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Celebration of Lights

Sunday, December 4

4:00pm to 6:30pm

Great Falls Village Centre Hill

Join us for our Celebration of Lights! Watch Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in an antique fire truck to light the Great Falls Tree. Enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, fire pit, hot cider, hot chocolate and popcorn. And don't miss the beautiful, live nativity scene.



4:00pm ~ Petting Zoo, Pony Rides and Bonfire begin

4:15pm - King's Kids Preschool

4:30pm - Village Green Day School

4:45pm ~ St. Francis Creche Preschool

5:00pm ~ Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive to light the Tree

5:15pm ~ Forestville Elementary School Ensembles

5:30pm ~ Great Falls Elementary School Chorus

5:45pm ~ Colvin Run Elementary School Sing Along

6:00pm ~ Live Nativity Scene

(Pony rides and Petting Zoo close at 6pm)

**Holiday Decorating Contest for
Great Falls Businesses, Homes &
Organizations**

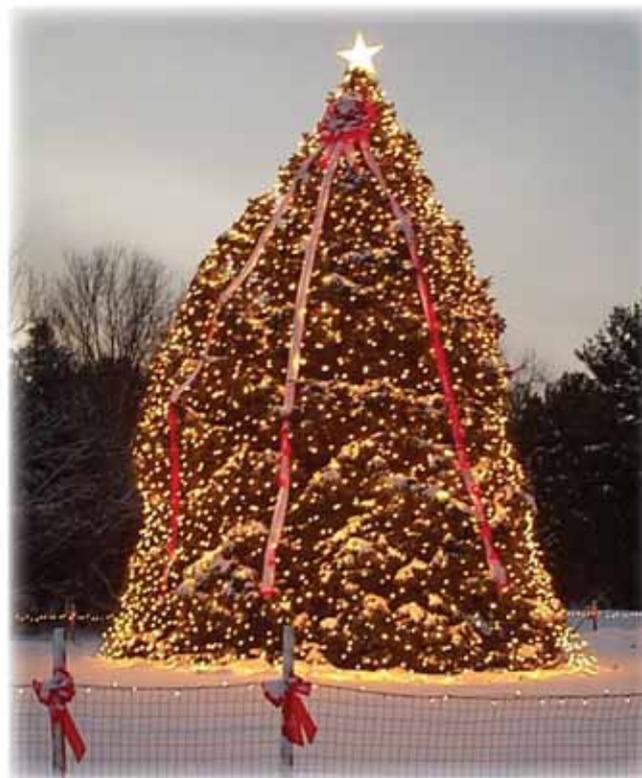
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The Goats and Scientist Behind a Growing Local Company

Amalthea Ridge in Great Falls offers skincare products, fresh goat milk and cheese.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

“You can’t keep a scientist out of the lab,” says Sarah Wehri. Wehri graduated from the University of Maryland with a doctorate in biochemistry and had a baby shortly after. When her baby’s sensitive skin started breaking out, she had an opportunity to use her skills to find a solution.

“I was making soap for my daughter who had super sensitive skin,” she says. “Lotion would make her breakout, so I made my first lotion for her. It was a fun challenge to start with.”

This chemist’s challenge turned into a business.

“Friends started buying from me and it just grew from there,” she says.

Amalthea Ridge’s best-selling products include its “Oatmeal & Honey Facial Bar” that contains honey from her neighbor’s hive and its “Oh, Momma! Revitalizing” bar and cream, which contains cacao that leaves a sweet chocolate smell.

Wehri’s background in farming in rural Van Wert, Ohio, during her childhood gave her the skills necessary to help her family raise the goats that supply the milk—the primary ingredient for her skincare line.

“It’s important that dairy goats get the right nutrition—alfalfa, high-grade feed, all they want,” she said.

But she says it’s science and her ability to, “ask questions, think for herself and find answers” that is the main factor behind her successful products and growing business.

MOST SOAPS dry out your lipid layer, the layer that protects your skin from the external environment, which results in skin irritation, she says.

“Even with oily skin, you need hydration though [that skin type] tends to breakout,” she says.

When people opt for using soaps with natural ingredients, they often get the same results. This is because the natural preservatives being used in many natural soaps are actually irritants, she says.

Her homemade products avoid these irritants, which is why she says she has “religious users.”

“You can tell a difference, the moisture level and complexion,” she says. “They don’t deplete your skin.”

She uses parabens in her products. These are compounds used as preservatives in skincare products that stop fungus, bacteria and other microbes from growing in lo-



Amalthea Ridge owner and founder Sarah Wehri feeds her goats in the backyard of her three-acre home in Great Falls. Her children name all of the goats in her herd.

PHOTOS BY FALLON FORBUSH/THE CONNECTION



Sarah Wehri says dairy goats can produce up to six gallons of milk a day.

tions and creams.

Some natural skincare products have stopped using these compounds because a debate has been building about whether these ubiquitous chemicals may be harmful to health.

As a scientist, she insists there are no facts behind the claims that they are harmful.

“I stand behind them,” she says.

Her growing lists of users agree.

Amalthea Ridge’s customers also enjoy supporting a “local and earth-

friendly” company.

A requirement for all her goat herds is that they have pasture access. Her goats currently have access to three acres of land on her family’s property in Great Falls. Her company also strives to only use high-quality, organic oils as ingredients for its products.

“You get what you pay for,” she says. “The quality of ingredients is comparable to high-end lotions.”

In addition to Amalthea Ridge’s skincare products, the company also offers a herd share where shareholders can get fresh goat milk and cheese.

“It’s a fun way for people to get the milk and cheese they want locally,” Wehri says.

But she dreams of operating a full-fledged dairy.

Her husband Keyvan Moussau and three children: two daughters, 8 and 2, and son, 2, are now searching for more land to expand their family business to make the dairy a reality.

They are hoping to find a couple of 15-acre parcels of land in Great Falls that will accommodate satellite herds.

“We can make it work, but we just need to find the right people,” she says. “It’s for people who want the agricultural tax break, but don’t want to be agricultural,” she says.

Right now, she uses one milking machine in her backyard to fill a five-gallon pail from a shed in her backyard. The milk is then processed at a lab inside her home.

“We want to have a milking parlor at each spot with a central milk processing center,” she says. “We have spoken to a dairy inspector and they are willing to work with us.”

The family estimates they will need \$60,000 of new equipment.

“We want to be putting in equipment by next summer,” she says.

In the meantime, Wehri is working on expanding her outreach programs.

She currently hosts soap making and natural skincare classes at Old Town Coffee Tea and Spice in Alexandria and has been working with librarians at the Great Falls Library to start a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program for elementary students in February. The STEM program will provide hands-on ways for kids to explore.

“They’re at an age where we can get them into science,” she says. This is especially important for girls, she says.

“Having a female role model changes the dynamic of what is possible ... it normalizes women in science,” she says. “Why should we think twice about a female scientist or a female farmer?”

AMALTHEA RIDGE sells its products online at www.amalthearidge.com and at the Old Town Farmers’ Market in Alexandria, the Vienna location of Potomac Vegetable Farms on Route 7 and the H Street NE FRESHFARM Market in Washington, D.C. MOM’s Organic Market also carries the company’s line of soaps.

NEWS

Fabulous Offers at Earls Kitchen + Bar

Meet young chef Ryan Spicknell.

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE CONNECTION

If you are among the Northern Virginians who have not indulged in the fabulous food at Earls Kitchen + Bar located in Tysons Corner Center then you have totally missed out on some of the area's best cooking. That's all thanks to the energy and dedication of its young chef, Ryan Spicknell, a native of Canada.

Of course, the parent company is Canadian, so picking this fellow as its executive chef makes sense. Besides, Spicknell has been a foodie his entire life. As he noted, his mother was always in the kitchen preparing family meals, and as a youngster, he sat in the kitchen, either watching her cooking techniques or doing his homework.

As luck would have it, Spicknell had dinner at the Vancouver location of the Earls group, and learned that management was looking for summer help. So he jumped at the chance, and from dishwasher to kitchen help, the youngster, perhaps unintentionally, launched his culinary career. After attending a two-year culinary program at the age of 20, he earned the Red Seal of Accreditation—a Canadian trades designation—and started working fulltime with Earls.

Now in Virginia, Spicknell adheres to the company's standard recipes—all of which are topnotch—but also tweaks dishes to appeal to the Virginian palate. "My cooking is so diverse," he said. "It is really interesting to see what people want, and seeing how it has changed. There is still a lot of demand for Asian cuisine, like my sushi and bibimbap, and also for Latino flavors, like the chimichurri skirt steak," adding he works with many different providers so that even the seafood, from scallops and salmon to codfish, is ultra-fresh.

As he reflects on this past year in Earls Kitchen he noted that he has really loved working with such great ingredients—and with figuring out American culinary preferences. "It has been great working with such excellent ingredients," he said. "There are things I have had to change, such as portion sizes, and lis-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ryan Spicknell

tening to what patrons are asking for." And to date, he lists as the most asked-for recipes the Dynamite Mango Sushi Roll appetizer, the chimichurri skirt steak entrée with the house-made chimichurri sauce, and the sticky toffee pudding with warm molten toffee sauce poured over the chocolate cake for dessert.

Delighted with his Northern Virginian life and working scene, Spicknell said he loves meeting new people every day, being welcomed by the community, seeing how the staff has come into its own, and on his days off, hiking. And, of course, heading into DC to explore the culinary scene there. "And the weather? I cannot complain much," he said.

Earls Kitchen + Bar, Tysons Corner Center, 7902 Tysons One Pl, Tysons. Phone: 703-847-1870. Hours: Lunch & Dinner daily, Brunch weekends.

On a Mission to SHARE

On Friday, Nov. 18, Steve and Phyllis Wickman, volunteers from SHARE, Inc., a McLean-area food bank, picked up more than a dozen boxes of food and household items donated by Churchill Road Elementary School families. These items were distributed by SHARE to area families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Churchill Road PTA's Community Service Committee co-chairs Marta Bascom, Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter organized this drive.

Churchill Road students Colin Walter and Joseph Hoeymans assisted SHARE, Inc. volunteers Steve and Phyllis Wickman load the donations from Churchill Road families into the SHARE van.



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AREA ROUNDUPS

Fairfax County Fire And Rescue Participating In Toys for Tots Campaign

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will again be participating in the Annual National Capital Region Fire and EMS Departments' 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign. The intent of the campaign is to "bring holiday joy and deliver a message of hope to children."

Last year, thanks to the generosity of those who live and work in Fairfax County, the Fire and Rescue Department collected more than 13,000 toys.

Children who are served by this campaign include toddlers and youths through age 17. The campaign will only accept new unwrapped toys and you can drop them off at any of our Fire and Rescue Stations. Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted. Checks or money orders for donations must be made payable to Toys for Tots.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will accept donations through Friday, Dec. 16, 2016.

Public Meetings on Draft Action Plans

Fairfax County has developed Draft Action Plans for the Chesapeake Bay, Sediment, Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB), and Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that have assigned wasteload allocations (WLAs) to the county's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The draft plans will be presented at two public meetings:

* Public meeting to present the County's Draft Sediment, PCB, and Bacteria TMDL Action Plans: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6 to 8 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Conference Rooms !X

* Public meeting to present the County's Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plans: Thursday, December 15, 6 to 8 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Conference Rooms 2/3

The meetings will mark the beginning of public comment periods on all four Draft TMDL Action Plans that will run through Monday, January 23, 2017. Please contact the Stormwater Planning Division at SWPDMail@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-324-5500, TTY 711, with any questions regarding the public meetings.

Santa Picture Day
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Opioid Epidemic in Virginia

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

When my friend August Wallmeyer wrote his book, "The Extremes of Virginia, Southwest, Southside and the Eastern Shore: Two Separated and Unequal Commonwealths. Rural, Poor and Largely Unknown" (Dementi Books, 2016), he included a chapter on illegal drug use for obvious reasons—In 2014 for the first time on record fatal drug overdoses became the most common cause of accidental death in the Commonwealth, according to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. As the Secretary of Health and Human Resources reported to Mr. Wallmeyer, "In 2015 we lost more than a thousand Virginians to opioid or heroin overdoses. More Virginians now die from drug overdoses than from car accidents." For another reason, the rate of fatal drug/poison overdoses in the poorest areas of the state are 47 percent higher than those in Virginia as a whole. The picture has been getting worse.

Last week the state health commissioner Dr. Marissa J. Levine declared opioid addiction to



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be a public health emergency in Virginia. She said the Commonwealth has seen a 77 percent increase in opioid deaths from 2012 to 2016. So great is the concern about this epidemic that Commissioner Levine issued a standing order that allows all Virginians to obtain the drug Naloxone without a specific prescription. Naloxone is used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations. Persons who know someone who is struggling with opioid addiction are advised to visit a local pharmacy to obtain Naloxone and keep it on hand for possible overdose emergencies. For more information on Naloxone, go to <http://www.getnaloxonenow.org>. Another website of Virginia government offers resources on how to best discuss addiction with someone, <http://vaaware.com/treatment-recovery/>.

Attorney General Mark Herring is extremely active in combating drug abuse problems in Virginia. A documentary he produced on the heroin and prescription drug epidemic in Virginia is available to individuals and organiza-

tions for their use. Preview it at <http://www.hardesthitva.com>. The Attorney General has led the effort to distribute 80,000 drug disposal kits to individuals through the Department of Health and to hospitals, law enforcement and nonprofits. These kits will allow for the safe disposal of prescriptions that could be abused by others. There is a strong link between misuse of prescription drugs, opioid addiction, and the use of heroin when prescription drugs become too expensive or are no longer available. Some studies found that half of young people who use heroin got started abusing prescription opioids. The Attorney General reported that more than 500 people went to a Virginia emergency room from a heroin overdose in the first four months of 2016, a 250 percent increase over 2015.

No longer is the problem of opioid abuse one that is primarily in the poorer, "extremes" of the state. It can be found in all areas of the state affecting people of all income levels and backgrounds. The strong response to the need by the Attorney General and the State Health Commissioner are very important. Coordination among agencies and work at the local level to end root causes are critical. Fortunately they are underway to end this epidemic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping Neighbors to Have a 'Normal Holiday'

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the editorial by Mary Kimm, titled "Holidays Are for Giving" (Connection, November 17-23, 2016). This hits particularly close to home because for the past six years my mother and I have been volunteering with Fairfax County's Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program. The purpose of this program is to purchase gifts and food items for a struggling family in Fairfax County around the Holidays so that these families are able to have a "normal" holiday.

There was one time when my mother and I were delivering the gifts to a young mother of three and after we loaded them into her car she began to cry and hug us. She repeatedly thanked us and told us that if it was not for our generosity, she would not have been able to give her children presents. Later that night I began to reflect on this situation and look at it from this woman's eyes. It made me realize that not everyone is as fortunate as myself or my family, and that if you have the means, support those less fortunate. Helping this family reminded me that the holidays are not about

material items, they are about giving thanks and spending time with people you love. People tend to forget this because everyone gets so wrapped up in their own world, and forget about the people around them.

Jen Kirk
Springfield

Tremendously Inspiring Story

To the Editor:

The article about the retired police officer, Randy Sales, receiving the Environmental Excellence Award ("Face of Integrity," Connection, November 3-9, 2016) really caught my attention. Though it was not explicitly stated by

Sayles or by the author of the article, it is clear that he has been a victim countless times of unfair treatment by the law in Fairfax County, as well as Denver, because he is African American. His story was tremendously inspiring and I think many people would benefit from hearing more stories like his in order to sympathize with specific situations, and therefore better understand this problem as a whole.

Not only are his efforts to keep the county clean impressive, but his reaction to the prejudice he's faced from many police officers is really moving. It is evident that much of the law enforcement system is biased due to the lack of respect he was shown — even in situations where he was doing nothing wrong. He was actually

benefiting the county by spending hours cleaning trash that would otherwise be left on the side of the road. Sayles' reactions to these situations, like the one where a female officer automatically accused and yelled at him for having a weapon, are very powerful and inspiring.

He remains calm and humble about his history with law enforcement, and uses the resulting anger and disappointment to feed his hunger to help the county and the environment.

This article was moving — and after hearing Sayles' story, it is refreshing to see that he is finally getting the appreciation and acknowledgement he deserves.

Anna Hellwege-Bales
Fairfax Station

Children's Connection Deadline Approaches

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. It is a keepsake edition for many families. The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich

text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have the first and last name of the student. Please include the student's age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 2.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to north@connectionnewspapers.com.

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Holiday Fest Art Market
December 3 - 4, 2016

The Great Falls Grange Hall and Forestville School
9818 and 9812 Georgetown Pike
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The Great Falls Studios Holiday Fest Art Market will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4

Great Falls Studios to host Holiday Fest Art Market

All ye friends and neighbors lean your ears this way! Tell everyone what I am going to say: The Great Falls Studios Holiday Fest Art Market is coming soon. Saturday, Dec. 3 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 4 (10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) @The Great Falls Grange Hall and old Forestville School, 9818/9812 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Unique art, cards and gifts perfect for Secret Santas, special someones and serious collectors. Greet fiber artists, jewelry makers, painters, photographers, potters and sculptors.

Halls decked in holiday cheer. Greenery and arrangements for the season from Pots and Plants on the Pike to enjoy and for purchase. Yummy treats, savory and sweet, to carry home from the Creamery. Wrap up the weekend on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. with the Celebration of Lights on Great Falls Village Centre Hill sponsored by Celebrate Great Falls. Free and family friendly. More details and information at www.GreatFallsStudios.com

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Fairfax Water

PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATES AND PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges and the 2017 Annual Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2017, include the following:

1. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$10,240 to \$16,020.
2. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,150 to \$1,240.
3. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$10.10 to \$12.20.
4. An increase in the Base Commodity Charge from \$2.68 to \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. A decrease in the Turn-Off / Turn-On Charge from \$52 to \$44.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge.
7. An increase in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 104% to 105%.
8. A decrease in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$46 to \$35.

Revenues are expected to be \$171.3 million in 2017. Water sales are expected to provide \$149.2 million. Approximately \$22.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-\$1,000s-	
	2016	2017
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,877	\$ 55,808
Power and Utilities	10,417	10,572
Chemicals	6,342	7,566
Purchased Water	4,512	5,576
Supplies and Materials	5,173	5,248
Insurance	1,176	1,201
Fuel	567	625
Postage	632	654
Contractual Services	10,473	10,671
Professional Services	748	910
Other	2,305	2,484
Subtotal	96,222	101,315
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,616)	(9,305)
Total	\$ 86,606	\$ 92,010

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,129,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$25,733,000

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

SPORTS



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Great Falls U7 winners on a freezing morning.

Great Falls U7 Wins Rugby Tournament

Great Falls Village was a busy place on Sunday, Nov. 20, as Great Falls Youth Rugby hosted its third, annual tournament to benefit the spinal cord injury research and recovery programs at MedStar National Rehabilitation Network. The President of Great Falls Rugby is himself a spinal cord injury survivor.

Sunday's tournament was a youth 7-a-side tournament for all age groups U7 through high school. A number of D.C., Maryland and Virginia youth, middle school and high school teams registered. The fun started at 9 a.m. and went all day. Great Falls U7 won their age group.

Great Falls Youth Rugby thanks the community for coming out to support players,

as well as sponsors and vendors: Cuisine Solutions, Strang Orthodontics, Glory Days, Kiwi pies and Buenda'dillas.

Great Falls Rugby, founded in 2011, is a 501c3 non-profit organization and has seen registrations surge after the sports appearance in the 2016 summer Olympics.

Sunday's tournament signifies the end of the 2016 rugby season. But, there will be indoor clinics during the winter and the club is looking forward to the 2016 season. Registration and playing opportunities exist year round and the Eagles are always looking for opportunities to promote the club throughout the Herndon, Great Falls, Reston, McLean and Sterling areas. For more information visit www.greatfallsrugby.com – or email Gary at gary@greatfallsrugby.com

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Great Falls Historical Society to Host Holiday Gathering

The Great Falls Historical Society is inviting the community to join their Holiday Gathering, a neighborly celebration and potluck dinner, on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange Hall at 9818 Georgetown Pike.

In the spirit of the season that recalls a time in which "there was no room in the inn," local children read scriptures that reveal the timeless principles of good neighborliness.

Celebrating the healing spirit of hospitality, each guest brings a dish to share, making combined gifts a delightful feast for all to share.

Children play musical instruments, heralding the coming of Light that overcomes

darkness, as we approach the darkest night of the year that marks the start of winter. It is through good neighborliness that all of our light continue to shine through any darkness.

This is a free family event. Please reserve a seat at www.gfhs.org to make sure there is sufficient seating, as space is limited.

The Great Falls Historical Society was established in 1977 to encourage community spirit by bringing the past into the future.

Call for Nominations for the Jean Tibbetts History Award

The Jean Tibbetts History Award honors outstanding contributors to the research, articulation, dissemination and preservation

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

Compline Service, Sunday, Nov. 20, 8–9 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel of the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd, Vienna. Compline is the final service in the cycle of the Daily Office, and has been observed in Christian communities for centuries. The sung form of the liturgy includes no spoken text whatsoever—the service is led by a small group of singers called a schola, and all of the prayers and readings are sung. The service emphasizes spiritual peace at the close of the day, and features lush greenery, incense, candles, and icons. For more information, contact David Kelley at dkelley@holyccomforter.com or the Church Office at 703-938-6521.

Taizé Contemplative Worship, Sunday, Nov. 27, 5–6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel of the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd, Vienna. Holy Comforter's Music Ministry sponsors evening services in a contemplative style, offering a unique opportunity to decompress and prepare for the week ahead. The service occurs on the last Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Taizé contemplative worship is a powerful and moving combination of song and scripture featuring lush greenery, incense, candles, icons, and considerable time spent in silent meditation. For more information, contact David Kelley at dkelley@holyccomforter.com or the Church Office at 703-938-6521.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

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of the history of life along the Potomac River corridor from McLean to west of Dranesville and south through Herndon. Candidates for the Jean Tibbetts History Award are selected from annual nominations to the Great Falls Historical Society and the award carries a stipend of \$200. The awardee's name is placed on the Great Falls Historians plaque, displayed in the Great Falls Library. Nominations should include a brief resume of the nominee; a listing of significant achievements, such as leading publications, noteworthy accomplishments; and a summary of the significance of the nominee's overall record of contributions. Deadline for submission for the 2017 award is Dec. 15, 2016. Mail nominations, with complete documentation to GFHS History Award Committee, P.O. Box 56, Great Falls, VA 22066 or by email to Greg Haymans, Chair, Tibbetts History Award Selection Committee, ghaymans@gmail.com. Jean Tibbetts herself was a writer of Great Falls history, who recognized and displayed excellence in historical research. The Great Falls Historical Society is proud to commemorate her memory with this award and appreciates community support. Donations may be made to: Great Falls Historical Society, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 56, Great Falls, VA 22066.

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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Great Falls Farmers Market in the parking lot at 778 Walker Road, Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The farmers market moves indoors into the historic Great Falls Grange Hall, 9818 Georgetown Pike on Saturday, Dec. 10 for the winter. We wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

CHO Food, New Toy, and Bike Drive Nov. 1-Dec. 31 at various locations around Vienna. Dish soap, canned fruit, chili, canned beef stew, diapers and wipes, canned salmon, Spam, tuna, tomato sauce, and laundry detergent are in particular need. CHO requests that no food be expired.

Drop-off boxes are available at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S; Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E; Bikes @ Vienna, 128 Church Street NW; Caffè Amouri, 107 Church Street NE; Doctors Covel, Stack, and Henon, 120 Beulah Road NE; Evolution Fitness, 216 Dominion Road NE; Rexall Drug Store, 150 Maple Avenue W; Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NE.

Winter Walk of Lights at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens open every day through Jan. 8, 2017. Open Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, too. The walk of lights runs daily from 5:30 - 10 p.m. Last tickets sold at 9:30 p.m. This family-friendly six-week winter wonderland of spectacle is only a few years old but has garnered a loyal following from throughout the Northern Virginia area, particularly Vienna and its environs.

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The lighting of the Christmas Tree during the 25th Annual Celebration of Lights and Great Falls Holiday Fest on Dec. 6, 2015 at the Great Falls Village Center in Great Falls. This year's celebration takes place on Dec. 4 at the village Center in the heart of Great Falls 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. rain or shine.

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To buy timed tickets online: <https://www.novaparks.com/events/winter-walk-of-lights>

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 - 1 p.m., 778 Walker Road Great Falls. greatfallsfarmersmarket.org

Fishing Rod Rentals 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2hr max). Valid driver's license required. Our rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for persons 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Great Falls Studios Virtual Gallery Open online 24/7 at <http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/copy-of-virtual-gallery> for the month of October. The gallery features the member artists participating in the Great Falls Studios 2016 Art Tour. During the month of October, in the Large Meeting room at the Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, GF, member artists participating in the Art Tour are on display. The exhibit will be open during regular library hours.

Betty Ganley Watercolor Exhibit in the meeting room of the Great Falls library, Nov. 1 thru Nov 30, 2016. This exhibit of 30 paintings reflects her love of nautical scenes with their undulating reflections, moody skies, and overhead seagulls, along with an equal desire to capture the color, depth and shadows offered by our local gardens.

Colvin Run Mill open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Rd, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Winter Hours: January & February, 11am-4pm, last tour 3pm. Admission to park is FREE except for some special events.

Art Walk in the Village: First Fridays beginning Sept. 9, 6 - 9 p.m. through Dec. 31 at 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Admission free and open to the public. greatfallsart.org/artwalk/

The Lights, Camera, Save! Video Contest is a competition that encourages teens to write and produce a 90-second video to explore the value

of saving and use their creativity to inspire others to become lifelong savers. This program inspires students to take an active role in being smart money managers and ties in well with new state financial literacy requirements.

The Contest is open to students age 13 - 18 years old and is free and easy to enter. Students can win up to \$5000 in the national competition. Burke & Herbert Bank is awarding \$350, \$100, and \$50 to the top three local winners. The entry deadline is December 1. save@burkeandherbertbank.com

Holiday Decorating Contest We encourage all Great Falls businesses, organizations and neighborhoods to light up the night this December. The winner will receive \$200 and will be featured in an ad in the Great Falls Connection.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Ambassador Speaks at School BASIS Independent McLean 6:30 p.m. 8000 Jones Branch Road, McLean. Ebrahim Rasool, former Ambassador to the U.S. from South Africa, will be speaking at BASIS Independent McLean about "Nelson Mandela's Lessons for Thought Leadership for the Next Generation" on Wed., Nov. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 8000 Jones Branch Road in McLean, VA Entrance is free and open to the public, but registration is requested at www.mclean.basisindependent.com/ambassador

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Coffee with BASIS Independent McLean's Head of School 8 a.m. 8000 Jones Branch Road, McLean. Learn more about our school's philosophy and program offerings, and meet the Head of School. Free

TUESDAY/NOV. 29 - DEC. 3

2016 Bitar Cosmetics PSA Women's Professional Squash Tournament Qualifying rounds begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The event will be held at The McLean Racquet & Health Club 1472 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. Watch top local players and US Girls # 1 Marina Stefanoni vie for 4 spots in the main draw. To purchase tickets please contact Jay Naseem @ jay@jahangirsquash.com or call 703-691-5916 <http://www.jahangirsquash.com/category/tor/>

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ DEC. 2-4

McLean Holiday Crafts Show. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. This highly regarded, juried show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics, pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, fashion, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, sculpture, paintings and more. Cost: Adults \$5, children free. Visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Celebration of Lights 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Hill Celebrate the beginning of the season with our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Drink hot cider or cocoa next to the fire and listen to our local children's choral groups sing seasonal music. The petting zoo and pony rides will keep kids busy until Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive by antique fire truck.

Jill's House Event to Support Special Needs 7:30 p.m. at Mclean Bible Church 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. The program is "A Star is Born, An Evening in December" with Ellie Lofaro, international speaker, and singing group, Point of Grace. This is an all women event. A quilt silent auction of 13 quilts will be featured in the church's Main Lobby with proceeds also going to Jill's House. The quilts have been generously donated by local quilting guilds including the Reston Quilters Unlimited and friends. www.jillshouse.org



'Lone Watcher,' by Doreen Montis

Doreen Montis Exhibits at Katie's Coffee House

Doreen Montis exhibits at Katie's Coffee House in Great Falls "Feathers and Fur" Fine Details in Pastel will be on display at Katie's Coffee House during the month of December. Montis started her art career as a photographer who loved macro photography and the ability to capture the smallest details. This love transferred to her art, from the smallest feathers on an eagle's beak to the thick fur on a tiger or fox, her pastels capture the fine details of these birds and animals. The paintings on display are the largest paintings Montis has created, which presented a challenge to maintain the standard of detail she has been known to do. To see more paintings and photography by Doreen Montis, visit her website at www.dmontisphotoart.com or stop by Artists on the Green, 776B Walker Road, Great Falls.

Katie's Coffee House is located at 760 Walker Road, Great Falls.

Holiday Fest Art Market

December 3, 2016 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

December 4, 2016 10:00 am - 4:30 pm



Here are some samples!

The Great Falls Grange Hall and Old Forestville Schoolhouse
9818 and 9812 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066



PHOTO BY DIANA LIM

In the stage production of “Harvey,” Veta Louise, played by senior Jamie Goodson, desperately begs Dr. Sanderson, played by sophomore Mark Bosset, to commit her brother into a sanitarium.



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This painted portrait of character Elwood P. Dowd—played by senior Sivan Tretiak, 17—and Harvey, his invisible six-foot-tall rabbit and best friend, is used on the set.

Langley High to Perform First Play in Renovated Performing Arts Center

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Students will be performing their first stage play “Harvey” at the newly remodeled Langley High School Performing Arts Center from Thursday, Dec. 1, through Saturday, Dec. 3.

In the comedic show, Elwood P. Dowd insists that he has an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit for a best friend and his family believes he is insane. They want to change him until they realize that he is the normal one, says Langley Theater Director Valerie Karasek.

“I always select a season based on the students I have,” says Karasek. “I like to challenge them as artists.”

Senior Sivan Tretiak, 17, who is playing the lead, was “born to play the character,” she says. Tretiak has been acting since he was a freshman and says this role is the most challenging yet.

“Most of the show, I have to work hard so the audience knows I can see this rabbit,” he says.

This is done through pantomiming, which is why his teacher cast him in the roll.

During a theater class his freshman year, “he constructed a pantomime scene with such detail,” Karasek recalls. “When he talks to Harvey, we see him,” she says.

An invisible character is also a challenge from the perspective of the backstage crew.

“The only technical aspect we have to deal with is how to open doors when Harvey opens and closes doors,” junior Leo Mahdessian, 16, says.

As technical director, Mahdessian is also working on a way to create an effect that would cast shadows when the rabbit is present. He hasn’t figured it out yet but as for the doors, “it’s pretty simple,” he says.

The set was designed so the doors open out to the audience. Someone backstage will just need to swing the door open from behind the set and out of view.

“We try to keep it simple,” he says.

Though his teacher says the set was one of the toughest aspects of the production, since students had to work in various locations, including parking lots, while the auditorium’s renovations were being



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Junior Sarah McDonald, 16 (left), freshman Maddy Rubin, 14 (middle), and junior Amelia Patton, 16 (right), cut fabric to reupholster the seats of chairs used in the show.

The Cast

Jamie Goodson Veta Simmons
Sydney Copp Myrtle Simmons
Sivan Tretiak Elwood Dowd
Claire Goldhush Mrs. Chauvenet
Elenitsa Sgouros Nurse Kelly
Will Baruch Duane Wilson
Mark Bosset Dr. Sanderson
Thomas Miner Dr. Chumley
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Andrew Wantula Judge Gaffney
Athena Landeros Miss. Johnson
Kanishk Singh Cab Driver

completed.

“They are passionate about their craft,” Karasek says. “We’re here rehearsing on Thanksgiving eve—that’s dedication.”

This will be Tretiak’s last play on the Saxon Stage and theater has been one of his favorite extracurricular activities.

“If you’re coming into the school as a freshman and don’t know anyone, [theater] helps you make friends,” he says.

He hopes to start studying math in college next year in his pursuit of becoming a mathematician.

Tickets for Tretiak’s last show can be purchased online at www.lhsharvey.brownpapertickets.com for \$13.41 or \$15 at the door.

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Not Hardly, I Knew You



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not about me, at first. My oncology nurse of almost seven years, a person with whom I had much in common and who, quite frankly, probably saved my life back in August of '13 when I showed up at my regularly scheduled chemotherapy infusion with an oxygen level of 85. This ultimately led to a week-long stay in Holy Cross Hospital to solve the problem which was that 4.7 liters of fluid had accumulated in my lungs, a not uncommon occurrence for lung cancer patients. It became quite clear after our first few infusions together that we were well suited. To say that I would be looking forward to my infusions because of Ron's hands-on care and concern — and depth of our relationship might be a bit naïve (let's face it, I didn't want to be there at all; certainly not as a patient, although I'd be happy to visit/support a friend, family member of fellow cancer patient). But I will admit to this: I never dreaded it because invariably Ron lifted my spirits through his schtick and excellent intentions.

When I walked into the Infusion Center two Fridays ago and walked over to my bar-colounger, I didn't see Ron so I joked aloud "where's Ron? Maybe I'll get some decent service today?" Another nurse (all of whom I know) quickly responded and said "Ron's not here." "Oh," I said, thinking nothing of it. "You mean because it's Veteran's Day?" "No," she said. "He's gone. He took early retirement." "Wow," I said. "Is he OKAY? Is his family OKAY?" I stammered. What few additional inquiries I made to the other nurses about when he left, his last day, what he's doing now, if he's moving, etc., were all met with a sincere "I don't know."

As I waited for my chemotherapy to be mixed/prepared (as you may or may not know, chemotherapy is not exactly off the shelf. Oh, sure, it's on a shelf but not ready for prime time until the patient actually arrives and his vitals are taken and then, presumably along with one's pre-chemotherapy lab work results, communicated to the patient's oncologist for assessment and if satisfactory on to the on-site pharmacy for the actual preparation), I thought about the effect Ron's departure would have on his patients. I imagine, they were similar to many of the ones I was having.

When I mentioned this likely effect to another of the oncology nurses, (and you get to know and are treated by all of the nurses staffing the Center, but generally there is one nurse to whom you are assigned), she explained/understood how caring for oncology patients in an Infusion Center is much different than caring for a patient in a hospital where you might see the patient for a few days and then never again. In an Infusion Center, you might see the same patient for years (for me, it will be eight years, come March 2017), she said. As such, she added, you develop relationships, friendships, much more so than a typical patient/acquaintance you have in a hospital experience.

If I were to calculate how many times I've seen Ron at The Infusion Center over the past seven-plus years, I would guess upwards of 90. And we talked plenty during those 90 visits, and not always about cancer. In fact, it was almost always about life. It was never morbid, it was always merrier. He was a humorous breath of fresh air in an environment/set of circumstances where the breath — so to speak, can occasionally be stale and hard to take. I don't want to say/want to think: what about me? But if I were to allow it for one minute, one column, I would say what my brother, Richard often says after he hears a good report from my oncologist about me: "If he's happy, then I'm happy." Well, if Ron's happy then I suppose I'm happy, believe it or not.

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

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WED/NOV. 30 & THURS. DEC. 1

Additional I-395 Express Lanes Public Meetings 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7 p.m. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, will host two public meetings on the I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension project. The project involves extending the I-395 Northern Express Lanes for eight miles from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon.

The project's draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which will be presented at the meetings, is available on the VDOT website: www.virginiadot.gov/395expresslanes, —and at the following locations:

VDOT Permitting Office
4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Arlington Central Library (Virginia Room)
1015 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Arlington County Government Center
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

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5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304

To provide comments on the design plans or draft EA at the public meetings, or until close of business on Monday, December 12, 2016. Email: 395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mail to Ms. Amanda Baxter, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please reference "I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension" in the subject line.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 7

Decluttering Seminar. The Retiree Real Estate Education Association announces free public service seminar for December, 2016, on Decluttering (McLean High School, 7 p.m.). The seminar is a part of a series of 8 free seminars on real estate issues unique to retirees. Seminars are free, in the evenings at County public schools. For more information and seminar registration go to Retiree- RealEstate.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 9

Bring New Unwrapped Toys to Vienna Presbyterian Church 9:30 - noon, for distribution by CHO. Please also if possible bring gift cards from Target for teens.

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

Wish List Project Drop Off Event 10 - 1:00 p.m. The Perez Family Home at 10440 Down Patrick Lane, Great Falls. Directly help families in need in area shelters, local elementary schools, alternative housing and children in foster care. New this year — The Wish List Project has partnered with Buzz Aldrin, Herndon and Hutchison Elementary schools for students who qualify for the free/reduced meal program. Your generosity and support will perpetuate the essence of the holiday season. It is important that ALL DONATIONS be received no later than the 10th as school counselors, social workers and shelter directors will be picking up the following day.

If you have a conflict with the 10th, a time for drop-off can be arranged the week prior. Gift receipts are encouraged to be included with the presents you purchase.

Please contact Christie Shumadine at 703-405-8561 or cshumadine1@gmail.com with any questions. All gifts are tax deductible and forms will be available at the driveway during drop off.

TUESDAY/DEC. 13

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