream bed. In retrospect much of downtown McLean that was built out in the sixties was done so without an adequate plan to handle current storm drainage.

Now the time has come to pay the piper for that lack of planning. I came to the conclusion that, on balance, the project was worthy and that the county personnel charged with developing the plan are sincere and caring but are better at dealing with plants than with people.

Their missteps in informing the community have led to some egregious wrong impressions and rumors, but thankfully the planning process is not finished. I left with the optimistic view that the concerns raised will be addressed,

perhaps not to the complete satisfaction of some, but at least to a reasonable extent and within the bounds of the budget. There will be a committee, called the Stream Team, formed to inform future planning and monitor implementation. I think people of reason can sit together in good will to produce a better solution than any one of us alone, citizen or bureaucrat, can devise.

**Roderick Uveges**  
McLean

## Time to Protect Waterways

To the Editor:

I grew up kayaking and swimming in the Potomac River. I am upset to learn that the Potomac as well as other nearby waterways are put at risk due to polluting industries. It is critical that all residents of Vienna support the EPA's Clean Water Rule which would help protect and replenish over 28,000 miles of streams in Virginia.

This issue is affecting over 2 million Virginians' drinking water and closes in on our health and safety as a state.

Seventy-five percent of Virginians polled support increased protection of crucial waterways in Virginia but 75 percent of Virginia's Congressmen voted

against the people and against clean water. Now is the time, more than ever, for a call to action with Senator Mark Warner leading us to a future with cleaner water.

**Sachi Soni**  
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## NEWS

### Northern Red Oak Tree Planted at Cooper Middle

Christian Markwart, a sophomore at Langley High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 128, planted a Northern Red Oak tree on the grounds of Cooper Middle School as part of his Eagle Scout project. The tree was provided by the McLean Trees Foundation.

Markwart's Eagle Scout project also included the supervision of 40 volunteers who removed invasive weeds on school grounds and Fairfax County Park Authority property adjacent to Cooper. The project was facilitated by the McLean Citizens Association.

"Our school grounds and the environment are enriched by the planting of the Northern Red Oak tree," said Frank Stevens, assistant principal of Cooper Middle School. "Markwart did a great job planting the tree and he will continue to care for it during the hot summer months. Cooper Middle School is grateful to him and the McLean Trees Foundation for their support and guidance and to the McLean Citizens Association for facilitating this project."

Boy Scout Troop 128, established in 1924, is the oldest scout troop in McLean.



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**From left: Frank Stevens, assistant principal of Cooper Middle School thanks Christian Markwart for planting a Northern Red Oak on school property. The tree was provided by the McLean Trees Foundation.**

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**Teacher Rachel Miller and her students run the recycling collection program at Cooper Middle School.**

## An Independent Life Laying the Foundation at Cooper Middle School.

By JEAN T. JIANOS  
THE CONNECTION

“[T]here is always something new that science can discover, and all the facts that you take for granted can be completely wrong.” So writes author Mark Haddon in his novel, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.” The characters in Haddon’s novel, adapted into the Tony award-winning play of the same name, discover that many of the facts they take for granted are completely wrong, especially the limitations they place upon themselves and each other in reaction to the developmental and cognitive challenges faced by the main character in dealing with our world as currently structured.

Cooper Middle School teacher, Lucy Chaplin continually looks beyond the limitations placed upon her students because they also face developmental and cognitive challenges in dealing with their world today. Chaplin scopes out potential work environments that would benefit from her students’ strengths. She approached a manager at Boston Market in McLean and together they provided the opportunity for Chaplin’s students to assist Boston Market employees by assembling 500 setups of napkins and utensils on-site at the McLean location.

The Cooper students were not discouraged by the repetitive nature of the task, and paid the same attention to detail from first to last.



**Teacher Christopher Lalande's classroom at Cooper Middle School includes mock grocery shelves. His students practice properly stocking and facing shelves after viewing a major grocery chain's employee training video.**

**THAT KIND** of community-based instruction is part of the career and transition services provided at Cooper. Although the Fairfax County Public School Fiscal Year 2015 Program Budget eliminated the Work Awareness and Transition (WAT) teacher allocated to Cooper, Chaplin and her fellow teachers, Rachel Miller and Christopher Lalande continued to use the WAT course curriculum as a resource, including instruction in acquiring work skills and life planning. With regard to workplaces in general, Miller says that “we need to be more open and adaptable [since] we all learn and express ideas in different ways.”

One such progressive workplace is the high-end, retail boutique,

where all the usual retail associate duties — greeting and checking-out customers, assisting customers with apparel choices, as well as folding clothes and stocking shelves, are shared between young adult apprentices with developmental and cognitive challenges, and more senior employees with years of retail merchandising and sales experience, working side-by-side. The retail store was established, designed and staffed specifically for the purpose of “showcasing the employability of our apprentices to future employers” and introducing customers to their employees’ potential. The retail sales revenues support the job training and placement program. Apprentices

**THE TEACHERS** at Cooper Middle School are laying the foundation for their students to be able to work and live independently by teaching them the vocabulary and communication skills used by the general public, as well as specific skills that can be used on the job, in the home and out in their community.

In addition, they are giving our community the opportunity to learn that although we might use different language skills, and have different ways of learning and completing tasks, we can work alongside each other to find personal fulfillment, to contribute to our community, and, as teacher Lalande says, to each attain a level of independence and “live life according to [our] ability.”

## YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink

**Experts say 3D printing can open a world of imagination and critical thinking.**

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**donis Gonzales had always wanted to become a master electrician, but when he was asked to leave high school at 16 because of a poor attendance record, his prospects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate Challenge Academy, a tuition-free program that offers 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts an opportunity to earn a GED and learn a trade. A 3D printing technology class that Gonzales took through the program proved to be eye-opening.

“When I first went into the class, I saw the computers and printer and thought that it was going to be too hard,” said Gonzales. “But then the instructor said that if we could imagine something, then we can create it. The first thing I made was a heart with my daughter’s name on it.” The class was part of an initiative called 3D ThinkLink, a program designed to teach critical thinking and problem solving skills through 3D design and printing. The class was run by YouthQuest, a Chantilly-based nonprofit that provides at-risk youth with educational scholarships to pursue their college or vocational aspirations.

Linda Mann, Ph.D., one of the organization’s founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond technology. The class will be offered as part of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. “I discovered that we could use 3D printing to teach critical thinking



**A variety of summer camp activities are offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. 3D printing will be a new activity this summer.**

and problem solving to the kids we served,” said Mann. “Many of the kids hadn’t learned to think critically or to problem solve. They’d learned that failure was a way of life, but with 3D printing, they learn that failure isn’t the end, it’s the beginning.”

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** staffers agree, saying ThinkLink will inspire students.

“It will be an excellent opportunity for the youth here, who sometimes are in difficult living situations, to see that if they work hard and put in effort, they can have a bright future,” said Chris Roberts, science, technology, education and math (STEM) regional director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. “I think the students will be excited. It will be inspirational and have activities that will lead them to think more about what they can do in their future and what the future will bring.” “It will reinforce their existing STEM skills, but we hope it will boost their self-confidence,” said Wonhee Kang, D.Min., senior direc-

tor, Fairfax County Region, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. “They can imagine something and then see their idea turn into reality. That will really give their self-confidence a boost.” Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. “They showed us that you can create anything that comes to your mind,” he said. “If one of us had a problem, then we brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently.” Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are basic but foreign concepts to many disadvantaged children. Mann hopes that changes this summer. “It is important for them to see that they can make a difference in the real world,” said Mann. “They could be brilliant scientists or teachers or whatever they want to be,” she said. “For people who have succeeded, it’s important to give back.”

That’s what keeps our community. It’s important to make a difference with the skills and talents that we have.”

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com) by Friday.

Northern Virginia Community College is preparing to welcome 17 incoming Honors Program Scholars for the start of the 2015-2016 academic year, which begins Aug. 24.

The scholarship provides \$10,000 to be divided into fall and spring semesters for two years, at \$2,500 per semester. It will assist students with the cost of tuition toward a NOVA degree.

This is the third class of NOVA Honors Scholars; the first class of 18 graduated on May 17<sup>th</sup> having completed the Honors Core Curriculum. **Natalia ChavezChoque and Benjamin**

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**Atherton, of McLean High School,** received this scholarship.

2015 Board of Education Excellence Awards - 109 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-tier honor in the VIP program.

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**The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards: Fairfax County — Chesterbrook Elementary, McLean; Churchill**

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### Give

The group hopes to raise \$8,000 to publish an introductory 3D design and printing curriculum for students of all ages.

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# FATHER'S DAY GALLERY



Jon Pudleiner, of McLean, with Niko and Drew Pudleiner at Universal Orlando, Fla., in 2013. The Pudleiner men trying on their minion faces.



Father's Day last year - June 15, 2014 - in McLean Hamlet. Dad John Wu and daughter Eudora Wu Miller.



Celebrating Eli's fourth birthday on April 18 at CubRun Rec Center, grandfather: John Wu; son: Gene Wu and grandson: Marcus Wu, 3; son-in-law Andy Miller, granddaughter: Gracie Miller, 6, and Eli Miller, grandmother Jeannette Wu; daughter-in-law: Vicki Wu; daughter: Eudora Wu Miller (in black).



Father's Day for the Kimms. Victor and Pat Kimm of McLean, far right, with their five children, sons-and daughter-in-law and seven grandchildren.



Who doesn't need their Pops to help tie the tie and last minute advice for the McLean prom. Thanks Pop for always being there! The Five Miz's of McLean.



From left: Loretta Staley, 1, Bill Shapiro, and Harriet Shapiro, 9. The three of them are at the Mad Tea Party teacups ride at Disney World, January 2015.



Jon Pudleiner of McLean, with Niko and Drew Pudleiner in Okinawa, Japan in 2005, taking the boys out on a bike ride...safety first!



Sue Park, of McLean, sent us a photo of her husband Charles and their oldest son William, then 8 years old. The picture was taken last July. They played tennis at Langley Club during parent-child robin competition. This was the first time for William to play tennis with his dad in a tournament. Charles and Sue have three sons — William, 9, Edward, 7, and Richard, 5.

## FAITH

# Finding Challenge in McLean

## Meet the newest member of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church's staff.

He could have chosen a career in politics. He chose the church instead. Billy Kluttz, the newest member of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church's staff, had worked on two political campaigns in his native North Carolina and "loved the thrill of it...the game of it...the raw competition. But I looked at myself in the mirror and realized I was becoming an unkind person." Kluttz decided to enter Wesley Theological Seminary and hasn't looked back.

As Director of Immanuel Church's 5:30 p.m. evening worship service, Billy Kluttz has found a new challenge in Immanuel's commitment to experiment with the format and content of the service. "We try something once to see if it works or need to try something different. It's exciting to work with a service that hasn't found its identity yet." What is it that excites Kluttz so much that he hasn't regretted leaving politics? He says it's helping affect people's lives in the McLean community, calibrating the relatively new and experimental evening service to reflect the needs of the people who are attracted to this informal form of worship.

Billy Kluttz graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2012 with a degree in political science and women's studies. One year later he earned a Masters in Public Administration from the esteemed



Billy Kluttz

Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse University, with concentrations in nonprofit management and social media. He served as senior pastor of a United Methodist church in Westminster, Md., then accepted a Bishop's scholarship at Wesley Seminary, beginning the ordination process in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In addition to his studies at Wesley and his part time duties at Immanuel Church, Kluttz serves as new media coordinator of Seabury Resources for the Aging, a nonprofit supporting older adults and their families in the D.C. metro area.

A committed and passionate advocate for social justice, Kluttz looks forward to serving again as a pastor. And that competitive person Billy Kluttz feared he was becoming in his old political campaign days? "My calling now," he says, "is to take care of people."

## FAITH NOTES

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

**The Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will be hosting their annual Community Pet blessing on Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring any pet for a blessing, pet charm and certificate of blessing. For more information go to [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org) or call 703-938-6753. The public is invited and there is no charge.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or [www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org).

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

**The Antioch Christian Church** offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Chris-

tian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

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

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

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

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

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From left — Dani Stoller as Evelyn Laverty, and Manu Kumasi as Vincent Heffernon in “The Good Counselor” at 1st Stage.

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1ST STAGE

# Absorbing Examination of Human Nature

“The Good Counselor” presented at 1<sup>st</sup> Stage.

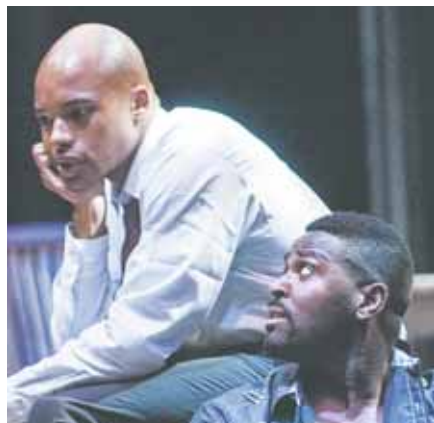
BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

If you are seeking out magnetic theater that deals with unsettling, yet real-life, family issues and a search for the truth, make your way to 1<sup>st</sup> Stage. Under the confident, wise direction of Alex Levy, Kathryn Grant’s award winning “The Good Counselor” is an evening of riveting performances.

“The Good Counselor” is disquieting as it circles around Vincent, a young public defender (convincing, nuanced Manu Kumasi) trying to understand and defend his client Evelyn (Dani Stoller full of tics and understandable rage). She is a mother accused of killing her 3-week son. Vincent must also come to terms with his own mother Rita (Deidra LaWan Starnes, judgmental with cause woman), who helped him succeed in life, but who seems a stern and hard-hearted woman dealing with the passing of her violent son Ray (charismatic Bueka Uwemedimo) to drugs, the older brother Vincent worshipped. Add in that the defendant Evelyn is an angry, poor, rough-edged, perhaps racist Caucasian woman, and the public defender Vincent is a polished, confident, though fragile, African-American attorney. The attorney is guided to a deeper examination of life with the help of Maia, his supervisor (Alina Collins Maldonado).

It is Maia who reminds Vincent that “You must entertain all the possibilities. Mothers do all sorts of things that people don’t want to think about.” And his own mother’s reactions to his probing, “You will never know the truth of my life. Children never know.” There are several scenes in this two act production that are searing in intensity and focus. For example, the audience will truly think itself on a train trestle with an oncoming locomotive with life in balance.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Stage technical artists have designed a vast two-level set for the cast



From left — Manu Kumasi as Vincent Heffernon and Bueka Uwemedimo as Ray Heffernon in “The Good Counselor” at 1st Stage.

## Where and When

1<sup>st</sup> Stage performs “The Good Counselor” at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through June 28. Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23 - \$28. Student and military tickets are \$15. Tickets online at [www.1stStageTysons.org](http://www.1stStageTysons.org) or by calling the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage box office at 703-854-1856. Note: Production has mature language.

and the audience. It seems to have depth well beyond a physical space thanks to Kathryn Kaweck (set and costume designer), Robbie Hayes (lighting design), Rachel Barlaam (sound design), Debra Crierie and Kay Rzasa (props design) and Megan Behm (fight choreographer).

“The Good Counselor” is unhesitating in its aim and success at being meticulously thought-provoking. Furthermore, the audience finds itself as a jury of Evelyn’s peers deciding her fate. For those with a taste for the forthright complexity of human life, without formulaic characters and situations, Kathryn Grant’s “The Good Counselor” warrants high-praise. The 1<sup>st</sup> Stage production has a brio of subject matter, terrific acting, and a “you are there” presence. It is powerful.

## CALENDAR

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#### FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/JUNE 5-SEPT. 27

**Vienna’s Summer on the Green Concert Series.** 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Come out on the weekend and listen to some good music. Full schedule here: <http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2640>

#### SUNDAYS/JUNE 7- SEPT. 6

**Great Falls Concerts on the Green.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Full schedule here: <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

#### FRIDAYS/JUNE 19-AUG. 7

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#### THROUGH SATURDAY/AUG. 1

**What’s in Your Garden?** Tuesdays - Saturdays. Vienna Arts Society “Gallery in the Village Green,” 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

### ART, MUSIC, THEATRE

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

**The Hunts.** Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. A Virginia-based band, made up of seven brothers and sisters, who’ve been playing music together almost their whole lives collaborate to create a sound that blends a fresh sensibility and elements of American and indie-inspired folk.

**The Marriage of Figaro.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

**Pokémon League.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokémon with friends.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 18

**Free Yoga Class.** 7:45-8:45 a.m. The Plaza, Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons. Free yoga class instructed by East Meets West Yoga Studio in McLean. Bring your mat and get ready to stretch.

**Daryl Hance Power Trio.** 7 p.m. Woo Live, 8420 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Devil Down Records artist Daryl Hance will be bringing his Power Trio for a performance at Woo Liv full of funky, bluesy, rock and roll music. Tickets: \$12. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/daryl-hance-trio-albino-rhino-tickets-16546998518>

**Lindsey Stirling.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Made famous by her viral YouTube video “Crystallize,” the ever-innovative dancing violinist and Billboard chart-topper fuses the romance of Celtic folk and modern classical with the infectious energy of dance and electronica. Tickets: \$22-\$50. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Evening Book Group.** 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join in a book discussion. Call 703-757-8560 for book title. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

**Classic Books Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy for a discussion of “The Unbearable Lightness of Being” by Milan Kundera. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

**Woof, and Paws-Read to a Dog.** 4:15, 4:30, 4:45 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple

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Avenue East, Vienna. Practice reading with a reading therapy dog. Ages 6-12. Sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 19

**Back to the Future.** 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Power up the DeLorean and join Marty McFly and the National Symphony Orchestra as they take you Back to the Future with this beloved film projected in HD on the big screen with Alan Silvestri’s expanded score performed live. Tickets: \$30-\$58. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Playdate Cafe.** 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring your child to play, and engage in conversation over coffee. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

**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/>.

**Pokémon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Come by to learn how to play Pokémon and play with friends. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 19-SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

**Summer Reading Program.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Attend summer events and check out books. All ages. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

**Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Master gardeners will answer plant questions. Call 703-793-3077. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

**Vienna Walk ‘n Wash.** 8 a.m. - Noon. Vienna Town Green, Maple Avenue at Mill Street. Join fellow dog lovers for the Vienna Dog Wash ‘n Walk. The registration fee of \$25 per dog includes a bandanna and a Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) pin. Dog washes are also available for \$15 each. All funds raised will help VMF provide service dogs and canine therapy services to veterans with physical and mental health challenges at no cost to the veteran. [www.vetsfwd.org](http://www.vetsfwd.org).

**Kayak Mini Float Trip.** 11 a.m. - Noon. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. A scenic wagon ride from the Visitors Center upriver. Then enjoy a 1.5 mile instructor-led float trip down the river through riffles and flat water. The cost is \$38 for a one and two person kayak. 703-759-3211.

**Patowmack Canal Walk.** 2-3 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Few people envision George

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# CALENDAR

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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.

**Alzheimer's Awareness Day.** 12-5:30 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna. Join Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Lambda Kappa Omega Chapter as its members participate in the Alzheimer's Association's Longest Day. Information regarding Alzheimer's risk factors, diagnosis, care, and advocacy will be shared while attendees fellowship with card and board games. For more information contact TheLongestDaySubcommittee2015@aol.com

## SUNDAY/JUNE 21

**Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.** 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tchaikovsky's triumphant masterpiece complete with cannon blasts. Tickets: \$20-\$58. www.wolftrap.org.

**Wood Carving Lesson.** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Treat Dad to a free wood carving lesson with the Northern Virginia Carvers. Nominal charge for wood blanks. Free mill tours for all fathers accompanied by their children.

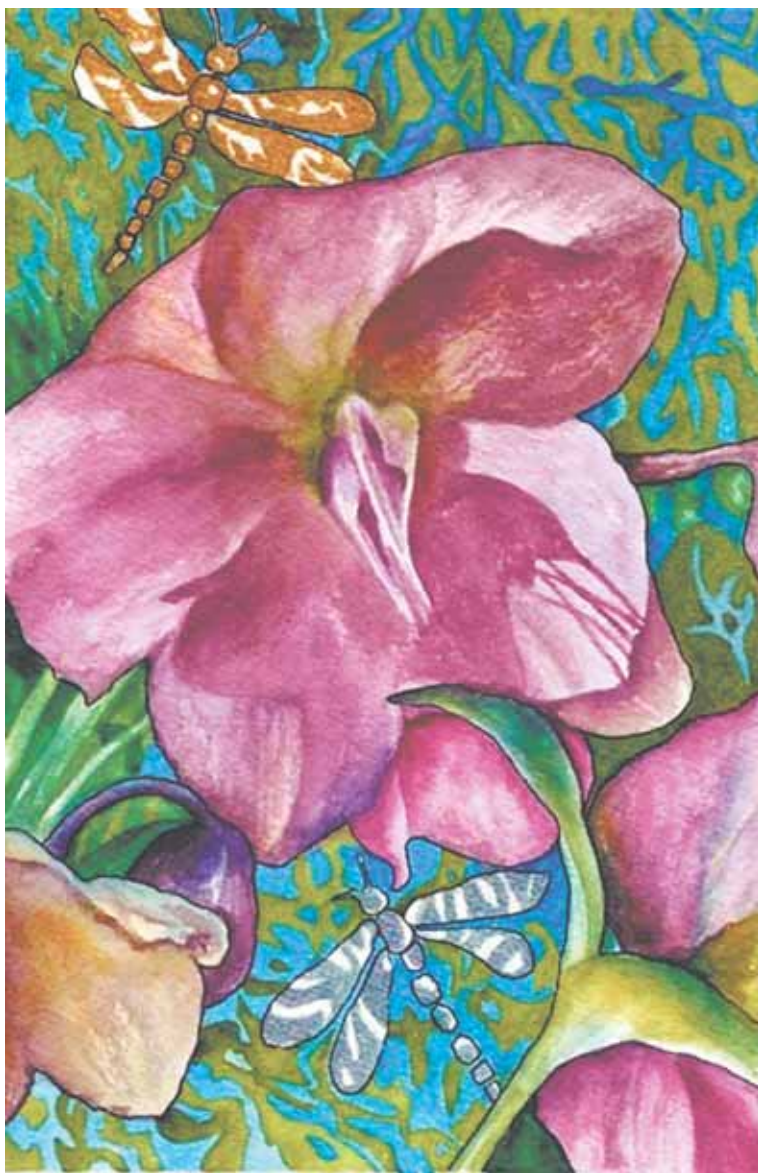
**Father's Day Family Fishing.** 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Celebrate Father's Day at Riverbend Park with fishing. The cost is \$8 per person and includes supplies and equipment or you may bring your own rod and reel. All fish caught will be released. 703-759-3211.

**Father's Day Golf Tournament.** 9 a.m. Oak Marr Golf Course, 3200 Jermainstown Street, Oakton. For ages 8-17, young competitors will be playing with their fathers in a two-person scramble format tournament. There will be trophies awarded for each age category. The cost is \$40 per team and is due at the time of registration. 703-255-5390.

**Sunrise Kayak Tour.** 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Enjoy breathtaking views as the summer sun rises over the Potomac River. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of this island-dotted section of the Potomac. The cost is \$38 and includes one and two person kayaks. 703-759-3211.

## MONDAY/JUNE 22

**Sheep Dog Detectives.** 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve crimes. Sign up each child and adult separately.



**Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a colorful collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists. Exhibit runs through Aug. 1, Tuesdays - Saturdays at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna.**

**Treasured Three to Fives.** 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Stop by for stories and songs. Ages 3-5.

**Kids Book Club.** 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come in for a kid's book club discussion. Ages 8-12. Call 703-757-8560 for book title.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

**Toddling Twos and Threes.** 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Gather for an early literacy enhanced story time featuring stories, rhymes and songs. For children ages 2-3 with adult.

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# Langley Boys' Soccer Wins First State Championship

Head Coach Amato earns 100th win at Langley.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Following Saturday's 6A state championship match, Langley boys' soccer coach Bo Amato referenced the saying "players win and coaches lose."

If the saying is true, then a conversation Amato had with the Saxons prior to the state tournament could be considered a coach asking his players for a favor.

"I hate to break it to you boys, but I looked at my record after regionals," Amato said to a Langley team on the verge of history. "I'm 98-27-12 [at Langley] and I want to win my 100th with you, not some rinky-dink game next year that means nothing."

When it came time to step on the field for the state tournament at Robinson Secondary School, Langley not only rewarded Amato with a career milestone, the Saxons left their mark on school history.

After defeating James River 3-0 in Friday's 6A state semifinals, Langley beat Madison 2-0 in the state final on Saturday, June 13, giving the Saxons their first state championship and Amato his 100th win in eight years with the program.

**FACING THE WARHAWKS** for a fourth time this season, the Saxons took a 1-0 lead when sophomore striker Jacob Labovitz netted a goal in the 34th minute. Junior Cameron Basco added an insurance goal from roughly 45 yards out in the 77th minute, giving Langley its fourth win of the year over Madison.

Labovitz, a club soccer player who made an effort to play for his high school, finished the season with 26 goals.

"Langley's never won a state championship and I wanted to help them get it," he said. "I wanted the school to have it, [and for people to] always be able to look at the front of the building [and] look at the state championship."

After the match, when players were receiving their individual awards, Amato playfully pretended to bow toward Labovitz.

"I don't like singling people out because it's a team sport," Amato said, "but before the season even started ... he told [his club team] he wanted to play [for Langley High School]. ... He wanted to win and I've never in my life at this school had an underclassman so aggressively contact me about wanting to win."

Labovitz praised Amato, who has also won a private school state title with St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and a club championship with Annandale United FC.

"He's a great guy," Labovitz said. "He keeps me going. He's always positive with me, never gets down on me [and] makes me a better player."

Langley senior midfielder and captain



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

Led by head coach Bo Amato, center, the Langley boys' soccer team won the first state championship in program history on June 13, beating Madison 2-0 in the 6A state final at Robinson Secondary School.

**Langley goalkeeper Cole Stinger tallied seven saves against Madison in the state final on June 13.**

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Daniel Levetown shared Labovitz' admiration for Amato.

"He's a great coach and he's really pushed me to become the player I am today," Levetown said. "Without him, we wouldn't have been here. There's no way."

**SATURDAY'S WIN** bumped Langley's final record to 20-1-1. The Saxons beat Fairfax 1-0 on May 21 to win the Conference 6 championship, and defeated Madison 2-1 on June 5 to capture the program's first 6A North region title.

**"Langley's never won a state championship and I wanted to help them get it. I wanted the school to have it, [and for people to] always be able to look at the front of the building [and] look at the state championship."**

— Langley sophomore Jacob Labovitz

Langley beat Madison 2-0 during the regular season on April 21 and 2-1 in the conference tournament semifinals on May 19. In the region final, the Warhawks jumped out to a 1-0 lead before the Saxons came back to win — something Amato said aided Langley in pulling off the seemingly tough task of beating a team for a fourth time.

"It's good that we went down a goal in the regional final," Amato said. "In the first half, we were so poor."

They didn't react to anything I said, so at halftime we had a little talk. If we had rolled them over in the regionals, they would have beat us tonight."

Langley senior goalkeeper and captain Cole Stinger finished with seven saves in Saturday's state final.

"High school soccer is so much fun," said Stinger, who will play for the University of Delaware. "You get to play with your friends, represent your school, have all the fans that we had come out. It's awesome."

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## SCHOOLS

# Langley Choirs Present 'A Disney Spectacular'

Spring show closes out successful year.

The Langley High School choir recently presented two performances of their spring show, "A Disney Spectacular." The show, held at the McLean Bible Church, featured songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including "Frozen," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," "The Jungle Book," "Pocahontas," "The Hunch-

back of Notre Dame," "Newsies," "Hercules" and "Aladdin."

The spring show capped another successful year for the award-winning high school choir. In March, the choir took top honors at a national choral festival in San Antonio, including the Outstanding Choral Award and the Choral Sweepstakes Award. Six students were selected for the All-Virginia Chorus and seven seniors were selected for the Virginia Music Educators Association Honors Choir.

The program sent 54 students plus four alternates to participate in the All-District

Honor Choir. The Langley choir also all received superior ratings in the District XII Choral Assessment.

Langley High School offers six choirs: the Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Select Choir, Women's Treble Choir, and VoiceMale. Under the direction of Dr. Mac Lambert, now in his 13<sup>th</sup> year at Langley, the choir has consistently received superior ratings at district assessments and earned top scores at Heritage Music Festivals around the country. The choir is planning a performance tour in Europe in the spring of 2016.



The Langley Madrigals performed medleys from "Frozen" and "Beauty and the Beast."



Langley's Voicemale choir performed highlights from "The Jungle Book" and "Newsies."



The Women's Chamber Choir sang a selection of songs from "Aladdin."



The Women's Treble Choir sang a medley from "The Little Mermaid."



The Women's Chamber Choir sang a selection of songs from "Aladdin."

## No Joke, But Funny Nonetheless

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not that I ever want to use my having cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit, it's a doozy. And it's probably the best thing about the diagnosis/prognosis. However, it's not as if there are a number of other advantages to the disease. Nevertheless, having such a readily-available, go-to, slam dunk of an excuse is not exactly like a "Get-out-of-jail" card made desirable in the original Monopoly board game, but let's be realistic: us cancer patients need/deserve all the help we can get. And just like a little compassion goes a long way toward fluffing our pillow, so too does having a beyond-reproach excuse occasionally simplify a muddled state of affairs, personally and professionally. It's an equal opportunity "excuser."

And "muddled;" morning, noon or night; conscious, subconscious and probably even unconscious, is how this cancer patient, as most others I would bet, live their lives. Whether you want to or not, it is impossible – with a capitol "I," to not view your new cancer-diagnosed life/life expectancy through the prism of your diagnosis. Not that that prism has to make you a prisoner of your prognosis (or alliteration), but to think it's not going to change your perspective, your priorities and your decision-making is to not accept your new reality. And accepting that new reality doesn't mean compromising your principals or giving in or giving up or even yielding the floor. It simply means that you're able to move on. Resistance is not futile. Cancer is not "The Borg." Moreover, assimilating this terrible fact into your head and heart and not obsessing about it opens up your life to more potentially fulfilling and rewarding experiences that might actually enable you to survive and maybe even thrive. Otherwise, as the doctor in Miles City, Montana Territory (at the time) said to Augustus McCray in part IV of "Lonesome Dove" after Gus refused to let him amputate his remaining infected leg – which would ultimately lead to his death: "I assure you, sir, the alternative is gloomy." But Gus wasn't gloomy. He was thoughtful and self-effacing. He explained his refusal for not allowing a second amputation: "I like to kick a pig every once in a while. How would I do that?"

Well, as much as possible, even though I have been diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, I am not going to be a negative Nellie or a dismal Jimmy. I'm going to try and remain an upbeat Kenny. Certainly I'm not thrilled about my circumstances and I do have my moments when I'm not great company. Still, making fun of an incredibly heavy burden is the only way I know how to lighten the load. And lightening the load is my path of least resistance. It's not futile at all. It's who I am. It's what I do. Now if the cancer will just continue to cooperate, we can all live forward and have a few laughs.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES'

SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C.

LOCATED AT  
10736 SUNSET HILLS ROAD, VIENNA, VIRGINIA

SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

JUNE 18, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on June 18, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10736 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number: 0183-02-0004) located in Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Property").

### TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The Property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property.

The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the Property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser"). A bidder's deposit of \$150,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check shall be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within thirty (30) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation. Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182 or other mutually agreed location. Purchaser shall also pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments, together with penalties and interest due thereon. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees, congestion relief fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action Purchaser may have against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any condition with respect to the Property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any law, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the Property.

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the Property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the defaulting bidder, and the defaulting bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the Property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the Property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Substitute Trustee  
Patrick W. Lincoln, Substitute Trustee  
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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### ABC LICENSE

Intrepid Wines, LLC trading as Intrepid Wines, 1621 23rd St. South, Arlington, VA 22202. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine Shipping (Wholesale) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Charles W. Fowler III, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

### ABC LICENSE

Virginia Eats, LLC & CCRC Tysons, LLC trading as America Eats Tavern, 1700 Tysons Blvd Fl 4, McLean, VA 22102. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Mixed Beverage Caterer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Robert Wilder, Vice Chairman/Shareholder of Think Food Group LLC (Managing Member of Virginia Eats, LLC)

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