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## Silver Line Gets 'Green Light'

Loudoun County Board by a 5-4 vote 'opts in' on extension of rail into their county.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

Considering it is a hard fought presidential election year and a time of enormous financial anxiety, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors took a vote of amazing courage or astounding foolhardiness and backed the extension of the Silver Line Rail into their county.

By a 5 to 4 vote, the nine member county Board of Supervisors agreed to fund a 4.8 percent share of the \$5.6 billion Metrorail lines capital cost or some \$270 million dollars, build two rail stations in the county and pay \$18 million a year toward the potential cost of Metrorail extending its service.

Loudoun's "opting in" increased the likelihood the 23 mile rail line from West Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport will become reality 50-years after the airport opened to flights in 1962. The airport has served 500 million passengers since it opened and has become a major economic growth center for Northern Virginia.

It also had practical importance for Fairfax County, according to Loudoun Board President Scot York (R-at large.) If there were no Loudoun stations, he foresaw a flow of commuters to the subway stations in Fairfax County sufficient to cause them to be redesigned since Dulles Airport officials said they could not accommodate commuter parking.

Ralph M. Buona, (R.-Ashburn) told his colleagues last Tuesday (July 3) that a vote for the Silver Line was a "vote for the future ...you can vote for your kids, your grand kids and your great grand kids."

**THE BACKERS OF SILVER LINE** said its construction would position the county for enormous economic growth over the next thirty years estimating the county's gross product as \$80.7 billion by 2020 and \$132.8 billion by 2040. Utilizing a study by George Mason University's Stephen Fuller, the backers claim it will result in creating thousands of jobs within the county and not solely relying on Loudoun residents finding work elsewhere.

The opponents on the Board, like Vice Chairman Marcia Clark (R-Blue Ridge), argued that the expenditure estimates are way below what will unfold for the county and that the gains in economic growth over what would have been produced by an efficient bus system are illusory.

Eugene A. Delgaudio, (R-Sterling) called the project a "boondoggle;" a system that was never needed and would not relieve the critical traffic problems of the county. Throughout the debate, Delgaudio included in his remarks severe criticism of President Obama and pressed a conservative view of the project.

Though all members of the Board are Republicans elected to reign in county spending, the Silver Line issue became caught up in a broader national debate on the use of public funds. The Americans for Prosperity paid for thousands of robo-calls against the project. The group has been supported by the Koch brothers, wealthy Kansas oil men committed to defeating President Obama. The Washington Post



**The Wiehle Avenue Station in the median of the Dulles International Airport Highway just west of Wiehle Avenue is the most advanced.**

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reported that Audrey Jackson, president of the group warned the supporters of the Silver Line how the group will watch how it is paid for.

Two elements contributed to the rail project's victory. On June 29, the board created a tax district to pay for the \$270 million which has only a handful of residential tax payers in it. The burden of the cost will be born by the businesses located in this tax district and the later residents attracted there. In effect those who will profit from the rail line will pay the tax burden. This tax method is the same device used in Alexandria to fund costs of a proposed Metro stop in the Potomac Yard area. It must be confirmed by a public hearing in Loudoun later in the year.

The second element was the shift by Ken Reid (R-Leesburg) from a position of active opposition to the Silver Line to its support. His move is as mysterious as Supreme Court Justice John Roberts's decision to back elements of the Obama health care plan.

Clark (R-Blue Ridge) wrote a letter to her constituents on June 7, setting out her concerns. She said although the line's extension was considered for years, the "prior boards merely endorsed the concept of rail to Loudoun, they did nothing to establish a means for paying for it."

She said the original concept was that the rail line would be paid for by federal dollars and state funds, but now there are no federal dollars and Virginia's one time contribution of \$150 million will only be enough to "buy down the Dulles Toll Road/267 tolls for two years," she said.

Some 54 percent of the funding must come from Dulles Toll Road revenue. The tolls, which will grow astronomically as the costs of the rail grow, are considered a tax on the people of Loudoun. There is a lawsuit in federal court that may threaten the tolls as a funding source for the Metro. The class action suit challenged MWAA's authority to level taxes under Virginia law and may be decided later this year.

Clark writes the Silver Line Metro won't be running until 2017 so the county will have to build the stations before the revenue from station parking begins.

Fuller, the director of the George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, prepared a report in March which warned, if Loudoun does not go along with the Silver Line, "the county's economy will grow more slowly, driven by gains in lower value added employment and imported income earned by residents commuting to jobs located out

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food, immediate shelter, affordable housing, quality



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**Greg Ballinger oversees the weekend staff at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston, which provides emergency aid, hot meals and, during the weekend, a place to stay cool.**

## Pushed to the Limit

Food pantries seek help for county's most vulnerable residents.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, it's already 103 degrees in Reston - the 10<sup>th</sup> straight day temperatures hover near or above 100 degrees after a derecho storm swept through the region on July 29, causing extensive power outages.

Walking slowly in the smothering heat, a young woman, pale and gaunt, enters the Embry Rucker Community Shelter on Bowman Town Center Drive. Staff member Wilber Shaw quickly fills a Styrofoam cup of cold water, and hands it to her, something he has been doing all day, along with answering the phones from those needing help.

"It's a 'code red' day," Shaw said, referring to the National Weather Service's heat index, "so we're open to anyone, not just our regular clients. In here, they can get out of the sun and

stay cool and hydrated."

Although the emergency center also lost power during the storm, they are operating on a "no-turn-away" policy during the heat wave and weather emergency, said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith, which operates the Embry Rucker shelter.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of our incredible staff for how they responded and have reached out to ensure things are as best as they can be," Wilson said. "Staff were at the shelter during the storm and since, and other program staff were out checking on townhome and transitional housing clients the day after the storm."

**THE UNRELENTING HEAT WAVE**, coupled with power outages and spotty air-conditioning, took a toll on everyone, regardless of income.

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NEWS

Jackson Moves On from McLean

McLean High School Principal Dr. Deborah Jackson leaves after five years.

By ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION



Dr. Deborah Jackson, who served as principal of McLean High School for the past five years, has announced she will move on to a position with the county office.

After five years at McLean High School, Dr. Deborah Jackson left her position as principal July 2 to take a new position within Fairfax County Public Schools. Jackson, who is a member of the McLean Rotary Club, was cited by parents and many organizations for her commitment to the school and the community surrounding it.

"Her accomplishments during her tenure at McLean, such as the establishment of the McLeadership program, the numerous awards for the arts and publications, and the academic success, exemplify her commitment to excellence in students and faculty alike," said Loretta D'Erme, president of the McLean High School PTSA. "She genuinely cared about her students, and her willingness to draw on personal parenting experiences was invaluable. She is leaving us with a very strong community and for that I thank her."

Jackson will be working as a Special Project Administrator to develop district-wide assessments with the county school office.

"My tenure at McLean HS has taught me the true meaning of community support for public education. I have been impressed with every aspect of the qual-

ity of the students, the school and our community," Jackson wrote in a letter to parents announcing her departure. "I am extremely proud of the work we accomplished during my five years in the 'Principal's Office.' Building on the Highlander legacy, we have been steadfast in our mission of providing a high quality education for all students."

JACKSON was also well connected to local organizations such as the Safe Community Coalition, which serves the McLean High School pyramid, among others.

SCC Executive Director Nyka Jasper Feldman called their relationship with Jackson a "wonderful partnership" during her tenure.

"Her belief in a strong community has been reflected in all of her actions - before, during and after school hours. Her support in many of the Safe

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# Principal Moves On

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Community Coalition's programs was greatly appreciated and we owe much of our success to her active participation," she said. "We will miss our near daily interactions but are confident that all of Fairfax County will greatly benefit due to Dr. Jackson's steadfast dedication to youth development."

Jackson is also remembered for her hands-on approach, with many parents remembering specific events that Jackson not only attended, but also participated in.

"She bundled in a heavy coat at chilly football games, danced with students to raise funds for Stop Hunger Now, cheered our athletes to district championships, and dressed in costume for Multicultural Night," said MaryAnn Lastova, former president of the McLean PTSA.

Jacky Longwell, another former president of the PTSA, recalled Jackson's presence at last year's All Night Grad Party.

"She was in the wrestling room doing the Cupid Shuffle and having the time of her life. She was so well integrated with the students, but very respected," she said. "It was always fun to watch her energy when interacting with the kids."

Lastova credited Jackson's leadership in the school's turf field, the Writing Center, bringing in the recent "Laugh More, Stress

Less" campaign, mentoring programs, community service and campus improvements.

Jackson, a resident of McLean, says she hopes to maintain her ties with the community.

"My new position will keep me connected to McLean High School, and I will continue to support this community," she said. "As I look back on the past five years with fond memories, I know that I will always be part of the Highlander Family."

Marty Smith, Cluster One Assistant Superintendent, said that Paul Jones, who retired as an assistant principal from McLean High School, will serve as acting principal. Jones has served as acting principal of 10 high schools and middle schools since his retirement.

**A MEETING** will be held Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at the McLean High School Lecture Hall, to inform the McLean High School community of the details of the search process.

Smith also said the county is welcoming input on the leadership characteristics, skills and experience on the new principal, as well as any challenges that the new principal is expected to address. Ideas can be emailed to elisabeth.boivin@fcps.edu (preferred) or sent to Beth Boivin, FCPS Department of Human Resources, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA, 22042.

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## NEWS

# MCC Hosts Fireworks Show

Event will be last at Langley High School.

By ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

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The audience watches fireworks from the bleachers at Langley High School Wednesday, July 4.

Hundreds of local residents descended on Langley High School the night of Wednesday, July 4, to the annual Fourth of July fireworks show, hosted by the McLean Community Center. This year's event was different than years past, both due to the volume of people and the absence of the normal games and activities on the football field.

"Since the Great Falls fireworks were postponed, and we wanted to see a show to take our minds off this miserable week, we decided to try out Langley," said Cameron Shields of Great Falls. "Unfortunately, a couple hundred other people seemed to have the same bright idea."

The Langley parking lot filled to capacity within minutes of the gates being opened at 8 p.m. and attendees quickly parked along nearby neighborhood streets for miles.

"It was a bit of a hike to get here, more than we're used to, but it was a great show," said Heather Ford of McLean. "I've learned to expect big things from this show, and they didn't disappoint. I think the kids were upset at first about the lack of games, but the show left them, and all of us, in a great mood."

The football field was closed off due to installation of a new field at Langley, so attendees filled the bleachers and grassy sections next to them on both sides.

"We used to love to stake our claim and spread out as a family on a big blanket to watch the show, so it was a bit of a change for us," said Chuck Garfield of McLean. "But it was still a pretty pleasant night to watch some fireworks, we just had to confine ourselves to a smaller spot to fit in, but I didn't see anyone walk away disappointed."

This was a transitional year for the annual McLean fireworks show, as they will not be held at Langley High School anymore.

"Due to the new fields being put in, this will be our last year at Langley High School," said Glenn Yarborough, commander of American Legion Post 270 in McLean. "While we've enjoyed our time here, and don't have a replacement lined up just yet, I'm sure the McLean Community Center will work something out."



Guests at Langley High School recite the pledge of allegiance before the annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

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The mission of McLean Project for the Arts is to exhibit the work of emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region; to promote public awareness and understanding of the concepts of contemporary art; and to offer instruction and education in the visual arts. MPA is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, MPA relies on support from business leaders such as HBC Realty Group and from individuals in the community for the ma-

jority of their fundraising so that they can continue to offer high quality exhibitions and educational programs to the community.

Please call 703-734-0192 for more information.

### Bank Robbery in McLean Area

Police are investigating the robbery of the Capital One Bank at 6890 Elm Street in McLean. The robbery took place around 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 9.

An armed man entered the bank and demanded money from a bank employee. The clerk complied and the man fled. The suspect was last seen heading toward an office building across the street from the bank near Dolly Madison Boulevard.

The suspect is described as black; around 6 feet tall, with a medium build. He wore a ski mask and gloves, a fisherman's hat, a three-quarter length khaki-colored trench coat, and dress pants.

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

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# OPINION

## Every Vote in Virginia Will Count

Top presidential donor zip codes in this area show Virginia is purple; Romney or Obama to be decided on Election Day.

If you wonder if presidential politics really matters in this area, consider that Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland hold some of the top zip codes for contributions to the two major party candidates.

Donors who live in McLean 22101 gave \$422,770 to Romney this presidential cycle, and \$232,876 to Obama. In McLean 22102, donors gave Romney \$255,444, and Obama \$193,321. In Arlington, 22207, donors gave \$193,543 to Obama and \$178,196 to Romney. In Alexandria 22314, donors gave \$172,425 to Romney and \$142,467 to Obama.

While Maryland consistently votes for Democrats in presidential races, donors who live in Potomac, Md. 20854 gave Romney \$340,885, and Obama \$291,402.

In order to vote in the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 6, residents must be registered to vote at their current address by Monday, Oct. 15.

Virtually everyone in Northern Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, and absentee voting

in person begins Sept. 21. Here is the qualification that applies: Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his

home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 hours that the polls are open.

Any commute in Northern Virginia could potentially take four hours or more in a crisis situation. This is definitely a case where voting early is an excellent idea. Don't take the risk that the next derecho storm or earthquake will keep you from the polls on Nov. 6.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County's population is un-

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❖ Romney \$255,444

❖ Obama \$193,321

#### Arlington 22207

❖ Obama \$193,543

❖ Romney \$178,196

#### Alexandria 22314

❖ Romney \$172,425

❖ Obama \$142,467

#### Great Falls 22066

❖ Romney \$166,457

❖ Obama \$91,290

#### Arlington 22202

❖ Obama \$79,568

❖ Romney \$39,740

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❖ Obama \$52,347

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der 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

The City of Alexandria has a population of 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

We're lucky in Virginia to have the Virginia Public Access Project, vpap.org. On the VPAP website, maps of Virginia's zip codes showing shades of red and blue give a quick visual sense of how purple the Commonwealth really is. Take a look.

## Compromise on E-ZPass Transponders

While the Virginia Department of Transportation initially proposed that all E-ZPass customers would pay \$1 a month for each transponder they have, on July 9 VDOT announced that if one had a transponder before July 9, 2012, no fee will need to be paid until one has to replace the transponder.

New E-ZPass customers will pay a 50-cent

monthly fee for a standard transponder and \$1 monthly fee for a "Flex" transponder. The Flex transponder allows drivers to switch to a high-occupancy position if they have three or more people in the vehicle so that they can drive in the new Beltway toll lanes for free. Drivers with fewer than three passengers will pay a toll to drive in the express lanes that will vary depending on how much traffic there is.

This is certainly better than charging all E-ZPass users \$1 per month per transponder. We still wonder why the cost of transponders is not recovered in the tolls paid rather than as a separate fee whether or not drivers are regularly driving on toll roads.

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Obtaining Solar Panels

To the Editor:

In light of the recent storm and power outages, I began to think more about solar power. If our home had solar panels and battery storage, we may not have been able to operate the air conditioning, but we could have run fans, had lights on, charged phones, and maybe cycled the refrigerator on a few times. I also wondered why Dominion does not incentivize businesses and residences to obtain solar power systems. It would help with energy demand and would take the pressure off of Dominion to restore power after outages. In all of the literature Dominion sends to us, never have I seen offers, incentives, or even ideas about obtaining solar power systems. Food for thought.

**John Dukovich**  
McLean

#### Questioning a 'War on Women?'

To the Editor:

Recent criticisms of Barbara Comstock's position on so-called "women's issues," and the concomitant accusations of a Republican "war on women" have left me frustrated. Our Constitution does not, and should not, guarantee access to free abortion and contraception. While some may believe that these represent important women's health issues, others put a much higher priority on treating actual illnesses that afflict many women, such as cancer and heart disease. A great deal of research suggests that both abortion and contraception may increase a woman's likelihood of suffering from these prevalent life-threatening health problems. Whatever your position, it is extraordinarily unfair and deceptive to characterize those who prioritize health

care issues differently as conducting a "war on women" or even as being insensitive to women's health issues. As a woman myself, I rather prefer to see any government funds or any mandated funds from employers go to help those who need to fight life-threatening illness. Moreover, I cherish the freedoms granted to me by our Constitution and Bill of Rights, which will diminish if the HHS mandate stands.

Believe it or not, there are many

women who feel that no employer should be forced to provide abortion, abortifacient drugs, or artificial contraception. Many women note that there is no evidence that any of these things have improved women's health. On the other hand, much proof exists that they have led to far more problems than they were supposed to solve.

**Laura Burke**  
Great Falls

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## NEWS

**From left, Carole Herrick, Patrick Lennon, Randy Dyer, Ed Wenzel and Liz Crowell unveil a new historical marker that tells the story of the Battle of Lewinsville Sunday, July 1 at Lewinsville Park.**



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THE CONNECTION

# Marking History at Lewinsville Park

## Historical marker unveiled.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**M**embers of the Fairfax County Sesquicentennial committee and McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia unveiled the first of several historical markers at Lewinsville Park Sunday, July 1. The marker commemorates the Battle of Lewinsville, a small engagement between Union and Confederate forces that occurred Sept. 11, 1861.

On that day, U.S. Lt. Orlando Poe led a party of about 1,800 to Lewinsville to map the area. It took them about four hours to complete their work, and as they were planning their withdrawal, forces led by Col. J.E.B. Stuart attacked.

"The confederates advanced from the other side of what is now Great Falls Street, and established their first artillery position near the driveway of Lewinsville Park, and the other was placed near what is now the Langley Shopping Center," said Carole Herrick, a local historian. "Eventually they made it back to Camp Advance, located on Chain Bridge Road and Gen. George McClellan. We believe three Union soldiers were killed, several were wounded and four were taken prisoner."

For his role in the battle, Stuart was promoted to general. Lewinsville, along with Langley, would eventually turn into McLean in 1910.

Liz Crowell, a member of the county's Sesquicentennial Committee, said this was the first of nine signs that will be placed around the area commemorating Civil War activities that took place 150 years before.

"This was the first one we've dedicated, the Board of Supervisors has provided funding for the other ones," she said. "The signs will include sites like this as well as Civil War Trails."

**THE NEW MARKER** tells the story of the Battle of Lewinsville, and features several maps that show the movements of the troops. Ed Wenzel helped to put the maps together, aided by researching into personal accounts of the soldiers involved.

"There were a lot of reports, and many of them conflicted, so they took a lot of analysis," he said. "I found through my research that I really had to pay attention where people were writing their account from, because even though they both seemed to say two contradictory things, it's possible that they were both true, depending on where they were."

Wenzel eventually put together two maps of the battle, trying to pinpoint where the person who wrote each account was while they were writing. He used a USGS map of McLean from 1951 (which was geographically similar to the Civil War-era) to track the troop movements.

"The confederates came from Falls Church up what's now Great Falls Street, and then split, with one group going east and one west," he said. "From one position, which is about where Magarity street is, they set up a gun and fired right over the Gilbert farmhouse. Their firing was right in line with the route the troops retreated in, it was a straight line."

**HERRICK** said there were conflicting reports about the actual number of casualties on the Union side, eventually learning that three dead and four taken prisoner was correct. The Confederates suffered no casualties.

Patrick Lennon, a marketing manager for Visit Fairfax and a member of the committee, said he hopes the extensive use of the park, particularly by athletic organizations, will help make people aware of what transpired there.

"It's in great location, people are always coming to the park, and especially on days like McLean Day, we'll get a lot of people reading it," he said. "We want people to look, read and learn something, that's the whole idea of putting it here."

## Woman's Club of McLean Installs New Officers

**A ceremony was held May 30 to install the 2012-2013 officers of the Woman's Club of McLean. This will be the second consecutive year of service for each officer, which is a first for the club. From left: Member and parliamentarian Daisy Logan, president Virginia Sandahl, and officers Millie Thompson, Dawn Schulz, Susan Cooper Jordano, Joan Morton, Jeanette Calland, Joan Leonard, Phyllis Ainsworth and Joan Beard.**



## McLean & Great Falls Market Analysis of Homes Sales

### 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2012 COMPARED TO 2011

(Based on Final Closed Price)

	>\$3 Mil.	\$2-3 Mil.	\$1.25-2 Mil.	\$750k~ \$1.25 Mil.	<\$750k
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2012</b>					
22101	3	11	53	73	79
22102	5	7	18	35	79
22066	3	5	25	41	30
Total	11	23	96	149	188
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>130</b>			<b>337</b>	

**ALL SALES 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2012: 467**

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<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2011</b>					
22101	1	8	35	84	65
22102	6	4	18	37	78
22066	3	2	29	38	23
Total	10	14	82	159	166
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>106</b>			<b>325</b>	

**ALL SALES 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2011: 431**

## Market is Moving in the Right Direction

**Sales in McLean, Great Falls area  
8 percent over the first half of 2011.**

BY KAREN BRISCOE

**T**he residential real estate market in McLean and Great Falls is definitely showing strong signs of improvement. The total number of sales for the first half 2012 is up overall a little more than 8 percent over the first half of 2011.

The lower bracket market segment, which is considered to be that below \$1.25 million in this market area, is up in terms of number of transactions year over year by around 4 percent. Delving into the numbers further reveals that the number of properties under contract for this price range is about one-third of what was sold in all of the first half of 2012. If this pattern continues, that indicates that the second half of the year should prove to be strong as well. The most significant distinction about this market segment is that there is so little available to buy. With the current absorption of homes, there is less than a 2-month supply of inventory. A balanced market is considered a 6-month supply of inventory, so this clearly indicates that McLean and Great Falls for under \$1.25 million it is a great time to be a seller. Good homes priced correctly for the current market are selling quickly and in some cases with multiple offers.

The upper bracket market segment also saw improvement in terms of number of transactions, around 23 percent more the first half of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. Looking deeper into the data for the upper brackets by including properties under contract, the first half of 2012 sustained an absorption rate of almost 50 percent of what sold in all the first half of 2012 in McLean and Great Falls. The distinction with the upper bracket market is there is still substantial inventory available for purchase, equating to about 8.5 month supply. Even though this segment is still not quite a balanced market, it clearly is moving in the right direction.

Market cycles tend to go in 7-year interims, from peak to peak. Real estate values in the Northern Virginia market area peaked in 2005-2006. It has been my prediction that this area should return to market peak in some segments beginning in 2012. The numbers for first half of 2012, should they sustain through the year, indicate that we are on the road to proving this to be the case.



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**Karen Briscoe**

Karen Briscoe, is Principal of Huckaby Briscoe Conroy Realty Group Keller Williams in McLean.

# Home Life Style



David Vogt of Case Design Remodeling, Inc. created an open kitchen and dining area in this Falls Church home. Local contractors say developing a list of everything that one might want in a dream home is a good starting point when remodeling.

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## Home Remodeling 101

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### Experts offer suggestions for a timely and efficient renovation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Whether expanding a home or just remodeling an existing interior space, building projects can be daunting, especially if the goal is to be finished by a certain date.

"If you wanted to get going on a project and your goal was to be done by Thanksgiving, the planning process and permit process is

probably as long as the building process, but you don't want to rush through those aspects of it and then wish you'd done something differently," said David Vogt of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

**LOCAL CONTRACTORS** say there are a few things that homeowners can do before the first nail is hammered to ensure a smooth and an efficient construction process. Creating a list of everything that one might want in a dream home is a good starting point.

"A client can benefit from doing their homework and being engaged in the selection process early on," said Vogt. "Maybe start by collecting photographs and magazine articles of things you like. That will help paint an overall picture of the feel that you want for the space."

Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design Inc., in Burke, says a good source for ideas is the Houzz Interior Design website [www.houzz.com](http://www.houzz.com) as well as the iPad and iPhone applications. "It is phenomenal. There are many amazing photos on there."

The next important step in the process say experts is determining a budget. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry advises homeowners to decide how much they are going to spend before calling an architect or contractor. "The truth is not many people enjoy establishing a remodeling budget," said Dean

Herriges, National Association of the Remodeling Industry National President in a statement. "Many homeowners prefer to call a contractor and expect him or her to create the budget for them, which is not the best way to begin."

"I'd love for a client to have some numbers of how much they want to spend," said Jeff Pregman of Two Poor Teachers in Annandale. "I'd rather have a client that has a little bit of knowledge, a budget and a timeline so I can come in and give them everything they need."

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry recommends that homeowners decide how long they plan to live in their home before deciding how much to spend on remodeling costs. "If you are going to stay in the home for more

**"A client can benefit from doing their homework and being engaged in the selection process early on."**

— David Vogt  
of Case Design Remodeling, Inc.

than 10 years, you should spend as much as you are able to create the home of your dreams," said Herriges. "However, if you are planning on moving in the near future, you should take care not to over-build for your neighborhood."

**AFTER A BUDGET** is established, experts say homeowners must tackle the task of interviewing and



Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design in Northern Virginia remodeled the kitchen and dining area of this Fairfax Station home. Local contractors say coming up with a budget can help ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

selecting a contractor. Contractors can be found through the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Homeowners should ask prospective contractors for references and proof of insurance. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry also suggests checking with the government Consumer Affairs Office and the Better Business Bureau for complaints on record for the contractor.

Once a decision is made about who will do the construction, it is time to seal the deal. "The contract is a critical step in any remodeling project. This is the one item that holds the job together and ensures

that all parties involved agree to the same vision and scope for the project," said Herriges.

The contract should detail what the contractor will and will not do, and should include a list of materials for the project, including size, color, model, brand name and product, said Herriges. Homeowners are advised to make sure financial terms, including final price and payment schedule, are spelled out in the contract.

"The homeowner could and should ask questions about the process for the project's development. They should make sure they understand the sequence of things that are being done so that decisions needed are made when they are

needed," said Potomac resident Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "Don't design while you are under construction. Spend the time in the beginning so that you are not making changes constantly during construction. A good remodeler will have helped you make the right decisions before the project starts."

Maintaining a good relationship with a contractor is paramount to bringing a project to fruition. "The key to a good homeowner-contractor relationship is open communication," said Herriges. "Start a dialogue over issues you have, no matter how small you think they are. Chances are the problem can be overcome."

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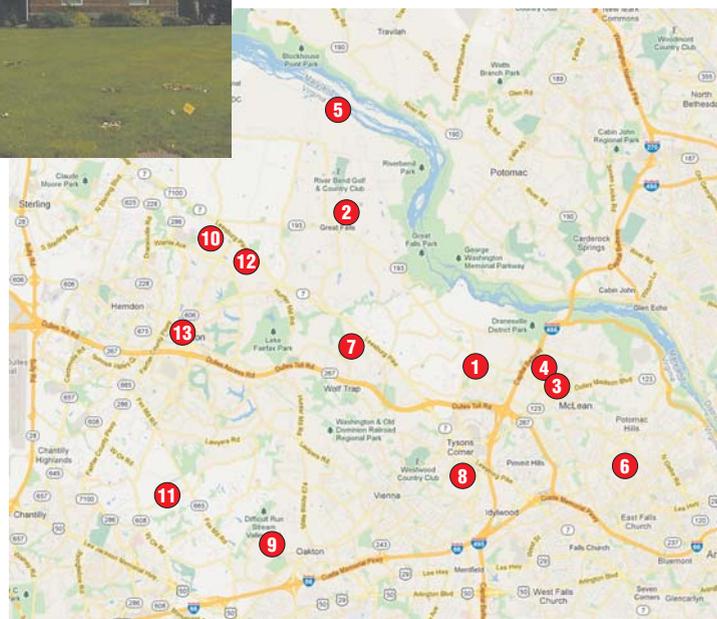
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3 6912 ELM ST	5	6	3	MCLEAN	\$2,600,000	Detached	0.47	22101	INGLESIDE	05/25/12
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# Loudoun Board Approves Silver Line Extension

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side the county.” He saw a loss of \$11.2 billion in foregone economic activity in 2030 and \$25.6 billion lower gross county product in 2040 “than had Metrorail been extended to the county as planned.”

Throughout there has been major criticism by Republicans of the MWAA’s unwillingness to answer to any level of government. MWAA was forced to abandon an extensive underground welcoming facility at Dulles and late last week agreed to cancel a labor rule that favored organized labor under pressure from the governor and Rep. Frank Wolf, (R-10). Wolf has urged a federal inspector general be appointed to oversee MWAA’s finances.

After MWAA agreed to abandon the labor agreement, Gov. Bob McDonnell strongly backed Loudoun

“opting in” on the Silver Line. Wolf said earlier this month that he firmly supported the Silver Line serving Loudoun County. He called it the most important project since the original Metro system.

**FAIRFAX B.O.S CHAIRMAN** Sharon Bulova has called upon Fairfax’s federal representatives to work harder to reopen the question of federal funds for Phase 2. Some \$900 million in federal money has been contributed to Phase 1 of Dulles Rail, which runs through Wiehle Avenue in Reston and will be completed in 2013.

She quoted Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood saying that Metro is “America’s system providing millions of riders to the nation’s Capital” and the federal government needs to find money in its 2013 and 2014 budgets to complete the project.

## Helping Most Vulnerable

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most vulnerable residents – homeless, the elderly and those already living on the edge – who had an especially difficult time regaining their footing after the crisis.

In the days after the storm hit, many nonprofits and food banks throughout the county reported they were slammed with a spike in demand for food and services.

“Restocking the refrigerator was likely a nuisance for most, and probably not cheap,” said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread (ODB) in Fairfax. “But for low income families, such as our clients, it’s a hardship.”

She said one client, a mother with toddler, had just stocked up that Friday with yogurt and other fresh food, and lost it all. And clients who rely on a weekly paycheck for groceries were especially hard hit when their offices, restaurants or stores shut down because of the power outages.

She said another client, a father of four who works as a chef, tripped and broke his leg when the power went out. Because his job requires mobility, he won’t be able to work for several weeks. “Our clients are so vulnerable. We will keep in contact with him to ensure that he and his family stay in their home,” Whetzel said.

Several pantries and shelters, such as Embry Rucker, ODB and Safe Haven, also lost power and hundreds of pounds of food during the storm.

The Lorton Community Action Center, which serves the south county region, lost power for several days, which spoiled 1,200 pounds of meat and juice that was

kept in their freezers.

“Ironically – since summer is always when our demand is the highest and donations are the lowest – while we lost food, it could have been worse,” said Andrea Cochrane Tracey, LCAC’s development director.

### The Community Responds

Volunteers, regardless of income, stepped up to help those less fortunate, according to nonprofits.

On Tuesday, July 3, Our Daily Bread made an email plea to the community for grocery store gift cards and other donations. By Friday, the organization had collected more than \$3,500, which will provide \$50 grocery gift cards for 68 families in Fairfax County.

“What amazing generosity,” Whetzel said. “We were genuinely surprised by the level of the community’s support for their less fortunate neighbors. Everyone was affected by this storm and could personally relate to the hardship experienced by our clients. Our clients are extremely grateful and relieved. There is still time to donate and there is still a need.”

Rob Paxton, coordinator of Safe Haven’s food pantry and shelter programs, which operate inside First Christian Church of Falls Church, said volunteers and donors turned out for a “mega yard sale” on Saturday, which helped the nonprofit raise more than \$1,100.

“What was amazing was that many of the people who came were also clients of Safe Haven. It was heart-warming to see the people

we help, putting money back into the program by purchasing items from the sale,” Paxton said.

He said money they raised at the yard sale will provide more than 500 meals to clients.

Paxton said many of the volunteers were county employees, who took time out of their schedules to help with the sale. Eva Papaefthimiou, who works in senior housing, took a vacation day to help set up the sale on Friday and brought two co-workers to help on Saturday.

“We also had a 92-year old woman, Evelyn Castle, her friend Priscilla Holbert and another woman, Dewita Soeharjono, who worked tirelessly to make the yard sale a success. The spirit of volunteerism is heartwarming,” Paxton said.

“Thankfully, the community has stepped up, as best they can, given that many of them were without power too,” Cochrane Tracey said. “However, the biggest impact has been the generous donation of 5,000 pounds of food, including meat, from the Capital Area Food Bank and Fairfax County.”

Greg Ballinger, who has worked at the Embry Rucker shelter for more than 25 years, said he learned an important lesson about “paying it forward” years ago.

“I remember I was complaining about something, and this old-timer said to me ‘the reason you’re going through this now is to pass on what you’ve learned to the next person.’ It took a while, but it eventually clicked. We all have to get together to make it through this life ... The shelter has always made it because of the caring of the community. On the flip side, we’ve been here for the community too.”



## Woman’s Club of McLean Installs New Officers

**A ceremony was held May 30 to install the 2012-2013 officers of the Woman’s Club of McLean. This will be the second consecutive year of service for each officer, which is a first for the club. From left: Member and parliamentarian Daisy Logan, president Virginia Sandahl, and officers Millie Thompson, Dawn Schulz, Susan Cooper Jordano, Joan Morton, Jeanette Calland, Joan Leonard, Phyllis Ainsworth and Joan Beard.**

### WEEK IN MCLEAN

## Fundraiser for McLean Project for the Arts

A fundraiser supporting McLean Project for the Arts has been announced by HBC Realty Groups Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Monday, July 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean, and approximately 60 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 to find out how to receive a flyer.

The mission of McLean Project for the Arts is to exhibit the work of emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region; to promote public awareness and

understanding of the concepts of contemporary art; and to offer instruction and education in the visual arts. MPA is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, MPA relies on support from business leaders such as HBC Realty Group and from individuals in the community for the majority of their fundraising so that they can continue to offer high quality exhibitions and educational programs to the community.

Please call 703-734-0192 for more information.

### BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 12

**Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce LeadShare Meeting.** 7:30 a.m. Chesterbrook Residences, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. LeadShare events will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Register at 267-346-1885.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 14

**The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women** will collect used books, CD’s, DVD’s and software at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East Vienna. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. No records, tapes, textbooks, encyclopedias (except Encyclopedia Britannica) magazines, or books in poor condition will be accepted. 703-527-4206 or [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org)

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#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

**Faith and Spirituality as a Therapeutic Resource in Abuse Recovery.** 6-10 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church. Committed to Freedom provides holistic empowerment and spiritual tools to help people move beyond abuse and sexual trauma. Free. [www.viennapres.org/SallieCulbreth](http://www.viennapres.org/SallieCulbreth).

# ENTERTAINMENT

**Vienna's own Robbie Schaefer, musician and children's music director at Sirius radio, performs at Wolf Trap's Theatre-in-the-Woods with colleague Ryan Buckle.**



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THE CONNECTION

## Kids' Music Program Brightens Summer

**Wolf Trap's Theatre-in-the-Woods presents song, dance and puppetry.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**W**olf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts isn't just for adults. Its education outreach programs feature performances for young children, from kiddie-rock music to classical ballet and global performing arts.

In a significant change in programming, Theatre-in-the-Woods [TITW] now features one performance daily, a schedule that mirrors the diversity and professional caliber of the Filene Center and the Barns of Wolf Trap.

"When we had two shows in the morning, there was too much competing with other activities," said Assistant Director, Education Outreach, Erin Perry. "We've enhanced the caliber of the artists. Most have great reputations and are well-known on the national level."

Nestled in woodland behind Filene Center, TITW features local, national and international artists representing all genres of the performing arts. Thirteen new performers launch their TITW shows in 2013. Favorites, such as Vienna's own Robbie Schaefer and the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, as well as Dino Rock, return.

**BUILT IN 1975**, TITW has evolved over the years. This season, performances run for one show only daily, a new performance each day. Showtime begins at 10:30 a.m. to give families and daycampers opportunity to explore the meadow and engage in other Wolf Trap-sponsored children's activities. Perry said the programming frequently aligns itself with park service or White House initiatives, such as "Let's Move."

Kiddie rock – or "kindie" rock as it is referred to in the industry – is an emerging genre, Perry said. "The music is definitely a lot stronger now, something that appeals to all ages."

While focusing on family audiences, TITW typically hosts large groups of daycampers, as well. Seat-

ing holds more than 800 guests.

"We have a strong educational mission," said Acting Director of Public Relations Graham Binder. "Catherine Shouse wanted to incorporate the arts into children's lives. The Theatre-in-the-Woods is a large example of the underlying core mission of Wolf Trap."

"We want to get children thinking about the arts at a young age. Fun is a large part, too. The kids come and dance, clap, and jump up and down."

The Theatre-in-the-Woods works with Filene Center and the Barns staff to identify artists for the children's programming. Perry said they primarily reach out to artists and agents who fit their mission. "We do a lot of research," she said.

Schaefer, singer/guitarist/songwriter and children's programming director for Sirius radio, headlines TITW on July 19. His songs speak of typical children's delights and woes, encouraging self-confidence and joy in living.

An exception to the one-performer-daily programming is Matthias Kuchta, master puppeteer from Germany. He presents "The Wolf and the Seven Little Goats" for one week, Tuesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 28, using life-sized puppets. You've got to see the wolf. The German puppet program cost \$10 per person aged 2 and over.

Most shows cost \$8 per person. Under 2-years-old, no charge.

"A lot of families come because it's such a value," said Perry. "It's a bargain way to spend the morning."

Shows run 45 to 60 minutes, the approximate amount of time suitable for children, Perry said. The TITW season opened on June 26 and spans seven weeks.

"We want kids to come away from the performance taking something away that will help them round out their personalities as they grow up," said Binder.

**TICKETS** may be purchased online, by phone or at the meadow kiosk before the performance. Some shows do sell out. Performances begin at 10:30 a.m. From parking to show venue is a steep hill that older people or parents pushing strollers need to consider. A park cart driven by rangers is available.

For the schedule of the 2012 Theatre-in-the-Woods season, see <http://www.wolftrap.org/Education/~media/2D964B8F90E04AFBBCE77BB2BC986350.ashx>.

Send announcements to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

**Barenaked Ladies, Big Head Todd & The Monsters.** 7 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. With Ben Harper, Los Lobos, JJ Grey & Mofro, The Lumineers, North Mississippi Allstars, The Wood Brothers, James McCurry, David Lindley, Nathaniel Rateliff, Matthew Curry and more. \$30-\$75. 703-255-1900 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Wine Tasting.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Come sample Sommelier Vincent Feraud's hand selected wines or create your own seafood tasting. 703-506-4300.

### THURSDAY/JULY 12

**Aaron Nigel Smith.** 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. High-energy, interactive shows designed to get kids moving. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org/TITW](http://www.wolftrap.org/TITW).

**Buddy Guy with Special Guest: John Mayall.** 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25-\$42. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Sushi.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Watch as expert chef creates sushi and enjoy drinks. 703-506-4300.

### FRIDAY/JULY 13

**Argentine Tango.** 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Every Friday. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Spaghetti Dinner.** 5:30 to 8 p.m. Vienna American Legion-330 Center St, N, Vienna. \$8. 703-938-9535.

**Hamlisch Goes Gershwin; Marvin Hamlisch, conductor; Melissa Errico, vocalist; Kevin Cole, piano.** 8:15 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**"Legally Blonde – the Musical"** 8 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20. [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).

**The Jimmies.** Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$8 - \$10 and children under two are free. 703-319-2300.

**The Christopher Linman Jazz Ensemble.** 8:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Enjoy food and wine as jazz trio plays for your musical entertainment. 703-506-4300.

### SATURDAY/JULY 14

**Model Railroad (HO Scale) Open House and Display.** 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad (now a portion of the Norfolk Southern) during the period of transition from steam to diesel. Free, donations accepted. [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org) or 703-938-5157.

**West Coast Swing Dances.** 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Second and third Saturday every month. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**"The Prince and the Troubadour."** 2 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. All tickets are for general admission seating. \$10. 703-854-1856 or email [boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org](mailto:boxoffice@1ststagetysons.org).

**The Wizard of Oz.** 8:30 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Emy Tseng - Brazilian Jazz.** 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place



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**Elle Woods (Kate Merryman) and Bruiser (Gobi) prepare for Harvard Law in the upcoming McLean Community Players' production of "Legally Blonde, The Musical." Performances: July 13- July 29, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. at Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave in McLean. Tickets: \$ 18-\$20. Call 703-790-9223 or visit [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org)**

Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

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### SUNDAY/JULY 15

**Wolf Trap Opera Company: From Bel Canto to Can Belto.** 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Recital with Steven Blier and singers from the 2012 Wolf Trap Opera Company. Preshow talk one hour before performance. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St, N, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

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## TUESDAY/JULY 17

**Washington Redskin Brian Orakpo Youth Football Camp.** George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Four day football camp with overnight and day camp options. Daily instruction, lectures, and demonstrations by Orakpo and members of the Washington Redskins. Coaches will ensure individual and team instruction on both offense and defense. For age 7-18. 301-575-9400 or [www.footballcamps.com](http://www.footballcamps.com).

**Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem.** 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. A blend of blues, swing, and country that incorporates everything from a ukulele and banjo to a cardboard box and suitcase. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org/TITW](http://www.wolftrap.org/TITW).

**Wilco with Lee Ranaldo Band (of Sonic Youth).** 7 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$35 lawn. [www.wolftrap.com](http://www.wolftrap.com).

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**Robbie Schaefer.** 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Guitarist from folk-pop group Eddie From Ohio and host of Sirius XM radio's Kids Place Live. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org/TITW](http://www.wolftrap.org/TITW).

**An Evening of Women in Music** featuring Mama's Black Sheep & Christine Havrilla. 5:30 p.m. - Lobby Bar opens. 6:30 p.m. - Doors. 7:30 p.m. - Show. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Avenue East Vienna. All ages. Tickets: \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**The B-52s, Squeeze.** 8 p.m. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)

**Sushi.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Watch as expert chef creates sushi and enjoy drinks. 703-506-4300.

**Goldy Bears and the Three Locks.** 7 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue McLean. Bears, babysitting and magic in this Blue Sky Puppet Theatre show. All ages.

## FRIDAY/JULY 20

**Movies in the Park.** 8:45 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. "The Lion King." Free. In case of inclement weather, call 703-255-7842 two hours before show time.

**Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington D.C.** 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The secrets, techniques, and history of one of the art forms. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or [www.wolftrap.org/TITW](http://www.wolftrap.org/TITW).

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## FAITH NOTES

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

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer - both of which will include children's sermons. 703-356-3346.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

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### Saint Ann Catholic Church

#### SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM  
1:30 PM Spanish Liturgy  
5312 North 10th Street  
Arlington Virginia 22205  
Parish Office: (703) 528-6276

#### DAILY EUCHARIST:

Weekdays  
Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM  
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The Girls 11-12 100 Medley Relay record was broken by (left to right) Claire Mullery, Elena Shklyar, Emily Wallach and Maggie Bellaschi.

## The Langley Club Takes Waynewood on a Wild Ride

The Langley Wildthings continued their strong start this season with another Division 5 win, against the Waynewood Dolphins. The score was 221-199, bringing the Wildthings to 2-0.

Two club records were broken: the two-week-old Girls 8 and Under 100 Free Relay record was broken by the team of Kate Walter, Natalie Schmanske, Heather Hughes and Lilianna Schone, with a time of 1:18:20. The previous record of 1:18:98 was set two weeks ago by a team that included three of four of the same swimmers.

The Girls 11-12 100 Medley Relay record was bro-

ken by Claire Mullery, Elena Shklyar, Emily Wallach and Maggie Bellaschi. The new record of 1:08:34 shaves three tenths of a second off the previous record.

Double blue ribbon winners were: Luke Watson, Jack Hoeymans, Emily Wallach, Jinwon Bailar, Tatiana Bennett, Elena Shklyar and Nathan Johnson.

Single event winners were: Audrey Wallach, Peter Kaldes, Addison Collins, Schuyler Bailar, Kate Walter, Derek Proxmire, Katie Bellaschi and Helena Swaak.

The Wildthings' meet on June 30 was postponed due to power outages at the both The Langley Club and the opponent's pool. It was rescheduled for Sunday, July 8.

## McLean Beats Highlands Swim

The McLean swim team defeated Highlands Swim, 246-174, in a Division I NVSL meet on July 7 in McLean.

In boys' action, freestyle event winners were: McLean's Stephen Seliskar (15-18, 50 meters) and Timothy Wu (13-14, 50), and Highlands' Andrew Tsakounis (8U, 25), Ben Charles (9-10, 50) and Diego Cruzado (11-12, 50).

Backstroke winners were: McLean's Atticus Gore (8U), Christopher Murphy (13-14) and Seliskar (15-18), and Highlands' Nolan Musslewhite (9-10), Cruzado (11-12).

Breaststroke winners were: McLean's Will Soobert (11-12), Wu (13-14) and Seliskar (15-18), and Highlands' Tsakounis (8U), Musslewhite (9-10).

Butterfly winners were: McLean's Soobert (11-12), Murphy (13-14) and Seliskar (15-18), and Highlands' Tanner Moore (8U) and Ben Charles (9-10).

McLean won the 200 mixed-age

relay (Soobert, Joseph Horsfield, Murphy and Seliskar), 13-14 100 medley relay (Murphy, Wu, Justin Nguyen and Ryan Lucas) and the 15-18 200 medley relay (Stephen Seliskar, Andrew Seliskar, Jake McCarron and Tyler Fritz).

Highlands won the 8U 100 free relay (Daniel Isman, Adam Kunz, Tanner Moore and Tsakounis), the 9-10 100 medley relay (Matthew Bruning, Musslewhite, Charles and Hayden Evans) and the 11-12 100 medley relay (Cruzado, James Saunders, Alexander King and Zachary Tsakounis).

**IN GIRLS' ACTION**, freestyle winners were: McLean's Natalia Rongione (8U), Olivia Gore (9-10), Michelle Owens (11-12), Amy Owens (13-14) and Megan Murphy (15-18).

Backstroke winners were: McLean's Rongione (8U), Gore (9-10), Owens (11-12), Libby Ulrich (13-14) and MJ Ulrich (15-18).

Breaststroke winners were:

McLean's Lillie Paris (8U), Hannah McCarron (9-10), Isabella Rongione (11-12), Ulrich (13-14) and MJ Ulrich (15-18).

Butterfly winners were: McLean's Isabella Rongione (11-12), Owens (13-14) and Murphy (15-18), and Highlands' Aminata Davis (8U) and Allison Martin (9-10).

McLean won the 8U 100 free relay (Kaitlyn Helfrich, Paris, Anna Laszlo and Natalia Rongione), the mixed age 200 medley relay (Isabella Rongione, Gore, Owens and MJ Ulrich), the 9-10 100 medley relay (Gore, McCarron, Skylar Tennant and Dora Wu) and the 11-12 100 medley relay (Caitlin Nguyen, Owens, Isabella Rongione and Sarah Rice).

Highlands won the 13-14 100 medley relay (Olivia Tripodi, Alexandria Clarke, Xenia de Cazotte and Sydney Stocks) and the 15-18 200 medley relay (Elizabeth Dolan, Aedan Collins, Jessica Cruzado and Maria McGuire).

## Greene, Gieseman, Mennitt, Ewing Swim Strong for Tuckahoe

Strong performances by Eva J. Greene, Evie Gieseman, Elizabeth A. Mennitt and James Ewing weren't enough to propel the Tuckahoe swim team to victory on July 7.

Greene, Gieseman, Mennitt and Ewing each won two individual events and was part of at least one winning relay team, but Tuckahoe lost to Overlee, 248-172, in an NVSL Division I meet on Saturday in Arlington.

Greene finished first in the 15-18 girls' 50 free (28.48) and 50 back (30.62), and was part of the first-place-finishing 15-18 200 medley (2:07.19) and 200 mixed age (2:03.23) relay teams.

Mennitt won the girls' 9-10 50 back (39.15) and 50 breast (41.9), and competed on the victorious 200 mixed age and girls' 9-10 100 medley (1:16.23) relay teams.

Gieseman won the girls' 11-12 50 free (29.16) and 50 back (33.54), and helped the mixed age 200 free relay to victory.

Ewing finished first in boys' 8U 25-meter freestyle (17.63 seconds)

and 25 fly (19.22), and was part of the 100 relay, which posted a time of 1:14.06 and won by more than 10 seconds.

Other Tuckahoe boys' event winners were: Tai Kao-Sowa (13-14 50 free, 28.69), Emanuel Rouvelas (8U 25 back, 23.52), Dominic Leiss (8U 25 breast, 23.75), Sacha Brenac (15-18 50 breast, 33.42) and Christopher B. Leiss (9-10 25 fly, 16.47).

The 13-14 100 medley relay team (Peter O. Byman, Carter A. Flint, Andrew Ryan, Kao-Sowa) finished first with a time of 57.84. Leiss, Ethan A. Dodini and Rouvelas were part of the 8U 100 relay team.

Other Tuckahoe girls' event winners were: Kaitlyn C. Yoha (9-10 50 free, 35.77), Yasmeen E. Saba (8U 25 back, 22.27) and Farrin E. Saba (15-18 50 fly, 30.95).

Claire A. Greene was also part of the 200 mixed age relay. Rachel H. Yoon, Sarah J. David and Kaitlyn C. Yoha were part of the 9-10 100 relay and Alexis L. Danchak, Bethany G. Rysak and Farrin E. Saba were part of the 15-18 200 medley relay team.

## Chesterbrook Wins with Dominant Performance

The Chesterbrook swim team put forth a dominant performance on July 7, beating Vienna Woods, 323-97, during an NVSL Division I meet in McLean. Chesterbrook won 33 of 40 individual events and 11 of 12 relays.

In boys' action, Chesterbrook had four multiple-event winners: Nicholas A. Spicer (9-10 50 free, 32.93 and 50 breast, 41.21), Sam T. Gollob (11-12 50 free, 29.7 and 50 breast, 35.59), Griffin T. Morche (13-14 50 free, 27.18 and 50 breast, 35.37) and Rajan D. Bhargava (8U 25 breast, 25.78 and 25 fly, 21.84). Other individual event winners were: Henry H. Prince (8U 25 back, 23.68), Andrew Bernstein (9-10 50 back, 38.53), Grant G. DeWitt (11-12 50 back, 33.25), Hayden T. Camp (13-14 50 back, 33.03), Chris T. Outlaw (15-18 50 back, 29.63), Adi F. Kambhampaty (9-10 25 fly, 17.4), Thomas A. Outlaw (11-12 50 fly, 33.03) and Jaya D. Kambhampaty (13-14 50 fly, 31.03).

Chesterbrook captured five of six boys' relays. Jaya D. Kambhampaty, Bernstein, John M. Stahlman and Chris T. Outlaw teamed up to win the 200 mixed age relay (1:55.68). Nicholas M. Lohman, Jay D. Gollob, Adi F. Kambhampaty and Bernstein won the 9-10 100 medley relay. DeWitt, Sam T. Gollob, Thomas A. Outlaw and Jaya D. Kambhampaty won the 11-12 100 medley relay (1:00.38). Camp, Morche, Connor J. Morche and John M. Stahlman won the 13-14 100 medley relay, and Brandon S. Enroth, Ian R.

Stuver, Jake A. Huber and Chris T. Outlaw won the 15-18 200 medley relay (1:58.21).

In girls' action, Chesterbrook had five individual event winners: Sydney-Cate Thornett (8U 25 free, 18.9 and 25 breast, 26.09), Holly C. Prince (9-10 50 free, 34.96 and 50 back, 44.71), Rachel S. Clark (11-12 50 free, 30.39 and 50 fly, 32.34), Jessica M. Monroe (13-14 50 back, 34.76 and 50 breast, 39.21) and Veronica R. Wolff (13-14 50 free, 29.25 and 13-14 50 fly, 31.96). Other individual event winners were: Caroline P. Burgeson (8U 25 back, 22.81), Libby L. Davis (11-12 50 back, 37.38), Nowell A. Boardman (15-18 50 back, 31.87), Eleanor H. Salkoff (9-10 50 breast, 45.59), Claire F. Wolff (11-12 50 breast, 38.21), Olivia G. McManus (8U 25 fly, 20.33) and Katherine L. Pardo (15-18 50 fly, 31.50).

Chesterbrook won all six girls' relay events. McManus, Burgeson, Amelia G. Rewis and Thornett won the 8U 100 free relay (1:20.31). Clark, Salkoff, Veronica R. Wolff and Boardman won the 200 mixed age relay (2:05.02). Prince, Salkoff, Gabby G. Perotti and Kallie S. Urbach won the 9-10 100 medley relay (1:17.47). Julia L. Green, Claire F. Wolff, Clark and Maddie P. McArthur won the 11-12 100 relay (1:04.84). Monroe, Jacqueline R. Green, Veronica R. Wolff and Sabrina B. Kersten won the 13-14 100 relay and Boardman, Alston Offutt, Tatiana M. Kersten and Katherine L. Pardo won the 200 medley relay (2:12.21).



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At a ceremony on June 18, Gary Oswald (center), wife Rosemary (to his left) and daughter Amber are surrounded by six of the seven civilians and some of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department firefighters that worked together to save his life on Feb. 24.

## Fitness Center Members Receive Lifesaving Award

**O**n June 18, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Ed Brinkley presented Life Saving certificates to Mary Butler, Damian Hawkins, Nick Taktak, Sandy Weaver, Minh Huynh and Chuck Wright for their efforts to help save the life of fellow Fairfax County employee Gary Oswald on Feb. 24. A seventh person, Lori Jones, will also receive a certificate for her contribution to the life-saving effort that day.

"I feel very privileged to be here, and honored that people that I don't know would take an interest in me and help. It's very nice to meet them," said Gary Oswald at the ceremony. Oswald's heart stopped on that fateful February morning and it was the coordinated efforts of the seven Wellness Center employees and patrons to administer CPR and use the facility's Automatic External Defibrillator to keep his blood circulating. In addition to calling 911 and administering critical first aid, the group also found Oswald's locker, cut the bolt to retrieve his wallet, contacted his family to tell them of the emergency and went to meet EMS at the front of the Fairfax County Government Center.

"They were really looking out for his welfare. This is an example of county employees taking care of county employees," Sharon Arndt said, who at the time oversaw the operation of the Wellness Center.

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Sandy Weaver, of Centreville, gives Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Ed Brinkley a hug at a ceremony on June 18 as she is presented a Life Saving certificate for her part in the seven-person effort to save a colleague's life on Feb. 24. Weaver administered CPR to a colleague that collapsed at the Fairfax County Fitness and Wellness Center in the Fairfax County Government Center on February 24. "This changed my life completely. I live my life in a way that I appreciate everything now that I know life is so precious," said Weaver of the impact the event had on her life.

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Julia Diamond** of McLean earned term honors for the 2011 fall semester at Skidmore College. She is the daughter of Robert Diamond and Amy Pullman.

**Hanna Sophia Longwell** of McLean has received the fall 2011 dean's award at Colgate University of Hamilton, N.Y. She is the daughter of George W. Longwell and Jacqlyn R.

Longwell.

**Philip Deming Stout** of McLean has received the fall 2011 dean's award at Colgate University of Hamilton, N.Y. He is the son of Richard D. Stout and Elizabeth C. Stout.

McLean residents **Elizabeth McCune** (Poetry), **YouNa An** (Poetry), **Jordan Goodson** (Personal Essay/Memoir), **Seon Kim** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Sung jin Kim** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Rishi Malhotra** (Dramatic

Script), **Rebecca Oh** (Short Story), **Francesca O'Hop** (Dramatic Script) and **Madeline Reinsel** (Poetry) have won regional recognition in the 2012 Scholastic Writing Awards.

McLean residents **Kate Connelly**, **Jack Connelly** and **Bridget Connelly** have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. They are the children of John and Margaret Connelly.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from David J. Cho,  
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Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will  
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## A Victim of My Own Circumstances



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Outliving one's prognosis leads to all sorts of twists and turns and treatment conundrums: the longer one lives, the fewer the treatment options. Over the course of time and in consideration of the miscellaneous drugs which are infused (or ingested if you're lucky enough for oral chemotherapy), success in fending off the cancer (tumors remaining stable at a minimum; shrinkage would be better, but one can live with "stable," duh!) breeds a familiarity (biochemically) which is contemptible: eventually, the drugs which have been effective stop being effective. Either the cancer cells become resistant to them, or your body becomes weakened and/or damaged by its prolonged infusion (too much of a good thing becomes a bad/harmful thing) by them. Not only is it important – as I've learned, to treat the underlying problem (in my case, stage IV lung cancer: "NSCLC"), preventing collateral damage to the patient is of equal consideration and significance (the patient needs to live, and have the operation be successful; to turn an old saying around). Ergo, treatment is an ongoing, ever-changing process of elimination based on the diagnostic results from lab work and scans; a delicate balance of stopping and starting drugs before they harm the patient more than they harm the cancer. And when you've survived for as long as I have, whatever protocols may have been relevant at the beginning of treatment are much less so now, 40 months later.

In essence, if one is lucky enough (like me), to tolerate all the various treatment options, and live beyond your original prognosis (because of it?, in spite of it?), it is possible that one might run out of treatment options. It's sort of like out-kicking your punt coverage (to use a football analogy): the punter kicks the ball beyond the distance that his punt coverage team is timed/expected to cover and as a result, the receiving team gets time and opportunity for a successful return. The whole process is based on averages. When you're not average, the system can break down. As my treatment has continued, it has become apparent that I'm not average. The longer I live, the fewer documented cases and/or clinical studies exist to support a protocol for my treatment. Common sense begins to play as much a role as efficacy. Oddly enough, for those who live beyond expectations, the choices are not nearly as clear as for the newly diagnosed.

Since I've been there and done that: received drugs when they were hoped/thought to be most effective, I've sort of become a successful victim – of my own longevity. The longer the drugs/chemotherapy/targeted treatment work, the shorter the time that they will continue to work and/or your body will tolerate having them work. Given the toxicity of the drugs, generally speaking, it's just a matter of time. You're sort of damned if you do, and probably really damned if you don't (although there are many nontraditional pursuits which don't involve chemotherapy). However, as a long-surviving cancer patient, I am happy for any conundrum which presents itself.

The way I figure it, the longer I am alive to deal with any of it, the greater the chance at overcoming it. My goal is to try and stay in the game for as long as possible; as my oncologist says: "Have another swing at it." The only problem is, this isn't a game; this is life – and death, and it doesn't get any more real – and serious than that. Forty months post-diagnosis and still being treated. I don't see any reason to stop now. Unless of course, I run out of choices.

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

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