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It's Back to Churchill Road in McLean

First day for first graders, other students at Churchill Road Elementary.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, parents, students and faculty came together at Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean for the first day of school. Danielle M. Mazurowski, a music teacher for nine years at Churchill Road, was at one of the doors greeting people as they entered into the cafeteria. "It is always a great day, the first day of school," said Mazurowski.

David Suchoski, one of the school's first grade teachers was preparing papers for the day's activities. "It is always exciting and wonderful to have a new start. I am just as nervous as the kids," said Suchoski. A resident of Falls Church, this is Suchoski's 28th year teaching at this school. Suchoski previously taught first, third, and fourth grade, and welcomes the return to teaching first grade classes.

"By far you see the most growth, both intellectually and socially, in kids during this time. They may enter in first grade and not be able to fully write their names and when they leave they will be able to read," said Suchoski. "It is refreshing to be in a situation where you make an impact with the kids. It is a great deal of work but the benefits outweigh the challenges."

First grade teacher Elizabeth Diffie was also preparing for the day's activities.

Diffie has been teaching on and off for 30 years, and has 10 years teaching experience at Fairfax County schools. "I love this community, it is warm and has caring families, and a fabulous staff of teachers. We are also very involved in ecology and recycling," said Diffie.

The school has an active Eco Team, and redistributes unopened food to local food banks. Churchill Road is proud of its Environment-Based Education Program and the connection it makes with students. "We have a winter garden and now have pumpkins growing. First grade is all about helping students fall in love with school and the process of learning, inspiring students so hopefully they will want to continue learning," said Diffie.

Teacher Mary Lynn Robosky was looking forward to the first day of school.

"This is my first year teaching first grade at this school," said Robosky. This will be Robosky's third year at Churchill Road Elementary, where she has previously taught other grades.

"We are looking forward to a lot of hands on experience ... being a first grade teacher, has been a dream of mine. My first grade teacher, Ms. Helman, was so memorable.



Students assemble by the sidewalk outside Churchill Road Elementary School on the first day of school.



A father walks his son to Churchill Road Elementary School for the first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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First grade teacher David Suchoski.



First grade teacher Elizabeth Diffie.



First grade teacher Mary Lynn Robosky.

You always remember your first grade teacher," said Robosky.

Some parents brought cameras to record the moments their children returned to

school. "We are super excited, and can't believe our son is already in the first grade," said local resident Trita Parsi. "I think this is really one of the best schools in the area,"

said parent Lucy Sum.

To learn about Churchill Road Elementary School, visit their webpage at: <http://www.fcps.edu/ChurchillRoadES/>.

Chesterbrook Charity Swim- a-thon partici- pants get ready to swim.



Event organizers, Jake Huber and Meagan McArthur, rising seniors at McLean High School.

Chesterbrook Swimclub Raises More Than \$3,000 in First Charity Swim-a-Thon

Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis in McLean hosted a Charity Swim-a-Thon on Saturday, Aug. 31, to benefit two charities with close ties to the membership. The first charity, Nadar por Vida, works to break the cycle of drowning and minority obesity in traditionally non-swimming populations. For several years, Chesterbrook teens have volunteered coaching for NPV. The second charity, Environment Virginia—Research and Policy Center, is an educational organization dedicated to protecting air, water and open spaces. Environment Virginia was chosen to memorialize Chesterbrook's beloved former vice president, Ken Meade, who died tragically earlier this summer.

The event was organized by Jake Huber and Meagan McArthur, rising seniors at McLean High School and longtime Chesterbrook swim team members and coaches. More than two dozen swimmers participated in this fun event with the youngest member, five-year-old Alex Valencic swimming twelve laps. Event organizers, Jake and Meagan, reported that more than \$3,000 was raised at the event. They described it as “a fantastic event which really brought the community together at the end of the summer in support of these two great causes.” They are planning to make it an annual occurrence.



Youngest swimmer, Alex Valencic, 5.

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Used Book Sale To Be Held Sept. 20-22

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its 44th AAUW Annual Used Book Sale at the McLean Community Center, on Friday Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and, Sunday, Sept. 22 from noon to 4 p.m.

Funds raised last year from the 43rd Annual Used Book Sale, contributed both to local scholarships and also to national AAUW efforts. Nationwide, the 165,000-member organization of AAUW awarded \$4.3 million dollars in fellowships, grants, research projects, legal advocacy and leadership training for women and girls. The community support and the thousands of hours of volunteer labor donated by the Branch members and the facilities donated by the Vienna Sun Trust Bank resulted in the McLean Area Branch of AAUW being recognized nationally and state-wide for outstanding achievement in fund raising.

Among the AAUW's 1,000 branches and 800 colleges and universities partners, the McLean Area Branch of AAUW received five fundraising awards for 2012.

The AAUW McLean Area Branch achieved first place in total branch giving to the AAUW Public Policy Fund, which is nationally recognized to be one of the top advocates for laws and policies that are fair to women.

The AAUW McLean Area Branch achieved fourth place in total branch giving to the AAUW Leadership Programs Fund which helps develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country.

The AAUW McLean Area Branch achieved fifth place in total branch giving to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, which serves as one of the top protectors of the legal rights of those facing discrimination.

The AAUW McLean Area Branch achieved seventh place in total branch giving in Combined Support to all of AAUW's programmatic areas.

And to top it off, the AAUW McLean Area Branch was recognized as one of the ten top branches to contribute to the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This fund enables top researchers to provide understanding of issues that are important to women and girls.



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McLean Community Center to Host Flea Market

**McLean Fall Community Flea Market will be held on
Saturday, Sept. 7.**

As the season changes and students prepare to go back to school, the McLean Community Center offers local residents an opportunity to change their "trash into cash" by selling their gently used items. The center's McLean Fall Community Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, in the parking garage located at 1420 Beverly Road (behind the Giant Shopping Center). Admission to the sale is free.

The first, biggest and best sale of the season, the annual sale boasts more than 50 sellers. Commercial vendors and flea market dealers are also welcome to participate in the sale. Vendor spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$45. Vendors can register in person at the center or online at the www.mcleancenter.org, using Activity No. 2001.213. The deadline to apply is Thursday, Sept. 5.

To register or for more detailed information, call the center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.



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Later Start Times for High School

It's past time to act;
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Tuesday morning, Sept. 3, the first day of school in Fairfax County, Dr. Karen Garza began her official day at 6:30 a.m. at Chantilly High School. While Garza was making herself available for interviews before the first class started at 7:20 a.m., many students were already on the school bus.

That means the students, and most likely their sleep-deprived parents, were rousted out of bed before 6 a.m., a time that is essentially the middle of the night for teenagers.

The science on teenagers, sleep schedule, health, learning and more all points in a single direction.

"The scientific evidence is irrefutable: chronic sleep loss and disruption in circadian

EDITORIAL

rhythms associated with early high school start times are associated with negative consequences including poor academic performance, increased sport-related injuries, and potential long-term increases in cardiovascular and metabolic (i.e., type 2 diabetes) health risks, said Judith Owens, MD, director of Sleep Medicine at Children's National Medical Center. "We know that delaying high school start times increases total sleep time and positively impacts academic achievement and school attendance. There are also documented mental and physical health benefits for students that include reductions in rates of depression and fewer drowsy driving crashes."

Children's National Medical Center's Division of Sleep Medicine has been contracted by the Fairfax County School Board to develop a plan to delay high schools' start time to 8 a.m. or later.

A 2011 survey showed that more than a quarter of 10th and 12th grade students were get-

ting less than five hours of sleep on school nights, about half of the recommended eight-and-a-half to nine-and-a-half hours of sleep for teenagers.

Sleep deprivation can also affect teen mood and ability to cope with stress. About a third of Fairfax County students surveyed in the last county student youth survey reported feeling depressed, with more than 15 percent reporting that they had considered suicide in the past year.

Fairfax County Public Schools, with a new superintendent supportive of later start times, is poised to do the right thing. It's time to make this the last year that high school begins at 7:20 a.m.

For more information see <http://smartschoolstart.wordpress.com/> and <http://www.sleepinfoairfax.org/>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heading to Polls

To the Editor:

Thanks to the Connection and reporter Victoria Ross for the "Every Year is Election Year in Virginia" information in the Aug. 28 edition. I hope that readers will clip and save the article and then go to the polls and vote on Nov. 5.

I would like to add two points that were not mentioned in the article:

❖ Virginia citizens who have a current Virginia driver's license or ID card issued by the DMV can now register or update their registration information online by going to: <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/>

❖ The Fairfax County Office of Elections will need over 2,000 election officers to work at the polls for the Nov. 5 election. Persons with fluency in several languages are especially needed. Persons able to spend election day plus several hours for training to "help make democracy work" can sign up by calling the Office of Elections at 703-324-4735 or going to the office's website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm#electionofficer>.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will be at the Reston Multi-Cultural Festival at Lake Anne Plaza on Sept. 28 to register voters and provide (nonpartisan) election information. Stop by.

Therese Martin

LWVFA first vice president

Saving the Book

To the Editor:

I picked up a book of poetry at Reston Regional Library so I would have something to read my granddaughter at bedtime while we were at the beach last week. I found "The Children's Own Longfellow." It's illustrated with wonderful old, oil paintings. When I was reading it to my granddaughter, I came across a poem my sixth grade teacher in Salt Lake City required us to memorize. "Under a spreading chestnut-tree/ The village smithy stands;/ The smith, a mighty man is he,/ With strong and sinewy hands." It was one of three poems we were required to memorize that year.

My teacher, Mr. Boyce, was a WWII veteran and brought home a French wife. Since he had had to learn French to talk to his wife, he decided we should, too. Every morning, all year, we conjugated French verbs. He really loved poetry. "One ship sails East,/ And another West,/ By the self-same winds that blow,/ 'Tis the set of the sails/ And not the gales,/ That tells the way we go."

Why is poetry important for children? For one thing, it adds complexity of language they cannot get from contemporary spoken language. It exposes them to an expanded vocabulary. Poetry is also at the nexus of cognitive experience and the creation of thought. It is where we go when we want to think new thoughts, to describe new experiences, to explore, playfully, how language works.

Poetry is also the only link we have to a pre-literate past from

before we began to transmit our culture with the written word. The Bible, Gilgamesh, Beowulf, Iliad and the Odyssey were all memorized and recited before they were finally put down on paper generations after they were first spoken. Those rhythmic poetic cadences are what we have left from our earliest experiences as human beings.

Chanting and rhyming repetition is how children learn and remember language. Who doesn't remember, "By the shores of Gitche Gumme,/ By the shining Big-Sea-Water,/ Stood the wigwam of Nokomis,/ Daughter of the Moon, Nokomis."

I found Susan Jeffers' illustrated Hiawatha at Reston Regional in with the other children's poetry. Much of that collection has been culled, sold away or burned. Now that my granddaughter knows from reading this edition of Longfellow that there are many more poems in the original Hiawatha, she wants to hear them all. Luckily, I have a copy of the entire epic poem.

But this little book, the one we read at bedtime last week, I worry about. When I take it back to the library will some wet-behind-the-ears library page pull it for disposal because it's old? Inside the book it says it was published in 1908. Library Director Sam Clay is having library pages pull old books. Under the Beta Plan, a front-line librarian will not see this book again before it goes to the dumpster. Will the kid know that this is a recent printing? Will the kid ever have heard of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow? Will there

ever be another child who reads these words from this very book, "Listen my children, and you shall hear/ Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."

I cannot bring myself to take it back to the library. The fate of this one book is important to me. It should be important to you. We need Fairfax County to understand we will not tolerate any more destruction of our library books. Write the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Write the Library Board of Trustees. Tell them to cancel the Beta Plan and revisit the Library Strategic Plan which seeks to replace our print books with eBooks. Do it soon. Every day more books are culled from the shelves and sent to the dumpster at Chantilly waiting for transport to the incinerator.

Kathy Kaplan

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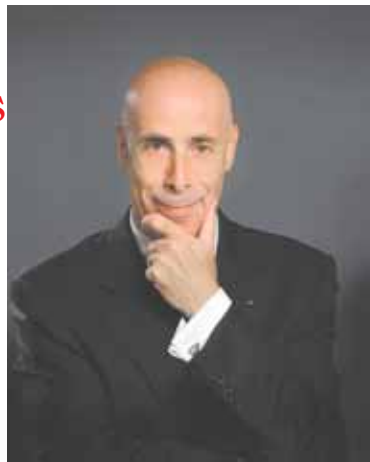
**Local author
Rob Jolles releases
fifth book.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Rob Jolles has spent 30 years writing and speaking about topics that can be difficult for others to pick up. Sales, public speaking, personal and business development are all subjects he tackles in his best-selling books. With his fifth book, "How to Change Minds: The Art of Influence without Manipulation," the 24-year Great Falls resident has focused on the personal level.

"My publisher had approached me about writing a sales book, but I had sort of resisted, and then I had an epiphany," he said. "I've told a lot of people how to make decisions over the years, but I've never told them why decisions are made."

In the book Jolles operates under the principle that influence is



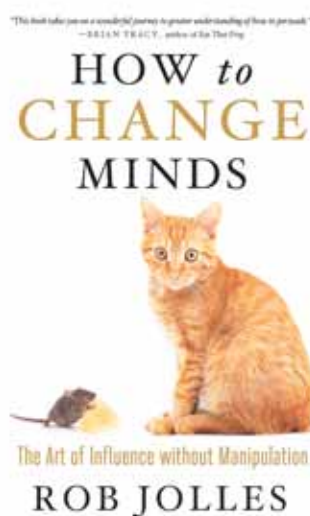
Rob Jolles, Great Falls resident and author, has released his fifth book, "How to Change Minds: The Art of Influence Without Manipulation."

a good thing and manipulation is a bad thing, since the former benefits both parties, while the latter only benefits the person trying to change the other's mind.

"The idea when it comes to changing someone's mind is for someone to take my idea, and I put it in your head and make you think it's yours," he said.

Jolles says he is greatly con-

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The latest book by Great Falls resident Rob Jolles.

cerned about the ethics in trying to make other, so much so that he spends the first quarter of the book discussing the various ethical questions that come with influencing the decision making process.

"Basically, influencing someone is merciful, it could be influencing a driver who is too drunk to drive to hand over their keys, or speaking to an elderly parent who can barely walk about getting care,

that's done for their benefit and for yours," he said. "When you're manipulating someone, that's only for your benefit."

Jolles's research has shown that almost 80 percent of people say they have a problem with something in their lives, such as being overweight or funny car noises, but only 7 to 8 percent have a problem that requires them to fix it, such as diabetes or a flat tire.

HIS GOAL IN THE BOOK is to teach people how to reach that 80 percent and convince them to become more pro-active in making a decision before there is an issue.

"People make decisions through a process, and I'm interested in how to approach those decision points, and where to dip in and introduce an idea, how to create a trust," he said. "But the most important part is creating a sense of urgency. Not threatening, or anything like that, but people tend to stay in a situation until it becomes unbearable, and that wastes time, so the idea is to make a decision before it comes to that."

The book contains more than 20 "litmus tests," as Jolles calls them,

to help people make the distinction between influence and manipulation.

For someone who has written five books, Jolles estimates he has written "less than 10 hours" at his house. Instead, he likes to write on planes while traveling, he estimates he's traveled around 2.5 million miles in the air throughout his career.

"An airplane is like a white noise machine, it's the perfect place for me to write. From the time they start preparing to take off until I hear the beep and the announcement that I can turn on my laptop, I'm like a racehorse in the stall waiting for the horn, I'm ready to go," he said. "The airplane and hotel are the times I can be anti-social and sit down and write, but when I'm home, that's time for my family."

"HOW TO CHANGE MINDS" is available online at Amazon.com in paperback, enhanced e-book with videos, and as an audio book.

More information on Jolles, including his others works and his newsletter, can be found at www.jolles.com.

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Laura Wheeler Poms, of Fairfax, set out to earn a doctorate degree and make a career change. As a wife, mother and working professional, the goal, she said, often felt lofty.

"Writing my dissertation at times felt overwhelming, especially if I looked at it as one huge project," said Poms, who now holds a Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology and is an assistant professor of global and community health at George Mason University in Fairfax. "I set goals like writing one page or doing one analysis each day and I was able to get it done. I also gave myself little rewards along the way."

While Poms set and achieved an ambitious goal, she and other psychologists say many people do not. Whether one desires to make a career change, set boundaries in an unhealthy relationship or lose weight, setting and achieving goals is difficult for some.

"The biggest reason people fall off the bandwagon is that they pick goals that are outside their behavioral repertoire, that are environmentally impossible or that they don't have the skills to accomplish," said Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D., a therapist in private practice and a professor of psychology at Howard University in Washington, as well as a Potomac, Md., resident. "If you say, 'I'm going to exercise an hour a day,' but you have a full-time job and children, you really don't have time to exercise for an hour."

Poms says that a person's reasons for waiting to make a change could affect his or her success or failure. "If your goal is motivated by guilt, fear or regret, you're less likely to achieve that goal," she said. "If

someone tells you that you need to lose weight, unless that realization has come home to you, it is not very useful. ... If you don't see the need, you're not going to be motivated to accomplish it."

To make lasting changes, experts say, one must be prepared for the work involved in making the shift. "Sometimes when people want to make a change, they are not quite ready," said Amy Van Arsdale, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington and a therapist in private practice who lives in Fairfax. "And sometimes people want to make a change, but they aren't sure how."

"Another reason that sometimes makes it really hard for people to make changes like setting boundaries with someone they love, is because that person might feel hurt, so the person who is trying to change backs down," Van Arsdale continued.

Whether your goal is getting out of a toxic relationship, making a career change or maintaining an exercise plan, there are strategies that you can implement to maintain your perseverance.

"If someone starts to give up," said Van Arsdale, "I recommend that they do a check-in and ask 'What is going on that makes me want to quit?'"

Assessing how much control one has over the situation is another key tactic. "A person should look at what they can change and what cannot change," said Van Arsdale. "When setting a boundary with another person, for example, a person could say, 'Maybe I can change how often I call my mother, but I can't control how often she calls me so I need to change how I respond, because I can only control myself.'"

Berg-Cross recommends small, gradual changes. "Make the teeniest changes you can think of that



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are part of your normal routine," she said. "It is not making behavioral changes, it is fading from one behavior to another on a long continuum, little by little."

Van Arsdale said that sometimes she asks clients to think in reverse. For example, "If I didn't lose weight and I didn't get in shape, what is the worse part?" she asks. "I am having problems with my mother and want to set better boundaries. [If] I don't change set boundaries, I will feel powerless, and I want to feel more powerful."

Re-evaluate specific goals and tweak them if needed. "Sometimes people set goals that are too high," said Van Arsdale. "If you set you goals to go to the gym five days a week and that it isn't happening, instead go three times a week. Hanging in there and tweaking goals so that they work for you is better than giving up."

Poms recommends a SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-based) model when

setting and working to reach goals. "Set small, achievable goals and get excited when you meet your goals," she said. "Accentuate the small things that you've done."

Van Arsdale said, "Think how your life will change if you make the change, but be realistic. Saying I want to lose 10 pounds is vague. Saying 'I really want to be able to walk a 5K race with my friend' is more doable."

This strategy also works in interpersonal relationships. "You have to figure out what it is about the other person that makes you feel the need to set the boundary," said Poms. "You have to figure out deep down what is the source of the irritation and then set a boundary, but you want to try to talk to that person first."

Get support from friends and family for any challenging goal. Also, "Don't set too many goals at once because it gets overwhelming," said Poms. "You need practical solutions for dealing with things."

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When working to make behavioral or physical changes, experts recommend dividing one's goals into small, gradual steps.

Great Falls Senior Center to Host Capitol Squares

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) hosts its first-ever dance program in September when the square dance exhibition team Capitol Squares of Washington, D.C. displays the footwork and choreography that have made them famous throughout the country.

In 2002, the Capitol Squares were formed to promote square dancing by appearing in parades and exhibitions. Dancers, some veterans of more than 30 years, are from Maryland and Virginia. The team's signatures are intricate patterns and movements such as octagons, hexagons and pentagons as well as traditional four couple squares. Its motto is: "Sharing friendship and fun through dance."

After a demonstration, guests will be invited to take a turn on the dance floor. Comfortable shoes are a must.

Capitol Squares have performed at major square dance events in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kentucky and Michigan.

Butch Adams is scheduled to call for the Capitol Squares at



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Capitol Squares will perform at the Great Falls Senior Center event on Sept. 10 at the Colvin Run School House.

the event. He also is the group's creative choreographer. Since 1960, he has called throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Western Pacific.

The Sept. 10 event will be at the Colvin Run School House, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The program runs 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served; a modest contribution is appreciated.

The event and food sponsor for

September is Brightview Great Falls, an assisted living community scheduled to open early summer 2014 at 10200 Colvin Run Road.

Reservations are a must. To reserve, e-mail Joyce Trickett at joygoodshepherd@verizon.net or call 703-887-5772. Guests who require transportation to attend, call Gene or Maddie McCabe at 703-438-0810.

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"Buried Voices Etruria-Appalachia, Nos. 2-4," encaustic, oil, charcoal, and dry pigment on paper, wood and carved laminated polystyrene.



Susanne K. Arnold

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Three New Exhibitions Open at MPA

McLean Project for the Arts will open three new exhibitions with a reception and gallery talk from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. The opening is free and open to the public.

❖ **Buried Voices:** Retrospective of Works by Susanne K. Arnold. An exhibition of works by Richmond-based and McLean-bred artist Susanne K. Arnold representing over 30 years of work. Arnold explores archeology, mythology and personal history through the mediums of painting, drawing and sculpture and has a particular interest in three-dimensional encaustic techniques.

❖ **Mostly Landscapes:** McLean artist Alex Tolstoy creates evocative, expressionistic landscapes that evoke a dream-like world, both beautiful and stark.

❖ **Connecting the Parts:** Paintings by Carol Lukitsch. This well-respected mid-career artist will present a new series of seven triptychs, each one focusing on a specific energy center in the body. Exploring physics and microbiology as well as Vedic teachings and Hindu mythology, these paintings represent the artist's intuitive path towards energetic balance.

The exhibitions will run through Nov. 2. McLean Project for the Arts is a non-profit

visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists. In addition to its program of high quality, professionally-curated art exhibitions, MPA offers art classes for children and adults taught by professional art instructors. MPA also presents the Art Reach program for area schools, gallery talks, and day trips to area museums and galleries. MPA is a partner with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

McLean Project for the Arts is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

For more information, visit www.mpaart.org or call 703-790-1953.

MPA Presents Encaustic Art Talk on Sept. 20

Encaustic specialist Susanne K. Arnold will give a PowerPoint presentation at McLean Project for the Arts on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Arnold, whose work is currently on exhibit at MPA, will cover the history of encaustic and how it is being used today. She will also talk about the evolution of her own work. Encaustic is pigmented beeswax used as a painting medium and requires special handling.

The talk is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested at info@mpaart.org. For more information visit www.mpaart.org.

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Address	BR .	FB .	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
6909 BENJAMIN ST	5	...	5 ... 3	...	MCLEAN	\$3,875,000	Detached	0.97	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
1953 ROCKINGHAM ST	5	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$3,421,054	Detached	0.51	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
925 MACKALL AVE	6	...	6 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$3,163,000	Detached	0.66	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
6719 WEMBERLY WAY	6	...	6 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$2,930,000	Detached	1.00	22101	PARKVIEW HILLS
1364 HARDISON LN	5	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$2,150,000	Detached	0.67	22102	BELMEADE
8303 BERNANE FOREST CT	6	...	7 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$2,090,000	Detached	0.83	22102	SUMMERWOOD
1443 HARVEST CROSSING DR	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,950,000	Detached	0.17	22101	EVANS FARM
1202 WINDROCK DR	6	...	5 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$1,850,000	Detached	1.27	22102	THE COURTS
6216 PARK RD	5	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,755,000	Detached	0.53	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
8803 WINDY CREEK WAY	5	...	5 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$1,750,000	Detached	2.06	22102	CHEQUERS
8301 AIVORD ST	5	...	4 ... 3	...	MCLEAN	\$1,700,000	Detached	2.00	22102	WOODSIDE
1953 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,625,000	Detached	0.27	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
2013 ROCKINGHAM ST	6	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,575,000	Detached	0.48	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
6503 BYRNES DR	5	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,557,503	Detached	0.50	22101	GRASS RIDGE
1132 BUCHANAN ST	4	...	4 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$1,550,000	Detached	0.34	22101	WALTER HEIGHTS
1617 MADDUX LN	4	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,545,000	Detached	0.31	22101	CHESTERBROOK FARM
7216 DULANY DR	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,488,000	Detached	1.00	22101	ELMWOOD ESTATES
2141 ROYAL LODGE DR	4	...	4 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,469,000	Detached	0.14	22043	STOCKWELL MANOR
2124 HAYCOCK RD	6	...	5 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.24	22043	CHURCHILL
6061 SUGARSTONE CT	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,425,000	Detached	0.39	22101	KIRBY RUN
7902 OLD CEDAR CT	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,425,000	Detached	0.60	22102	CEDARS OF MCLEAN
6922 PINE CREST AVE	4	...	5 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,402,000	Detached	0.26	22101	WEST MCLEAN
6513 OVERBROOK ST	5	...	4 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.24	22043	CHURCHILL
1704 ALBEMARLE ST 'N'	4	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,340,000	Detached	0.37	22101	CHESTERBROOK
6700 LUPINE LN	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,280,000	Detached	0.99	22101	PARKVIEW HILLS
6700 WEMBERLY WAY	5	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,250,000	Detached	2.18	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
6686 AVIGNON BLVD	5	...	4 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.16	22043	LAMBIANCE OF MCLEAN
919 SWINKS MILL RD	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.76	22102	MCLEAN
6601 WEATHEFORD CT	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,226,000	Detached	0.53	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
1213 PERRY WILLIAM DR	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,210,000	Detached	0.42	22101	EVERMAY
6660 AVIGNON BLVD	4	...	4 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,195,000	Detached	0.13	22043	LAMBIANCE OF MCLEAN
1058 ROCKY RUN RD	4	...	4 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$1,180,000	Detached	2.04	22102	ROCKY RUN
1111 CARPER ST	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.24	22101	BROYHILL LANGLEY ESTATES
6500 HITT AVE	4	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,148,000	Detached	0.20	22101	EL NIDO
1546 HAMPTON HILL CIR	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,131,000	Townhouse	0.05	22101	HAMPTONS OF MCLEAN
2205 WESTMORELAND ST	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,120,000	Detached	0.24	22043	CHURCHILL
1225 POTOMAC SCHOOL RD	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,120,000	Detached	0.51	22101	EVERMAY
1703 CHESTERBROOK VALE CT	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.31	22101	CHESTERBROOK VALE
732 RIDGE DR	5	...	4 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.46	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #916	2	...	2 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,100,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	ONE PARK CREST
1205 FALLS HILL RD	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.70	22101	MACKALL
1431 WOODACRE DR	3	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.34	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
2131 ROYAL LODGE DR	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,017,500	Townhouse	0.07	22043	STOCKWELL MANOR
6638 HAMPTON VIEW PL	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$1,015,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101	HAMPTONS OF MCLEAN
6876 FRASE DR	3	...	2 ... 2	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$1,005,650	Townhouse	0.05	22043	STOCKWELL MANOR
8218 HUNTING HILL LN	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$980,000	Detached	0.46	22102	GREENWAY HEIGHTS
7276 EVANS MILL RD	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$965,000	Townhouse	0.10	22101	EVANS MILL POND
6656 CORNER LN	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$955,000	Townhouse	0.07	22101	HAMPTONS OF MCLEAN
7493 CARRIAGE HILLS DR	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$948,000	Townhouse	0.04	22102	HUNTING RIDGE
2381 WHITESTONE HILL CT	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$935,000	Detached	0.29	22043	WHITESTONE
7719 BRIDLE PATH LN	5	...	2 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$935,000	Detached	0.35	22102	MCLEAN HUNT
6008 BALSAM DR	4	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$930,000	Detached	0.34	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
2013A LORRAINE AVE	5	...	4 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$925,000	Detached	0.66	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
8118 DUNSINANE CT	3	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$915,000	Detached	0.35	22102	MCLEAN HAMLET
1324 ELSINORE AVE	4	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$900,000	Detached	0.28	22102	MCLEAN HAMLET
1902 SAWYER PL	5	...	4 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$885,000	Detached	0.28	22101	KENT GARDENS
1424 WAGGAMAN CIR	5	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$872,000	Detached	0.39	22101	SALONA VILLAGE
7474 CARRIAGE HILLS DR	3	...	3 ... 2	...	MCLEAN	\$870,000	Townhouse	0.04	22102	HUNTING RIDGE
6616 MADISON MCLEAN DR	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$867,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101	MADISON OF MCLEAN
1407 COLA DR	5	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$862,500	Detached	0.46	22101	POTOMAC HILLS
7628 BRITTANY PARC CT	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$850,000	Detached	0.12	22043	BRITTANY PARC AT TYSONS
1903 MIRACLE LN	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$843,000	Detached	0.21	22043	SOUTHAMPTON FOREST
7005 CHURCHILL RD	5	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$835,000	Detached	0.31	22101	BROYHILL LANGLEY ESTATES
1702 STRINE DR	4	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$835,000	Detached	0.25	22101	DANA HEIGHTS
7002 TYNDALE ST	5	...	2 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$830,000	Detached	0.35	22101	ROSEMONT
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2109 GRAYSON PL	3	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$788,000	Detached	0.32	22043	WESTHAMPTON
2547 OGDEN ST	4	...	3 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$775,000	Detached	0.24	22043	SHERMONT
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #1001	2	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$760,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ONE PARK CREST
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1912 YOUNGBLOOD ST	5	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$755,000	Detached	0.25	22101	KENT GARDENS
1819 RUPERT ST	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$752,500	Detached	0.24	22101	MARLBORO ESTATES
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1712A	3	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$740,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	REGENCY AT MCLEAN
6705 BEACON LN	5	...	3 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$739,000	Detached	0.23	22043	BEACON HILL
6728 MELROSE DR	4	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$723,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES
1716 LINWOOD PL	4	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$720,000	Detached	0.25	22101	LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
7112 SEA CLIFF RD	4	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$720,000	Detached	0.31	22101	WEST LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
1813 WESTMORELAND ST	4	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$645,000	Detached	0.24	22101	HILLSIDE MANOR
7014 ALCENT PL	3	...	3 ... 1	...	MCLEAN	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101	STONELEIGH
2134 EMILYS LN	3	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$615,000	Detached	0.24	22043	SIGMONA PARK
7727 MARTHAS LN	4	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$562,000	Detached	0.24	22043	WREN DALE ACRES
2221 BEACON LN	3	...	1 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$551,000	Detached	0.23	22043	CHURCHILL
6828 MONTIVIDEO SQUARE CT	3	...	2 ... 2	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$546,500	Townhouse	0.03	22043	MONTIVIDEO SQUARE
2148 PIMMIT DR	3	...	2 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$545,000	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
8360 GREENSBORO DR #301	3	...	3 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$520,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	ROTONDA
1918 HILEMAN RD	3	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$511,000	Detached	0.26	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
1734 OLNEY RD	3	...	2 ... 1	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$510,000	Detached	0.24	22043	OLNEY PARK
7209 DEERFIELD CT	4	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$500,000	Detached	0.29	22043	FALLS HILL
1932 GRIFFITH RD	3	...	1 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$461,000	Detached	0.28	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
1827 PIMMIT DR	3	...	1 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$455,000	Detached	0.26	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
8370 GREENSBORO DR #121	2	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$427,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	ROTONDA
7593 LEE LANDING DR	0	...	0 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$425,000	Detached	0.85	22043	LEE LANDING PARK
1641 INTERNATIONAL DR #114	2	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$420,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	LILLIAN COURT AT TYSONS
1808 OLD MEADOW RD #1208	2	...	2 ... 0	...	MCLEAN	\$415,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	...	22102	ENCORE OF MCLEAN
7723 LISLE AVE	3	...	1 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$396,000	Detached	0.28	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #729	2	...	2 ... 0	...	FALLS CHURCH ..	\$389,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	RENAISSANCE 2230
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NEWS

Weichert, Realtors Recognizes McLean Office, Sales Associate

Bruce L. Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding performance in July. The office led the entire company for dollar volume, as well as the region, which comprises offices throughout Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Delaware counties, for resale dollar volume.

Green also announced that Sales Associate Sari Zuhar Dajani of the McLean/Old Dominion office was individually recognized for his exceptional industry success during



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Sari Zuhar Dajani

the month of July. Top producer, Dajani led the entire company for new home sales, as well as the region.

Dr. Ericksen Joins Kaplan Center

Jeffery Ericksen, MD, an expert in regenerative medicine, joined the Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine team, June 6.

Before joining the Kaplan Center, Dr. Ericksen served at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Hospital as an attending physician and as the director of the hospital's Interventional Pain Clinic and Polytrauma Network Site. Dr. Ericksen also holds an associate professorship at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He has won numerous awards for excellence in teaching and for contributions to the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

According to Dr. Kaplan, "Dr. Ericksen is a nationally recognized expert in regenerative therapies such as dextrose prolotherapy, platelet-rich-plasma (PRP) therapy and stem-cell injections to treat degenerative joint pain. Most importantly, having cared for military veterans for many years, he also understands the value of delivering comprehensive, coordinated medical care to patients living with chronic illness and pain."

In addition to his clinical work,



Jeffery Ericksen, MD, regenerative medicine specialist.

Dr. Ericksen has presented his own research at national and international medical conferences. He has studied the biomechanics of older women's sacroiliac joints and authored or co-authored nine biomedical research papers on platelet rich plasma and other regenerative therapies. His articles have been published in scholarly journals such as the International Journal of Biomaterials, the Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine and the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Kaplan Center office is located at 6829 Elm St. in McLean. To learn more about The

ENTERTAINMENT

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

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/ SEPT. 4-OCT. 4

Artists Atelier Exhibit: Carol Howard and Lisa Tureson. Reception Saturday, Sept. 28, noon-4 p.m., at The Artists Atelier, 1144 Walker road, Suite G, Great Falls. Meet the artists at the reception and view Tureson and Howard's work highlighting contrast as seen in both artists' style.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

AAUW Open House. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Vienna branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host an open house for prospective members; light refreshments provided. 703-321-7499.

Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. waltz lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance, at Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Hall-N-Notes provides live music, featuring dance tunes from the 1930s to today, and Bill and TJ lead an optional lesson preceding a night of dancing (attire is ballroom casual). 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 10

Great Falls Writer's Group. 1:15-2:30 p.m., at the Great Falls Public Library in the large conference room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The first meeting of the Great Falls Writer's Group (GFWG) joins for discussion on the details of how to get published. Local writers and authors within the community are invited to take part in the twice-a-month meetings. 703-757-8560.

Mark Anthony. 8 p.m., at Filene



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For parents looking for an alternative to computer games for their children: toy trains are real objects that children can learn to put together and operate. See what they're all about at the Vienna Train Show at the Vienna Firehouse Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-winning Latin superstar Mark Anthony appears at Wolf Trap for the first time. \$45-\$125. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Vienna Train Show. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Vienna Firehouse, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. Children and adults are invited to view and purchase a variety of train-related merchandise and service. \$5; free for children under 12, scouts in uniform, and military with proper identification.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m. to noon, at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Enjoy a full breakfast while you meet your neighbors; on the menu are: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and all the fixings. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 20

Encaustic Art Talk. 7-9 p.m., at the Emerson Gallery at McLean Project for the Arts, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Susanne K. Arnold gives an art talk on her three dimensional encaustic techniques. <http://www.mpaart.org/exhibitionsfutr.php>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Encaustic Art Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Susan B. DuVal studio at MPA, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Artist Susanne K. Arnold works with artists interested in the medium of encaustic, or hot wax and pigment, also using charcoal, tools and brushes to create works on panels; bring additional paper, tools, pastels, collage material, if desired, and a smock. \$60 per person (max of 10). info@mpaart.org.

Painting Demonstration: Robert Thoren. 1-4 p.m., at Color Wheel Gallery 65, 1374 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Robert Thoren presents a painting demonstration and talk about painting and the "En Plein Air" artistic process. He will be demonstrating the painting process from initial drawing, to blocking in, to refinement and completion. 703-356-6345, X165

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 21-29

Around Town: A Plein Air Event. Various times, around Vienna; enter at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society calls artists to enter a plein air painting competition to win up to \$700 in awards. For entry details, artists may either drop by the Vienna

Art Cente, call 703-319-3971 or check the website www.ViennaArtsSociety.org. The paintings inspired by Vienna will be judged, with awards presented at a reception at the art center on Oct. 5, 3-5 p.m.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 22

America's Adopt a Soldier 5K/10K Fun Walk/Run. 10 a.m., at Lake Fairfax Park, 400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Wear red, white or blue and run or walk varied terrain in support of America's Adopt A Soldier projects and programs; donate coats for homeless veterans or other items (see at <http://run-walk.eventbrite.com/>) for care package assembly during and after the event. Preregistration only. \$40. <http://run-walk.eventbrite.com/>.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Proceeds benefit Project Enduring Pride and children's charities; to rent a table contact Richard Cunningham. drjazz777@mac.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Ralph Covert's "Ralph's World." 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The Grammy nominee performs songs from his eight Disney albums in two family-friendly performances. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.
"An Amazing American Immigrant Story." 7:30 p.m., Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Alexey Ivanchukow survived the Russian Revolution and Hitler's Germany as a child and then served in the U.S. army and the U.S. State Department. Free. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit the web page at www.vva227.org.

ONGOING

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

"Point of View" Photography Exhibition. Through Sept. 1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays; 4 p.m. Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. The Vienna Art Society's annual judged photography exhibition showcases over 30 regional photographers. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

"Share the Pie." Through Sept. 15. Paisano's Pizza, 8603 Westwood Center Drive, No. 130 B, Tysons Corner; 312 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Mention "Boys and Girls Club" when ordering so that Paisano's will donate 10 percent of the order to support the Club. www.pizzapaisanos.com.

Personalized ebook/e-Reader Instruction. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Learn about your e-reader and downloading eBooks; event continues through March 31st.

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FAITH

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

Antioch Christian Church celebrates Grandparents day at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Sept. 8. antiochdoc.org.

The Antioch Christian Church Chancel choir will meet to rehearse Thursdays at 7 p.m., 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna, and sings classical, spiritual and gospel music each week on Sundays at 11 a.m. Those who love to sing are invited; contact John Holley, choir director, 703-255-2761.

St. Timothy Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, hosts a Welcome Home Sunday service on Sept. 8; join at 8, 9:30 or 11 a.m. for the service (Sunday school classes are 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.). A BBQ picnic follows at 12:15 p.m. featuring a moon bounce. 703-437-3790.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean, invites all to a Homecoming Celebration Sunday, Sept. 8, with the annual Homecoming picnic following a 10 a.m. service. Register for church school, browse the ministries fair on the front lawn and catch up with community members. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Passages at Vienna Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Maple Avenue and Park Street, offers a 15-week Divorce Care series Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning Sept. 24 for those going through the pain of separation or divorce. \$20 (covers materials,

scholarships available). 703-938-9050, Passages@ViennaPres.org or www.viennapres.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The RE program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

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McLean - First Church of Christ,
Scientist...703-356-1391
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PUBLIC NOTICE

McLean Community Center Governing Board

Public Hearing on FY 2015 Budget

(July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)

Follows the Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole

Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the committee meeting and public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address (shown below,) marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to feedback@mcleancenter.org. Written comments must be received prior to the Governing Board's regular September meeting, on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.



The McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101
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www.mcleancenter.org

COMMUNITY

From left: Mildred "Millie" Thompson, Woman's Club president; Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Honorary Tour Host Admiral Kathleen L. Martin, Mrs. Albert Rosecan and Dr. Karen Kierce, owners of homes on the 2013 Holiday Homes Tour; Woman's Club Homes Tour Co-Chairmen Rosemarie Lazo and Jane Studabaker.

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LAURA SHERIDAN/
WOMAN'S CLUB



McLean Woman's Club Holds Annual Kickoff Tea

Planning for Holiday Homes Tour underway.

The Woman's Club of McLean held its annual "Christmas in August" Kickoff Tea on Thursday, Aug. 22, to preview its 47th annual Holiday Homes Tour in early December. This year's tour will have the theme of "four centuries in McLean," with each of the four tour homes representing a different century.

At the tea, club members welcomed Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust. Mr. Foust and his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome, are longtime supporters of the Woman's Club and offered their house for the Holiday Homes Tour in 2009. Other guests at the tea were Del. Barbara J. Comstock (R-34), honorary Homes Tour host Rear Admiral Kathleen L. Martin (Ret.), executive director of the Navy Marine Cost Guard Residence Foundation, including the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing project at Vinson Hall; and the owners of two of the four homes on this year's tour. The tea was held at the McLean house of Susan Cooper Jordano, membership co-chairman of the Woman's Club, and her husband Tony Jordano.

December's tour will feature four houses, each of which represents a different century in McLean: a stone house reputedly built in 1754, a former public meeting house built in 1842, a colonial built in 1952 and later expanded and a uniquely modern home built in 2010. Each house will be decorated for the holidays and will highlight family life in McLean. In addition, Trinity United Methodist Church, at 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., will host a MarketPlace, offering gifts and holiday items, a lunch and snack concession, and an auction that will sell chances on a variety of merchandise and services.

Woman's Club members have been working on preparations since February, when they began soliciting advertisements for the tour brochure. Additional efforts over the summer included selection of the homes, brochure preparation, publicity arrangements and plans for decoration.

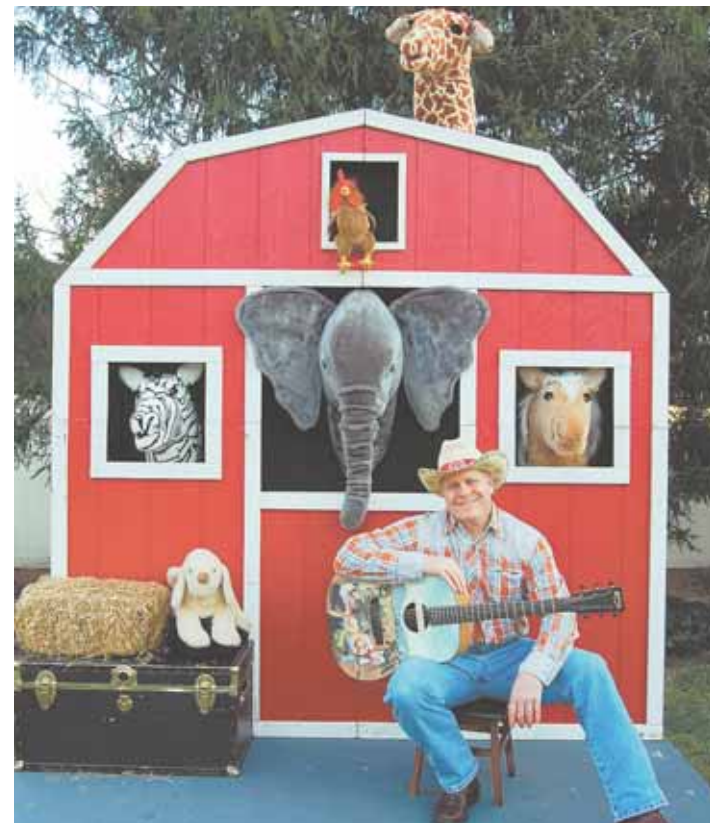


From left: Woman's Club Homes Tour Co-Chairman Rosemarie Lazo, Woman's Club Membership Co-Chairman Susan Cooper Jordano and Virginia State Delegate Barbara J. Comstock (R).

All proceeds will be donated to local charities and nonprofit organizations, such as Share, Inc., Alternative House, the McLean Project for the Arts (The Children's Outreach), Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, Fisher House and the McLean Symphony, as well as used for scholarships and education.

The tour will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be available in early October at local businesses, including Mesmeralda's Gifts of McLean, Karin's Florist of Vienna and Great Dogs of Great Falls or may be obtained at one of the homes on the tour.

—LAURA SHERIDAN



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Kidsinger Jim and Friends will bring all-original "POSITIVE-ly Fun" songs to the McLean Community Center on Sept. 28.

Celebrating the Change of Season

Children can welcome the change of season at McLean Community Center's Harvest Happenings.

Young children ages 3-8 can experience the fun and excitement of the changing of the seasons as they participate in a variety of activities at the McLean Community Center's Harvest Happenings. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the center, located at 1234 Ingleside Ave. General admission is \$5 at the door; admission is free for children up to 36 months old.

Kidsinger Jim, a children's entertainer who sings and plays guitar while his farm animal friends roam and interact with the audience, will perform at the event. Jim has been singing his all-original "POSITIVE-ly Fun" songs exclusively for children and families for 20 years. A former preschool through elementary school music teacher, he has performed more than 3,500 concerts to date.

Activities include amusement and carnival games and arts and crafts projects. Participants can purchase and decorate small pumpkins. A variety of child- and adult-friendly food



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choices will be available for purchase as well.

For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the center's website: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/kids/> events.

SPORTS

McLean's Geisler Ties School Goal-scoring Record

Senior scores five goals in win over Yorktown.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Erika Eckrod showed the McLean field hockey team can score quickly.

Christin Geisler showed the Highlanders can score often.

Together, the senior forwards helped set the tone for what head coach Summer Vanni hopes could be a state-tournament-caliber squad.

Eckrod scored 20 seconds into McLean's season opener against Yorktown and Geisler tied a school record with five goals as the Highlanders secured a 7-1 mercy-rule victory over the Patriots on Aug. 28 in Arlington.

Geisler scored three goals in the first half as McLean built a 5-1 halftime lead. She converted a stroke early in the second half and ended the game via mercy rule with her fifth goal at the 5:03 mark. The game ends if a team is ahead by six goals at the midway point of the second half.

Geisler's five goals tied a school record set last season by Sofia Andreoli.

"The ball was in the offensive half the whole game," Geisler said, "and that just opened up tons of opportunities for me to score [and] for Erika to score."

Eckrod came out aggressive, swiping the ball from Yorktown and scoring the game's first goal just 20 seconds into the contest. She added a second goal in the first half.

"Our last [scrimmage], I was having trouble recovering and my first goal was to be better at attacking the ball," Eckrod said. "I just saw the opening to the ball and took it right away."



McLean senior Christin Geisler tied a school record with five goals against Yorktown on Aug. 28.

McLean led 3-0 when Yorktown's Melissa Land scored with 19:28 remaining in the first half, cutting the Highlanders' lead to two. Geisler answered with her third goal with 12:18 left in the half, and Eckrod scored nearly six minutes later.

"As two forwards, their expectations are obviously to score, but they're also captains, as well, so their leadership skills are really important," Vanni said. "Both girls offer

speed, as well as strength and athleticism to [make] plays that not a lot of my athletes can do naturally. They're impressive. They've worked hard over the last couple seasons and now it's their time in the spotlight."

McLean traveled to face Centreville on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Highlanders will play three games in Virginia Beach this weekend before hosting



PHOTOS BY SYLVIA DAKESIAN

McLean senior Erika Eckrod scored two goals against Yorktown, including the game's first goal just 20 seconds into the contest.

Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

"We've got a serious group, which I don't always have," Vanni said. "They can be goofy, but they've got a really good mentality to win a lot this year, so that's the plan."

"... I'm not going to jinx us, but the sky is the limit with this team. We're going down to Virginia Beach [this] weekend to play three games, and I hope to be down there in November for the state tournament."

What a Difference a Year Makes

Langley field hockey wins Herndon Invitational.

When the Langley field hockey team started practices at the beginning of August, coach Jennifer Robb, returning for her 13th season, felt good about what she was seeing on the practice field. Langley has nine returning varsity players, including seven seniors, and a number of strong new offensive talents that played for the junior varsity team last year.

Little did she realize that Langley would start the season so strong, winning their first league game and then taking the Herndon Invitational Field Hockey Tournament champion-

ship trophy this past Labor Day weekend. And Langley did it in impressive fashion, outscoring their first four regular season opponents by a margin of 15-0, and then beating powerhouse Madison in a tight 3-1 contest to win the tournament. This was the first time that Langley has won the Herndon Invitational since it began in 1996; its best showing was a runner-up finish in 1999.

"I am so proud of the way the girls played throughout the entire tournament," Robb said. "They played as a team with great passing and a level of aggressiveness that allowed them to control the field of play. Not only did they play

great defense but they finished strong and scored a lot of goals. What a great way to begin the season!"

In addition to winning the tournament, seniors Erin Klein and Lizzie Rollman and sophomore Halle Duenkel were named to the all-tournament team for their outstanding play.

Langley is anchored by an experienced defensive corps, led by senior captains Amanda Lund and Julia Pierce, as well as senior Klein. Their goalie, Brittony Trumbull, had a great tournament, stopping all but one shot. Their starting offense includes all returning players in addition to Duenkel,



COURTESY PHOTO

The Langley field hockey team celebrates with the trophy after winning the Herndon Invitational.

Morgan Kuligowski and Kaylea von Seggern, all sophomores who made an immediate contribution in the tournament by scoring 11 of the 15 goals, led by Duenkel's seven. The other four goals in the tournament were scored by Rollman (3 goals, 4 assists) and

Maggie Farnsworth. The other returning offensive starters include juniors Delaney Burkart and Nichole Hottle, and senior Rollman.

Langley's next game is against Oakton on Monday, Sept. 9.

Indeterminate Sentence

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



And no, that's not another made-up phrase by yours truly describing my occasionally cluttered/run-on prose with which many of you extremely patient regular readers are all too familiar. No, it has to do with how I perceive my future now that I'm post-hospital and sleeping in my own bed. Instead of nurses, respiratory therapists, X-ray technicians, doctors and miscellaneous other hospital staff too numerous to list, I have one wife and five cats to do my bidding. And though they're not nearly as attentive as the hospital staff, I know that they all have my best interests at heart.

Not that I thought I was going to die during this most recently-written-about hospital stay; still, the experience was unsettling and reminded me of how fragile and maybe even precarious my situation might be. As much as I try to ignore certain stage IV, terminal-type facts/prognosis, a four-day stay in S.I.C.U. sort of brings the reality into sharper focus, despite my best – and continuing – efforts to delude myself otherwise.

As I sit here at home, comfortably and relatively normally (I know, "normally" is a relative term), I am betwixt and between emotionally. I can't decide if this hospital stay has given me direction or misdirection. Do I now have a truer, more honest sense of my own insecurity (mortality) or have I just created a false sense of security in its place – having survived the ordeal so unexpectedly well?

I realize I'm not bullet-proof; but if there ever were a hollow point-type metaphorical bullet, stage IV non-small cell lung cancer would likely be it; it's a killer, usually. However, I can't help but feel empowered somehow, more confident even, in my body's ability to withstand the rigors an incurable disease can impose. I'm sure there's a toll to be paid, but so far, I'm living proof that statistics are not exactly about everybody, if you know what I mean. I know that wishing and hoping don't necessarily make it so, but after yet another experience where I far exceeded my doctor's rather modest expectations, I can't help but feel more positive about my prospects (there's my delusional naïveté rearing its illogical head).

In February, 2009, I was "prognosed" to live "13 months to two years" according to my oncologist. Yet, here I still am, four-and-a-half years later, released from the hospital, better than when I went in. Anything is possible: I think I've proven that. And I don't intend to stop now.

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Great Falls to Celebrate Arts In October

Great Falls Studios (GFS) will celebrate a decade of art on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This is an opportunity to meet GFS artists, view some of their original work, enjoy hands-on activities and learn the stories of their studios. A 10th Anniversary book is scheduled to be released that day—a community occasion to celebrate creativity.

On Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 join GFS on a self-guided driving adventure to art studios tucked along the scenic roads of Great Falls, at the 10th Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour: 60 member artists—painters, potters, sculptors, jewelry makers, photographers, digital artists, a weaver, a printmaker, a wood carver, two quilters, a layered-paper artist, and other talented folk—will be opening the doors to their individual studios, the three group ateliers in town, and several shared venues created just for the event.

Artists will be demonstrating their crafts and techniques, engaging in inspiring conversation and some will offer visitors a chance to touch, dabble or scribble. All artists will be selling art “Made in Great Falls.”

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Throughout the weekend, the Great Falls Community Library will serve as “Studio Tour Headquarters.” Tour information will be available and a photography exhibit in the large conference room will feature the portraits of 16 GFS members and their studios featured in the 10th Anniversary book created to commemorate a decade of art in the village. Dean Souleles, co-editor/photographer of the book, will be on hand to answer questions.

Additional information, member artist bios and images of their work can be found at www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

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line for submissions is Friday.

Megan Kent of Great Falls has graduated from Georgetown University with a master's in public relations and corporate communications and a 3.96 GPA. She currently works as the director of marketing, communications, and public relations at Marshall Moya Design and in Nuevo in Washington, D.C.

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 ❖ **Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet**: In-depth or investigative reporting • Guns From the South

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Michael Lee Pope



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 Connection: General news photo • Freezin' for a Reason



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Second Place Winners

❖ **Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette**: Page Design

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 Connection: Public Safety Writing

❖ **Louise Krafft, Mount Vernon Gazette**: Picture Story or Essay
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❖ **Louise Krafft, Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet**: Combination

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❖ **Laurence Foong, Alexandria Gazette Packet**: Page Design



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 Connection: Sports Writing
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Jon Roetman

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