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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.

Winners

- ❖ **OP3 Award Winners**
Small Business Resource Champion: Comstock Partners
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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

McLean Honors Fallen Heroes

Memorial Day ceremony held at McLean High.

BY MATTHEW AUKER
THE CONNECTION

McLean Post 270 of the American Legion hosted a Memorial Day ceremony at McLean High School on Monday, May 27. The event drew members of Post 270, their families, local leaders and community members as they gathered to dedicate a memorial stone in honor of the fallen service members of the Korean War.

The dedication ceremony added a memorial stone to a growing site honoring fallen service men and women. Michael Montie, a legionnaire in McLean Post 270 and organizer of the Memorial Day event, explained in his speech the history of the site: "This Memorial Grove had its beginning when the Class of 1990 purchased the memorial stone dedicated to those who fought and died in the Vietnam War. As the beautiful inscription says, they kept the faith of their fathers. The Vietnam stone originally was placed at the foot of the school flagpole."

Subsequently in 2005, the site was further developed to include a memorial stone for all McLean High School graduates who place themselves in harm's way and die in the line of duty. This includes police officers and fire fighters in addition to members of the armed forces. Then in 2011, an additional stone was dedicated commemorating World War II's fallen heroes.

With attendees looking on, Montie's speech served as a reminder never to forget the sacrifices previous military officers



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) speaks to attendees.



Michael Montie, of McLean Post 270 of the American Legion, dedicates the Korean War memorial stone.

have made, noting that "veterans of every war identified in the Grove are here to remember and honor our lost comrades who paid the ultimate price for the freedom and safety we now enjoy. ... It is the solemn obligation of every American to join us, their comrades, and remember their sacrifice."

With the addition of the Korean memorial stone, the Memorial Grove has one stone left to add. It will hold a ceremony honoring the fallen service members of the Global War on Terrorism this coming Veterans Day.

"As the beautiful inscription says, they kept the faith of their fathers."

—Michael Montie, McLean Post 270

Delaney Saslav with firefighters (from left) Richard Merrill, Jason Branham and Travis Nguyen.



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Thankful for Life

Delaney Saslav, 4, of McLean, reunites with rescuers at McLean fire department.

PARKER KOBAYASHI
THE CONNECTION

Everyday the McLean Volunteer Fire Department works tirelessly to protect and serve the McLean community. On Saturday, May 25, the dedicated firefighters were able to see the importance and the impact of their efforts with the visit of Delaney Saslav.

NEARLY ONE YEAR AGO, 4-year-old Delaney fell into a pool during a summer party and partially drowned. When her parents, Andrew and Jill Saslav, realized their daughter was in danger, they removed Delaney from the pool and a family friend began to perform CPR on Delaney. “When we arrived, she did not have a pulse and she was not breathing,” said David Sellers, one of the firefighters who arrived on the scene.

“We got out, grabbed our medical equipment and began our own level of care, which was advanced life support care and then we stabilized her as best we could while we waited for the ambulance to arrive.”

Lieutenant Lee Boswell, who also assisted in Delaney’s rescue as the medic officer, said her role was “to step back and make sure everything was being done. I made sure that the IV’s were being placed, the airways were secure and that the correct medications were being administered.”

Delaney was then transported to Fairfax Hospital, where firefighters described her prognosis as “extremely positive.” Boswell also felt confident that Delaney would recover successfully: “I was very optimistic walking away, because I saw the chain of survival, I saw the early intervention from the bystanders, I know that she received oxygen immediately and that we were able to do everything that we could do early, quickly, and fast, everything that would have been done in the emergency room. I had

a really good feeling walking into the ER. Before I left the ER, she was actually trying to grab the nurse’s hand.”

Although doctors were positive about Delaney’s recovery, Sellers described the initial stages of Delaney’s resuscitation as “very stressful, most folks think we just come and perform our jobs, but we are human too and it is extremely stressful for many of the first responders.” He added that part of his stress came from seeing such a small child in danger. He emphasized that “with a child, with her whole life ahead of her, it adds a sense of urgency. Fortunately for myself, here in McLean we have an extremely talented team of medical first responders and firefighters. They are awesome and they do an outstanding job day in and day out.”

DELANEY’S VISIT on Saturday allowed her family to thank the McLean fire department for saving their daughter and the first responders got to reunite with a happy and healthy Delaney. When Andrew and Jill Saslav arrived at the station with Delaney and her little brother Ian, they were welcomed by the McLean firefighters along with a handful of local reporters. Delaney was presented with her own firefighter hat and although initially shy, she quickly warmed up to the men and women who had saved her life.

“They gave us back our daughter.”

—Delaney’s mother
Jill Saslav

After meeting with the first responders who saved their daughter, the Saslav family took a tour of the fire station and shared a meal with the firefighters. Delaney’s parents could not express enough gratitude to the McLean Volunteer Fire Department for the care they gave to Delaney. Jill Saslav teared up with thanks as she praised the men and women who rescued her daughter.

“They gave us back our daughter,” she said. “I don’t know how to repay them. Everyday I am so thankful for what they did, for being there to respond so quickly and even after Delaney was in the hospital we were getting phone calls and emails from people here checking up, making sure Delaney was OK and asking how we were doing.”

Andrew Saslav thanked the fire department and stated that, “It was really their speed and professionalism that saved Delaney’s life. There’s a little girl

SEE MCLEAN GIRL, PAGE 6

McRain Day Still Manages to Shine

What the numbers say about McLean Day?

The weather forecast called for rain in McLean. Sure enough, about an hour after the 98th annual McLean Day started, it was pouring.

That didn’t surprise Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Moore, who says organizers have often joked the event should be called “McRain Day.”

But this is an event that goes on rain or shine, “unless the weather is dangerous,” Moore says, holding a funnel cake.

Moore, who has been working at McLean Day since 2002 and attending far longer, says the event typically only breaks even on a successful, sunny day. With a crowd that she estimated to be only a third of the usual throng at about 1:30 p.m., Moore shrugged off worries about the bottom line.

She called it a day to “give back to taxpayers.”

ON ITS BEST DAYS over the years, McLean Day has attracted up to 15,000, says McLean Community Center Special Events Director Sam Roberts. He estimates about 10,000 occasionally soggy attendees showed up this year. Fortunately the skies were clear for most of the afternoon, which brought out more of a crowd.

While rain was a factor, “we are very fortunate to have a supportive community that comes out rain or shine and we thank them for their continued support,” says Roberts.

There were also 120 vendors, about the same as last year. At least 1,700 \$15 wristbands—for unlimited rides—were also sold. More than 200 volunteers were on hand.

Among those manning the booths was the American Legion’s Don Kimble, for the fourth year in a row, and Brookfield Montessori School’s Jessica Deiber.



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Katie Westerheim shows off her girl pirate face painting at the Fancy Cats booth.

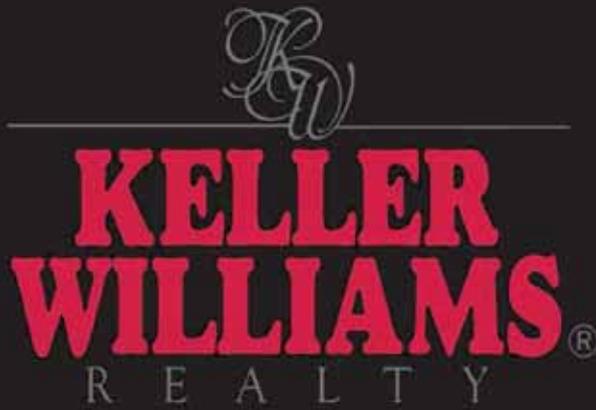
“Booths like these are meant for showing people what our school is like and, sooner or later, it would bring more students to Brookfield School,” said Deiber.

A spokesman for Chain Bridge Bank said the business was on hand to get their name “out there.” Like many of the booths, the bank handed out trinkets with their name on it. The McLean Newcomers Club, which a spokesman says helps people within the McLean and Langley High School boundaries meet new people and “have fun,” was touting activities including Mah Jong, needlework and happy hour. Herndon-based Fancy Cats rescue group was giving away pens, explaining cat ownership and collecting \$20 donations for face painting, a service that was donated by one of the group’s volunteers.

“We come here every year because it is so fun for the whole family,” said Gretchen Lowe, as her daughter, Katie Westerheim, got her face painted under the Fancy Cats tent.

As McLean Day nears its 100th anniversary in 2015, changes to the festival in recent years have been minimal, but Roberts says MCC tries to vary the rides, vendors and entertainment each year.

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McLean Girl Reunites With Rescuers

FROM PAGE 4

over there walking and talking because of them and their efforts." The firefighters were equally touched by Delaney's visit. David Sellers was excited to see Delaney again. "This is exactly what firefighters live for, this is exactly why we come to work everyday, and why we do all of our training, all of the long hours, reading the books, studying and practicing, all of the drills it all comes down to that moment and when we have a successful outcome, there's absolutely nothing better. Every firefighter in the country looks for an outcome like this," he said.

DELANEY is still recovering from lingering effects of her accident, but she is expected to make a full recovery and her progress amazes her family everyday. "She was in the pediatric ICU (Intensive Care Unit) for about two and half weeks, and then we moved to the National Rehab Hospital in D.C. for exactly four months, before we came home," Jill Saslav said. "We still have some progress to make but she is there everyday, she has that independent spirit again." While Delaney over-



Delaney Saslav and Richard Merrill explore the McLean Fire Station.

comes her few remaining issues, she attends the Drew Model School in Arlington where she is in pre-kindergarten. In order to prevent such an ordeal from occurring again, the Saslavs have enrolled their children in swim lessons and have advice for other parents.

Andrew Saslav emphasized that a drowning can happen even when parents feel their child is safe. "You have got to be vigilant," he says. "The reality is that we were about five feet away from the pool and there was a bush between us. You have to be vigilant and know your surroundings." David Sellers stated that the fire department responds to 20 to 30 drowning-related incidents each year and advises, "always be aware that when children

disappear, the water is the very first place to check. Children love being in the water and it is only natural because it is hot outside and the water is nice and refreshing. But it can also be a dangerous place and just keep safety in mind, so you don't have to see any of us."

Delaney, for her part, was all smiles as she enjoyed the company of her rescuers for the afternoon and excitedly explored all the fire trucks in the station.

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Peggy Moore, McLean Community Center volunteer coordinator.



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Burke & Herbert bank parrot mascot works the crowd.

McLean Day Near 100-Year Mark

FROM PAGE 4

“We try to make the event one the community will embrace, without all the bells and whistles of a large county fair,” he says.

ONE CHANGE to McLean Day this year was an art contest for the official McLean Day t-shirt. There was a good response, says Roberts, adding, “the winning art made for a great looking shirt.”

While the event has stayed true to form in recent years, it has come a long way since its start as a fundraiser for Franklin Sherman School in 1915. The then-McLean School and Civic League and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department sponsored that event, which was held in an open field next to the school. Back then, McLean Day went on for several weeks and was held before the Democratic Primary in August, according to the McLean Community Center website. Attractions included carnival games, a jousting tournament, a baby show, dancing, musical performances and homemade refreshments.

The sponsorship of McLean Day passed among community organizations until the McLean Community Center became its official sponsor in 1975. In 1989, it moved to its now annual home in Lewinsville Park.

—JAYNE O'DONNELL,
CHRIS GATTI, CATE WILLING
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“We try to make the event one the community will embrace, without all the bells and whistles of a large county fair.”

—Sam Roberts, director of special events,
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Sam Roberts, director of special events, McLean Community Center.

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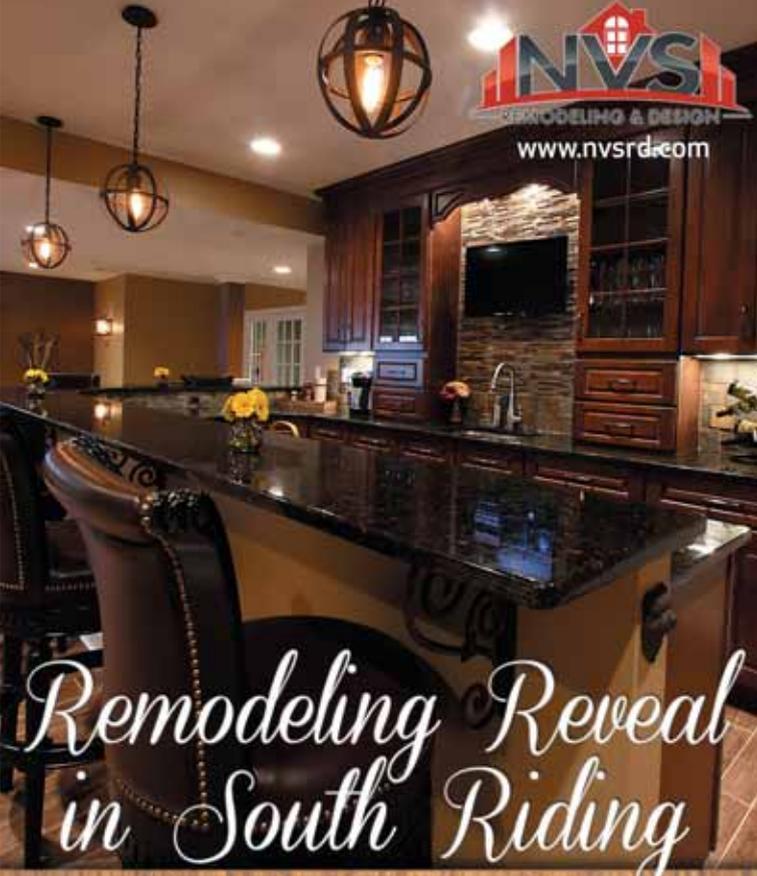
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OPINION

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, able to succeed in a changing world.

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. Teachers 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 in-

struction 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* re-



views 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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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.

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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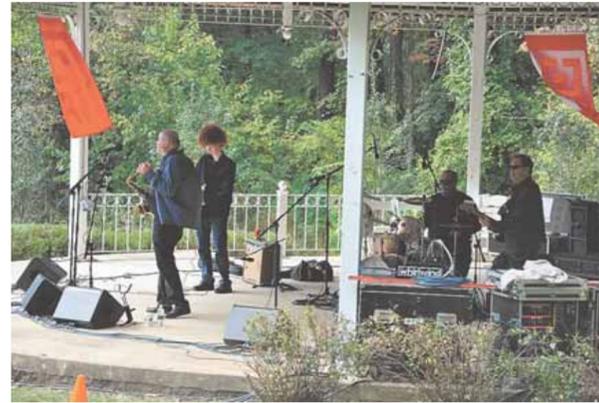
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The gazebo in McLean Central Park will serve as the site for four concerts this summer.

Summer Concerts in the Park

The McLean Community Center will host four concerts in McLean Central Park on Sundays in July. Each show will start at 5 p.m., and parking is available at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave.

July 17—The Palmettos, a small ensemble distillation of the 30s sounds of Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra.

July 14—The Grandsons, A Wammie (Washington Area Music Association) award winning rockabilly group.

July 21—The English Channel, featuring tunes by the Stones, The Beatles, The Who, Moody Blues, Dusty Springfield and more.

July 28—Adrian Duke Projekt, featuring music from the 70s, 80s and beyond.

Summer Fun in McLean

Fireworks return to Langley, concerts return to McLean Central Park.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

After a few months of uncertainty, the annual Fourth of July fireworks will return to Langley High School for the 30th year this summer. Uncertainties due to the renovations to the field led to questions about whether the McLean Community Center could host the event in the same location, but arrangements were made.

"I'm glad we're able to go back to Langley this year, it's a great venue with the bleachers, open space and great lines of sight," said David Getty of McLean, who has gone the past 10 years with his family. "Last year we were told we weren't going to be able to come back, so it's a nice surprise to be able to return."

Gates to the stadium will open at 8 p.m., with just enough sunlight for people to set up on the stadium grounds. American Legion Post 270 will be on hand distributing free American flags.

"I always make sure my kids get an American flag, because I want them to know that's an important part of what the Fourth of July is about," said Danny Trang of McLean.

Admission and parking at Langley is free, the McLean Community Center will also provide free shuttles from the facility at 1234 Ingleside Ave., as well as from St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

July will also feature McLean Central Park's annual Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park, a series of four free concerts. The bands will set up at the park's gazebo.

"McLean Central Park is sort of a hidden treasure in McLean, though it's hard to call something at the intersection of two major roads 'hidden,'" said Melissa Schram of McLean. "But I don't think many people think of it as a venue, and certainly not a concert venue, but it's an amazing one. The gazebo and surrounding lawn make for a great viewing and listening experience, with plenty of space to spread out."

Last year's concerts featured a variety of music from around the world. This year's will be more of an exploration of American and British music, from the jazz and swing of the 1930s through the rockabilly of the 50s, the classic rock of the 60s to the rock and roll and pop of the 70s, 80s and beyond.

"I like how the concerts at McLean Central Park have a theme



The McLean Community Center will host their annual Fourth of July fireworks show at Langley High School.



The annual fireworks show at Langley High School, sponsored by the McLean Community Center, will take place July 4.

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THE CONNECTION

each year, it makes people more likely to come to multiple shows," said Allen Dreyer of McLean. "I'm very interested in this year's series to hear each artist's interpretation of some of the music I've grown up with."



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.

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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.

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.



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

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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Board members and others enjoyed dinner at HBC Community Charity Champions event at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean on May 14, which raised \$1,662.50 for Lift Me Up! in Great Falls. From left: Maggie Johnston, Paula Michaels and Bob Best.

Community Charity Champions to Host Fundraiser for McLean Little League

A fundraiser for McLean Little League has been announced by HBC Realty Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, June 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support McLean Little League. Approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event.

Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCRealtyGroup.com to receive a flyer.

McLean Little League faces unique challenges. All funds to run the league and maintain the property come from members, sponsors, advertisers and donors. McLean Little League holds title to its ballpark on Westmoreland Street and operates and maintains the complex, independent of any county or governmental funding. With the exception of an administrative support person and complex manager, all support staff are volunteers.

The funds raised by this event will be used to support the baseball and softball programs for the children within the community

that participate in McLean Little League.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty, Betty Sparkman and Chris Lara of Reveal Remodel, Richard Moroscak with EagleBank, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post Home Inspections, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Moe Jebali of Pulcinella Italian Host, and One to One Fitness Centers.

The Huckaby Briscoe Conroy Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty launched Community Charity Champions in 2012 as a venue to fundraise for local nonprofits.

As good corporate citizens, Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy were searching for a means to support charities in the community. The event is held on Tuesday evenings at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean where a portion of the dinner(s) is contributed to the charity of the month. Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy were honored with the Corporate Social Responsibility award in 2012 by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for the work HBC Community Charity Champions has done and continues to do for nonprofits in the area.



Woman's Club of McLean Installs New Officers

A ceremony was held May 22 at Mylo's Grill, in McLean, to install 2013-2014 officers of the Woman's Club of McLean. Pictured, from left: Member and parliamentarian Daisy Logan, President Millie Thompson, First Vice-President Dawn Schulz, Second Vice-President Shirley Keyes, recording Secretary Wanda Miller and Treasurer Phyllis Ainsworth.

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Violinist Minyoung Hwang, of Longfellow Middle School, performing Czardas, by Monti.



Jennifer Steele, of Longfellow Middle School, performing Bassoon Concerto in F Major, by Weber.

PHOTOS BY LAURA SHERIDAN/WOMAN'S CLUB OF McLEAN



From left: Student musicians Minyoung Hwang, of Longfellow Middle School; Nancy Kurtic, of Cooper Middle School; Katherine Quion, of Cooper Middle School; Jennifer Steele, of Longfellow Middle School; Virginia Sandahl, president of the Woman's Club of McLean, and Marianne Polito, club president emeritus.



Safety-patrol students with their parents and supporters. Virginia Sandahl, president of the Woman's Club of McLean, and School Resource Officer Thomas W. Harrington are at far right.

Woman's Club Honors Young Musicians, Safety Patrols

The musicianship of four students at Cooper and Longfellow middle schools, in McLean, was recognized by the Woman's Club of McLean at a ceremony on Tuesday, May 7, where the students also performed on their instruments. Katherine Quion, of Cooper Middle School, played Valse Triste, by Jean Sibelius, on the viola. Nancy Kurtic, also of Cooper Middle School, played excerpts from Chocolats, by Philippe Rose, on the trumpet. Jennifer Steele, of Longfellow Middle School, performed the Bassoon Concerto in F Major by Carl Maria von Weber, accompanied by music teacher Laura Marchisotto Bogart. Finally, violinist Minyoung Hwang, also of Longfellow, performed Czardas, by Vittorio Monti, accompanied by

Ms. Marchisotto Bogart. The four students each received an award of \$100 from the Woman's Club.

Ten students at McLean elementary schools were recognized for their significant contributions as safety patrol members. The honorees were: Lauren Cain and Luke Voorles, of Churchill Road Elementary School; Nicole Berry and Cameron Carlson, of Kent Gardens Elementary; Hannah Yo and Christopher Gray, of Franklin Sherman Elementary; and Delaney Bond and Zain Zahr, of Spring Hill Elementary. The students received trophies engraved with their names and the names of their schools, and each school received an award of \$80 for safety program equipment.

The students' parents and the school principals, music directors

and patrol sponsors attended the ceremony, as did Officer Thomas W. Harrington, school resource officer of the Fairfax County Police Department. The award ceremony is an annual event of the Woman's Club of McLean.

—LAURA SHERIDAN

FAITH NOTES

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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 choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with 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 offered are 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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/>.

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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.

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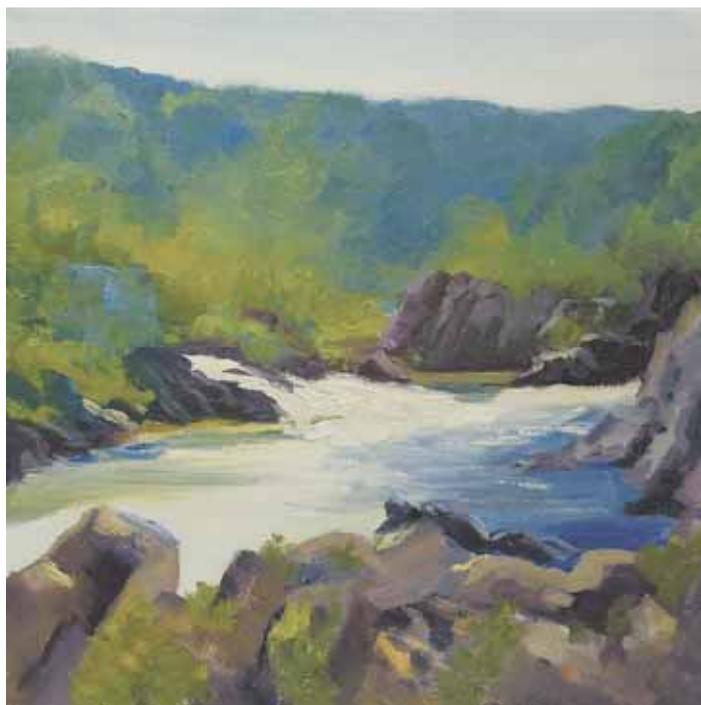
Second Sunday Reception. 2-4 p.m., at Vienna Art Center, 120 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Meet artist and view dozens of original artworks in all media by artists from around the region. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

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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.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

The Go-Go's and Special Guest: The Psychedelic Furs. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. One of the first commercially successful all-female bands, The Go-Go's became known for hits like "We Got The Beat," "Vacation" and "Our Lips are Sealed." The Psychedelic Furs, an English post-punk/new wave band perform as special guest. \$25-\$42. 1 877 965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org/>

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What is your favorite way or place to have fun in summer in McLean?

—NGALULA TSHISHIMBI



Sadie Bowers, graduating senior at McLean High School

"I like to hang out with my friends and spend as much time at the beach as possible. Meeting new people is one of my favorite things to do. I have a beach house in the Outer Banks that [my family] and I have been going to since I was born. It's like a second home. When I'm not at the beach, I really like visiting Georgetown, especially now that I have a [driver's] license."



Lisa Tran (pictured with her husband John Tran), associate counsel at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

"As soon as it gets warm enough, I like to go golfing. I don't travel a lot but during the summer I will usually try to do something special. This summer I'm going on a cruise into the Eastern Mediterranean."



Diana Kelly, graduating senior at McLean High School, McLean

"I like to go to my family's beach house in Montauk which is in the Hamptons on Long Island. It's a family house so I always see my family and it's nice to relax with them on the beach. While I've been there I've gone surfing, hung out with family, made bonfires, and enjoyed s'mores. I'm usually not around in McLean during the summer and I'm a little bummed since it'll be the summer after senior year and I'm not going to see my friends before I go off to college. While I'm here, I'm trying to get together with them as much as possible and we'll do a lot of hanging out and going to the pool."



David Herdman, gym manager at the McLean Racquet and Health Club, McLean

"I'm part of a medieval combat society, so we get together and about once a month we do reenactments. During the summer we get together, practice sword fights and it's a lot of fun. I've been doing it for about five years now. It was really popular at the college I went to down in Richmond, VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University) and where they perform in the park. I was walking by on my way to class one day and thought, 'hey, this looks cool.'"



Byung Choi, diplomat, McLean

"Because of my job I don't have a lot of time for vacation. When I have time I like Virginia Beach and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. [Otherwise], I also enjoy Harper's Ferry and the Shenandoah mountain area."



Pia Ruttenberg, McLean

"We always have a big family vacation that's fun for us and we like to visit family. We travel way more during the summer because the kids' activities are set during the rest of the year. Normally during the school year the travel is related around hockey. I'm going to Morocco this summer, which is really exciting. [Meanwhile] I have family in Boston and New Hampshire so I'll take the kids there."

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



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

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.

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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