

Great Falls CONNECTION

John Proctor (played by senior Brian Patterson) leads Mary Warren (played by senior Caroline Callahan) through the hectic courtroom scene during a rehearsal for Langley High School's "The Crucible," which they will perform at the Cappies Gala June 10. The play received eight nominations.

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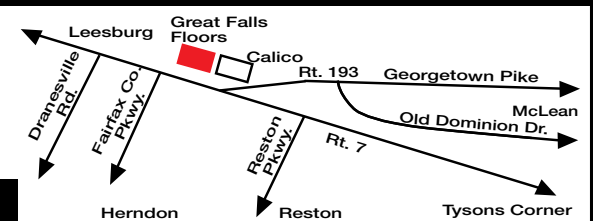
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From left, Retired Navy Lt. Commander John "Sandy" Pidgeon, Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) and Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) lay a wreath at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial in honor of Memorial Day.



Calvin Follin reads the names of 25 fallen Great Falls residents while Sara Hilgartner rings a bell in memory of each name during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

Great Falls Remembers Fallen

Freedom Memorial hosts annual Memorial Day ceremony.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Dozens gathered Monday at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial for the annual Memorial Day ceremony, honoring all who have lost their lives serving this country, including several from Great Falls.

The speaker for the event was retired Lt. Commander John "Sandy" Pidgeon, a retired Navy SEAL. Pidgeon served multiple tours with the SEALs, which include Special Warfare and Exercises Office for the Sixth Fleet, military detailee to the CIA and as the first Chief of Personnel Recovery Branch. He was also the first SEAL co-pilot of the Advanced SEAL Delivery System, the first dry combatant submersible built in 40 years.

His deployments into combat include Somalia, Haiti and Iraq.

Pidgeon said he was humbled to speak at the event, and recalled some of his close friends who had been lost while serving their country. He recalled Petty Officer First Class Steven Voigt, who he credited with saving his life during a land training exercise.

"Steve and I served in Somalia together then he moved on to another platoon doing ship boardings in Haiti in 1994. In 1996 I was serving with the Sixth Fleet and received news there had been a [helicopter] crash in the Red Sea ... Steve had been an air-crew rescue swimmer prior to being a SEAL, and he has asked the pilots if he could ride third seat with them. We lost Steve and the two pilots that day."

Pidgeon recalled Voigt used to go to Taco Bell almost every day during training, and said "every time I pass a Taco Bell I think of him, his humor, his camaraderie, his operational prowess and his friendship."

He also urged everyone in attendance to make sure they take advantage of the freedoms that service members fought for.

"Please honor the fallen with your service to organizations of your choice, please make sure to vote, it's the legacy which honors their sacrifice," he said.

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Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 55 at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 28, during the annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Langley alumni Rachel Bumsted and Paul Goldberg performed "America the Beautiful" and the National Anthem during the ceremony and 25 names of fallen Americans from Great Falls were read. This year a new name was added to the list, Staff Sgt. Stephen R. Sherman, who was killed in Mosul, Iraq in February 2005.

"He was a resident of Great Falls, so we have added a page in our book that we keep at the Great Falls library, with a photo and biographical information," said Ed Heberg, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

Sherman lived in Virginia until he was 11, when he moved to New Jersey with his family.

The event also featured a new addition to the Freedom Memorial, a new Virginia state flag, which was presented by State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) and Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34). The flag has been flown over the state capital building in Richmond.

The flag was raised by members of Boy Scout Troop 55, which is based at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

"I think it's a nice addition to the memorial, the other flag was getting a bit worn, and I think it was a very appropriate thing for Sen. Favola and Del. Comstock to present it to this community on this solemn day," said Rich Greene of Great Falls.

"It's a special thing they do here every year."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Marjorie Lundegard, center, the recipient of the Great Falls Historical Society's 2012 Jean Tibbetts Award, pictured with Kathy Heberg, Chair of the Jean Tibbetts History Award Selection Committee (left), and Kathleen Murphy, GFHS President (right).

Preserving Great Falls History

Great Falls Historical Society honors Marjorie Lundegard.

Marjorie Lundegard is the recipient of the 2012 Jean Tibbetts History Award, presented at the Great Falls Historical Society's Annual Tibbetts Award Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20. Jean Tibbetts, wife of Roland Tibbetts, died in 2004. Jean was a former President of the Great Falls Historical Society, a Historical Researcher, and author of the book, "This Land at Cornwell Farm." In her memory, the Great Falls Historical Society established this Award, which is accompanied by a stipend of \$200 from funds donated for this purpose.

Marjorie, who is originally from Indiana, earned her Undergraduate and Masters degrees in Chemistry from Purdue University. She and Bob, her husband of over 60 years, moved to Syracuse where she became a high school math teacher "because they needed one." After the Lundegards moved to Great Falls in the early 1960s, Marjorie taught science at Oakton High School, where she became one of the sponsors and coaches for the school's "It's Academic" team. Both Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Washington Science Teachers Association have recognized Marjorie as an Outstanding Teacher of Chemistry. She retired in 1988 and, finding she had time on her hands, decided to lend her talents and energy to the Colvin Run Mill. This led her, in turn, to an interest in mills, which were quite important as the economic and social focal points of their areas.

Marjorie said this all started accidentally. Over the years, as

she and Bob planned short trips, they decided to incorporate a trip to a mill. Her writing career started with articles in the Colvin Run Mill Newsletter called "On the Road With Marge and Bob."

HER FIRST PUBLICATION was Grist Mills of Fairfax County and Washington, D.C., published in 2000. Since then, she has catalogued and documented mill sites in Fairfax County, in nearby Loudoun and Fauquier Counties as well as Rockingham, and Gloucester Counties, Lynchburg and numerous counties in between. She has also written about mills and mill sites in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, bringing her total to 22 publications – and she is planning now for some fall trips. All the proceeds from the sale of her books benefit the Visitors' Center at The Colvin Run Mill. Her love of teaching brings her to Colvin Run Mill every Tuesday and Wednesday where she still serves as a Docent, leading school groups on tours, saving Thursdays to volunteer in the Colvin Run General Store. In her spare time, she spends two days a week in McLean at the Treasure Trove, whose profits are given to Fairfax Hospital. Marjorie and Bob have one son, Paul, who lives in California.

SINCE THE FIRST AWARD in 2006, the Great Falls Historical Society has honored Milburn Sanders, Karen Washburn, Tanya Edwards Beauchamp, Naomi Whetzel, Bill Garrett, and Connie & Mayo Stuntz.

Visit www.gfhs.org for more information.

Long & Foster Celebrates Community Service Day

Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc., the largest independent residential real estate company in the United States, has announced that its Great Falls office will recognize the company's annual Community Service Day on June 6 by collecting goods for the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. Goods include gas, Target and Metro cards, pantry items and rain gear (coats, umbrellas...).

The Great Falls office will be just one of Long & Foster's more than 170 sales offices throughout the firm's seven-state, Mid-Atlantic region, and Washington, D.C., to perform service projects within the communities they serve, according to Christina Macro.

Long & Foster sales associates and employees from throughout the company, including staff from its headquarters located in Chantilly will participate in a variety of volunteer activities such as working to clean up, refurbish and repair nearby parks, schools, shelters, homes, day care centers and local organizations that provide crucial services to the community.

Two TJ Students Earn Gold Award

Two Thomas Jefferson High School students, Megan Ganley and Rachel Chuang, earned the Girl Scouts highest honor this year—the Gold Award.

Megan Ganley, a sophomore from Vienna, created a series of comic books aimed at young children. These books focused on healthy eating and self-esteem. Megan brought her books to local Girl Scout troops and to Colvin Run Elementary school classes, where the children were able to add their own creative pages to the books. Megan then distributed these completed books to each class and group. Megan feels strongly that kids need to take more initiative in choosing a healthy lifestyle, and she wants kids to know that being different is all right.

Rachel Chuang, a senior from Great Falls, built WAPIs a water pasteurization indicator that shows when all the bacteria in the water are killed at 65 degrees Celsius. These indicators are then shipped to developing countries where the users can tell when the water is safe for drinking.

Both Girls will be honored with a Gold Award ceremony at Andrew Chapel on June 3.

Area Students Win Merit Scholarships

Six Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of more than 2,500 National Merit® finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions. Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- ❖ Jeffrey Lu of Herndon High School (engineering), National Merit Case Western Reserve University Scholarship.
- ❖ Jamison Fox-Canning of Langley High School (game design), National Merit Rochester Institute of Technology Scholarship.
- ❖ Kyle Gaulke of Robinson Secondary School (game design), National Merit Rochester Institute of Technology Scholarship.
- ❖ Cameron Plunkett of Robinson Secondary School (economics), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.
- ❖ Rebecca Hyndman of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (biochemical research), National Merit Wheaton College Scholarship.
- ❖ Lizaveta Miadzvedskaya of TJHSST (law), National Merit University of Texas at Dallas Scholarship.

Each scholarship winner was evaluated on his or her academic record, including difficulty levels of subjects studied and grades earned; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; SAT scores that confirmed outstanding test performance; and a recommendation and endorsement from a high school official. Each award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the recipient's scholarship.

The final group of NMSC scholarship recipients from the class of 2012 will be named in July.

NEWS



Seventy-five candidates took the Oath of Allegiance during a special naturalization ceremony May 25 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The ceremony is part of the county's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations.



The Vietnamese American Seniors Choral Group performed patriotic songs and folk songs during the pre-ceremony of the fourth annual naturalization ceremony held at the Fairfax County Government Center on Friday, May 25.

Greeting New 'Fellow Americans'

Fairfax County hosts fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

"My fellow Americans," U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11) said with gravitas, pausing to let the meaning sink in.

And when it did, 75 immigrants - from Afghanistan to Uzbekistan - who had just raised their right hand and taken the Oath of Allegiance to become American citizens, erupted with applause and tears, waving American flags and hugging family members. They were gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center Friday, May 25, for the county's fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

"You now join us...Every new wave of immigrants refreshes us, makes us stronger," Connolly said, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I am happy for today," said Shahinaz Hassan, a recent immigrant from Egypt who lives in Fairfax. "Everything gets easier here," she said in halting English. She said she was looking forward to voting in the presidential elections this fall.

Yesuf Beshir, originally from Ethiopia, works as a government contractor in Springfield and brought his daughter, Kedja, 4, who was born in Virginia, to the ceremony. Beshir said he pursued American citizenship for many reasons.

"I am proud of being an American," Beshir said. "The main thing is democracy. Here, you can vote. You can be what you want in America. You can be president.. If you want to be a doctor, you can be a doctor," he said, smiling at his daughter. "I tell her the possibilities are endless."

MODERATED by Corazon Sandoval Foley, the naturalization ceremony for 75 candidates from around the globe was part of the county's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations. The event

began with the Presentation of Colors by the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard and the National Anthem sung by Captain Francis Mensah of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD).

Samuel DeVera, a captain with the county's Fire and Rescue Department and a member of the Fairfax County Asian American Firefighters' Association, gave the keynote address, telling the audience his personal story of coming to America from the Philippines when he was 14 years old in 1983. After becoming a paramedic in 1994, he received a Valor award and, in 2010, scored first on the test to become a captain with the Fire and Rescue Department.

"Look at me. The one thing I can say is work hard to make you and your families better," DeVera said. "If you're vice president of the company, aim to be president. I'm not here to encourage you; I want to challenge you."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) presented the Certificates of Naturalization to the new Americans.

"Some of you have endured hardships to arrive at this time and place," Bulova said in her remarks. "All of you have invested your time, money and efforts to become citizens. Many of you came here to escape war or endless poverty."

She said she was "proud" to see the growing number of small businesses being opened by immigrants.

"Fairfax County has a very strong sense of community. Our residents and corporate neighbors are highly engaged, with a seat at the table when decisions are made..You who are here today now officially have a seat at that table."

Andrew Eade from England received a loud applause and cheers from his family and friends when Bulova presented him with his certificate. A resident of Herndon for 16 years, Eade said he wanted to become a citizen so he could "fully participate in the system and vote."

"You want to feel like you are getting your voice heard," he said.

THE NATURALIZATION CANDIDATES originated from nearly 30 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burma, China, El Salvador, Iraq, Iran, South Korea and Sudan.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

DEQ Public Meeting on Water Quality in Holmes Run and Tripps Run. 6:30 p.m. Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church. Holmes Run and Tripps Run do not meet water quality standards due to poor health in the benthic biological communities. Learn what the state is doing to address the problem. 703-583-3859 or jennifer.carlson@deq.virginia.gov.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna Caboose, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Producers only, Saturdays through Oct. 27. viennafarmersmarket.com.

Auditions for Vienna Youth Players' Summer Production. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Ages 11-18 invited to audition for "Footloose." Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 to schedule an audition.

The Smart Split: Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. An overview of the fundamentals of the divorce process in Virginia. \$45-\$55. 703-281-4928 ext. 276.

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Every Sunday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 5

Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Luncheon. 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

Senior Housing and Care Program. 12 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Buckley Fricker, J.D., GCM, Certified Geriatric Care Manager and an attorney with a background in Elderly Law, on Senior Housing and Care: What are the Options and How Much Do they Cost? Brown-bag lunch. 703-281-3987 or www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

The Near-Term Future of Tysons Corner: A Panel Discussion. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Capital One Bank Headquarters, Capital One Bank Headquarters, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean. Presented by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. With Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board Chairman; Walter Alcorn, Planning Commissioner and Chair of Tysons Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission; Barbara Byron, Director, Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment; Tim Steinhilber, 495 Express Lanes Project General Manager; and Marcia McAllister, Dulles Corridor Metro Rail Project Representative. \$25-\$40. Reserve at 703-356-5424 or www.mcleanchamber.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

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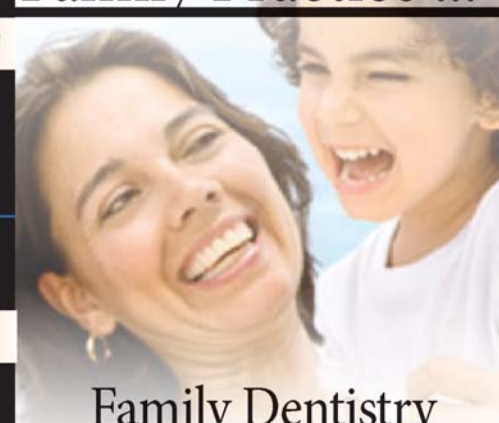
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NEWS

Langley High Students Win Science Olympiad Medals

Local students competed in the 28th annual National Science Olympiad at the University of Central Florida on May 18-19. Representing Virginia, a team from Langley High School challenged 59 other state champion high schools from the U.S.

Virginia's national team includes Joao Ascensao, Julia Casazza, Ryan Cheng, Saba Eskandarian, Noah Flaxman, Alex Hurr, Na He Jeon, Alan Kai, Dana Kazerooni, Gene Kim, Jaisohn Kim, Liana Kramer, Calvin Li, Kelvin Niu, Debbie Pan, Paige Pizsel, Aishvar Radhakrishnan, Vaibhavi Silamgari and Timothy Tsai. Faculty sponsor is Leah Puhlick.

Seniors Ascensao and Pan earned medals in Microbe Mission. Other excellent scores were attained by team members in Chemistry Lab, Forensics, and Sounds of Music.

Science Olympiad is a national, non-profit organization designed to promote scientific literacy among all students, a goal shared by education, business, industry and government.

Each team competes in 25 scientific events based on subjects like anatomy and physiology, earth sciences, forestry, genetics, physics, technical problem-solving and thermodynamics. There are engineering and technology

events, as well. Competitors may do everything from constructing a robot to applying principles and practices of epidemiology to a disease outbreak in-



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Langley's team en route to the awards ceremony at Science Olympiad's national competition in Orlando, Fla. Members include Joao Ascensao, Julia Casazza, Ryan Cheng, Saba Eskandarian, Noah Flaxman, Alex Hurr, Na He Jeon, Alan Kai, Dana Kazerooni, Gene Kim, Jaisohn Kim, Liana Kramer, Calvin Li, Kelvin Niu, Debbie Pan, Paige Pizsel, Aishvar Radhakrishnan, Vaibhavi Silamgari and Timothy Tsai. Faculty sponsor is Leah Puhlick.

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NEWS

Promoting E-ZPass On 495 Express Lanes

495 Express Lanes announced the launch of a three-month car giveaway contest designed to accelerate the adoption of E-ZPass and the new E-ZPass(r) FlexSM among Northern Virginia drivers in anticipation of the Express Lanes opening later this year. The lucky winner will custom-design his or her own MINI from Passport MINI of Alexandria.

To enter the contest, participants must register their E-ZPass on the 495 Express Lanes website - www.495ExpressLanes.com/winaMINI - by August 31, 2012. Drivers who do not currently have an E-ZPass can visit the 495 Express Lanes website to learn where to get an E-ZPass, register on the Express Lanes website and enter to win the MINI. Complete rules and regulations are available on the 495 Express Lanes website <<http://www.495expresslanes.com/winamini>>.

The MINI giveaway is part of an educational campaign to prepare Virginia Beltway travelers for the new travel option coming on the Capital Beltway. The 495 Express Lanes will provide new options for a faster, more predictable trip on the Capital Beltway in Virginia and help drivers control how and when they get to their destination. To keep traffic moving at free flowing speeds, drivers will need an E-ZPass to use the Express Lanes - there are no toll booths or options to pay cash. Carpoolers will need the new E-ZPass Flex to ensure a toll-free trip on the Express Lanes. The E-ZPass Flex will be available in July.

The 495 Express Lanes are two new high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road on the Virginia side of the Capital Beltway. The 14-mile Express Lanes will be free for carpoolers with three or more people, buses, motorcycles and emergency vehicles. Other drivers may pay a toll for a faster, more predictable trip.

The 495 Express Lanes are on schedule to be completed in late 2012 and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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OPINION

Surviving through Summer

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It's lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in the fall and a summer of internships or other interesting activities.

Few adults with clear memories of high schools would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will en-

gage in binge drinking. While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Internship Program Focuses on Great Falls History

To the Editor:

It has happened only too often that a property is on the verge of demolition when the question is asked: Is this property historically significant? This question was asked when the Toll House was about to be demolished on Georgetown Road, as well as just before Thelma's Store was demolished on Colvin Run Road, and now the question is being asked about the "purple house" on Walker Road. Many Great Falls residents have asked us this question about their own homes.

This summer, The Great Falls Historical Society's summer internship program will focus on how to determine the historical significance of a local property. There are two historic maps that

provide us with important data points for this research, namely, the property boundaries noted in the 1760 and 1860 maps of Fairfax County. The 1860 map, available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/histcomm/1860maps.htm, shows property boundaries of 1860 laid over the property boundaries in 1766 – this makes the location of the 1860 properties recognizable to us today. An earlier map of Fairfax County dated 1760 provides a starting point for the intern to begin to research what has happened to the property over the last 250 years.

The intern will complete a template that logs information to (1) determine the value of buildings on each property over time, using such sources as property tax records, court cases, etc.; and (2) determine the chain of title over the centuries using various online databases, microfiche in the Virginia Room, local newspapers, census records, deed books, maps, and wills, available online. Based

on the results of the research investigation, and what is learned about the occupants of the property and their connection to the culture and economic activities of their day, the intern will be able to identify the elements that define the historical importance if a property.

During this internship, the interns will be coached and guided on the best research sources and techniques. By the end of the June/July session, the intern will be able to identify whether a property has historical significance, and be able to write up a draft nomination for consideration and review by a project mentor, if historical significance becomes apparent.

All residents who have an interest in learning how to evaluate the historical significance of a property are invited to participate. To sign up, or to obtain additional information, please e-mail Internship@gfhs.org.

The GFHS Oral History interviewing and filming program will continue during June and July by appointment.

Kathleen Murphy
Great Falls Historical Society

Parents Voice Turf Concerns

To the Editor:

We are the parents of Leonardo (Leo) Santaballa after whom the park behind the Great Falls Library is named.

For more than a year, our 12-year-old boy, loved for his sense of humor and passion for soccer, had waited patiently for the only thing that could save his life: a

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

new set of lungs. Even as he gasped for breath, his lungs failing because of a rare disease, cause unknown, he remained hopeful. He lost the battle almost 18 years ago.

His classmates, teachers and parents from Great Falls Elementary school, as well as all the children and parents from Great Falls participating in the soccer, lacrosse and basketball leagues, and Dr. Ralph Lazaro, petitioned that the park be named after Leo. And so it was.

Now we read with dismay, that again there is the intention to make the turf field at Leo Santaballa Park of crumb rubber from old tires [Article, "Great Falls Talks Turf," Connection, May 16-22]. As you may know, old tires contain lead, arsenic and many other hazardous chemicals that will go into our water table. But even worse, our children will be playing in a harmful field.

The chronic arsenic exposure, to name one of the chemicals in old tires, induces high oxidative stress, which may affect the structure and function of cardiovascular system. Further, the arsenic exposure has been noted to induce atherosclerosis by increasing the platelet aggregation and reducing coagulation. Moreover, arsenic exposure may cause arrhythmia.

Would you like our children to be exposed to this and other dangerous chemicals? Definitely, we do not want any more fatally sick children in Great Falls. We hope you agree with us and help us stop this farfetched idea.

José R. Santaballa
R. Elena Santaballa
Great Falls

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Bike to Work Day Celebrated



Megaprojects communications specialist Lauren Frazier, on right, greets cyclists at a Merrifield pit stop along the W&OD trail on Bike To Work Day, Friday, May 18. The pit stop was manned by Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), Transurban officials, Megaprojects staff, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), INOVA Fairfax Hospital and area volunteers.

McLean Orchestra Continues '\$40,000 for the 40th' Campaign

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the McLean Orchestra, Wayne Winston Sharp, President of the Board of Trustees, announced a Spring Campaign to raise "\$40,000 for the 40th" by the end of the season on June 30. Sharp noted that this will place the orchestra in a stronger financial position to help underwrite live classical music performances, made possible by the orchestra's 85 professional musicians. The McLean Orchestra has been offering these concerts to growing audiences throughout the Greater McLean Community since 1971.

Two McLean Orchestra Trustees, who serve on the Executive Committee, established a \$10,000 challenge grant to raise the first \$20,000. Sharp announced that the remaining members of the Board of Trustees have met that challenge, securing 50 percent of the Spring Campaign goal.

Building on that level of personal commitment, the McLean Orchestra Board of Trustees would like to challenge the Northern Virginia Arts Community and the supporters of the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra, to help match the first \$20,000 and reach the goal of "\$40,000 for the 40th."

According to Executive Director, John Huling, "Early this summer we will be concluding a two-year search for a new Music Director. During the past two seasons we have presented to our musicians and our audiences six talented and highly regarded conductors, both on the local and national stage. This challenge grant to raise \$40,000 will put us in a stronger position to begin our new era with our new Music Director, beginning next fall with our 41st season, 'A Season of Imagination.' More exciting details about our next season will be announced early this summer."

Concert tickets only cover a portion of the expense of the performances. Thus, concert sponsorships, ranging from \$500 for the popular post-concert "Champagne and Cake" receptions, to the "Exclusive Concert Sponsor" at \$10,000, are a key source of underwriting, offering local businesses and donors public recognition and special benefits.

To show appreciation to those who help achieving the goal of "\$40,000 for the 40th," contributors of \$500 and above will be featured on the McLean Orchestra website and invited to a VIP post-concert reception at the opening Gala Concert of "A Season of Imagination." For more information about the ways to support campaign, contact the office of the McLean Orchestra at 703-893-8646, email to exec@mclean-orchestra.org or visit the website at www.mclean-orchestra.org/support-us.

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Students at Langley High School rehearse the courtroom scene from “The Crucible,” for which they were nominated for five Cappies awards. Langley will perform a three-minute excerpt from the play at the June 10 Cappies gala.



Students at Langley High School rehearse a scene from “The Crucible” for performance at the annual Cappies Gala. The play was nominated for five awards, and Langley received eight total nominations.

Langley Receives Eight Cappies Nominations

School to perform scene from ‘The Crucible’ at June 10 gala.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School received eight nominations for this year’s Cappies, including five for their performance of “The Crucible” earlier this year. They will perform a three-minute excerpt of the play at this year’s gala, to be held June 10 at the Kennedy Center.

The Cappies are a program where students review other high schools’ plays, and can be nominated for awards on stage and off, for their work reviewing plays.

THE PLAY was originally performed at Langley in a black box-style, meaning the audience shared the stage with the cast, creating an intimate environment where every facial expression and gesture was readily apparent. Now the students are learning to present the show in a more traditional way, due to the type of stage at the Kennedy Center.

“When we first decided to do the play in the black box style, we all had to adapt a little bit,” said senior Brian Patterson. “Now we have to undo that, and adapt again.”

Senior Kaitlin Hinojosa said there are many aspects they are working on translating to a bigger stage and an audience that’s farther away.



From left, Langley students Brian Patterson and Alex Lichtenstein rehearse “The Crucible,” which they will perform a scene from at the June 10 Cappies Gala. Langley High school received eight nominations, five for “The Crucible.”

“We have to translate that intimacy that made the audience feel as though it was all happening right in front of them, and we’ve got to get that same feeling, even though we’re on a huge stage and the audience isn’t right there,” she said.

The scene they will present is the courtroom scene where Abigail Williams, played by senior Lauren Fernandez, becomes hysterical, claiming she sees devilish visions and eventually leads to the conviction and hanging of several characters.

“We wanted to pick a scene that captures the essence of the play,” said Patterson, who plays John Proctor. “It’s the climax of the play, so there’s a lot of emotion that you have to put into it.”

Fernandez said the lighting of the play as they originally performed it “worked really, well, it really made it into an intense experience, and that’s what we have to capture.”

In addition to changing the way the scene is presented, the cast had to whittle it down to only three minutes, and during the next few

AND THE NOMINEES ARE

Langley High School received eight nominations for the Cappies gala, which will be held June 10 at the Kennedy Center. They are:

Rising Critic:

Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf

Returning Critic:

Victoria Tovig

Critic Team:

Langley High School:

Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf and Brian Patterson (Co-Lead Critics),

Victoria Tovig, Madeleine Chalk,

Rachel Mayman, Hayley Wenk,

Rosie Brock, Vanessa Strahan,

Kevin Nejad

Featured Actress in a Play:

Kaity Hinojosa

Supporting Actress in a Play:

Lauren Fernandez

Lead Actress in a Play:

Taylor Goodson

Lead Actor in a Play:

Brian Patterson

Play:

“The Crucible”

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Vienna Arts Society Opening Reception. 7:30 p.m. Sweet City Desserts, 131 A Maple Ave. West, Vienna. Watercolor and acrylic paintings, light refreshments. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 2

McLean Symphony’s Season Finale Concert. 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Beethoven’s 9th Symphony Choral Finale (“Ode to Joy”), four guest soloists, the McLean Symphony Festival Singers and members of the Puccini America Opera Chorus. \$5-\$25. mail@mclean-symphony.org or 703-991-7197.

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Amadeus Concerts: Russian

Retrospective. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With conductor A. Scott Wood and pianist Rachel Franklin. Shostakovich’s “Piano Concert No. 2,” Prokofiev’s “Classical Symphony” and Tchaikovsky’s “Mozartiana”. \$25, age 17 and under free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.
Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Sunday. <http://lostdogrescue.org/> and click on Adoptions.

“Flora the Red Menace.” 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson’s Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststagetysons.org.

Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Bag sale/ clearance. TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or 703-790-4031.

Painting in the Park. 1-4 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Participate in an outdoor art activity to celebrate MPA’s 50 years of connecting art and community. Abrakadoodle will conduct art projects. Free and open to the public. www.mpaart.org or 703-790-1953.

Grand Finale Concert. 3 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. American Youth Symphonic Orchestra, conductor Carl J. Bianchi; American Youth Philharmonic, music director and conductor Daniel Spalding; pianist AnnaMaria Motolla. \$10-\$14. www.aypo.org or 703-642-8051.



“Weeping,” by Terri Parent

Terri Parent Exhibits at The Artists’ Atelier Gallery

“Weeping” and other new works by Great Falls photographer Terri Parent will be shown during the month of June at The Artists’ Atelier Gallery. Join the artist on the following Saturdays for discussion of her work, the debut of her fabric line and how she creates digital art with imaging software; June 2, June 16, June 23 and June 30, 12 noon to 4 p.m. To learn more about her work visit www.terriparentphotography.com. The Artists’ Atelier is located at 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, Great Falls, VA.

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The Shields Brothers arrived on the D.C. scene with a big win - Fox Rocks 2009. The pop rock trio won over the judges and fans with their exciting live show of covers and originals. Fox 5 TV/WTG captured the spirit of the band by producing the band’s first music video, Shark Attack. Young, charismatic, and highly experienced. Recent appearances include the 930 Club, Rams Head Live, the State Theatre and countless others.

They combine solid grooves, crisp harmonies, and excellent lead vocals with the showmanship of stadium rock bands. The brothers played music together as they worked their way through college. Now they’re hitting the D.C. metro music scene!

Devin, 23, a.k.a the scientist, plays lead bass and sings vocals. May ’09 he was awarded a master’s degree in engineering from UVA. He proudly wears his specially tailored “smart pants” to every show. He’s the tech guru of the Bros allowing the band to play an outrageous range of music (unlikely for a trio). Devin sings in a low tenor that bridges the gap between his two brothers and makes the strong three part harmonies the band is known for possible.

Tristan, 26, a.k.a, the serious one, plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals. Tristan makes sure that the show runs like clockwork. He plays a blistering guitar and often defies the laws of physics by literally blowing people’s minds with sound alone. As a performer Tristan has an incredibly strong stage presence. When he sings and plays guitar you can’t help but listen. He sings in a baritone voice that is perfect for rock music.

Rory, 21, a.k.a., the blonde one, plays lead drums and sings lead vocals. He is a ball of energy. Rory takes most of his inspiration from Tommy Lee, Keith Moon and Animal from the Muppet show. Showmanship is priority number one with Rory. He is often seen standing while he is playing the drums or running around the stage working the crowd who stand, often transfixed, by what they are seeing. He has a high tenor singing voice that has the clarity needed for singing most modern pop. His voice, in combination with his brother’s voices, allows the band of brothers to play and sing almost any song.

Their most frequent question: Are you really brothers? Yes, they are really brothers. They live together in Rixeyville, Virginia.

To see Shark Attack, their music video, visit www.youtube.com/user/ShieldsBrothersBand

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The Elementary Institute for Arts (E-IFTA) offers enrichment classes for students entering grades 4-6 in the 2012-13 school year. Students experience total immersion in the arts as they rotate through exciting and stimulating classes in dance, drama, music, and visual art.

"Students develop skills and talents while exploring subjects or fields that interest them when they take enrichment courses," said Folly. "For example, Tech Adventure Camp gives students a chance to rotate through a series of eight classes including automotive technology, culinary arts, CAD/3D design, gaming, graphic arts, robotics, video and webpage design. It is great exposure to many forms of technology for students who have an interest in that area."

Young people interested in pursuing a career as models, fashion designers, makeup artists, or hair stylists will explore all that and more at Fashion Camp, July 9-13, at Fairfax High School. The camp is open to all students entering first grade through ninth grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personally styled outfits, jewelry, and accessories in preparation for a fashion show at the end of the week.

Dive into a Good Book

Summer is a great time for children to explore books and discover reading for enjoyment. Students who read during the summer are more likely to improve their word recognition and reading comprehension skills. So encourage your child to pick up a book, discover a new subject or author, and have fun too! Many schools provide summer reading lists for students and the Fairfax County Public Library offers a summer reading program.

Summer Learning Fun

Splashing around in the pool, bicycle riding in the neighborhood, playing video games -- just a few ways children spend their summer days. Do you want to add some exciting, fun, and even educational activities to your child's summer?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers many programs to keep students learning throughout the summer including fashion camp, art classes, drivers' education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

"Learning doesn't occur just between September and June," said Levi Folly, manager of FCPS summer programs. "Summer academic and enrichment courses expose students to subjects and areas they might not access during the school year and they provide opportunities for students to focus on areas of interest with like-minded students."

"Completing an academic course during the summer gives students more flexibility in their

fall schedule. In fact, most students who take an academic summer course do so to get ahead," he said.

Academic programs are available for students who want to accelerate their course of study during the summer, need to recover a credit, or pass a Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course test.

The Summer Online Campus is open to FCPS

students and non-FCPS students and includes mathematics, science, English, history, physical education, and Spanish courses. New online courses include creative writing, Algebra 2 head start, college essay writing, and rich writing.

FCPS also offers two summer sessions for students seeking SOL credit. An SOL writing test remediation session will be held July 9-20 and a non-writing test session will be held July 9-24 for the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History-Geography 1, World History-Geography 2, and Virginia-US History.

Current FCPS high school seniors who need to earn one standard credit in Algebra 2, Geometry, English 12, or Virginia-U.S. government in order to graduate can enroll in the Term Graduate Academy to receive credit and graduate by August 31. The classes will be taught at Lake Braddock Secondary School July 9-27.

Left: The go-cart was constructed in the Automotive Technology class "Start Your Engines" at Tech Adventure Camp last summer. The campers assembled and drove the go-carts.

This Just In

Fairfax County School Board adopted the FY2013 budget of \$2.4 billion. For details visit www.fcps.edu and click on FY 2013 Budget.



To learn more about all FCPS summer programs visit www.fcps.edu and click on Summer Programs.

Learn Languages and More Through ACE

FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) offer a variety of classes for everyone in the community.

Exploring world languages through games, art, songs, crafts, and activities help students in grades K-6 learn other languages. The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Summer Camps provide instruction in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

High school students who need classroom and behind-the-wheel training to meet state driver education requirements can fulfill the requirement by completing their classes through ACE.



Getting To Know Us

IFTA Visual Art Chair
Joe Dailey

Joe Dailey admits he enjoys spending several weeks each summer with young people in a high energy atmosphere.

He is the visual arts chairman for the Institute for the Arts (IFTA), a unique academic program for students who want to explore visual and performing arts during the summer. Courses in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts offer students opportunities to explore various arts disciplines they may not experience in their regular school setting.

"The students are pretty spectacular," he said. "They come to IFTA excited about creating and processing their thoughts and they are excited to be with other students just like themselves who share the same interests."

IFTA students register to take four classes from a variety of course offerings. They are encouraged to enroll in one course from each discipline to grow and expand their knowledge of the arts during the month long program.

"It's a great experience for the students because they are with other students who want to excel and be challenged," said Dailey. "It's also rejuvenating for teachers to work with these students."

Students who enroll in IFTA can earn a half a credit for completing the program.

"IFTA will be an experience they won't forget," said Dailey. "The students are in their element, developing concepts and creating art. The experience from the process is very rewarding."

FCPS also offers an arts enrichment program for elementary school students in grades 3-5 through the Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA).

Did You Know?

Many FCPS high school booster clubs offer summer camps for students. Contact your school to learn more!



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FAITH

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

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. 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.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.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.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

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

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center of-

fers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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

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

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

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

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

The McLean Symphony's Season Finale, 'Ode to Joy'

The McLean Symphony (TMS) presents its 2011-2012 Season Finale concert on Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Langley High School located at 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean (route 193), ending its year-long celebration of 40 consecutive years of making music in the greater D.C. area under the baton of music director Dingwall Fleary.

Already looking toward another decade, Maestro Fleary and the Symphony have performed throughout the greater D.C. area in addition to the regular concert series in McLean. In a program recognizing the human voice as "The First Instrument," the concert will conclude with the complete 4th movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, known as the "Choral." All will recognize the symphony's powerful "Ode to Joy" theme. The McLean Symphony will be joined by four professional soloists and the McLean Symphony Festival Singers, prepared by Felicia Kessel-Crawley. This same work was last performed as part of the Symphony's 20th season.

The soloists, who have all previously performed

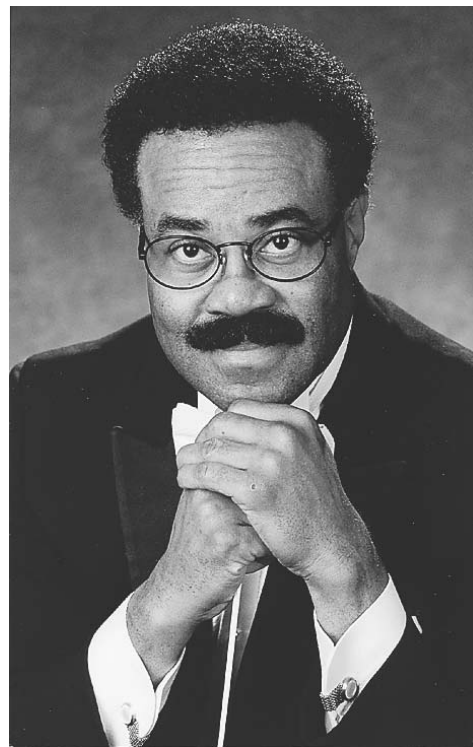


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Symphony Maestro Dingwall Fleary, Music Director, The McLean

with the orchestra and Maestro Fleary, are soprano Joyce Lundy, mezzo soprano Valerie Kehembe Eichelberger, tenor Antonio Giuliano and baritone William Powers. Prior to the Beethoven, they will sing famous solos and duets by Puccini and Bizet, assisted by the chorus.

Two instrumental works will open the program. The first will be the premiere of the last of "Four Fanfares for Forty," written by composer-violist Michael Ream in honor of this special year. The fanfares were commissioned by board member Kevin Rosengren and Mrs. Rosengren. The second is the appropriately chosen orchestral blockbuster, "Prelude to 'Die Meistersingers von Nurnberg'."

For this event, all children and youth will be admitted free. Tickets prices are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for Seniors. They may be purchased online through www.mclean-symphony.org, or at the door.

For additional information, call the Symphony Hotline at 703-991-7197 and leave a message, or email mail@mclean-symphony.org.

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Luke Salzer (3) of Langley moves with the ball during the Saxons' region finals win over Chantilly last Friday.

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Langley Lacrosse Wins Northern Region

Saxons defeat Oakton in semifinals and Chantilly in finals.

The Langley Saxons defeated the Oakton Cougars in a Northern Region boys' lacrosse semifinals playoff game last Thursday, May 24. As a result, the Saxons booked their passage to the Northern Region boys' finals the following day (Friday, May 25 versus Chantilly) and also earned an automatic seeding for the upcoming Virginia High School League (VHSL) state playoffs for the fourth year running.

Langley, in Thursday's region semifinals, bested the talented and host team Cougars by a score of 16-12. The Saxons then went on to defeat the Chantilly Chargers, 7-6, for the region crown on Friday night at Langley. Chantilly had earned its place in the cham-

pionship game by defeating W.T. Woodson in an overtime contest of the other semifinals game on Thursday.

With only two state competition slots allotted to Northern Region teams starting this year, the loss on Thursday ended a Cougar campaign just short of advancing beyond regional play.

In addition to seven goals from Adams and Ahearn's three for the night, the Saxons got a pair of goals from Meyer and senior middle Slater Howell, as well as the solo strikes from Rivers and Sibio. Three Cougar attackers delivered hat tricks in the game - seniors Evan Lalande and Sean Schweiker, and junior Jack Harris - to go with single goals from three middies — seniors Michael Durst and Stephen Lambrides, and sophomore Cory Harris.

—SUBMITTED BY LANGLEY LACROSSE

Saxons Capture Region Tennis Crown

Langley girls defeat Jefferson Colonials in finals.

The Langley High girls' tennis team defeated Thomas Jefferson High, 5-0, to win the Northern Region title last week.

The following are the singles results - all won by Saxon players - of the team championship match: freshman Sydney Goodson over Rena Liu 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles; senior Kathryn Emery over Steffie Pitts, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2; junior Melissa Parks over Madison Russell, 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3; senior Kitty Branche over Anna Vonetianer, 6-1, 6-4 at No. 4; and junior Jenny Liu over Schyler Pa, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 5.

The No. 6 singles match between Langley junior Vivian Louthan and Jefferson's Natalie Cheng was not completed.

For the season, Langley is 14-0 as a team, including victories at both the Liberty District and region finals.

Langley's First Team All-Liberty District selections in singles play this spring were Kathryn Emery, Melissa Parks, Kitty Branche, Jenny Liu, and Vivian Louthan. The Saxons' First Team All-District doubles



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The Northern Region champion Langley girls' tennis team, shown here celebrating their title win over Jefferson, was set to host a state tournament quarterfinals round match on Tuesday, May 29.

teams were: Sydney Goodson and Kathryn Emery; Kitty Branche and Melissa Parks; and Jenny Liu and McKenzie Malpede.

Earlier this week, on Tuesday afternoon, May 29, Langley was set to host a Virginia State AAA quarterfinals playoff match versus the runner-up team from the Central Region.



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Langley goalkeeper Joshua Lupas catches the ball near teammate Rhys Howard (6) and T.C. Williams' Alex Mansaray (9) during the Saxons' 1-0 win in the region quarterfinals on May 24.

Langley Soccer Reaches Region Semifinals

Saxons defeat T.C. Williams, 1-0, in quarterfinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Langley boys' soccer team fought an uphill battle against T.C. Williams and the Titans' spirited home crowd during the regional quarterfinals on May 24. But thanks to the defense of Rhys Howard and a goal from striker Justin Galiani, the Saxons found a way to advance.

In an effort head coach Bo Amato referred to as "smash and grab," Galiani's header in the 61st minute lifted Langley to a 1-0 victory at T.C. Williams High School. The Saxons didn't have many chances, but they capitalized on one midway through the second half to improve to 14-3-1.

"They say there's an expression, 'Good teams find a way to win,'" Amato said. "I don't know if we're good, but we find a way to win. I'm hard on the kids, but I have to praise the lads because they find ways to get results, even when maybe we shouldn't."

Amato spoke highly of Howard's effort as the 6-foot-4 senior helped hold T.C. Williams scoreless. Goalkeeper Joshua Lupas finished with 10 saves. At the other end, Galiani, a 6-foot-3 junior, scored the

game's lone goal on an assist from Oliver De Their.

"It's a great feeling knowing you're through, on to the next round," Galiani said. "Every game in regionals is going to be tough, so we know there are no gimmie games and today we pulled a tough one out. Soccer is always a game like that. There's plenty of times where we had more chances and lost games. Today, we finished ours and made the saves when we needed to. It's just one of those days."

Langley, the No. 2 seed from the Liberty District, defeated Chantilly, 6-2, in the opening round on May 22. After defeating T.C. Williams, the Patriot District champion, the Saxons will host Robinson in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30. Galiani said the Saxons are motivated to avenge last season's loss to Lake Braddock in the region final.

"They got one chance at a goal and they [capitalized] on it," T.C. Williams senior Manuel Benites said. "We had a couple chances and we didn't attack it well. ... We've had some really tough games and this is up there. They've got height, speed and they're technically sound, too, so they're all-around hard to play against."

Farmers Market Full of Surprises

Vendors, residents join forces in creating a 'village square.'

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY
MARKET MANAGER

Our local farmers market is committed to assembling a fine arrange of sustainably grown produce and products to meet our community's discerning tastes. We also appreciate that our farmers market is an opportunity to create a "village square" where friends and families can gather and enjoy village life. We appreciate that our farmers and producers provide a learning opportunity, as our residents come into direct contact with those who grew or prepared the food they are about to eat. Each week, new steps are being taken to move the market closer to these goals.

From a core of longer-term vendors who have been with the market for more than two year, including High View Farm, Maple Avenue Market Farm, formerly On-the-Go Gourmet, Jennifer's Pastries, Ba-

quette Republic, and others, we have added Night Sky Farm, a goat and cow farmer who is bringing an array of gourmet cheeses (which are now also being sold to Chez Francoise Restaurant) and personal and household soaps.

We are proud to introduce some new truly "local" vendors, including Backyard Eden Honey from bees tended by our very own Jeff Rainey; CK Creations Fruit Preserve Jellies available in organic or conventional, prepared by Caitlyn Shumway and Katie Cole, two former Langley High School students, residents of Great Falls, who have just completed Freshman Year at Christopher Newport College; The Kreative Kids tent offers preschool craft activities that can be assembled while mom or dad shops, taught by Great Falls resident, Hope Reynolds, a preschool teacher at St. Francis Episcopal on Georgetown Pike; Virginia Tech Master Chef-trained Volunteer, Janet Al Hussani, a Great Falls resident, is demon-

strating how to transform fresh market produce into healthy, amazing recipes that will delight our families with their healthfulness and tastefulness. We are proud to enjoy the participation of Great Falls Studios – Jill Banks and Dee Leggett joined us this past week – the presence of our local artists and craftspeople adds to the experience of a village square. We invite local musicians to come play at the market – the tips are really good!

Over the next few weeks, additional new vendors are being added.

During this journey to who we want to become, we invite your participation in the market's unfolding. With your presence and your support of the vendors, we inspire our vendors to persist in their more difficult sustainable approaches to agriculture, we make their trip – and their commitment - to our village every Saturday morning worthwhile, we learn from their farming approaches and experiences, and, who knows, we may even become inspired and try some backyard farming ourselves - you never know. Our market will only be as



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Night Sky Farm, is a central-Virginia based small-scale goat dairy and certified artisan cheese producer in the foreground, Jennifer's Pastries and Ba-Da-Bing Sauces in the background.



Jill Banks, member of Great Falls Studios, displays colorful art-work in her tent at the market.

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successful as your participation, encouragement, and support allows. The very best vendors will only join a market where there is

sufficient demand to justify the trip. Please join us in building a market that attracts the very best vendors to our community.

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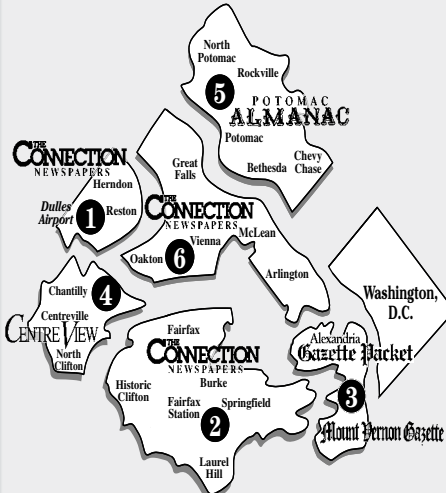


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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If only it were that simple. And as much I'd like to turn the cancer switch off, finding that switch has proven to be extremely challenging. Not that I'm forever looking for it mind you, but if it were to present itself, I hope I wouldn't be so self-absorbed in its pursuit to not take advantage of its proximity. Under the present circumstances (as I live and breathe, still), a break and/or a brake in all this cancer focus/action would be most welcome. A cure even better, but if nothing else, I am realistic about my cancer diagnosis. I'm not quite ready to admit that I'm consumed by it however (really?), but if I were to be honest, I'd have to say my life is certainly controlled by it.

The enlightened view is of course, given the "terminal" characterization of my diagnosis/prognosis, that as long as I am still controlled by cancer, I am still living with it. And so far as we know, generally speaking it beats the alternative of not living with it. Dying might be a beginning for some, but for me, it sort of represents an end, an end I'd rather not reach, at least not before my pre-cancer diagnosis, life-expectancy age of 85 or so. It just doesn't seem right (you'll note I didn't say fair), to die at a younger age than either of my parents (age 86 and 87) did. Aren't succeeding generations supposed to naturally evolve and live longer and healthier than those which preceded them?

I know. There's no guarantee. Oh, there is, actually: "death and taxes," as the old joke says, (ironic, given my situation). And really, who else am I supposed to be concerned about? Granted, it can't be all about Kenny all the time; that would be boring (as some of you occasional readers have opined). But unless I start at home, I'll never make it out on the road. I don't want to be a metaphorical black hole that sucks all the life and laughter out of a room because I have cancer. I want to be the exact opposite. Part of my intention is that I believe that what goes around comes around, and being positive to others will generate positivity back to me (of that I'm positive). Ultimately, I am being selfish. I need that positivity sent my way. I don't need to be around any "nattering nabobs of negativism" (Spiro T. Agnew). The other part is, it's not my nature to be negative, and when it happens that I receive and/or sense negativity, it really drains my emotional wherewithal – which after three-plus years of living with a terminal diagnosis, it is wherewithal which has come and often gone. It's simply too difficult to overcome. I already have enough physical and medical challenges. I don't need any matters being made worse.

On the contrary, to prevent further erosion, I need to be over-compensated for my troubles. Apparently, the longer one lives as a cancer survivor/patient, the greater the cumulative weight of the underlying diagnosis. If it's ever gone (remission), it's certainly not forgotten – by the patient. One way or another, it's with you for the rest of your life. And good health guarantees? Right next to your "Get out of jail free card." Nevertheless, after sifting and sorting through the emotional maze these last three years, I feel as if I have a pretty good handle on what I'm doing and why. The only problem is, cancer doesn't care; it does what it wants and it causes what it causes. As much as you try, it overwhelms. Some days are worse than others, as you no doubt can read for yourself.

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"I've been so excited about this budding relationship with Madeira," said FIC's founder Andrew Briggs, pictured here with senior Ella Every-Wortman and Junior Betty Fink, Co-heads of Madeira's African Affairs Club. From Left: Ella Every-Wortman, Andrew Briggs, Betty Fink.

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News



Madeira seniors Kristen Bilowus and Julia Nelson participate in a "Live Painting," one of the features of this year's "Art Affair." From Left: Kristen Bilowus, Julia Nelson.

'An Art Affair' at Madeira

Students hold art auction to benefit Freedom in Creation.

On Friday May 4, The Madeira School's African Affairs Club held its second "Art Affair," a "community-wide charity event" which raises funds for the non-profit organization, Freedom in Creation (FIC). Dedicated to "promot[ing] peace and unity for the war-afflicted and displaced children of Uganda," FIC provides therapeutic art classes to at-risk children, and exhibits their artwork internationally, "raising funds to bring clean water and educational infrastructure to their communities" (<http://www.freedomincreation.org/>).

In addition to a silent-auction of student and professional artwork, this year's "Art Affair" featured student performances, a designer handbag raffle, and a fair-trade sale of Ugandan made clothing and jewelry. While last year's event was a success, generating enough funds to build a well in Northern Uganda, "This year, we wanted to broaden the scope of an Art Affair," explains Ella Every Wortman, co-head of the African Affairs Club, adding, "we hoped to increase participation within Madeira, increase our fundraising, involve the wider D.C. -Metro community, and strengthen Madeira's relationship with FIC."

Wortman, who also serves as an intern for Freedom in Creation, says that Madeira's relationship with the organization developed "by chance." After a mutual friend introduced her to FIC's founder, Andrew Briggs, Wortman says she "arranged for Andrew to come speak to a small group of students at Madeira, and after that the partnership between FIC and African Affairs Club really solidified."



Featuring a silent auction of both student and professional artwork, "An Art Affair" raised funds for the non-profit organization Freedom in Creation (FIC).

Although he was out of the country during last year's event, this year Briggs was able to attend "An Art Affair" and give a brief presentation describing the devastating effects longstanding conflict has had on the people of Uganda, and discussed the collaborative nature of FIC's efforts. Briggs explained that in order to "learn what would constitute advocacy" for the Ugandan people, he "sat with many of the leaders of these communities, and determined with them that we could join hands, and we could help one another." After describing FIC's newly launched "education center," a model-farm which teaches sustainable farming practices, he emphasized the importance of the Ugandan people's involvement

in efforts to empower their own communities; by participating in FIC's programs, Briggs asserts that the Ugandan people "can begin providing for themselves."

This philosophy of "mutual reciprocity," certainly contributes to the success of FIC'S efforts, and it is what Ella Every- Wortman says attracted her to the organization. "I grew to be extremely passionate about their cause, not only because I cared about the kids and the community which they worked with, but also because I really loved the holistic approach Freedom in Creation takes, the grass-roots nature of the organization, and their belief in mutual reciprocity," she said.

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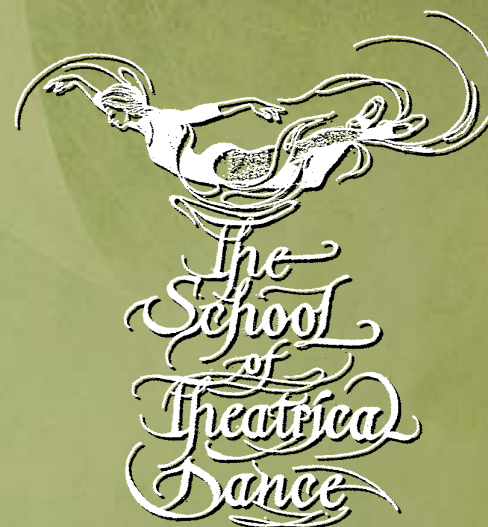
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