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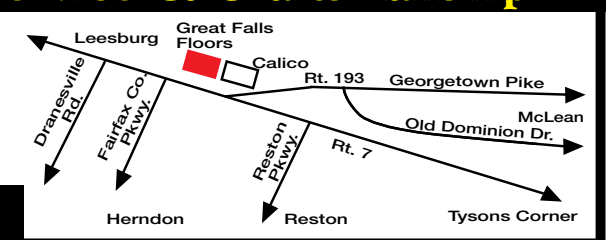
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NEWS



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Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Norman Smith, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova prepare to lay a wreath at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 27, as part of the annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Great Falls Marks Memorial Day Annual ceremony pays tribute to veterans past and present.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Retired Lt. Gen. Norman H. Smith was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps in December 1955, more than 10 years after the Battle of Iwo Jima. But 68 years later, he accompanied 14 surviving veterans to the Japanese island, and he was struck by the stories he heard.

“As we stood on Mount Suribachi, some of the vets talked about their recollections of the battle. Donald Graves, 87, was 18 then. He remembered having steak for breakfast on the day he went ashore third wave. Once on the black beach, he lay with his face on the sand, very scared. He told me he was clinging to a ledge on Mount Suribachi with his flamethrower, just a few feet from where the [American] flag was raised,” Smith said. “Bill Montgomery, 89, was not long out of high school. On Iwo Jima he was the only survivor of his small unit. When he saw the flag raised on Suribachi, he thought the battle was over, but instead it raged on for more than a month. He told me he had not wanted to revisit the scene of so much tragedy, but decided to come to remember and honor his fellow Marine brothers.”

Smith was the guest speaker at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial’s Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27. One Iwo Jima veteran was present at the ceremony. Tommy Cox of McLean was a member of the 5th Marine Division, 28th Regiment, and witnessed the famous raising of the American flag on Mount Suribachi.

DOZENS OF RESIDENTS gathered at the memorial to pay tribute to the 25 men and women of Great Falls who died in battle or from attacks on America, as well as the thousands of Americans who had, what Abraham Lincoln called “laid so costly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom.”

After the names were read, scouts from Boy Scout Troop 55 raised the flags at the memorial from half-mast.

“According to the Flag Code, flags should fly at



Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Norman Smith speaks at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 27.

half staff until midday, to mourn the sacrifices of the past,” said Bruce Ellis Fein of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. “The flags should be raised at midday to full staff to celebrate the future that those sacrifices have made possible.”

After the ceremony, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) presented the family of Tony Blankley, a Great Falls resident and member of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial who passed away in January 2012.

Blankley was a press secretary for Newt Gingrich while he was Speaker of the House, the editorial page editor for The Washington Times and a regular panelist on The McLaughlin Group. He was also a prosecutor with the California attorney general’s office and even briefly a child actor, appearing in Humphrey Bogart’s last film, “The Harder They Fall.”

“It’s fitting that we honor Tony today, because he and [his wife] Linda were very committed to the military, and were so involved in setting up this memorial, and Linda continues that legacy today,” Comstock said. “Tony was truly a Renaissance man. He led such a rich, interesting and well-led life, and he was well respected by all his friends and colleagues, which many of us here are proud to call ourselves.”

BLANKLEY’S WIFE LINDA DAVIS, her mother and their daughter Anna accepted the resolution awarded by Comstock. Davis is still active with many military causes, and spent last weekend volunteering with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.

“I’m so thankful for this tremendous honor, and I know Tony would be very humbled by it as well,” she said.

Smith said in his concluding remarks that though many of the men and women of the armed forces may wish to forget the tragedies, injuries and losses they have endured in service of country, “Those who have made the greatest sacrifice have no tomorrows,” he said. “They have given them to us, and for those who have given their lives, we must be strong, we will be faithful and we will be free.”



Calvin Follin reads the names of Great Falls residents who have died in the service of their country, or in attacks on their country, while Sara Hilgartner rings a bell for each name at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 27.



Great Falls residents line up to meet Tommy Cox of McLean, a Marine Corps veteran who served in the Battle of Iwo Jima Monday, May 27 at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.



Maria Glover sings the National Anthem next to Bruce Ellis Fein of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 27, as part of the community’s annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School, receives the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader award at the 2013 Celebrate Partnerships Award Ceremony on May 21 at the Mason Inn and Conference Center. Former County Executive Tony Griffin and Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, applaud Cao's initiative in co-founding GIVE, Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education, a tutoring program.



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Celebrating Partnerships

Fairfax County, FCPS honor 12 public-private partners during awards ceremony.

In the summer of 2012 when most high school seniors are working on their college essays or lounging by the pool, Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, decided to do something different.

He envisioned a service project, contacted Fairfax County Public Library staff to gauge interest and put the wheels in motion to create a program where older students offer tutoring to younger students in communities where there is a significant need.

He co-founded Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education (GIVE), which encourages and supports "participation in community organizations and other activities that address community needs and opportunities." Through GIVE, he began tutoring, seeking volunteer tutors, reserving rooms at five library branches and publicizing the new service in English and Spanish.

Between October 2012 and February 2013 his partnership with the library served more than 300 students through 1,450 tutoring sessions. If the library or Kevin were to charge even \$15 per session, the value would equal more than \$21,000.

Cao was recognized for his giving with the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader Award at this year's Celebrate Partnerships Awards Ceremony on May 21. The event is hosted by Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Even at his young age, Kevin Cao exemplifies what we all seek in a community leader, someone with vision, compassion and the wherewithal to take an idea and make it happen for the benefit of people, not just our family or our friends or even ourselves, but to create partnerships that benefit the community as a whole," said Tony Griffin, former Fairfax County Executive.

Cao was one of 12 individuals and groups honored at the event, held at the Mason Inn and Conference Center.

More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards, which focus on individuals and groups who partner with Fairfax County and FCPS to give back to the community in which they work and live.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County School Board Chair Ilryong Moon, Deputy Division Superintendent Richard



Frost Middle School's Advanced Women's Ensemble sang the National Anthem at the 2013 Celebrate Partnerships Award Ceremony on May 21 at the Mason Inn and Conference Center.

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Tony Griffin Partnership Leader: Kevin Cao, Thomas Jefferson High School
- ❖ **Fairfax County Public Schools Award Winners**
Blue Ribbon Mentoring: Providence Elementary School
- ❖ **Blue Ribbon Outstanding Event:** Exxon Mobil Corporation, Micron Technology, Northrop Grumman Information Systems, Noblis, SRC Inc.
- ❖ **Blue Ribbon Workforce Development:** DoD CIO & IT/TM
- ❖ **Community Partner of the Year:** Fairfax Symphony Orchestra
- ❖ **Business Partner of the Year:** Time Warner Cable
- ❖ **Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Business):** Judy Hubka, Exxon Mobil Corporation
- ❖ **Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Community):** Evan Glazer, FCPS Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Moniuszko and Fairfax County Director Rob Staltzer.

"Hundreds of our local business and individuals are giving their time, talent and resources as partners in the community. When businesses, the County, FCPS and the local nonprofits team up everybody is a winner," said Patricia Stevens, Executive Director, Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

"Together with Fairfax County, we are continually amazed at the generosity and talent our partners provide on a daily basis. These partnerships positively impact our community's youth, which I predict will create a better tomorrow," said Jay Garant, Coordinator, Business and Community Partnerships, Fairfax County Public Schools.

—VICTORIA ROSS



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Members of the Riverbend Park Staff and the Friends of Riverbend Park receive a check for \$2,000 from Celebrate Great Falls, which will pay for a summer intern. The Friends of Riverbend Park donated \$10,000 for this summer, to pay for five interns.

Riverbend Receives Intern Funding

Friends of Riverbend Park, Celebrate Great Falls support summer interns.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Celebrate Great Falls presented the Friends of Riverbend Park with a \$2,000 check Tuesday, May 21, which will help fund a paid summer intern for the park.

"The Friends of Riverbend Park gave a presentation at the annual nonprofit forum in Great Falls, and we were immediately struck by the needs and importance of the internship program," said Mike Kearney, owner of The Old Brogue and member of Celebrate Great Falls. "We had originally planned to donate about \$1,000, but after hearing what the program does, we decided to double it."

The Friends of Riverbend Park have already contributed \$10,000 to the park that will fund five interns this year. The interns, students at local colleges, will run the park's more than 600 camps and summer programs this summer.

"The interns come from Fairfax County, and they all have demonstrated interest in outdoor skills and education. They'll be teaching things like

fishing, primitive life, biology and other sciences. It's a good program for these students to find a niche that they're interested in teaching," said Julie Gurnee, a staff member at the park. "The camps and programs are a great source of revenue for the park as well. Each intern generates about 10 times what we pay them in fees for the summer camps."

Tim Hackman, president of the Friends of Riverbend Park, said the organization is always looking for ways to help bring in revenue for the park, which has seen its funding drop by 25 percent over the last several years.

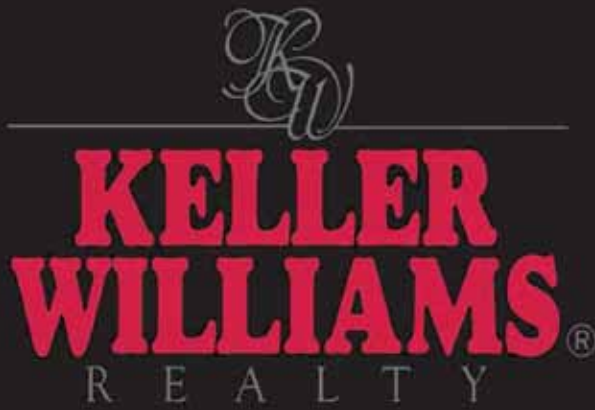
"Riverbend Park is a great way to address the 'nature deficit disorder' that a lot of people seem to have these days," he said. "These interns help us help Riverbend Park, and the revenue is what's going to help this park continue into the future."

Riverbend Park consists of 411 acres of forests and meadows, which includes more than two miles of land along the Potomac River.

The \$2,000 donation from Celebrate Great Falls will go to funding interns for the summer of 2014.

"The camps and programs are a great source of revenue for the park as well. Each intern generates about 10 times what we pay them in fees for the summer camps."

— Julie Gurnee, a staff member at the park



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This year's Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament will take place Monday, June 3 at the Hidden Creek Country Club.

Golfers participate in last year's Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament, which benefits local elementary schools.

Annual Golf Tournament Set for June 3

Proceeds will go to parent teacher groups for local elementary schools.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Celebrate Great Falls will host its annual golf tournament Monday, June 3 at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. The event serves as a fundraiser for Great Falls, Colvin Run and Forestville Elementary Schools, and has raised more than \$98,000 for the schools. "This is a major way the community can come together and support our local schools,"

said Mike Kearney of Celebrate Great Falls. "In the past, we've helped these schools meet some major needs, and that's the plan this year, and every year going forward."

Registration for the tournament includes: a round of golf with cart, free range balls, entry into hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive and putting contests, two mulligans, a raffle ticket, complimentary beverages, lunch or dinner and an awards ceremony.

Last year \$6,000 each was donated to the

parent teacher organizations and associations of the schools, which was used to upgrade technology at Colvin Run and Forestville, and to upgrade the track at Great Falls Elementary.

The Great Falls Elementary PTA said they hope to use the funds for technology and equipment, improving the playground equipment, for reading, art and physical education supplies, as well as resources for English as a second language, learning disabled, and gifted and talented programs.

The Colvin Run Elementary PTO said they plan to use funds for a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math lab, and to expand the playground.


Forestville faculty said they hope to use the money raised to fund mobile computer labs, electronic reading programs and for art and physical education supplies.

There are two shotgun starts for the tournament, at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and a putting contest at 12:45 p.m.

More information, including registration details, can be found at www.greatfallsgolf.org.

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NEWS

Earning a Fishing Merit Badge

Paul Sullivan of Fresh Catch Seafood Market in Great Falls supervises Neal Kelly as he cleans a flounder as part of the requirements for his Fishing Merit Badge on Friday, May 24. Neal is a boy scout in Great Falls Troop 673.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RICHARD KELLY

Neal Kelly of Troop 673 in Great Falls holds up the flounder he cleaned with the help of Paul Sullivan of Fresh Catch Seafood Market.



Play Golf & Have Fun!



Support your Local Elementary Schools!

2013 Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament at Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston VA.

Monday June 3rd

This year's proceeds will be donated to: Colvin Run Elementary School, Forestville Elementary School and Great Falls Elementary School.

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OPINION

Don't Be Among the Missing

Last time Virginia elected a governor, 1.7 million voters failed to vote after voting the previous year.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

It's a mistake for people offended by the inflammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, E.W. Jackson, to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for governor, unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote. As an example, in November 2007, incum-

bent state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won reelection by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

In Fairfax County, there is also Democratic primary for District 86, between Jennifer Boysko and Herb Kemp, with the winner facing incumbent Tom Rust (R).

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov/,

Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state, Fairfax County Board of Elections, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm,

City of Fairfax Board of Elections, www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

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COMMENTARY

Reform the Reforms

Reform would re-direct education expectations to ensure that every child becomes a successful learner.

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

Anyone with a sibling or with two or more children knows how different children are. Within the same family there are differences in interests, aptitude, personality and temperament. These differences are among the things that make young children unique and special. That is, until they get into the public education stream. Standards set by local, state and now federal officials create a mold each child is expected to fit into. Not unlike a raw material fed into one end of the school factory, the children are expected to come out the other end as a defined product. Teach-

ers are the assembly-line workers with strict product specifications their students are expected to meet with the teacher's rate of pay increasingly dependent upon the students' performance. Quality control is the high stakes, standardized testing that has increasingly been encroaching on instructional time. Too often lost in the process are the special qualities of children that allow them to sing and dance with great success; to use their hands and minds to create, repair and assemble; or to ponder, write and imagine. These skills simply do not fit onto a fill-in-the-bubbles answer sheet.

Schools virtually close down instruction this time of year for the annual standardized tests. Anxiety

rises for children who can no doubt sense it from their parents and the school staff. The race is on to prove the impossible of having everyone be above average. No space is left for the individual child for under the current system every child as an individual is left behind.

I am not alone in my beliefs. Diane Ravitch, a former assistant secretary of education who helped put together the No Child Left Behind program has written a book titled, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education*. Richard Rothstein's new book, *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* argues that the current focus on basic skills is narrowing the curriculum allowing schools to get higher test scores without supplying better education. Linda Darling-Hammond in her book *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future* reviews what the top-performing school systems around the world do to get results. She concludes it



is building a strong, experienced staff with an emphasis on a rich, well-balanced curriculum in the arts and sciences. Finland, the highest performing nation, does not rely on testing.

Increasingly testing has been a relatively cheap and quick way for politicians to say they are working for better schools, but the system they have built is faulty and does not encourage future learning or creativity. Reforming many of the past reforms would not lower our expectations; it would re-direct them to ensuring that every child was a successful learner who would be able to succeed in a changing world.

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Comstock's Claims Not Consistent With Voting Record

To the Editor:

I read the five-page letter sent by Delegate Barbara Comstock to her constituents. Her carefully worded claims, upon closer study, reveal a politician who does not represent the priorities of her district even as she tries to take credit for the accomplishment of others. On transportation, education and economic development, she actually voted against many of the bills touted in her letter!

Take education. Comstock

touted a 2 percent pay raise for teachers. What she didn't say was that she actually voted against HB 1500, the bill that gave our teachers the raise they deserve.

Similarly, she voted "No" on the Transportation Bill—a bipartisan measure that finally provides a mechanism for Northern Virginia localities to keep some of the transportation revenue raised here to use for local projects.

Finally, Delegate Comstock makes a big deal of her support for the high

tech industry, citing \$2.5 million in funding for a cyber-security accelerator at the Center for Innovative Technology in Dulles. Guess what? This funding was in the 2013 Budget Bill that she voted against!

Comstock's votes seem more attuned to those cast by her Republican colleagues from downstate who delight in voting against the interests of our region.

J. Jay Volkert
Vienna

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Pictured in front are Great Falls Little League Players, while in back, from left, are Jim Seymour, Jackson Emery and Nat Emery of the Seymour Foundation with Mike Cerrantani, Michelle Gasparis and Caroline Gasparis of the Great Falls Little League.

Seymour Foundation Seeks to Save Life-saving device donated to the Great Falls Little League.

BY PARKER KOBAYASHI
 THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

During a Great Falls Little League game on Saturday, May 18, the Adam P. Seymour Foundation donated an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the Great Falls Little League as part of the foundation's commitment to providing AEDs to organizations and schools that do not have the medical device.

"There's 350,000 occurrences of sudden cardiac arrest in this country yearly and we are trying to make sure that we keep as many of those as possible from becoming fatal. That's our goal," said Jim Seymour, one of the founders of the Seymour Foundation.

Seymour's son and the namesake of the foundation, Adam Seymour, died of sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 18 on Aug. 19, 2010 while he trained with the Lynchburg Soccer Team. Adam did not have access to an AED, which is vital for survival after cardiac arrest, for over nine minutes after he collapsed. After learning that an AED could have saved Adam's life, Adam's parents, Jim and Becky, and his brother, Nick, decided to found the Adam P. Seymour Foundation to highlight the dangers of heart defects and to honor Adam's memory. The foundation's goals include education about sudden cardiac arrest, promotion of awareness about AEDs, and the provision of AEDs to people and organizations, such as the Great Falls Little League.

"This is the perfect organization" Jim said, referring to the Little League, "because they are going to

train all their coaches in CPR and AED use, they are going to involve the kids in it and that is what needs to be done."

Currently the Seymour Foundation has funded and placed three AEDs in Fairfax County Public Schools, two in separate private schools and is presently working with the Fairfax Athletic Council to provide AEDs at remote athletic fields. The Seymour Foundation also awards scholarships to Robinson High School seniors and provides financial support to organizations such as Tender Hearts and Parent Heart Watch. They also host a 5K run and silent auction at Robinson High School as well as "Dining for Dollars," a partnership with Glory Days Grill that runs from May 1-June 30 to support the Seymour Foundation.

Adam Seymour was a graduate of Robinson High School in Fairfax, where he was known as a dedicated student, exemplary athlete and a committed friend. He wanted to pursue environmental studies at Lynchburg College where he had achieved a long-standing goal of playing soccer for a college team. Through the Seymour Foundation, his family hopes that they can not only educate the public about cardiac arrest and heart defects but also prevent the loss of other young men and women. "We would never want anyone to experience what we went through and what Adam's younger brother went through," Jim Seymour said.

For more information on the Adam P. Seymour Foundation or to make a donation, visit <http://www.adampseymourfoundation.org/about.html> or contact adamseymourfoundation@gmail.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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SUNDAY/APRIL 28

What Every Real Estate Investor Needs to Know. 1-4 p.m., at Keller Williams Realty, 774-A Walker Road, Great Falls. Learn how experts find, analyze and buy the right properties then develop your plan to grow wealth. RSVP. LyonsMcGuire@TeamGreatFalls.com.

Corner, 8861 Leesburg Pike, McLean. Dancing, live action food stations, raffles and music by Lindsey Diles, ELI Class of 2010, and her band DC Transit. \$125 for members and current classes; \$150. www.leadershipfairfax.org/25th.

home updates are good for daily life while staying comfortable, independent and injury free. Lunch served. Modest contribution appreciated. RSVP required. 703-759-3721 or linda.fernald1@verizon.net

TUESDAY/MAY 7

AARP "Home Fit" Workshop. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, 1020 Springvale Road, Great Falls. The Great Falls Senior Center is hosting a workshop about how to decide which

ONGOING:

Everest College-Tysons Corner provides a free GED test preparation and credential completion program open to the public called GED Advantage. 1-888-201-6547.

THURSDAY/MAY 2

Leadership Fairfax: Remember, Reconnect and Reignite. 6-10 p.m., at Sheraton Premiere Tysons

SCHOOLS

Churchill Road students Whit Walter, Joseph Hoeymans, Kate and Collin Walter helped Steve Mournighan and Vic Kimm load up the SHARE, Inc. truck, with items needed by the food bank.



PHOTO BY KIM MORAN

Churchill Road Students Support SHARE

On Friday, May 17, Steve Mournighan and Vic Kimm, from SHARE, Inc., a McLean-area food bank, picked up nearly half a truckload of food and household items donated by Churchill Road Elementary School families to help replenish the SHARE, Inc. shelves. Student Council Association officers and their family members assisted by boxing the items for pickup. Organized by Churchill Road PTA's Community Service Committee co-chairs Marta Bascom, Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter, the final drive of the year was a huge success.

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Join the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation for these awesome events heading in to the Summer

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Langley Varsity Baseball Team vs Alumni ~ 2:30pm ~ Nike Field 5

Join us to recreate a little history. In the 1930's, the annual spring festival revolved around the community Baseball game. Watch the 2013 Langley High School Varsity Baseball Team take on the Alumni.

Concert on the Green ~ 6pm - 8pm ~ Village Centre

Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of live, free music. The High Five Band will keep you rocking with a list spanning some 6 decades.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Golf Tournament ~ am & pm Shotguns

Join us in support of our local Elementary Schools at Hidden Creek Country Club. In the span of 5 years, over \$95,000 has been given to local schools. Sign up now at www.GreatFallsGolf.org

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Mike Kearney, owner of The Old Brogue, drives the Celebrate Great Falls float in the annual Fourth of July celebration.

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Summer Fun in Great Falls

Concerts on the Green, Fourth of July Celebration highlight summer events.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As summer comes to Great Falls, so do several of the area's signature events that bring the community together for summer fun. Starting June 2, the annual Summer Concerts on the Green will begin at the Great Falls Village Centre.

"When we first came to Northern Virginia, my wife and I loved going to Wolf Trap, bringing a picnic basket and sitting on the lawn with some snacks and wine. That was always the signal that summer had arrived, and it was something we looked forward to all year long," said Jon Ferdinand of Great Falls. "But we got pretty sick of traffic and crowds, and once we found out about the Concerts on the Green, it became our new destination. We can do the same thing we did at Wolf Trap, only it's a 10-minute drive home."

This year's concerts kick off with High Five. The trio's rock roots cover everything from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Mumford and Sons. Other notable acts include The Shields Brothers, who have been featured on "The Voice" and Atlas Road Crew, a rock band from South Carolina that features Great Falls native Patrick Drohan on drums.

Another major summer event will take place the same day it does every year: the Fourth of July Hometown Celebration. The day will start with the annual 5K Walk/Run at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial at 8 a.m., continue with the little Patriot Parade at 9 a.m. at the Village Green and the main parade at 10 a.m., which will start on Columbine Road and go in a loop around the Village Green.

Following the parade, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., music, games and other activities will take place on the green and nearby field.

"Literally every part of our community is on display during the parade, that's why they call it the Fourth of July Hometown Celebration," said Jane Claypool of Great Falls. "Even the aftermath of the derecho last year couldn't keep us away."

Due to power outages stemming from last year's derecho, the fireworks at Turner Farm were moved to the following Saturday. The turnout and response to the move was so positive, that it's turned into a permanent change. This year's fireworks will be at Turner Farm Saturday, July 6.

More information on the concerts, parade and fireworks can be found at www.celebrategreatfalls.org.



The Shields Brothers perform at last year's Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green. They will perform Sunday, June 23 this year.

Summer Concerts on the Green

- Sunday, June 2:** High Five, rock and roll spanning six decades.
- Sunday, June 9:** Mike Terpak and the sounds of Blues Explosion.
- Sunday, June 16:** Diamond Alley, a diverse mix of contemporary and classic hits highlighting their unusual vocal talent.
- Sunday, June 23:** The Shields Brothers, as seen on NBC's The Voice.
- Sunday, June 30:** Rock with The Remedy, Springsteen to Van Halen to the Rolling Stones.
- Sunday, July 7:** Daryl Davis, performing his signature jazz and blues.
- Sunday, July 14:** Standing Room Only and Emma Baileys, pop rock and soothing country.
- Sunday, July 21:** The Four Star Combo: Red-hot 1950s rockabilly.
- Sunday, July 28:** Tom Principato, a guitarist combining rich blues with high-energy rock.
- Sunday, Aug. 4:** Atlas Road Crew, rock vibe with Southern gentleman swagger.
- Sunday, Aug. 11:** Ruthie and The Wranglers, roots rock and country.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

The Langley Chorus performs the New Kids on the Block's "Step by Step," one of the songs that will be featured at their annual spring show.



The Langley Chorus will perform "Get On Your Feet: Pop Music Through the Decades" for their annual spring show May 30 and 31.

Langley Chorus Presents Spring Show

Annual concert to feature pop hits through the decades.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High School chorus has explored on and off-Broadway, as well as Disney for their annual spring show in years past. This year they will take a trip through the decades, exploring pop music throughout its history with "Get On Your Feet: Pop Music Through the Decades."

"We looked at songs from each decade of pop music, starting with the 50s all the way up to modern times, and we included a medley from each decade," said Dr. Mac Lambert, chorus director at Langley. "Each ensemble will do a medley from a decade, as well as a contemporary hit song, one from 2000 on."

The show's musical style is different from the usual performances by the chorus, which the students said was a lot of fun to work out and choreograph.

"This show has been fun because we've really been able to do some choreography along with singing, which isn't that common in most of our shows," said senior Amelia Welch. "One of the best medleys is our Motown medley. I had to do a lot of research for that, looking at YouTube clips trying to capture the style of the day. It was exciting, because I love Motown, but haven't performed it before."



The Langley Chorus performs Paula Abdul's "Opposites Attract," part of a 90s medley at their annual spring show, which starts Thursday, May 30.



The Langley Chorus performs the Village People's "YMCA," part of their spring show, which features pop music through the decades.

Students made the choreography for the songs very theatrical. For example, while the male singers perform a rendition of the New Kids on the Block's "Step by Step," they are surrounded by swooning female fans.

The show will cover everything from the Temptations to Madonna to Kelly Clarkson. In addition to specific songs, each decade will be featured in a medley.

"I've been singing here for four years, and haven't done anything quite like this, with all the energy that comes with pop music," said senior Beth Richardson. "It's fun to explore music of other generations."

Like with the disco music, we're performing songs that our parents thought were the best songs in the world, so we think it will be fun for them as well."

The disco medley, one of the students' favorites, transitions from The Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive" to The Trammps' "Disco Inferno" to The Weather Girls' "It's Raining Men" to Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" to Vickie Sue Robinson's "Turn the Beat Around" before concluding with The Village People's "YMCA."

The 90s medley features a twist on songs the students grew up with, including Santana's "Smooth," Paula Abdul's "Oppo-

sites Attract" and Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca."

"Another fun part is all the crowd interaction, we'll be coming offstage and getting into the audience, which we don't often do," Welch said. "And we'll be looking for them to get involved as well."

The Langley Chorus will perform "Pop Hits Through the Decades" Thursday, May 30 and Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Langley auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Tickets for elementary and middle school students can be purchased for \$5.

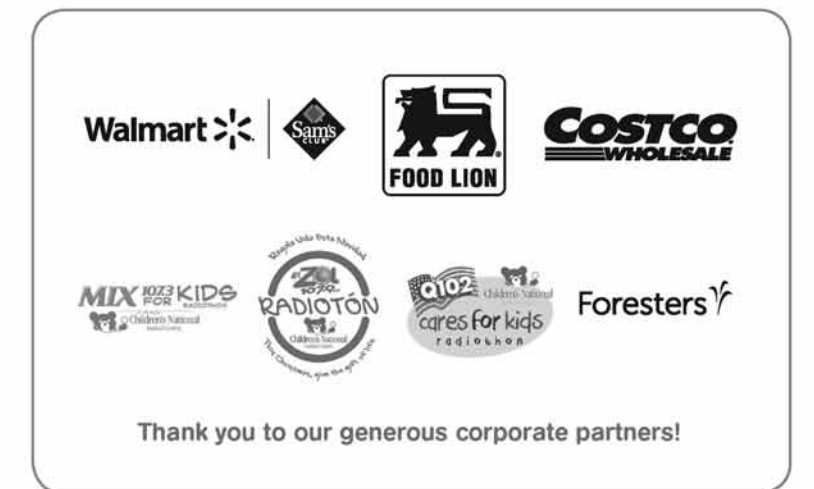


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THURSDAY/MAY 30

Langley High School Chorus' "Get On Your Feet." 7:30 p.m., Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choirs will be performing songs from all the decades: from the 50's (Shake, Rattle and Roll) to current pop hits of Kelly Clarkson, Colbie Caillat and Plain White T's. \$10. 703-287-2700.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Postage Stamp Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr, McLean. Eighty dealers buying, selling and appraising stamps and envelopes; 45 exhibits, 10 postal administrations, and a youth table. www.napex.org.

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The Mikado. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players and Artistic Director Albert Bergeret present a timeless comedy about love and political entanglements set in Japan. \$12-\$50. www.wolftrap.org.

Veronneau—Acoustic World Jazz. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Since their 2010 launch, international acoustic quartet Veronneau has delighted audiences in North America, Europe and beyond with their world jazz and pop. <http://www.veronneaumusic.com/>.

Macbeth. 7:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. A flea market with food and a bake sale; vendor space available. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Postage Stamp Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Eighty dealers buying, selling, and appraising stamps and envelopes; 45 exhibits, 10 postal administrations, and a youth table. www.napex.org.

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Social Ballroom. 8-11:30 p.m., at 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music by Mike Surratt and the ECB playing your favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. \$5-\$15. 703-759-2685 or Meetup.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Postage Stamp Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Eighty dealers buying, selling, and appraising stamps and envelopes; 45 exhibits, 10 postal administrations, and a youth table.



PHOTOS BY BECKY CORCORAN

Langley HS Orchestra musicians (from left) in front: violist Jake Baker, cellists Ben Culmer, Dan Englund. Back: bassist Alex Blankinship.

Season Finale for Langley High Orchestra

The Langley High School Orchestra will present "Blazing Bows of the West" on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium. The concert is free, and the public is invited to this final orchestra concert of the school year.

The orchestras will perform soundtracks from iconic Western movies like "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," "The Alamo," and the "Magnificent Seven." The program will include Copland's Hoedown from Rodeo, Johnny Cash's "Ghost Riders in the Sky" and John Will-

iams "The Cowboys" (musical depiction of John Wayne).

The performance will also celebrate the musical accomplishments of the talented class of 2013. These seniors led the music department to their third consecutive Blue Ribbon for musical excellence. Senior Paul Li, pianist and composer, will solo in "The American Journey."

This concert is partly in celebration of director Scott McCormick's recent U.S. citizenship and his childhood impression of the Spirit of America.

— SUSAN MCQUADE



Langley HS Orchestra violinists (from left) back row: Ashley Zhang, Steven Pyon, Steven Corcoran, Manolya El-Sekkaki, Ashleigh Robie, Rumika Imdad; front row: Angela Tran, Maria McQuade.

www.napex.org.

Tommy Lepson Band. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Assembling a mix of vintage and original tunes for his R&B-bred quartet, Tommy Lepson comes to play at the Summer on the Green Concert Series. <http://www.tommylepson.net/>.

Macbeth. 4:30 p.m., at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., McLean. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 4

Earth, Wind & Fire. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The six-time Grammy-winning band returns to play hits like "Shining Star" and "September," as well as tracks from their 2012 album Now, Then & Forever. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Photography Lecture. 7:30-9:30

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p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Doug Spencer of the US Geological Service discusses images from the Landsat satellites. jelfri@bellatlantic.net or <http://Eros.usgs.gov>.

Widespread Panic. 7:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Widespread Panic brings the touring model of the Grateful Dead and Phish to promote their 2012 release, *Wood*, a live album chronicling their first fully unplugged tour. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Rock of Ages. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. *Rock of Ages* has been nominated for five Tony Awards and is one of the longest running shows currently on Broadway. \$25-\$45. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

Vienna Idol. 6:30 p.m., at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East. Based off of the American Idol series, Vienna Idol encourages residents to showcase their musical talents in a local competition. <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=879>

Pop Art and Beyond: Tom Wesselmann. 7 p.m., at The Alden McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. View a slide lecture on American painter Tom Wesselmann (1931-2004) is widely regarded as one of the leading figures in the vanguard of American Pop Art. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Rock of Ages. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. *Rock of Ages* has been nominated for five Tony Awards and is one of the longest running shows currently on Broadway. \$25-\$45. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

3rd Annual SHARE FOODRaiser. 4-5:30 p.m., Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. A Talent Show designed to bring in food for SHARE—your local food pantry, and showcase local talent during the summer months when donations tend to be low. www.shareofmclean.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Randy Barrett and the Barrettones. 6:30 p.m., at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Randy Barrett and the Barrettones perform original folk, bluegrass, and country, lead by Randy Barrett, award-winning singer and songwriter.

Second Sunday Reception. 2-4 p.m., at Vienna Art Center, 120 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Meet artist and view dozens of original artworks in all media by artists from around the region. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 11

Macbeth. 4:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of *Macbeth* will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 12

Indigo Girls and Joan Baez. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Since the late '80s, Indigo Girls has released multiple platinum records, including *Rites of Passage*



"Vivid Scene," by Karen Bateman.

Artist Karen Bateman Brings the Outdoors in at Katie's

Virginia painter Karen Bateman is the featured guest artist at Katie's Coffee House in Great Falls for the month of June in an exhibit entitled "Water Everywhere." The artist creates oil paintings en plein air, a French expression for "in the open air." This style of painting was popularized by the Impressionists in the late 1800s who set themselves apart from the academic realism taught in conventional enclosed, indoor artist studios.

Bateman began painting in 2007, intrigued by a sign on the side of the road offering outdoor painting classes at nearby Riverbend Park. Encouraged by her instructor, Jack Warden, two of her earliest paintings were juried into a local art show after just a few classes. Bateman's work has since been featured in numerous shows as well as a New York City gallery. She aspires to future gallery shows but especially enjoys par-

ticipating in the annual Great Falls Studios Tour where she can both share and demonstrate her work with art enthusiasts.

Bateman's landscapes reflect her love of the outdoors. Completing her oil paintings in one sitting, in the alla prima style, infuses her work with the immediate feeling of a place. She seeks to capture interplay of light, shadow and atmosphere, while contending with outdoor challenges including bugs and weather changes. The banks of the Potomac, the Virginia wine country and the foothills of the Blue Ridge are among her favorite places to paint, as well as anywhere along the seacoast.

See her paintings this month at Katie's Coffee House, located at 760 Walker Road in Great Falls. Enjoy her work online at www.karenbatemanart.com. Contact the artist directly at 703-819-1419 or info@karenbatemanart.com.

and *Shaming of the Sun*. Kicking off the evening is Joan Baez, winner of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. \$28-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

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Filene_Center.aspx.
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Great Falls Studios Celebrates a Decade of Art

Established in 2003, Great Falls Studios is a consortium of more than 100 artists living or working in Great Falls, representing a diverse group of painters, potters, jewelry makers, sculptors, fiber artists, photographers and other artists and a variety of media, each working in studio spaces scattered throughout the back roads of scenic Great Falls. Their purpose is to support the artistic endeavors and objectives of their members and to make the Village of Great Falls a more artful place.

Their 10th anniversary year, 2013, will be celebrated in community-centered events for artists and art lovers alike, including its annual signature event, the Studio Tour, its regular annual events, as well as new offerings. The upcoming events include:

❖ **Oct. 5, 2013**—Great Falls Studios Celebrates a Decade of Art, Great Falls Library;

❖ **Oct. 19 & 20, 2013**—10th Annual Great Falls Studios Tour;

❖ **Dec. 14 & 15, 2013**—Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale.

Great Falls Studios also manages several exhibit venues in the community. The public is invited to enjoy often changing shows at Katie's @ the Old Brogue Irish Pub/760 Walker Road, Great Falls; Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort & Spa/11415 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls; and new space featuring the work of local elementary school students at Starbucks @ Great Falls Center/9862 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

Website: www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

Great Falls Studios Virtual Gallery

Skip the traffic, beat the crowds, visit the GFS Virtual Gallery with the click of your mouse @ <http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/virtualgallery-new.php>.

May's theme, "Latest and Greatest," showcases the best (so far!) of 2013, and features 14 member artists in a variety of media from concrete to abstract.

GFS is celebrating a decade of art in 2013 with community-centered events for artists and art lovers alike. After you tour the gallery, browse their website for more information and a calendar of events.



"Toby," a pastel by Lori Goll, is included in the May show at the Virtual Gallery. Another of Goll's pastels, "Sudley Pasture," can also be viewed there.



"Organization of American States Building, Washington, D.C.," photography with digital manipulation, by Robin Kent. Kent calls this image "an experiment in surrealism."

VIEWPOINTS

What Is Your Favorite Place or Way To Have Fun in the Summer?

—NIKKI CHESHIRE



Mary Francis McKinley, retired teacher, Great Falls
 “I love the summer, I’ll take the hot over the cold! We do lots of sightseeing in D.C., and since my husband is in the Sons of the American Revolution, we spend our time visiting monuments and cemeteries. We also go to conventions. This summer, I’m going on a roadtrip to Missouri. That’s how you spend the summer, doing things you enjoy.”



Colleen Wade, stay-at-home mom, Great Falls
 “We go to a neighborhood pool with the kids, and the kids are on swim team. We also go to Ocean City, N.J. every year. The focus is on relaxing—there’s no school, and no schedule.”



Michael Privitera, senior vice president of HSBC Bank, Great Falls
 “My favorite place to be is probably the shore. We go to the beach with friends in order to relax and get away from the city. We do a lot of things with friends and family, because that’s what is the core.”



Samantha Burns, executive director of state policy for America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Great Falls
 “Wolf Trap is always great, and they have a promising line-up this summer. All of a sudden, they have younger and newer acts, which is very different! Now they have stuff I’m interested in seeing, and isn’t repetitive. We’re excited for this year.”



Aneeka Mujany, student—rising ninth grader at Langley High School, Great Falls
 “My favorite thing to do in the summer is to chill with my friends. We go down to the lake in our neighborhood and the pool a lot. I also go to Virginia Beach with my friends!”

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SCHOOL NOTES

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William Jackson, son of Deborah Miller Jackson of Great Falls, recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

Maggie Kovacs of Great Falls received the Dean's Award for Service from the University of Oregon. This award is given to students who have made exceptional contributions of service to the university community, fellow students and the larger community. Kovacs, a member of the school's lacrosse team, has been co-director of O Heroes, the student-athlete community service organization for two years.

She developed O Heroes from a small loosely organized community service group for student-athletes that lacked any brand into a significant community brand that is recognized for providing thousands of hours of community service by Oregon student-athletes. She manages over 200 volunteers completing 5000 service hours in 2012, coordinates volunteer opportunities with local partners and continuously expands opportunities such as the collection and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets throughout Lane County, Ore. She is a weekly volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Valley and is involved in the mentoring program there. She is

a member of the Warsaw Sports Business Club and participates as the assistant event coordinator for the NAYA Field Day 2013.

She graduates in June with a degree in sports business/marketing from the Lunquist College of Business and is a member of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National Honor Society for Athletes.

Nikki Cheshire of Great Falls, a graduate of Langley High School in 2012, completed her freshman year at Penn State's Schreyer's Honors College being named to the Dean's List both semesters for achieving straight A's for the entire year. She is double majoring in journalism and political science with a minor in Spanish.

Colin Zoski, of Great Falls, class of 2008 at Langley HS, graduated from Old Dominion University with a degree in mechanical engineering technology on May 11, 2013. Zoski had an internship last summer in Houma, La., with Schlumberger, an oilfield services company; he starts his new job with them in July, training in Houston, and Kellyville, TX and returning to Houma as field specialist.

Seven students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named semifinalists in the 2013 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

♦**Arrush Choudhary** of Chantilly High School, A Novel Method to Increase the Lipid Yield of *Chlorella vulgaris*: An Exploration of the Role of

Cofactors on the Inhibition of Starch Synthase (E.C. 2.4.1.21).

♦**Alec Brenner** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), Viscoelastic Modeling of Tidal Heating in Terrestrial Exoplanets.

♦**Suhas Gondi** of TJHSST, Investigating microRNA-Mediated Regulation of Class Specific Dendrite Morphogenesis.

♦**Katherine Ho** of TJHSST, Real Time Apoptosis Imaging by an EB Conjugated Caspase 3 Activatable Probe.

♦**Jennifer Peng** of TJHSST, Investigating Rhodopsin Organization in Native and Model Membranes by Atomic Force Spectroscopy: A Computational Study on Its Feasibility.

♦**Nalini Singh** of TJHSST, Derivation of a Kirchoff-Like Combination Law for the Quantum Capacitances of Molecules.

♦**Katherine Wu** of TJHSST, The Hydrolysis Engine Concept for Motor Proteins.

The 300 semifinalists were chosen from among 1,712 entrants and will receive matching awards of \$1,000 along with their school. Forty finalists were announced on Jan. 23; finalists will attend the week-long Intel Science Institute in Washington, D.C., in March and will compete for college scholarships. Finalists will also compete for the top award of \$100,000.

More information about the competition can be found at www.societyforscience.org/sts/.

FAITH NOTES

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

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth: 7:45 a.m. Worship Service without music; 9 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Chapel and Children's Choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum; and 11 a.m. Worship Service with Adult Choir. 703-759-2082.

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.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, at the intersection with Westmoreland Street has Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., traditional style worship; 9:45 a.m., contemporary style worship; and 11 a.m., traditional style worship. Sunday School and Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program,

which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

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

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

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

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

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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

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

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

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

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

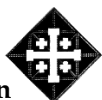
The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

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Airing on the Side of Caution

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As a non-small cell lung cancer survivor, stage IV, 52 months post-diagnosis, I am no longer living within the margins, I am living outside of them. Therefore, since trouble has already found me, I am officially not looking for trouble anymore. To that end ("end," wrong choice of words; let's use "point" instead), to that point, I am an exceptionally compliant patient. I take my pills as directed. Complete my regular and recurring lab work as instructed. Am on time to my diagnostic scans. Arrive early for my medical appointments. Have proper identification in hand – when asked, and other than stubbornly and stupidly neglecting to mail a fecal sample in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided for such tasks, have been an extremely cooperative and accommodating patient. My reward? Living is the best reward; and for a characterized-as-terminal, late-stage lung cancer patient, living is so much better than dying – so far as we know anyway. (And since there are no guarantees about what happens when we die, I'd just as soon wait my turn and put off finding out with certainty for as long as possible.)

In addition to my exemplary patient behavior/attendance, I have also made numerous changes to my diet – and to a lesser degree, lifestyle, to likewise give myself every opportunity to "Arrive Alive," (and not just in Maryland) and see how this life actually is lived. I'd just as soon get my year's worth, and by my calculation, 58 years (how old I am at this writing), just doesn't cut it when you consider the average life expectancy for a male age 58 is 79 years, give or take (I'd rather give), according to various "actuarially-driven" sites available online. I don't think I'm asking too much. I'm not asking for a pony or long life; just a typical life. Unfortunately "typical" might be more statistical than realistic – at least for someone with an incurable disease, which was how my oncologist originally described my lung cancer diagnosis.

Respecting the facts and the statistics AND the "terminalness" of my diagnosis; presuming that bad things don't/won't happen to good people didn't seem a prudent course of inaction and hardly a convincing rationalization that meant somehow I would survive. Cancer is an equal-opportunity and indiscriminate destroyer of lives. Thinking (hoping, really) that luck would somehow keep me alive in this fight seemed naive at best and delusional at worst. Proactive and persistent participation in my own care and ongoing survival seemed the only logical approach.

Death happens by itself. Life is about doing everything you reasonably can to prevent that inevitability. The journey is certainly one fraught with danger. Emotional and physical challenges are the norm and surviving them requires a type of vim and vigor not in great supply. Cancer will not go down – or be held in abeyance, without a serious fight. For me, it's not about winning, and it's definitely not about whining, it's simply about getting my share; and dying at age 58 is not what I consider "getting my share."

If I want to live longer and prosper, I have to treat cancer respectfully, but as nothing more than an inconvenience. And even though I may have received a bit of a bad break (considering my family history; no cancer, normal life expectancy), woe is not me. My life is in my hands and I'm responsible for it. I may not have the margin for error that I once did, but it doesn't mean there isn't room to maneuver.

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SPORTS

Underdog Marshall Baseball Advances to Region Semifinals

Statesmen one win shy of states after 0-7 start.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

First-year Marshall baseball coach Aaron Tarr stressed the importance of keeping the Statesmen loose during an interview following their regional quarterfinal matchup with Centreville on Monday.

He even shared a joke with reporters.

"We went from [a] 5-13 [record] to 10-14 now, and that's kind of the running joke now," Tarr said. "We go out there and we're like, now we're at 10-14; if we win the state, we can get back to .500."

Marshall defeated Centreville 5-4 during the Northern Region quarterfinals at Madison High School, setting up a semifinal matchup with defending state champion Lake Braddock on Wednesday. The Statesmen find themselves one win shy of a berth in the AAA state tournament despite losing their first seven games of the 2013 campaign and entering their regular-season finale with a record of 5-13.

MARSHALL CLOSED THE REGULAR SEASON with a win against South Lakes and beat Thomas Jefferson in the opening round of the Liberty District tournament. The Statesmen then upset McLean in the quarterfinals to earn a berth in the regional tournament.

After losing to Langley in the Liberty semifinals, Marshall responded by defeating National District champion Washington-Lee in the first round of regionals before knocking off Centreville, which finished atop the Concorde District's regular-season standings.

"It's so much easier to play with the house money the way that we're playing. It just is," Tarr said after Monday's matchup with Centreville, which followed an earlier quarterfinal contest between Lake Braddock and Madison. "That wasn't our most crisp game. We made some mistakes. But you can see from everybody who played on this field today: everybody's nervous. They are. Everybody's a little bit terrified. We're a little bit less terrified than everybody else because we weren't really supposed to advance to this point, anyways."

Tarr's insistence on the Statesmen remaining relaxed is a product of their success in the underdog role. But is there any chance the team's mental approach changes after beating a team like Centreville, which is considered one of the top hitting clubs in the region?

"We have to keep the house-money approach because the one thing that debilitates people at this time of the year is that they get freaked out by the enormity of the situation," Tarr said. "For us, I don't want them starting to go through their heads saying, man, if we just win this game we're gonna go to states, because if they start doing that, then they're going to freeze."

The Statesmen didn't freeze against Centreville, thanks in part to the pitching performances of Riley Cummins and Mike Evans. Cummins, a junior left-hander, started and earned the win for the Statesmen. He allowed four runs — three earned — on six hits in five-plus innings. He walked three, hit one



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Marshall junior Riley Cummins was the winning pitcher against Centreville on Monday during the Northern Region baseball quarterfinals at Madison High School.

batter and struck out two.

Evans, who missed time due to a knee injury early in the season, pitched a pair of shutout innings to pick up the save. He allowed two hits and struck out four. After surrendering back-to-back two-out singles in the seventh inning, Evans ended the game with a strikeout.

"I knew once I made it through that fifth inning," Cummins said, "[Evans] over there is going to come in and finish off the last two, which he did."

Marshall struck first with three runs in the top of the third inning. Shortstop Alec Dolton drove in the game's first run with a single. Three batters later, third baseman Kekoa Yamaguchi delivered a two-run triple to right-center.

"Kekoa Yamaguchi is on an absolute tear of tears," Tarr said. "You can't put the ball over the plate to him."

Centreville answered with three runs in the bottom half of the inning, including a two-out, two-run single by Danny Russell, but Marshall took the lead for good with two runs in the top of the fourth. Brian Lenert drove in the go-ahead run with a single and Dolton gave the Statesmen a 5-3 advantage with a sacrifice fly.

Centreville scored one run in the bottom of the fourth but would not score again.

"I kind of expected us to win," Yamaguchi said. "Especially [with] how good we've been playing the past weeks."

Dolton went 2 for 3 with two RBIs, Yamaguchi finished 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs, and Lenert was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Cummins and Will Brooke each produced a single for Marshall, and Evans had a double.

MARSHALL WILL FACE Lake Braddock in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Madison High School.

Warhawks Slay Saxons, Capture Regional Title

Madison beats Langley 19-10 for first girls' lax regional title since 2011.

BY ANDREW MINDER
THE CONNECTION

It felt more like fall; cold and crisp enough to be football weather, yet the calendar displayed May 24. Fans sat idle in the stands waiting to watch the 2013 Northern Region girls' lacrosse championship during what normally would be a warmer evening on Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial beginning of summer. In the third meeting of the season between the Langley Saxons and Madison Warhawks, coach Amanda Counts and the Warhawks captured their second regional title in school history with a 19-10 thumping of the Saxons.

The Warhawks were in control right from the start, even after they lost the first three draw controls to the Saxon senior and first-team all-region selection Grace Goettman. Sigourney Heerink, the Warhawks' sophomore goalie, had seven saves on the night, including one on the first shot of the game by the Saxons.

The ensuing offensive transition led to junior Katie Kerrigan's goal just a mere 68 seconds into the game. The tone that was set in the opening minutes was as commanding as the brisk, blustery wind that swirled throughout the stadium.

The offensive juggernaut that was Madison continued its barrage against a normally stingy Saxon defense and tallied 12 goals alone in the first half.

Langley kept it close early and tied the game at three with fewer than 14 minutes to play in the first half. Coach Richard DeSomma's offense, however, was inconsistent in a tournament where they had already averaged 16 goals per game; Madison in comparison had averaged 20. Just as the sun sometimes peeked through the ominous clouds, the Saxon of-

fense showed a few signs of life at various points during the game.

Coach Counts recognized how Langley capitalized on her team's miscues, fouls and turnovers stating that even though her team "played well, they played hard. There were maybe some high-pressured mistakes that we made that aren't typical but they recovered well and worked well together to back each other up so that the mistakes didn't compound into anything catastrophic."

The Saxons raced out to a 4-1 run in the first five minutes of the second half, which cut the margin to five, but the Warhawks minimized the damage. Goettman won three consecutive draw controls, including 13 out of 31 in the game, and then fed the ball to her teammates, including senior Hayley Soutter who had six goals of her own.

After the Saxons narrowed the score to 13-8 in the second half, Kerrigan took over the rest of the game. The Ohio State commit seemed to flip a switch after Madison's lackluster performance to start the second half. She had three assists in the first half, however, assumed the role of the aggressor more in the second half scoring four of the team's five goals from the five minute and 13 second time span.

Kerrigan said that she and the team "probably just came out a little — I don't want to say lazy — but we just knew that we had to step up after those three [Langley] goals and get the momentum going again in order to stay ahead."

Counts praised Kerrigan, calling her "a very solid offensive player, a solid player in general" and credited Langley for doing "a great job of putting pressure on her in their first game so I'm sure it was a personal goal of Kerrigan's to break free from that pressure."

The firepower of the Warhawks was just too much, however, for the Saxons.

Coach Counts and Madison look to capture their second state championship in school history. It would be their first since 2011, which was also the year of their last regional championship before the May 24 win.

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