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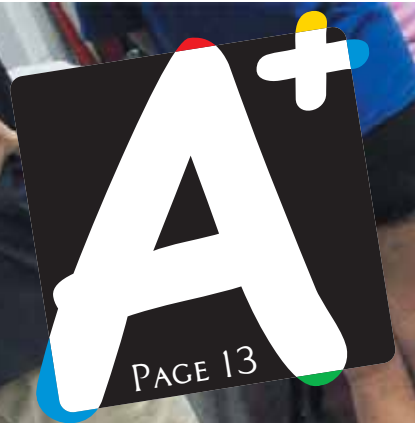
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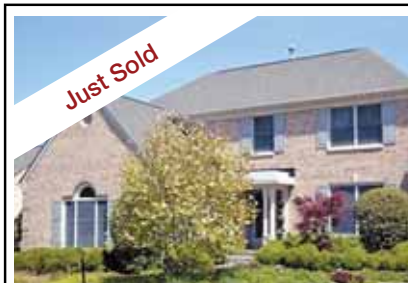
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From left, Share volunteers Jack Buttarazzi and Lizzie Gidley sort donated school supplies for Share clients Wednesday, Aug. 14, part of Share's back-to-school drive.

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## Share Readies Students for School

Nonprofit gives out school supplies, backpacks, back-to-school haircuts.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Share of McLean helped its clients get into back-to-school mode Wednesday, Aug. 14, with their annual school supply drive. The nonprofit worked with local individuals and organizations to stock their shelves with the items returning students were sure to need.

"We surveyed the school supply lists for elementary schools in the area, and started collecting the most needed items that were on all the lists," said Bonnie O'Neill, Share board member and chair of the drive. "We also bought Target gift cards to give out, with the amount depending on the age of the student, to purchase needed things like calculators."

Volunteers helped sort the donated pens, pencils, Post It notes, highlighters, notebooks, paper, crayons, sandwich bags, hand sanitizer or other supplies.

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and other donors provided funds, backpacks and insulated lunch bags for the drive.

Several children were able to take the next step in getting school ready courtesy of Salon Daniel in McLean. Three staff members from the salon stopped by the McLean Baptist Church to provide free back-to-school haircuts.

"We usually donate school supplies around this time of year, but one of our clients, Jean Kliska, mentioned that they had already collected the supplies," said Ann Trowbridge of Salon Daniel. "So we thought giving haircuts would be a great fit for back to school. Share is such a great organization, they do so much for this community, we're happy to support any way we can."

Salon Daniel also sells Joe Grooming ONE, an all-in-one shampoo, face and body wash. Kliska's hus-



From left, Melissa Silva, Simon Bechara and Ann Trowbridge of Salon Daniel. The three spent the morning at Share Wednesday, Aug. 14, giving free back-to-school haircuts to children of clients.

## Food Bank Items Needed

Share's food pantry has been depleted over the course of the summer. While all nonperishable food items are needed, several items are in especially high demand.

Those items are: white rice (one and two-pound bags), vegetable oil, ground coffee, laundry detergent, baby wipes, canned fruit, 100 percent juice, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Share's food and clothing room accepts donations Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 until noon at the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road.

band Dan runs the company, and Jean Kliska heads the "Get One, Give One" program, where for every bottle purchased, one is donated.

Each person that got a haircut Wednesday at Share also got a bottle of Joe ONE, and Share regularly stocks it in their pantry.

Share's back-to-school drive also featured the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Master Food Volunteer program. The pro-

gram trains volunteers in food safety, preparation and nutrition, and volunteers commit to donate at least 40 hours of volunteer work to their communities.

Anne Augusterfer, a certified volunteer, was on hand to speak to parents about the importance of breakfast to children attending school. She handed clients a bag containing instant oatmeal, boxes of raisins and brown sugar.

"There are a lot of studies that show that students who eat breakfast before school have dramatically lower stress rates, and much better grades and test scores," Augusterfer said. "Many of my classmates during training are involved in schools, and they all see too many kids coming in with chips, cookies, crackers, just empty calories to eat. With oatmeal, raisins and some brown sugar, they'll get a much more complete, nutritious meal that takes only a minute or two to prepare."

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### What Are the Most Exciting Changes in McLean Area Schools?

Ellen Reilly, McLean High School principal:

"One of the things that we're starting this year is that we're having a Highlander Kickoff on Aug. 27. We're trying to find a way to welcome the community and the kids back, and make it a fun atmosphere for everybody. It is a day for students to come get their schedules, pick up their parking and uniforms, meet some coaches, and for clubs to sell some stuff and start fundraising. It's a day for everyone to get back in the mood and get ready for school. We'll have food, cheerleaders, and the band. It will be the first time we'll ever be doing it. The second thing is that we're embedding our Highlander Time, which is our intervention period, so we'll be having intervention every-day for half an hour so kids can meet with teachers, catch up on their homework and do things to de-stress during the school day. We also have a new instructional coach at our school, Kate Stavish, and she'll be working with our teachers and team during the school day on curriculum and different components about teaching, so we're very excited about that too."



Jessica Statz, Langley High School assistant principal:

"I think the most exciting change that is coming to Langley is just our emphasis on teacher and student morale in the building. Although this is first and foremost a place for kids to learn, we still want kids and teachers here to be happy and have a good time. We're trying to come up with creative ways to really establish a school culture that embraces the aspect of students still having some fun and doing that without affecting their grades entirely. In terms of new changes, we are revamping our Saxon Time, which is our intervention period that we have during the school day, and the new guidelines will be coming out in the next two weeks, so that will give kids a little bit more freedom and free time."



Christie Day, a seventh grade English teacher, and Cherith Pierson, the assistant principal at Cooper Middle School

Cherith Pierson: "At Cooper, I think one of the most exciting changes is that we are really focused on raising our expectations for students and increasing our rigor. That's going to really provide a well-rounded experience for our students and that is exciting for us. One of the things we have created and that Mrs. Day has been working on this summer is the CELL program, which stands for Cooper Empowered for Life and Learning. This program basically provides our students with the 21st century skills they need in order to look successfully forward into the future, such as executive and thinking skills. At Cooper, we're really a team. The students, the teachers and the parents are a team, and we're excited to work together as a community."



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# Fairfax Republicans Nominate Bryan 'BA' Wolfe for Sheriff

**Wolfe faces Democratic nominee Stacey Kincaid in Nov. 5 special election.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen retired Fairfax police officer Bryan "BA" Wolfe was selected as the Republican nominee for Fairfax County Sheriff last week, he vowed to "restore the public trust" by making the 500-member department more "accountable and transparent."

He also pledged to donate his salary to charity if he wins against Democratic challenger Stacey Kincaid in the Nov. 5 special election.

Wolfe's campaign promise echoes a similar pledge made by former Sheriff Stan Barry during his 2011 run.

Barry's salary pledge and his participation in the county's Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) ignited the "DROP Stan Barry" bomb. County Republicans hammered Barry for his participation in DROP, claiming Barry could collect nearly \$1 million in pension benefits in a program never intended for elected public officials. Barry, whose salary was set at \$160,000 a year by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, challenged the claims.

**FIRST ELECTED SHERIFF IN 1999**, Barry announced last May that he would retire in July, launching the special election between Wolfe and Kincaid. The winner will serve the remaining two years of the sheriff's four-year term.

"[Wolfe's] pledge to donate his salary to charity shows clearly how passionate he is that leadership changes are needed at the department," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC), in an Aug. 15 news release.

"I am running for sheriff to restore the public trust and confidence in our law enforcement community," Wolfe, 51, said. The U.S. Air Force veteran said he will hold the Sheriff's Department "to a higher standard of accountability than previously held and I will



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**Bryan Wolfe, a former Fairfax police officer and U.S. Air Force veteran, was chosen by the Fairfax County Republican Committee last week as its nominee in the Nov. 5 special election to succeed retired Sheriff Stan Barry.**

work to create greater transparency that is so necessary."

McConville said Wolfe's record of service, both in the military and as a police officer, "demonstrates the kind of commitment to community and selfless service so needed at the top of the Sheriff's Department."

"I strongly believe in a leadership style encouraging participation which calls for greater involvement from all levels of the Sheriff's Department and I have the necessary skills, knowledge and drive to effectively serve as the next sheriff," Wolfe said.

A 1979 graduate of Robinson Secondary School, Wolfe joined the U.S. Air Force in 1981. He is an 18-year member of American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax and a member of the National Rifle Association. Wolfe has earned several awards for his service to his community, including being named Policeman of the Year twice, as voted by his peers in the department. He and his wife Kelly live in Clifton and have three daughters and two sons.

Kincaid, a graduate of Frostburg State College, began her career with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in 1987. She said a summer internship at the Sheriff's Office "sparked my interest in a career as a deputy sheriff." In 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

A Vienna resident, Kincaid won the Democratic nod against acting



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS

**Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, won the Democratic nomination for sheriff during a caucus held July 17.**

Sheriff Mark Sites in a caucus last month.

Kincaid said that while she is focused on the three main functions of the sheriff's office—running the county's jail, performing security at the courthouse and serving civil process—she also wanted to "bring the agency forward."

"As the largest sheriff's office in Virginia, we should be the role model for the commonwealth," she said after her win over Sites last month. She added that she wanted to focus on diversity inside the department as well as in community outreach efforts.

"When I say diversity, I am talking about diversity of thought, values and beliefs, not just skin color," Kincaid said. "We need the office to respect and reflect the diversity in our community. ... Listening and learning is an important part of forging a relationship with the community."

**THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** is responsible for managing the Adult Detention Center, providing security in the courthouse and serving civil law process. The sheriff and the sheriff's deputies have civil and criminal jurisdiction in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax and the towns of Vienna and Herndon.

"Our sheriffs serve our community well, and they deserve someone who has a passion for service and not a continuation of the establishment bureaucracy that has failed for years to provide the type of leadership needed," McConville said.

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Christie Day: "The CELL program has been going great and we're working on our eighth grade portion of it right now. The past Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 12 and 13, we had about a third of our rising seventh graders come in to get a great introduction to middle school and learn about the school but also our increased expectations here compared to elementary school. We want to get them ready to start thinking about what they need to do themselves to be able to critically think and be a little bit more creative. We talked to them about the importance of experimenting on their own academically and taking ownership over their learning—thinking for themselves, figuring out where their academic strengths lie, and being successful in middle school themselves. For the eighth grade session, our eighth graders will be mostly going to Langley, where there are high expectations, and we really want to give them a solid foundation. There will be a very intensive focus on study techniques and organizational strategies, thinking critically about their own lives."

**Donald Hutzel**, Churchill Elementary School principal (pictured with Assistant Principal Sharon Jones):

"There are several things we are very excited about for the upcoming school year. The biggest change, or addition, is our initiative to have a one-to-one ratio of laptops to students, especially for the upper grades. We worked hard last year to acquire laptops and get them re-imaged so when students come back, they'll be assigned to a laptop that they will be able to use for the whole year. They'll be stored in the classroom and we are so pleased that we've got all this technology available for students to access and utilize in school. Students will also be able to bring their own devices but we're really happy to have laptops for every student in the building. In terms of other changes to be excited about, we'll continue to focus our efforts on environmental education, making connections between curriculums that the students are learning and applying that to environmental education. The third change is that our enrollment is going up a little bit this year. We will begin with over 840 students and we're really happy to be able to welcome a lot of new families to the community. Every time we gain more families, they bring great ideas and interesting backgrounds to our school community that makes everything richer and more interesting."

—SANDY CHO



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## Giant Presents Check to McLean High

McLean Giant Food Store Manager Rick Makely (second from right) and Felis Andrade (third from right), director of marketing and external communications, Giant Food, present a check for \$16,142.53 to McLean High School Principal Ellen Reilly (front row, fourth from right). They are joined by several McLean High School students. The grant comes to the school as a result of its outstanding performance in Giant's A+ School Rewards Program. McLean High School was the second highest earner from across the Mid-Atlantic region. A+ School Rewards provides a simple way for schools to earn funds to support school programs and enrichment activities every time a customer makes a purchase using their Giant card in their neighborhood Giant Food.

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# OPINION

## Excerpts From King's 'I Have a Dream'

**Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to the March on Washington 50 years ago, next week, Aug. 28, 1963.**

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"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

"But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to

dramatize an appalling condition. ...

"We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's

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children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. ...

"We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. ...

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will

rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'

"I have a dream today. ...

"This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. ...

"This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

"And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring ...

"And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

### COMMENTARY

## Investing in 21st Century Industries and Jobs

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK  
STATE DELEGATE (R-34)

**T**he Northern Virginia region clearly faces economic threats and challenges as a result of sequestration and government downsizing. The national economy continues to stagnate. If you are looking for a bright sign on our local horizon—the data center industry, which is expected to still grow by hundreds of millions over the near future, is a sector to double down on.

That is why, once again, this year, I worked with the Northern Virginia Technology Council, local business leaders and a bipartisan coalition in the General Assembly to pass another bill to promote this important industry that is thriving in Northern Virginia and throughout the commonwealth. Our aim is to be one of the most "Data Center Friendly" places in the country.

Each day, over 70 percent of the world's Internet traffic passes through Northern Virginia. Virginia has the highest concentration of technology workers per capita in the nation. In 2012, data center companies such as Equinix, Raging Wire, Latisys and duPont Fabros have expanded in Virginia along with industry leaders: Facebook, Microsoft and Amazon. As The Washington Post reported



last year, the county now has about 40 centers comprising roughly 4 million square feet of space, which is equivalent to 22 Walmart Supercenters.

Buddy Rizer, Loudoun's assistant director for Economic Development has made clear our local commitment to the industry: "Loudoun County remains one of the strongest data center markets in the country, and we expect this to continue for some time to come." And the county still has lots of property for new centers. Data Center Knowledge recently reported, "This industry has helped drive one of America's great economic development success stories. The tax benefits to Loudoun

County have been incredible. We are very focused now on continuing to grow the data center cluster," said Rizer.

We in the General Assembly are also committed to growing the data center cluster. With broad bipartisan support, we passed my bill HB 1699, which creates a separate tax classification, for purposes of permitting localities to set a lower personal property tax rate on computer equipment and peripherals used in a datacenter. We worked closely with Loudoun officials and other Northern Virginia technology leaders to make sure this would be helpful in their economic development efforts in attracting more business in this sector. I partnered with a rural senator, Ryan McDougale, on the bill because this industry is ideal for rural communities with space availability for the large centers and the need for anchors to attract business. This kind of partnership also gets all regions of the commonwealth committed to and invested in this growing industry.

This year's legislation will build on my successful legislation last year, HB216 that provided state tax incentives to keep this important industry here in the commonwealth and to counter growing competition in other states. We have already had companies relo-

cate or expand here in Virginia as a result of our legislation last year.

Both of these measures will help Virginia continue to be a leader in this 21st century marketplace. Data center expansion and investment are a critical element in diversifying Virginia's technology economy and attracting private sector jobs and local revenue as federal spending and procurement decreases. Data center projects bring substantial investment but don't make a lot of demands on our schools or social services so it is one of those unique win-win propositions.

Local industry and business leaders now are looking at Loudoun County and Northern Virginia as "the Silicon Valley of the data center industry." The growing Data Center industry can in turn serve to attract a broad array of technology companies and make us a center of innovation where all kinds of dynamic 21st entrepreneurs, industries and jobs can flourish and grow.

With the commonwealth and Northern Virginia uniquely situated to benefit from this industry growth, we will continue to work with our tech community and industry leaders to make sure we at the state level promote and protect this vital industry that will enhance and enrich our community for years to come.

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Local officials and Walmart employees cut the ribbon on the new urban style Walmart at Tysons Corner Wednesday, Aug. 14.



Employees of the new Walmart in Tysons Corner celebrate their grand opening Wednesday, Aug. 14. The location is the first urban style Walmart.

# Walmart Comes to Tysons

New store at Tysons West is first 'urban style' location.

By Alex McVeigh  
The Connection

Walmart opened their first urban-style location in the country in Tysons Corner Wednesday, Aug. 14. The store, which is one of their "supercenters" will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves as the anchor of the JBG Rosenfeld Retail-owned Tysons West.

"This is the first urban style Walmart in the region, and it's going to pave the road for a lot of different things we want to do," said Marty Reighard, store manager. "When Walmart opens a new store, we have a blueprint that we go by, but for this project it was a lot different. The ability to have a stacked retail is something we haven't done before in this area, it was new to us. We went into this with a lot of questions, but what we have now is a result of getting together with a developer and the local community to give them what they want and what they need."

**PARTS OF THE BUILDING** where Tysons West and the new Walmart is located was formerly a Moore Hummer dealership. The 16-acre lot, which also includes the Sheraton Hotel, was purchased by JBG in 2006. The development features about 200 parking spots outside of the building along Leesburg Pike, and a parking garage that serves Tysons West has approximately 500 spaces.

"This store has been in the works for about four years," said Alex Barron, regional general manager. "We would drive around Tysons Corner in one of our Walmart vans to search real estate sites, and then we came to this one, an abandoned car dealership and a parking garage. The vision that many folks on our team had to bring this store to reality is amazing to me."

Jackie Ngo, pharmacy manager at the new store, says she is excited about the location's ability to give access to affordable medication. "We have more than 300 generic drugs that are available for \$4 for a month's supply, \$10 for a three month's supply, which will reduce health care costs for the insured and uninsured," she said.

Walmart presented grants to Jill's House, Westbriar Elementary School, Graham Road El-



Alex Barron, regional general manager of Walmart, presents employees of the new location in Tysons Corner with a drawing of the outside of the store during its ribbon cutting Wednesday, Aug. 14.

ementary School, the Westgate Elementary School PTA, Kids R First, the Capital Area Food Bank and the Leukemia and Lymphoma society the day before the opening.

**AFTER THE RIBBON WAS CUT**, customers streamed in and toured the store, wandering from the grocery section, to clothing, electronics and more.

"It's interesting to be one of the first customers because I've never seen shelves that are completely full of every single item," said Al Pechi of Vienna, who stopped by on his way to work. "I know Walmarts aren't exactly a popular thing to welcome into a neighborhood these days, but I think it's something that will serve more people than a car dealer ever could have." JoAnne Hardy of McLean said she thinks the store is a step in the right direction when it comes to Tysons Corner development. "I like that it's open 24-7, and right next to one of the Metro stops, I think that's going to be a very good thing for residents and regular Metro travelers," she said. Reighard said he looks forward to Tysons West becoming one of Tysons Corner's new signature locations.

"There's going to be a lot of residential, some high rises, a very exciting place to dine, shop, play, relax, things like that," he said. "That's going to be the theme of this area, and within the next five to 10 years, this location is going to be a central hub of what Tysons is."

## ENTERTAINMENT

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

### THURSDAY/AUG. 22

**Cheryl Wheeler.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. You may not be familiar with Cheryl, but you have probably heard her music. She is a respected songwriter by her peers, and many record her songs. [www.cherylwheeler.com](http://www.cherylwheeler.com).

**The Albert Lee Band.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. The two-time Grammy Award-winning guitarist performs as part of his national tour. Forward Motion will open the show. \$25. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com)

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 22-25

**Cancelled: Jennifer Holliday in "Dreamgirls" Performances.** Visit <http://www.wolftrap.org> for more information.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 23

**Barboursville Vineyards Wine Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Chef Eddie Ishaq creates a custom menu for a four course dinner paired with wine from Barboursville Vineyards. Jason Tesauro of Barboursville Vineyards will speak about the wines. \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For more information or reservations, please call Amanda or Erika at 703-442-9110.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 24

**Global Camps Africa's Shop for a Cause.** 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., at Tyson's Corner Macy's, 8000 Tyson's Corner Center, McLean. Macy's customers with a Global Camps Africa shopping pass receive special shopping discounts and benefit Global Camps Africa of Reston with pass proceeds.

**OFTC Block Party.** 4-10 p.m., at the Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The McLean Community Center annual party features live music from Motown band Another Level, the McLean Teens Got Talent competition, a living history exhibit and free activities such as airbrushed tattoos, spin art t-shirts and a climbing wall. 703-448-8336 or [www.mcleancenter.org/teens/events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/teens/events).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 25

**Providence House of Bounce.** 2-4 p.m., at Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Road, McLean. A day of giant inflatables, Wii games and snacks to make children jump for joy

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### MONDAY/AUG. 26

**MCC Non-Resident Open Fall Registration** at The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Infants through senior adults who are non-residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville may register for continuing, affordable education classes (more than 80 options) aligning with various interests. Full listing of courses and 24-hour registration is online. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or [www.mcleancenter.org/classes-trips](http://www.mcleancenter.org/classes-trips).



**Soulful folk-rock band The Post co-headlines with indie gospel singer/songwriter Jason Brown Wednesday, Aug. 28 at Jammin Java. Also playing are Mariah Maxwell and Vienna Idol winner Ethan Schaefer, opening for special guest Amy Andrews.** <https://jamminjava.com/events/august28>.

inside the church gym.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

**Great Falls Writing Group.** 1-2:30 p.m., at the Great Falls Public Library in the large conference room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The GFWG joins with matters surrounding the daily practice of writing on the agenda; local writers and authors within the community are invited to take part in the twice-a-month meetings. 703-757-8560.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 27

**Reflections on Koi.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, at The Vienna Arts Society's Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Up through Oct. 5 in the gallery are Ruth Ensley's new series showing the light patterns that are created on the surface of water as colorful fish move fluidly beneath. More than a dozen other members of the Vienna Art Society also have original paintings in the exhibition. 703-319-3220 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 28

**The Post + Jason Brown With Guest Amy Andrews.** 6:30 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. New artists on the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan music scene, soulful folk-rock band The Post headlines with indie gospel singer/songwriter Jason Brown and his band; Ethan Schaefer and Mariah Maxwell open for special guest Amy Andrews.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 28

**Alzheimer's Family Day Center's Music and Memory Program Fundraiser.** 5-10 p.m. Merrifield Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Road, Falls Church. The Silver Diner will donate a portion of the night's proceeds to the center's effective program uses music to help those with Alzheimer's. [www.alzheimersfdc.org](http://www.alzheimersfdc.org).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 29

**American Red Cross Blood Drive.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cordial Partners, 8229 Boone Blvd., Vienna. The organization's Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region is taking blood donations. Schedule a donation appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

\$10. <https://jamminjava.com/events/august28>.

**Carly Rae Jepsen and Hot Chelle Rae.** 7 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Carly Rae Jepsen makes her Wolf Trap debut this summer, bringing her dance-pop tunes such as "Call Me Maybe" and "Good Time," along with Nashville-based foursome Hot Chelle Rae. \$30-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 29

**Lyle Lovett and His Large Band.** 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Texan singer/songwriter Lyle Lovett and his band fuse country music with hints of blues, gospel, and swing. \$24-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

**The United States Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. The Jazz Ambassadors—America's Big Band is the official touring big band of the United States Army. [www.armyfieldband.com](http://www.armyfieldband.com).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 30

**Lowland Hum.** 7 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Husband and wife folk-duo from North Carolina incorporate sight, sound, smell and touch into their show using visual elements that frame the performance area, hand-bound lyric books and essential oil burners. \$10. <https://jamminjava.com/events/lowland-hum>.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

**Life Line Screening.** By appointment, at Sharon Masonic Lodge, Suite 327, 999 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Minimally Invasive Vascular Centers sponsors a screening for McLean area residents to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. The screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions including blocked arteries, irregular heart rhythm, bone density screenings, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease; screenings take 60-90 minutes and are noninvasive and painless. \$159. 1-877-237-1287 or [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

# "Green Earth, Beautiful US"

## Children's Environmental Color Bottle Exhibition

**Free Classes: August 21st - September 11th, 2013**

**Exhibition Dates: September 14th - September 21st, 2013**

**Location: YMM Art Space**  
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**How it Works:**

1. Exhibition Theme: "Green Earth, Beautiful US"
2. Eligible Participants: Children and young adults (5 -18 years old)
3. Paint Your Bottle Classes: August 21st - September 11th  
Bring your own bottle (plastic or glass)
4. Class Times:  
5-11 years old 9am-10:30am; After 9/5 5pm-6:30pm (Wed-Fri)  
9am-12:30pm (Sat-Sun)  
12-18 years old 11am-12:30pm; After 9/5 3:30pm-5pm (Wed-Fri)  
1-2:30pm (Sat-Sun)
5. We welcome any submission of artwork with our theme before September 11th

**Awards Ceremony: September 21st, 2013 (11:00am to 12:00pm)**  
Winners will receive exciting prizes from YMM Art Space.

**To RSVP Call: (703) 942-8677 or E-mail: [usa@ymmart.com](mailto:usa@ymmart.com); [www.ymmart.com](http://www.ymmart.com)**

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## PEOPLE

### 2-Year-Old Completes Summer Reading Program

**M**cLean resident Jet Christian Randolph, age 2, was recently congratulated by Chris LaMarca, the branch manager of the Fairfax County Library, Dolly Madison branch for having 15 books read to him during the Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program running through Aug. 31.

Jet, the son of former NFL Giant Thomas Randolph and attorney Evelyn Miller Randolph, who both manage the Friendship Heights offices of Monarch Title, has been an avid participant in the library, having read more than 200 books already.

Whether it's "Gotcha Louie," "It's A Tiger" or any of "The Berenstain Bears" books, Jet enjoys the journeys that the library makes available to him.

This year's winners who completed their summer reading goals received a certificate and coupon books full of delights such as a free soft serve cone from McDonald's, a complimentary child's meal at Old Country Buffet or a free admission to the Water Mine.



**Jet Christian Randolph, a 2-year-old McLean resident and son of former NFL Giant Thomas Randolph and attorney Evelyn Miller Randolph, stands beside Chris LaMarca, branch manager of Dolly Madison. Jet had 15 books read to him this summer to complete the Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program, which ends Saturday, Aug. 31.**

## HOW TO GET YOUR ORGANIZATION'S SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CONNECTION

### Calendar Listings

The Connection Newspapers contain a Calendar of Upcoming Events every week. While we cannot guarantee that every event we receive information about will be listed, here is the information we need for your upcoming event to be considered for the Calendar. We welcome photographs of similar events held previously, which sometimes appear with Calendar items.

*Name of Event:*

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Please submit your calendar information at least two weeks before your event. Clear photographs from similar previous events are always welcome.

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## WEEK IN McLEAN

### McLean Community Center Begins Fall Class Registration

The McLean Community Center (MCC) opened registration for its fall session classes, events and activities on Monday, Aug. 19, for the residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville who pay a special real estate tax surcharge to fund the center. All others can begin registering on Monday, Aug. 26. MCC offers more than 80 classes this fall for infants through senior adults who want to pursue various interests. MCC offers 24-hour online registration and the center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. To view detailed descriptions of classes or to register, visit MCC's website, <http://www.mcleancenter.org/classes-trips> or call 703-790-0123.

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# SPORTS

## Langley Fall Sports Openers

The fall sports season is right around the corner for Langley teams.

The field hockey team will open its season at home against Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26. The Saxons will host Herndon on Aug. 28 before competing in the Herndon Invitational Aug. 30-31.

The volleyball team will participate in a showcase tournament Aug. 30-31 at Richmond Volleyball Club. The Saxons will host Potomac Falls at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3.

The cross country team opened with the PR Kickoff Meet on Aug. 15, and will compete in the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 7 at Burke Lake Park.

The football team will open at home against Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. The Saxons will follow with a home game against Stone Bridge on Thursday, Sept. 12 and a road game against T.C. Williams at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21.

## McLean Fall Sports Openers

The McLean field hockey team will open its season next week. The Highlanders will travel to face Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Their home opener is Sept. 10 against Fairfax, which won the last four Liberty District championships.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**The McLean and Langley football teams, seen last season, will open their respective 2013 seasons on Sept. 6. McLean will host Washington-Lee and Langley will host Yorktown.**

The volleyball team will travel to face Westfield at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The Highlanders' home opener is Sept. 16 against Stone Bridge.

The cross country team will compete in the Monroe Parker Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Burke Lake Park.

The football team will open at home against Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. The Highlanders will host Marshall on Thursday, Sept. 12 and travel

to face Falls Church on Friday, Sept. 20.

## McLean Finishes Runner-Up at Little League Softball World Series

The McLean All-Stars reached the cham-

pionship game of the Little League Softball World Series, but fell short against Sunnyside from Arizona, 9-0, on Aug. 14 in Portland, Ore.

McLean won its first five games of the World Series, beating teams from Oregon, Puerto Rico, Ohio, Italy and New Jersey.

McLean team members were: Caitlin Jorae; Madison Wolfe; Gracen Govan; Kathryn Sandercock; Elizabeth Hoeymans; Rachel Remer; Julia Jones; Jamie Wang; Kate Haas; Cate Willing; Riley Simon; and Sarah Stahlman.

## USA Hockey Team Camp to Include Public Day on Aug. 27

USA Hockey's 2013 U.S. Men's National Team Camp, which will be staged at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington, will include a public day on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Tickets for the event are limited and are on sale at ticketmaster.com.

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In addition, NHL Network's Kathryn Tappen will host an on-ice program that will include the unveiling of the 2014 Nike Olympic jersey, the introduction of all 48 players attending the camp, and product giveaways.

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**One hurdle that parents and students, like these Height School chemistry students, led by teacher Peter Bancroft, face when making the transition from a relaxed summer schedule to a demanding academic year is the mental preparation for the pace and discipline that school requires.**

## Easing Into Back to School

**End-of-summer tips to make the first day of school less stressful.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**F**or some children, the transition from laid-back summer days to intensely structured school hours can be jarring. Moving from an environment where one's greatest challenge is deciding whether to choose chocolate or vanilla ice cream, to a routine that calls for getting dressed before dawn, heading to school and paying attention in classes all day can be jolting.

One of the most challenging aspects of returning to school, say experts, is children's loss of some control over their schedules. "In the summer, children have more control over their lives," said Alice Young, Ph.D., a professor of education at Marymount University in Arlington. "They have greater ability to make decisions about what time they're going to wake up and what they will do next. When they get ready to back to go to school, they control nothing. Parents and teachers tell them what they have to do."

"Humans are innately routine driven beings," said Len Annetta, Ph.D. professor in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Whether or not it is hard wired or a learned behavior is often debated. Regardless, our bodies and minds often function better once in a routine. Parents would be wise to...start their children with a breakfast that is...consistent with what they will have during the school year [and] limit screen time to just educational activities or activities that get the brain thinking analytically."

There are schedule modifications that parents can implement now to make the first day of school less jolting, however, and local education experts offer tips that range from gradually modifying a sleep schedule to planning after school activities.

"Start getting back into a school-year sleep schedule," said Ashley C. Lowry, the upper school academic coordinator and

Advanced Placement U.S. history teacher at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md. "It's important that students hit the ground running. Continuing to stay awake until midnight or later will not provide students with the brainpower needed to start the year off right."

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission at The Madeira School in McLean, said "Sufficient sleep is critical to academic success. While harder to enforce at home, we believe strongly that this one simple thing can ensure success for transition into high school."

Setting goals, both academic and personal, is important when beginning a new school year.

Young says that parents should help children choose attainable goals. "Success breeds success. Early in the school year, set goals that are achievable," she said. "A bad goal is 'I'm going to make straight As this semester' if the child made Ds and Cs last semester. A better goal, for example, would be, 'I am going to turn in all my homework and not having any missing assignments during the first session.'"

One hurdle children and parents face when making the transition from the more relaxed summer schedule to the demands of the academic year is the mental preparation for the pace and discipline that school requires, said Michael S. Moynihan, head of the Upper School at The Heights School in Potomac.

"As study requires focusing one's attention and energy on texts or material to be mastered, it is necessary to start to build up the mental habits of focus and contemplation before one jumps into the classroom," he said. "The best practical way for parents to help their children do this is to build set reading times into the daily schedule in the days leading up to the start of the school year. Wise parents will help their children choose reading materials that are a bit challenging."

To help jumpstart brainpower, Lowry suggests "spending two to three hours a day on school-related work. This can be working on required summer work, or exploring academic areas of interest. This helps dust off the cobwebs."



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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Surgical Intensive Care Unit. And why, pray tell, am I titling a second consecutive column with a hospital-related acronym? Because, for the second consecutive time when I feel like writing, I am still in the hospital, the Intensive Care Unit, to be specific. Three days after being admitted, (since I was having trouble breathing, talking and catching my breath), a thoracic surgeon and a pulmonologist performed emergency-type surgery on my left lung and withdrew 4.5 liters of fluid from it. Followed by, so I was told, a left lung which did not re-inflate (as we needed it to) further compromising my recovery. And though typically we can live with one good lung, for a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor however, such challenges are a bit beyond the pale. And that's how I looked pre-surgery: pale. In fact, the color was draining right out of my face. I describe that lack of color as ashen gray and death warmed over. It was not a good look.

But I have lived to fight another day/days. Three days now, post surgery, and after yet another CT Scan, my thoracic surgeon visited me and seemed pleased and somewhat surprised to report that, as evidenced by this most recent scan, my left lung seemed to look better than he had expected (given the surgical timeline), and had even inflated a bit. As such, tomorrow, the plan is to remove the 28-centimeter long chest tube which had been inserted into my left lung (from under my left arm) the purpose of which was-to/isto assist in draining any remaining fluid/"infiltrate" (doctor's word for schmutz) to hopefully enable the lung to heal and possibly expand. As the fluid continues to diminish and become clear, I, too, continue to improve. So I remain hopeful. However, what this clarity actually means in the short-term (or even the middle- or long-term), I certainly don't know. Nevertheless, I have decided to not look askance at any good news I receive. If my doctors are happy, I'm happy.

When the chest tube comes out, it will be replaced by a narrower catheter, a more durable everyday-type tube. Apparently, I will henceforth be in the on-and-off business; letting any accumulating fluid in my lung drain and then sealing the catheter with a turn; somewhere between a spigot and a faucet, I imagine. I suppose I can live with that. What alternatives do I have, really? Living forward however, I don't anticipate I'll be running any marathons. Heck, I'll likely not even be able to watch any on television or in person either; and for a Bostonian, that would be disappointing.

Today, in the addition the miscellaneous — and ongoing, medical assessments I regularly receive, my family and I will be meeting with the palliative care team. Presumably, given the recent changes to my health, it's a discussion which seemed prudent to have and thus a recommendation was made — to us. From what little I understand, palliative is not exactly hospice, nor is it giving up. It's not necessarily about dying either, but living in a more manageable and organized way in order to maximize options (non-curative though they may be) and minimize distractions/discomfort while seeking to improve one's overall quality of life. Moreover, if its suggestions lower stress, I'd be all the more grateful because what we got here, to quote Judge Roy Bean is, "a serious situation," and probably getting more serious by the day.

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The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and good times among old friends, and the people of Belfast were very friendly and helpful, Tucker said. "One of the best things here, competition put aside, is just meeting all the different people from all the jurisdictions," he said.

Tucker and Kidd are among a group of about 60 men and women from the National Capital Region who are part of a large contingent of American competitors at the 2013 Games in Belfast.

As liaisons to Fairfax 2015, Kidd and Tucker hope to bring the lessons they've learned competing against the world's best fire and police dart throwers when the games come to the National Capital Region in two years. The two police officers won bronze when they competed in the 2011 World Fire & Police Games held in New York. "Darts is really a worldwide competition especially when it comes to the UK, Australia and South Africa. When we come to Fairfax, we are going to make sure it's done, and done right and make sure we please everyone across the globe," Kidd said. The 2013 darts competition was held at the Newforge Country Club in south Belfast, home to the Police Athletic Association of Northern Ireland.

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