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**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova addresses the current state of affairs in Fairfax County, Feb. 20, at the Fairfax County Government Center.**



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## Bulova Presents State of County

**Board chairman discusses Tysons future, effects of sequestration.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova premiered her "State of the County" address Wednesday, Feb. 20. In the 20-minute video, Bulova addressed what promises to be an eventful year in the county, one that will see the opening of five new Metrorail stations in Tysons Corner and Reston.

Bulova pointed to several signs that not only has the county weathered the economic storm over the past few years, the future looks promising.

"The county is home to 10 Fortune 500 companies, five of these have relocated within the last four years. Consumer confidence is rising and the number of foreclosures is falling," she said. "Home sales are up and unemployment is down, well below the national average of nearly eight percent. While we are not yet out of the woods from the impacts of the recession, clearly we're on the right track."

Bulova said that the county's future is tied to the redevelopment efforts going on now and planned for the future, with transportation changes a major part of that development.

"As Fairfax continues to mature, it's important that we accommodate our future growth and existing population in ways that make it easier for our residents and workers to live, work and play without always needing to get behind the wheel of a car," she said. "Aging commercial centers near mass transit, like Tysons, present especially valuable opportunities for attractive, transit-oriented mixed-use revitalization."

Planning principles used in Tysons redevelopment are also being used for other areas undergoing rede-

velopment and revitalization around the county.

But while the Metro and some related development will be opening this year, Bulova mentioned that it would be a number of years before all the changes are in place.

"The transformation of Tysons is going to be an evolutionary process. The transportation plan we have adopted and the finding mechanisms the board adopted are meant to serve the community over the next 20 or 30 years," she said. "You're not going to see the development happen at once, and just as that will happen over time, so will the transportation improvement. Developers are working with the county on establishing a grid of streets, and they are dedicated either a right-of-way or building as part of their application, segments of the grid of streets."

Bulova said by 2050, "but hopefully before," the grid of streets in Tysons would be operational.

In a follow-up to the official State of the County address, Bulova also discussed the county's concern when it comes to federal spending cuts that could be happening as early as March 1 as a result of sequestration.

She said there is an "absolute concern" about sequestration, and the county is already seeing effects in terms of budget planning and government-related business decisions on things like renting new office space. She said the county is looking at diversifying its economic base.

"One of the things that Fairfax County has been doing is to increase our commercial base in areas that are not necessarily federal or defense related. One thing we were happy to see was the move of the Hilton Headquarters to Fairfax County, which is a new commercial opportunity," she said. "We're also working with the EPA and INVOA Health Systems to restore opportunities for personalized and translational medicine. The name of the game is finding areas that make us more diverse than we've been in the past."

The entirety of Bulova's State of the County address can be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>.

**"While we are not yet out of the woods from the impacts of the recession, clearly we're on the right track."**

**— Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova**

**From left, owners of the Color Wheel Renate Eschmann and Charlie Boswell with Color Wheel Gallery 65 Director Gail Roberts. The gallery, located next to the Color Wheel, celebrated with an opening reception Saturday, Feb. 16.**



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## Fine Arts Gallery Opens in McLean

**Gallery 65 is an extension of the Color Wheel décor shop.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**D**uring their 47-plus years in existence, the Color Wheel in McLean has grown by leaps and bounds. Originally opened as a wallpaper store, the store has expanded to four times its original size, taking up more spots in the Langley Shopping Center. Now they've expanded again, opening the Color Wheel Gallery 65, a new fine arts gallery in McLean.

The gallery is located next to (and connected to) the Color Wheel's main store. Director Gail Roberts has known Color Wheel owners Charlie Boswell and Renate Eschmann for years, and jumped at the chance to start a new gallery.

"For years they have been selling high quality paint and wall décor and they have an award-winning framing department," said Roberts, who directed a gallery in Vienna, and has worked at the Smithsonian. "There's no fine arts gallery here in McLean, so this is a perfect chance to bring one, and it's a great complement to what they already do so well."

The gallery features Farrow and Ball paint along its walls, Mouse's Back for the shared wall with the Color Wheel and Hague Blue on the opposite wall. The lighting is SoLux,

which is a standard for art galleries and museums around the world.

"It's been a lot of fun designing the gallery, I've been talking with Charlie and Renate since the summer about what we wanted it to look like," Roberts said. "They've been doing framing of art in this area for so long, it's given them an interesting take on the taste of the residents."

The gallery opened officially before Christmas, but held an opening reception Saturday, Feb. 16, to welcome the community as well as several artists that are featured.

Sculptor John Sonnier had several pieces on display, including one that was auctioned off to benefit Fisher House, a nonprofit that provides housing for the family members of wounded service members.

"It's been a long time coming to have a gallery like this in McLean, and I'm happy to be able to support a cause like Fisher House," Sonnier said. "It's also a good sign that a gallery has opened, the last few years haven't been easy on galleries, so I take it as a sign of optimism that something like this can open."

Gerald Gauthier visited the gallery for the first time during the Saturday opening, and he said he was impressed with the aesthetics of the space.



**Paul Kohlenberger, president of the McLean Historical Society; Nancy Perry, MPA executive director; MPA Founder Nancy Bradley; and MPA Board Chair Bill DuBose.**



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## Promoting Arts in McLean

**McLean Project for the Arts' founder, Nancy Bradley, shares stories of its origin.**

BY LORI BAKER  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ifty years ago, long-time resident Nancy Weyl Bradley, along with five local artists, made a decision that would permanently change the cultural landscape of McLean.

They noticed a lack of opportunity for artists and those who appreciate art in the community. And it wasn't long before the group of six women artists, most of whom were studying at American University, came up with the idea of opening an art gallery in McLean. It was not intended to be a vanity gallery to show their own works, but a true gallery to showcase the works of local artists.

"We said all six of us could put in \$300 and we could rent a space for a few months," said Bradley, "and see if we can invite other artists to come show there." Bradley, the only surviving founder of the McLean Project for the Arts, shared stories about the 50-year history of the MPA at its Emerson Gallery last Tuesday evening. The symposium was sponsored by the McLean Historical Society.

The group originally rented a space in the basement of what is now the Salona Village Shopping Center for \$75 per month.

**THEY CHARGED** artists \$100 per month to show their paintings. They made just enough profit to send out invitations. The six ladies painted walls, swept the floors, hung paintings, did whatever was needed to run a gallery. Soon they began offering memberships for \$5 per year. Bradley recalls having about 60 memberships that year.

Eventually they moved into the basement of what is now the McLean Arts Center on Emerson Avenue. They painted the back basement entrance red, and the newsletter for what became the Emerson Gallery was named Letters from the Underground. They had successful fundraisers, but they also had some months that they couldn't make the \$100 rent. On those short months, Bradley said, they would take turns hosting luncheons, inviting 10 guests at \$10 each.

"We had a good many years just sort of going on



PHOTO BY DABNEY CORTINA

**MPA Founder Nancy Bradley stands before the entrance to the MPA's original location on Emerson Avenue.**

the fringes of quitting," Bradley said. "Then suddenly it seemed to take off." Gerry Brock, the Gallery's first Executive Director, is often mentioned as the force behind the early years of the gallery's successful fundraising.

After several more moves, it was decided that the Emerson Gallery needed a permanent home. Good fortune and a fair bit of negotiating led them to the McLean Community Center, which was willing to let them use what it called the community hall. It featured a dropped steel beam ceiling and a disco ball. Local kids used it for roller-skating.

Eventually the community hall moved to a downstairs wing. The McLean Project for the Arts, as it is now called, ran a major fundraising campaign and was able to renovate the upstairs space, which in

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**Parents listen to presenter and educator Michelle Kriebel at Spring Hill Elementary School Thursday, Feb. 21. Kriebel spoke to parents from Spring Hill and Churchill Road Elementaries about parenting issues.**

## Spring Hill Hosts Parental Presentation

**Michelle Kriebel gives strategies on dealing with peer pressure.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**P**arents from Spring Hill and Churchill Road Elementary School got a few lessons in parenting Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Spring Hill Elementary School. Educator and presenter Michelle Kriebel spoke to more than 40 parents about strategies parents can take to set boundaries for their young children and deal with external factors such as peer pressure.

She started the presentation by asking parents to think back to times when they were affected by peer pressure. The phrase "everyone else is doing it" is something parents hear a lot, she said.

"There's a tendency for children to believe in generalization, the term 'everyone' can drive us adults crazy, but it's very real to them," Kriebel said.

She was also careful to point out that peer pressure sometimes "gets a bad rap," meaning it isn't always a negative thing, giving an example of her son, who wanted to start wearing a necktie, to emulate his father.

Kriebel also stressed the importance of parents using the word "no."

"If you haven't said 'no' to your child lately, you're not being much of a parent," she said. "Because if you're not modeling a way to say no to your children, it's going to be very hard for them to say that to their peers later in life."



**Michelle Kriebel, a presenter and educator, speaks at Spring Hill Elementary School Thursday, Feb. 21, about parenting issues.**

Kriebel said that it might be easy to say no when it comes to matters of safety, but parents must look to expand their scope.

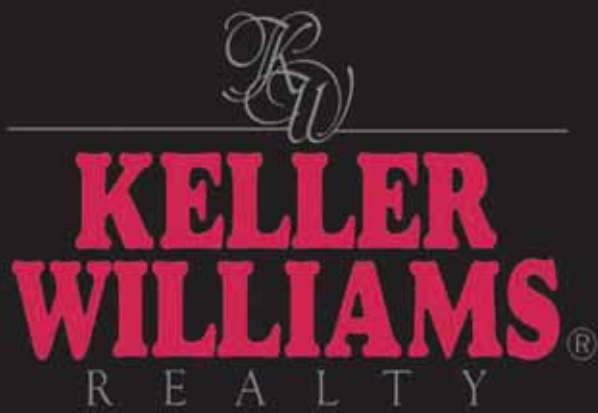
"The idea of saying 'no' is easy when it comes to telling them not to cross a busy street alone," she said. "But when it's not related to something that's a safety threat, it gets harder. It's a gray area, but it's important to remember who the parent is."

Parent Kathie Schoff said that Kriebel's talk emphasized principals of parents that she felt it was important to keep in mind.

"I think she did a great job going into detail about how we as parents have to continually

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**Supporting Safe Community Coalition**  
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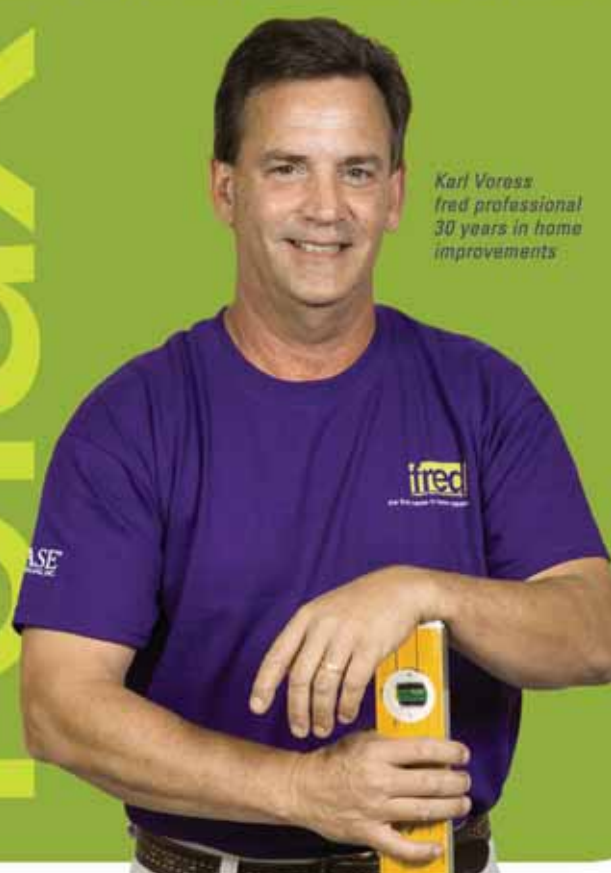
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## NEWS

# Pancakes, Coffee and Donations

## McLean woman helps with leukemia, lymphoma fundraiser.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**P**ancakes and syrup make a tasty meal; but at the Centreville IHOP, they're also a way to raise money. And that's what happened Feb. 5 when the restaurant held a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).

During IHOP's National Pancake Day, customers received free, short stacks of pancakes. In return, they were asked to make donations to the charity, and those who did were glad to do so.

"My aunt and grandma had cancer," said Madeena Aminzay, as she dropped some money into the donation box in the lobby. "And I think, if you have the money, you should help out. Every little bit helps, and it's for a good cause."

Sarah Farina, assistant manager at that IHOP, said the restaurant holds a fundraiser every year to support LLS. "The owners' daughter had leukemia as a kid," she explained. "So we chose LLS because it's dear to our hearts and hit close to home."

That's why, said Farina, "We're happy to do whatever we can for this charity. We try to raise more and more money every year." Besides the Feb. 5 event, she said, "IHOP started collecting donations for LLS the end of December and will continue through the end of February."

She said 100 percent of the proceeds go to LLS for research and patient financial aid. Farina also has a personal reason for supporting the charity so fiercely. "My cousin had leukemia twice when he was a child," she said. "So I appreciate the volunteers who come out to help and I thank them all."

Two of those volunteers working during dinner hours that night were Jean Card and Stuart Moll of McLean. "Everybody's here for the free pancakes, but we hope

they'll also learn something about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society," said Card during the fundraiser. "And most people donate, even if it's a dollar."

Herself a leukemia survivor, Card participates in the Light the Night fundraising walk in Reston each October for the National Capital Chapter of LLS. Last year's walk in this area raised about \$2 million, she said. And for volunteering at the IHOP event, she and the other volunteers receive a credit for their fundraising accounts.

Last year, she and Moll volunteered for this event at the Chantilly IHOP. "We raised a little under \$800 there," said Card. "And we hope to raise as much money as possible tonight."

Customers Brandon and Vera Brown brought their three sons, Myles, 13, Marcus, 10, and Kaeden, 6, to the fundraiser. "We wanted to donate to the cause," said Brandon Brown. "Cancer and leukemia affect everybody. And my mom's a breast cancer survivor, so it's something we want to support, contribute to and do our part to help."



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**Jean Card, a volunteer for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, at the 2012 Light the Night walk in Reston. Card, a leukemia survivor, also walks in honor of her cousin, Chandler Benjamin, who was diagnosed with leukemia at 3 years old and is also in remission.**

As for Card, it was two years ago this month that she was diagnosed. She's in remission now and says, "I was incredibly lucky that the kind of leukemia I had was the easiest to treat. So I help because it's an important cause and it's important to us to raise money for the research."

"Without the research to figure out that a particular form and dosage of vitamin A could help me, in my lifetime, my kind of leukemia was 100 percent fatal," she explained. "So I know the value of research, and I want other people to get those same miracles."



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# OPINION

## All's Well That Ends Well

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

**N**ot only did the 2013 session of the General Assembly end on time last Saturday, but it also ended on a high note. Having sat through a couple of decades of failed efforts to pass meaningful legislation addressing our transportation needs, I was not optimistic that we would be successful this year. The governor's proposal to fix a billion dollar problem with a revenue-neutral solution did not give me much hope. I was both amazed and delighted when the House passed a transportation funding bill by a vote of 60 to 40 that provides new revenue to meet road and transit needs. In addition to providing new money, the bill also addresses other problems by switching the gas tax from a per gallon amount to a percentage to help it keep up with future needs. The bill also provides for additional monies to be raised in Northern Virginia and spent in our region. While the bill will not



totally resolve our transportation congestion, it does provide money for mass transit and \$300 million towards the cost of the Silver Line that will help to keep the tolls down.

There are aspects of the omnibus transportation compromise that I do not like. The charging of

a \$100 per year fee for hybrid vehicles—because their fuel efficiency reduces the gas tax collected on them—is in conflict with policies we should be adopting to encourage the use of such cars. The planned reliance on the tax on internet sales that has yet to be passed by the U.S. Congress is open to question although there is a mechanism for making up for lost funds if the tax is not enacted.

Equaling the transportation bill in importance was a compromise approved in the closing

hours of the session that opens the way for the expansion of the Medicaid program in Virginia to provide insurance for about 400,000 individuals. Governor McDonnell had opposed passage of the Affordable Care Act and had refused to go along with accepting an expanded Medicaid program until reforms were put into place. The compromise bill establishes a joint committee of legislators who will approve Virginia's entry into the program as soon as certain reforms are made. It is expected that the state could enter the program as soon as the summer. Thanks to the many persons who called and wrote to the conferees and the governor; your voice did make a difference.

As is the case with most legislation, the final results are compromises. What was reassuring about this session that I had not seen in recent years was a willingness on the part of the majority to compromise with those of us in the minority. That made for an outcome that was better for everyone. I will be writing about other outcomes of the session in future columns and will be holding public meetings to report back to you.

## Move in The Right Direction

**"T**his is a great step toward addressing the transportation challenges we face in Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region.

The Transportation Bill passed yesterday fulfills the call made by mayors and chairs of the Urban Crescent (the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas) for new, sustainable funding to address our critically under-funded transportation needs.

I applaud the efforts of Sen. Richard Saslaw, Sen. Janet Howell, Del. David Albo, Del. Vivian Watts and others for reaching agreement on a funding strategy that moves us in the right direction. I am especially pleased with the commitment of \$300 million for the Silver Line, which will help to keep tolls in the Dulles Toll Road affordable for Northern Virginia motorists.

I appreciate Gov. McDonnell's leadership in making transportation funding the focus of this General Assembly Session. The successful result required compromise on both sides of the political aisle. The stars were aligned this session to make something happen but political courage and leadership were required on many fronts to pull it off."

—FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN SHARON  
BULOVA

## Creating Safer Environment, Preventing Another Tragedy

BY TIMOTHY D. HUGO  
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

**A**fter the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, I became committed to addressing mental health issues so that many of our young people could receive the help they need in the hopes of preventing another tragedy. Working with my colleagues in 2008, the Virginia General Assembly enacted comprehensive mental health legislation including several pieces of legislation that I co-sponsored. Last year, the governor signed my legislation, HB 1075, which requires community service boards to provide hospitals with informational materials on substance and alcohol abuse services to minors.

During this year's General Assembly session, I introduced HB 1609, which strives to improve the coordination between public four-year higher education institutions, mental health facilities, and local hospitals. I introduced this legislation at the request of Centreville residents, Angel Fund President Lu Ann McNabb and Board Member Greg Richter. Angel Fund ([www.angelfundva.org](http://www.angelfundva.org)) was established in honor of one of the Virginia Tech victims, Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha. The fund seeks to create an atmo-



sphere of acceptance where schools and communities have a caring, supportive, and inclusive environment to help young people.

HB 1609 ensures that all four-year public colleges and universities have mechanisms in place in order to expand services available to students seeking treatment. Specifically, it allows universities and community services boards to work together so that there is no-

tification when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and he consents to such notification.

During the bill's hearings, Virginia's universities unanimously testified in support for HB 1609. As this article goes to print, my legislation, along with Senator Chap Petersen's identical legislation, is before the governor for his signature.

I believe that ensuring the mental health of our children is of the utmost importance. This year's legislation is important as it will strengthen the connection between higher education institutions and mental health facilities. It will also create a safer and more supportive environment for students and may help to prevent future tragedies.

If you would like additional information on this issue, please contact me at 703-815-1201 or [delthugo@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delthugo@house.virginia.gov).

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That is my question. And though I can't quite quote Shakespeare the way I can quote The Three Stooges: "Moe, Larry, the cheese. Moe, Larry, the cheese," "tis nobler" to ask it nonetheless. Still, if Hamlet had been diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer, as I have, perhaps he wouldn't have been contemplating suicide but rather allocating his monthly budget – as I do every day, with nearly every purchase. That's my dream, "perchance" or otherwise.

Given that I'm not heir to a fortune, but rather fortunate to still be here, what dollars I earn – and in turn spend, are dollars whose expenditure has to make sense (at least add up, anyway). As a result, I'm always thinking "what if," as in "what if" I'm spending money now on relative incidentals, money that I might need later for more important health and welfare-type costs? And I'm not discussing comfort foods, either. I'm discussing in-home care and/or miscellaneous other cancer-related expenses that can't exactly be paid out of petty cash. Expenses that generally don't take care of themselves any more than cancer takes care of itself. Moreover, though little I know about health and fitness and subsequent complications, I do know my medical ABCs: Anything But Cancer.

However, cancer has become the name of my game and living with it the greatest challenge of my life. Do I ignore it? Do I give in to it? Do I adjust to it? As much as I want to "live long and prosper," and live as normally with my diagnosis as I would live without it, that compromised life expectancy/mortality thing tends to rear its ugly, uncontrollable head. The subconscious control it exerts over me is not so much scary as it is uncomfortable – and somewhat uncharacteristic of who I am and how I want to be. Unfortunately, I can't change the way I think now/how I'm influenced any more than this life-long member of Red Sox Nation can become a New York Yankee fan. It's almost as if your personality profile/tendencies are genetically transformed because of the mutations in your cells brought about by the cancer being triggered somehow. You know what you're doing. You think you know why you're doing it. But you still can't stop yourself from doing it. This preoccupation seems to manifest itself most when I am spending money. I always ask myself if I really need that item now. And if I do need it now, how long might I actually need it for. And how long I might need it for determines the level of financial commitment I'm willing to make. After all, are we talking days, weeks, months or years?

A few decisions that have consumed me of late, involving value versus actual need:

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My AARP membership. One-, three- or five-year renewal. Again, the more years I prepay, the less the cost. But at what cost? Who's the beneficiary? Me or my beneficiary?

What to do? Live like having cancer matters or live like it doesn't? Either way, "I'm a victim of soicumstance."

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



# McLean Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

Six students sign to play college sports in the fall.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Six McLean High School senior athletes made their college decisions final Wednesday, Feb. 6, signing letters of intent for their schools of choice for next year. Soccer players Evelyn Robinson and David Galdo, along with football player Robert Longwell have been awarded scholarships to play next year, while Lexi Slotkoff and Kris Hobbs will play for Ivy League schools.

Robinson will attend the University of South Carolina to play soccer. Clyde Watson of McLean Youth Soccer, who coached Robinson to a national Under-17 Girls championship last summer, praised Robinson's quiet leadership style.

"She has great leadership abilities, not necessarily traditional 'rah-rah' leadership, not yet, but she leads by example in a way that's truly unique," he said. "Every coach should have at least one player like her. South Carolina

might think they know what they have in her, but I guarantee they're selling themselves short right now."

Galdo was an All-District soccer player his sophomore and junior season, and he will play for Division I George Mason University in the fall. He also competes in cross country, where he submitted the team's best time in the fall.

"I've been very fortunate to see a lot of games in many sports, and David has always been a joy to watch as a soccer player," said Jim Patrick, the school's activities director. "He's got great intensity and a great motor, anyone watching him play soccer can see what a leader he is."

Slotkoff will play volleyball for the University of Pennsylvania next year. Coach Steve Stotler remembered how she was a late try-out her freshman year because her family was out of town, and praised the passion she shows for the sport.

"Our number one goal was to get her to fall in love with the

game, and when she came back as a sophomore, she had fallen in love with the game," he said. "Her game took major steps, and you could see how much enthusiasm and excitement she had. Over the four years here, I couldn't have asked for a better student, athlete or all around person."

Hobbs will join the crew team at Cornell University. He won the 2,000-meter in 2012, and Patrick complimented his work ethic.

"Crew is one of the most demanding sports we have here, and Kris really put in the time, not only on winter workouts, but in the water as well," he said. "It's a tremendous accomplishment to be able to take those skills to Cornell, and it's a testament to his hard work."

Longwell will play for the Georgetown University football team as a long snapper in the fall. Bruce Patrick, special teams coach for the McLean Highlanders team, remembered recruiting Longwell to be a snapper going into his sophomore year.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

From left, McLean High School seniors Evelyn Robinson, David Galdo, Lexi Slotkoff, Kris Hobbs and Robert Longwell sign their letters of intent to play college athletics Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Brice Patrick said he needed perfect special teams, which meant players who could snap the ball for extra points and field goals, that would be "automatic" when it came to good snaps.

"We were looking for kids that not only wanted to prove themselves, but wanted to help the team, Robert was one such person, and he took it to another level, going to camps, working with

other snappers in the summer time," he said. "When it really paid off was that year playing Madison, and our first team snapper went down with an injury. To win the game, we needed a last-second field goal from a sophomore snapper and sophomore kicker, not the ideal situation. But the snap and kick were perfect and we won the game. And Robert just got better and better."

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**Essay Contest: What freedom do I enjoy most?** The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 accepts submissions from third through 12th graders through March 1; call for rules, prize amounts and info. 703-242-7082.

**Smith Chapel Coffee House.** 7-8:30 p.m., at Smith Chapel, 11321 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. Smith Chapel will hold a Coffee House evening of music in their fellowship hall, featuring Chrissie and Clint Dalton. [www.SmithChapelUMC.com](http://www.SmithChapelUMC.com).

**Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka.** 7:30 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and comes to life in this stage adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. [www.oakcrest.org/student-life/fine-arts/upper-school-show/index.aspx](http://www.oakcrest.org/student-life/fine-arts/upper-school-show/index.aspx).

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## SATURDAY/MARCH 2

**McLean Symphony Orchestra.** 3 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Songs from the latest generation of Broadway musicals and Hollywood hits presented with student compositions arranged for full orchestra in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association. 703-790-0123 or [www.mclean-symphony.org](http://www.mclean-symphony.org).

**Buskin & Batteau.** 7:30 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The humorous folk-pop duo debuts tracks from their recently released album Love Remembered, Love Forgot. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 3

**Golden Calidore String Quartet.** 4 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A concert of masterpiece quartets including Haydn's Op. 76 No.1 and Mendelssohn's Op. 13 No. 2. \$30; free for students 17 and under. [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com).

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## THURSDAY/ MARCH 7

**Helen Reddy.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at



**"Great Falls in Summer" captures the power and grandeur of the community's namesake. This photo, taken from Leggett's book, "Visions of Great Falls," is on display at the library through March.**

## Photography Show and Book Signing at Great Falls Library

**"Visions of Great Falls,"** an exhibit of photos included in the book Visions of Great Falls, by photographer and author Dee Leggett, is on display through March at the Great Falls Library. This is the second in her "Visions of ..." photojournal series, and the only known book in print about the Great Falls community. Leggett will be avail-

able Saturday, March 9, from 2-4 p.m. to tell the stories behind the photographs and to sign her book. The exhibit is on display and can be viewed during normal library business hours. Leggett is a member of Great Falls Studios and has been exhibiting her photography for more than 10 years. Visit [DeeLeggettPhotography.vpweb.com](http://DeeLeggettPhotography.vpweb.com) or call 703-430-8680.

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political satire benefits the Class of 2013's drug and alcohol-free All-Night Grad Party. \$25-30. [madisoncapitolsteps2013@gmail.com](mailto:madisoncapitolsteps2013@gmail.com).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 12

**Vienna Arts Society's Children's Printmaking Workshop.** 4-5 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Children ages 7-12 will print a fish, create reliefs, mono-prints, and other prints with the help of a dozen local artists. 703-938-0405.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 14

**Paint with Paper!** 10 a.m.-noon, at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Collage artist Megan Coyle demonstrates her mixed media method of creating landscapes and portraits with paper. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## FRIDAY/ MARCH 15

**Johnnie Walker Whisky Night.** 6:30 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, third floor, McLean. Join for a special evening at Wildfire, when we explore and enjoy the most widely distributed brand of scotch whisky in the world, Johnnie Walker; featuring Ewan Morgan. \$90. 703-442-9110.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 22

**"Never the Sinner."** 8 p.m., at 1st Stage in Tysons, 524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, McLean. Playwright John Logan's riveting first play about the 1924 "crime of the century." General: \$25; students: \$15. or 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststagetysons.org](http://www.1ststagetysons.org).

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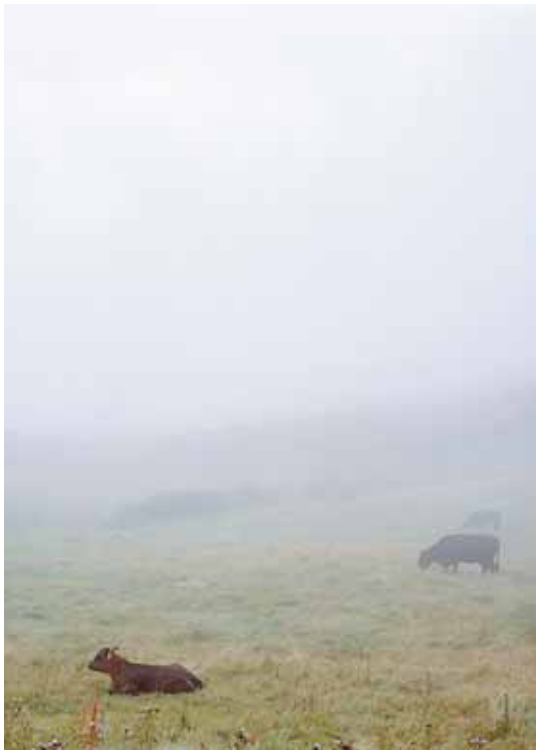
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While in residency in Ireland, Christin Boggs used her camera to observe quiet moments in a new landscape.

## Christin Boggs Exhibits at Katie's Coffee House

Great Falls Studios Artist Christin Boggs will present a selection of images from her series Ag-fás, March 1-31, 2013, at Katie's Coffee House, The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760 Walker Road in Great Falls, 703-759-3309.

The artist traveled to Ireland during the summer of 2011 as a visiting artist at Cow House Studios—a teen art program and artist residency located on a working farm in Wexford. She lived on the farm for the majority of the summer, working with the students in the art studio. Boggs also traveled to Dublin and out to the West Coast. While in residency, she used her camera to observe quiet moments in a new landscape, impressed by the raw strength and vitality of the land. Some im-

ages come from the Cow House vegetable garden. Other images were taken in Dingle, Cape Clear Island and the Aran Islands.

Christin Boggs explores traditional and recently developed urban food practices, with an emphasis on ecologically beneficial growing systems. Her photographs have been displayed nationally in solo and group exhibitions, in both traditional galleries and public spaces, as well as print and online publications. She holds an MFA in imaging arts from Rochester Institute of Technology and a BFA in art and visual technology from George Mason University. Boggs is currently a professor of photography at George Mason University and George Washington University.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### FRIDAY/APRIL 12

**MoveMENT: Christopher K. Morgan** and Artists. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. As part of the Artist-in-Residence at the Alden program, choreographers and dancers bring athletic, contemporary dance; a collaboration between male choreographer and composer/cellist

Ignacio Alcover perform with special guests. \$25; \$18, MCC residents. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 13

**Tylan.** 7 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Tylan, previously of folk-pop group Girlyman, tours with her debut solo record, made in the year after losing her 16-year partner and fellow

Girlyman member Doris Muramatsu to leukemia. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### ONGOING

**Straight Ahead Jazz.** 8 p.m., at the Maplewood Grill, 132 Branch Road, Vienna. Every Monday drummer Karl Anthony hosts a night of straight ahead jazz featuring guest musicians and open to sit-in musicians. [www.maplewoodgrill.com](http://www.maplewoodgrill.com).

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# SPORTS



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Marshall senior Grant Leibow scored 24 points against McLean in the Liberty District championship game on Feb. 15. Leibow was awarded the MVP of the tournament.

## Marshall Boys' Basketball Wins Liberty District Title

Statesmen hold off defending champion Highlanders at South Lakes High.

BY ALEX VAN REES  
FOR THE CONNECTION

The Marshall boys' basketball team captured the first Liberty District championship in program history on Feb. 15 when the Statesmen defeated the McLean Highlanders 60-45 in the district tournament championship game at South Lakes High School.

Right out of the gates, the No. 4 Highlanders picked up the early lead within five seconds by driving down the court and getting on the board first, 2-0.

However, that lead would not last for long. "We didn't come out the way we wanted to tonight," said McLean junior guard Joey Sullivan, who finished with five points. "We turned the ball over too much. I think we just let the hype of the game get into our heads and that's not the way we wanted to come out. We tried to adjust after the half and made it to within eight points, but they held on."

**THE FIRST PERIOD** went back-and-forth the entire eight minutes with little scoring taking place; it was a great testament to how well these teams can play defensively.

"I think we proved a lot of people wrong this season," said Sullivan. "If you were to ask some of the coaches around the league, I don't think many of them would have said that we would be back in the district championship. Just getting here, we accomplished many goals and proved people wrong."

At the end of the first period, the No. 2 Statesmen took a 9-7 lead, and that was the closest the Highlanders would come to the title. As the game progressed, Marshall continued to build its lead and by the end of the half, the Statesmen had pulled away by 11 points, 26-15.

"All tournament I think we played really well," said

Marshall senior guard Grant Leibow, who led the team with 24 points. "We definitely turned it up this tournament. We had a couple down points in the season when we lost a couple of games in the row, and that just motivated us to do better. We knew we had a chance to win."

The Statesmen burst out of the gates and were ready to get the second half underway; they posted 18 points in the third period, the most in a single period the entire game. Not to mention, they only allowed the Highlanders to tally 13. After three periods, Marshall held a 16-point lead, 44-28.

Heading into the final period, the Highlanders had one last chance for a comeback, and they outscored the Statesmen 17-16. However, that was not enough as Marshall defeated the defending Liberty District champs 60-5.

"It feels great to win the championship finally because the last two years, we were eliminated in the first game of the tournament," said Marshall head coach Dan Hale, who was named the coach of the year for the Liberty District boys. "For them, it's a real testament to them about how much work they have put in, both in the off-season and throughout the year on and off the court. Everyone has a role and they each filled that tonight. They are a very dedicated bunch."

Leibow was awarded the MVP of the tournament and was named to the second-team all-district. Senior forward Doug Turpin and junior guard Towner Hale both finished second on the team with nine points.

"Even though we were the higher seed, I think that took pressure off of us," said Leibow. "No one expected us to win, and I think we proved a lot of people wrong. We had never been here before, so we didn't know what to expect."

**SENIOR CENTER JOHN PASCOE**, who was named to the first-team all-district, led McLean, the defending district champion, with 17 points and seven rebounds. He and senior guard Samer Abdelmoty, who posted 11 points, each made the all-tournament team.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Marshall's Morgan Stahl placed fourth on beam at the VHSL state gymnastics meet on Feb. 16 at Centreville High School. Stahl placed third in the all-around competition.

## Stahl Places Third at State Gymnastics Meet

As a freshman in 2012, Marshall's Morgan Stahl competed at the VHSL state gymnastics meet, but failed to place in the top eight in an event.

As a sophomore, Stahl earned a trip back to the state meet. This time, she walked away with some hardware.

Stahl placed third in the all-around competition at the state gymnastics meet, earning all-

state honors with a total of 38.325 on Feb. 16 at Centreville High School. Stahl placed second on floor (9.725), fourth on beam (9.675) and finished in a tie for fifth on vault (9.725).

Stahl also finished 15th on bars (9.2).

"It feels really good," Stahl said. "Last year I was here as a freshman and I didn't place on anything, so it was nice to come back and improve so much."

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

## Langley Boys' Basketball Falls in Quarterfinals

The Langley boys' basketball team lost to Wakefield 46-44 in the Northern Region quarterfinals on Feb. 20, ending the Saxons' season.

Langley held a one-point lead in the closing seconds, but lost on a buzzer-beater by Wakefield's Re'Quan Hopson.

The Saxons won nine games in a row entering their regular season finale against rival McLean. Langley lost to the Highlanders, 42-35, which proved to be the start of a rough ending to the Saxons' season. Langley dropped three of its final five games, including a pair of losses to McLean, which beat the Saxons in the Liberty District semifinals.

Langley finished the year with a 20-6 record ended the regular season atop the Liberty District standings.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Langley had three players finish the

season averaging double-figure points: Brad Dotson (11.5), Justin Galiani (10.5) and Garrett Collier (10).

## McLean Boys, Girls Lose in First Round

After each finished Liberty District runner-up, the McLean boys' and girls' basketball teams lost in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

The McLean boys lost to Robinson 49-37 on Feb. 18, three days after the Highlanders lost to Marshall in the Liberty District title game.

The McLean girls lost to Oakton 42-33 on Feb. 18, three days after the Highlanders lost to Madison in the district final.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, John Pascoe led the McLean boys with 15.3 points per game. Lisa Murphy led the McLean girls with an average of 15.3.



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1214 HUNTRESS CT .....	4	...	4 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$1,250,000 ....	Detached .....	0.52 .....	22102 .....	TIMBERLY SOUTH
6305 LONG MEADOW RD .....	4	...	3 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$1,195,000 ....	Detached .....	0.40 .....	22101 .....	EVERMAY
1110 CEDRUS LN .....	4	...	4 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$1,150,000 ....	Detached .....	5.00 .....	22102 .....	PEACOCK STATION
6614 CHESTERFIELD AVE .....	5	...	6 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$1,140,000 ....	Detached .....	0.28 .....	22101 .....	CHESTERBROOK GARDENS
8109 SPRING HILL FARM DR .....	4	...	4 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$1,100,000 ....	Detached .....	0.94 .....	22102 .....	SPRING HILL FARM
819 RIDGE DR .....	4	...	2 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$999,950 ....	Detached .....	0.47 .....	22101 .....	LANGLEY OAKS
1344 MACBETH ST .....	5	...	3 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$905,000 ....	Detached .....	0.32 .....	22102 .....	MCLEAN HAMLET
1616 WALDEN DR .....	3	...	2 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$825,000 ....	Detached .....	0.59 .....	22101 .....	WALDEN OF MCLEAN
6612 ROCKMONT CT .....	4	...	3 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$796,000 ....	Detached .....	0.27 .....	22043 .....	MERRELL PARK
2739 PIONEER LN .....	5	...	3 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$790,000 ....	Detached .....	0.33 .....	22043 .....	FR MARTINI PROPERTY
1042 DELF DR .....	4	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$770,000 ....	Detached .....	0.50 .....	22101 .....	WEST LANGLEY
2408 CLAREMONT DR .....	4	...	2 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$707,000 ....	Detached .....	0.28 .....	22043 .....	FALLS HILL
2428 LEXINGTON RD .....	4	...	2 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$705,000 ....	Detached .....	0.35 .....	22043 .....	FALLS HILL
1705 WARNER AVE .....	4	...	3 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$685,000 ....	Detached .....	0.26 .....	22101 ....	WEST LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
1781 CHAIN BRIDGE RD #102 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$670,000 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	MORGAN AT MCLEAN
6448 DIVINE ST .....	4	...	2 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$630,500 ....	Detached .....	0.29 .....	22101 .....	EL NIDO ESTATES
6614 MIDHILL PL .....	3	...	2 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$624,000 ....	Townhouse .....	0.04 .....	22043 .....	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
7339 ELDORADO ST .....	3	...	3 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$610,000 ....	Townhouse .....	0.04 .....	22102 .....	HALLCREST HEIGHTS
7340 ELDORADO ST .....	3	...	3 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$580,000 ....	Townhouse .....	0.04 .....	22102 .....	HALLCREST HEIGHTS
2223 WESTMORELAND ST .....	4	...	2 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$542,000 ....	Detached .....	0.23 .....	22043 .....	CHURCHILL
2123 PIMMIT DR .....	5	...	3 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$525,000 ....	Detached .....	0.31 .....	22043 .....	PIMMIT HILLS
7713 LEWINSVILLE RD .....	3	...	1 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$520,000 ....	Detached .....	0.50 .....	22102 .....	LEWINSVILLE
8370 GREENSBORO DR #412 .....	3	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$485,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	ROTONDA
2121 DOMINION HEIGHTS CT .....	3	...	3 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$475,000 ....	Townhouse .....	0.03 .....	22043 .....	MARSHALL HEIGHTS
1911 HILLSIDE DR .....	3	...	2 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$465,000 ....	Detached .....	0.23 .....	22043 .....	PIMMIT HILLS
8370 GREENSBORO DR #608 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$397,500 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	ROTONDA
1808 OLD MEADOW RD #113 .....	3	...	2 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$385,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	ENCORE OF MCLEAN
2041 CHERRI DR .....	3	...	1 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$375,000 ....	Detached .....	0.23 .....	22043 .....	PIMMIT HILLS
1808 OLD MEADOW RD #713 .....	3	...	2 ... 1 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$370,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	ENCORE OF MCLEAN
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR#527 ..	2	...	2 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$360,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22043 .....	22043 .....	RENAISSANCE 2230
1524 LINCOLN WAY #411 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$353,000 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
8370 GREENSBORO DR #1004 .....	1	...	1 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$306,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	ROTONDA
7610 LEE LANDING DR .....	3	...	1 ... 1 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$282,700 ....	Townhouse .....	0.03 .....	22043 .....	LEE LANDING PARK
7640 PROVINCIAL DR #313 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$279,900 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	THE COLONIES
7651 TREMAYNE PL #103 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$270,000 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	THE COLONIES
2311 PIMMIT DR #715 .....	2	...	2 ... 0 ...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$218,000 ....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22043 .....	22043 .....	IDYLLWOOD TOWERS
1935 WILSON LN #101 .....	1	...	1 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$207,500 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	MCLEAN CHASE
7651 TREMAYNE PL #212 .....	1	...	1 ... 0 .....	MCLEAN .....	\$195,000 ....	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22102 .....	22102 .....	THE COLONIES

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MPA Beginnings Remembered

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cluded the Emerson Gallery, as well as the Atrium Gallery and the Ramp Gallery.

“It’s incredibly gratifying to see a small group of women artists, what they founded 50 years ago and what we’ve become today,” said the MPA’s Executive Director, Nancy Perry. “From sweeping floors and hanging art wherever they could find space in downtown McLean, to now this fabulous 2,000 sq. ft. white box exhibition space. The Emerson Gallery is the pride of the region. There’s no other space like it.”

This organization that moved 10 times before finding its now permanent home, which operated with an all-volunteer staff for its first 25 years is now highly respected in the regional art community. “We’ve really established ourselves as one of the premier exhibition spaces for contemporary artists,” said Perry. “We’re the oldest continually operating non-profit visual arts center in the region,” she added.

THE MPA is still asked about its model, and the secret to its success. The group credits its original

mission. Bradley said that though the mission was to bring art to this community, and to help discover “young emerging artists,” it was also to do something for the children of the community. In 1962, when the MPA was founded, there was no art program in the public schools. Reaching out to school-children has been a part of the MPA’s mission since its inception. The MPA was the first visual arts center in northern Virginia to target at-risk youth and to offer these students free bus transportation to the gallery, according to Perry.

The MPA has been a thriving entity for 50 years, highlighting works of emerging and established contemporary artists from the mid-Atlantic region, supporting programs for school children, and sponsoring a variety of classes and open studio opportunities in its Susan B. DuVal studio. It has shown works by more than 1,500 artists in its 50 years, including works by artists such as Sam Gilliam, member of the famed Washington Color School. In addition, the MPA may be most well known locally for hosting one of McLean’s most popular events, the annual MPA Artfest.

a nonprofit that provides resources and programs for parents and youth, particularly in the Langley, McLean and Thomas Jefferson school pyramids, provided a grant which allowed Kriebel to appear. “Michelle Kriebel is someone

who is getting a lot of notice and has a lot of success in speaking to parents,” said Nyka Feldman, SCC executive director. “Were hoping to do more programs like this in the future, in order to reach broader audiences.”

Spring Hill Hosts Parental Presentation

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model behavior for our children,” she said. “These are things that we have in our heads, but it’s always important to keep them at the forefront.”

The Safe Community Coalition,

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