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## Foundation Presents Arts Center Plans

**Equestrians, Turner Farm advocates question proposed center.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Great Falls Foundation for the Arts presented their proposal for an arts center at Turner Farm Monday, Sept. 30 to the local equestrian community, neighbors and residents involved in the “Save the Farm” campaign.

Turner Farm was one of the top-producing dairy farms in Northern Virginia during the 1940s. In 1955, the U.S. Government marked 12.38 acres for use as a Nike Ajax missile battery, one of 16 built around Washington, D.C. during the Cold War.

By 1962 the site was used by the Defense Mapping Agency as a testing center. In 1993, it was handed over by the Military District of Washington to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

In August 1996, “Save the Farm” was formed, with the intent to save the land from being developed, which raised more than \$150,000.

Since then, the farm has operated under the motto “hoof beats by day, stargazing by night,” due to its use by the Analemma Society for nighttime sky observances, and the various equestrian arenas and trails used during the day.

The Great Falls Foundation for the Arts was founded in 2007 with the goal of bringing an arts center to the community. After years of proposals and scouting possible locations, they felt Turner Farm would be a suitable venue.

**IN DECEMBER 2011** they started putting together preliminary plans. They currently have the project planned in four phases, which would add a one-story building with a loft, two wings, up to six small studio buildings, a garden and possible renovation of the barn into a performing arts space.

The center would have room for the foundation’s art school, as well as studio space for artists.

The plan originally called for a road to go from the parking lot through the 53-acre cross-country equestrian course and up to the new center. But those plans have been shelved due to concern from park users about having horses, pedestrians and cars all being near the road.

“We no longer plan to have the road run through the park after concerns from the riding community,” said Julie Casso, executive director of the GFFTA. “We’ll know the plans need to be reworked when it comes to a new entrance, possibly something off Springvale, but we don’t know at this point. Currently we don’t have any plans for an access point on Georgetown Pike.”

The Turner Farmhouse is not part of the plans for the arts center. Casso cited “astronomical costs” associated with making it compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Many in attendance at the Sept. 30 meeting said they wanted to see the land stay as undeveloped as possible.



**Julie Casso, executive director of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, speaks about their ideas for a new arts center at Turner Farm Monday, Sept. 30.**

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**Great Falls residents gather at the library to hear details about the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts proposal for an arts center at Turner Farm.**

“Save the Farm didn’t generate a ripple of controversy. Not because the community is made up entirely of equestrians or astronomers, but because everyone in Great Falls was sick of seeing development take over our open space,” said Beverly Crawford, a member of Save the Farm. “We wanted open space, and this project seems to be an incursion on that open space.”

Chris Lehman, a board member of Save the Farm, said he wasn’t opposed to an arts center, just one at Turner Farm.

“A lot of people worked hard to ensure that this land would be protected,” he said. “I love the idea of this kind of facility in Great Falls, however I feel that GFFTA is barking up the wrong tree when it comes to this location. I think another plan for another location would be supported by a lot of people.”

Casso said the GFFTA is open to meeting with any local groups, such as homeowners associations, to bring them up to speed on the plans for the proposed center.

**ANY FINAL DECISION** would have to go through the county, who are the current owners of the park. They have not made any kind of decision, nor have they even received an official proposal from the foundation, who are still in the fundraising phase.

“This hasn’t even reached an official proposal stage yet, so we’re not even at the point where this project would, or could, be endorsed,” said Rip Sullivan, the Dranesville representative to the park authority board.



**Haitian American Olympic runner Moises Joseph and Monique Péan announcing winners of last year’s VIP5K.**

## Running, Walking To Help Haitians

**VIP 5K Run/Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 12 at Lake Fairfax Park.**

**T**he Vanessa Péan Foundation is sponsoring the second annual VIP 5K Run/Walk in memory of Great Falls resident Vanessa Péan who died tragically in a car accident on Beach Mill Road Oct. 30, 2005 at age 16. Since 2005, the Vanessa Péan Foundation has been shaping the future of Haiti by providing scholarships to underprivileged children as well as critically needed basic services such as clean water. This 501c3 is dedicated to creating a better future for all Haitians through education and by addressing basic human needs. Over 322 scholarships have been provided and a clean spring water well now provides potable water for a town the size of Great Falls.

Join the Péan Family and friends at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston Saturday, Oct. 12. The run/walk begins at 9 a.m.

Experience what it is like to carry water-cans—just like they do in Haiti. You have a chance in a short relay before the 5k run/walk. Individuals can sign up at [www.prraces.com](http://www.prraces.com), one of

three Virginia certified cross-country courses.

A raffle for a new iPad and Kindle will be held at the race site and a silent auction includes gift certificates to local merchants including Chez Francois, Fontaine de Jeunesse “Venusfreeze” treatments, Starbucks gift basket, Stars Studio Private Acting Lessons, and Private Oil Painting lessons at Artists Studio on the Green.

VIP 5K race sponsors include The J. Donegan Family, 1 to 1 Fitness, Helen Vasiliadis, Realtor of Long and Foster, Strawberry Cottage, and John and Jane Trimble Accounting Services.

❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. through noon, Oct. 12.

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Register online at [www.prraces.com](http://www.prraces.com) under the Vanessa Péan Foundation logo or on race day at 8 a.m. Donations can also be made online or at [www.vanessapeanfoundation.org](http://www.vanessapeanfoundation.org). Checks can be mailed to 343 Springvale Road, Great Falls, VA 22066.

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**Seven-pound water cans are used to demonstrate how heavy carrying water long distances can be for women and children. Nina Yalung of Loebig Chiropractic is ready to begin relay. Monique Péan, Coty, Courtney and Dan Dickson, T.J. Loeffler, Claire Donegan and Steve Glass are ready to race as well.**



# Exploring Art's Natural Habitat

Great Falls Studios releases book to celebrate 10th anniversary.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls Studios was founded 10 years ago by several artists who wanted to network. Now, it features more than 90 artists who work in almost every conceivable medium, and they work hard to promote arts events around the community.

"After 10 years, we have done a lot of different projects, but we wanted to do something we haven't done before, which is where the idea of a book came from," said Laura Nichols, a potter and one of the book's editors. "So we began reaching out to our members with a list of questions. We wanted to get a sense of what goes on in a studio."

Photographer Dean Souleles was taking classes at the Center for Digital Imaging Arts in Georgetown, and was given an assignment to create a photo story, which brought the project into focus.

"It sort of functions like a virtual studio tour of the artists, an examination of how people work and create," Souleles said. "Some don't have studios. For photographer Walt Lawrence, Great Falls itself is his studio, he's everywhere. For Karen Bateman, who is a plein air painter, her studio is wherever she decides to put her easel down."

Griselda, a fiber artist, Nichols, a potter, and painter Jennifer Duncan edited the book, and Souleles took the photos of the artists in their natural habitat.

Each of the 16 artists in the book has four pages, which features photographs of their space, them working and anything else Souleles found interesting about their process.

"There aren't many pictures of just the art, I tried to get more than that in each show," he said. "It was a special experience to be able to see the artists in their creative space, and it became part of my creative space while I was with them."

Members of the group said it was fascinating to get a look into the methods used by their fellow artists.

"It was an interesting process for me, I enjoyed learning about the process of each artist, learning about the specifics of how they approach their work every day," Duncan said.

While compiling photos and statements from the artists, the group found putting it all together proved to be difficult.

"Four was the magic number when it came to this project," Griselda said. "At any time, two or three of us probably could have been talked out of the project, but one of us was always ready to push us forward



From left, Dean Souleles, Cindy Griselda, Jennifer Duncan and Laura Nichols, members of Great Falls Studios, with the group's new book at the Great Falls Library Saturday, Oct. 5.

## Studios Tour Set for Oct. 19-20

The annual Great Falls Studios Tour features 60 artists in their creative spaces around Great Falls. The driving tour is free and self-guided, and features stops at The Artists' Atelier, the Great Falls Library, the Village Green Day School as well as many artists' home studios.

The tour will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20.

More information is available at [www.greatfallsstudios.com](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com).

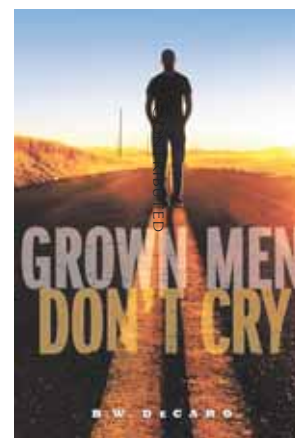
with new ideas."

The book was unveiled at the Great Falls Library Saturday, Oct. 5, and many of the artists set up throughout the library throughout the day to give a glimpse into their work.

"We at the library treasure the creative people in Great Falls who make art and share it with us," said Daniela Dixon, the library's manager. "They're a great addition to this community, and they give us art for the library all year round, and 10 percent of the sales made here go to support the Friends of the Great Falls Library, which is very generous of them."

More information on the book, titled "Creative Spaces: Inside Great Falls Studios" can be found online at [www.greatfallsstudios.com](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com).

"Grown Men Don't Cry" is the first novel from Great Falls author B.W. DeCaro.



Great Falls resident B.W. DeCaro has released his first novel, "Grown Men Don't Cry."

## Author Explores Mental Illness

B.W. DeCaro released first novel, "Grown Men Don't Cry."

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

When it came to writing his first novel, Great Falls resident B.W. DeCaro knew he wanted to delve into some serious topics. With his first novel, "Grown Men Don't Cry," he's done exactly that, creating a story in which two men must deal with mental illness in themselves and the ones they love.

The book tells the story of two men who grew up together in Bristol, N.H. Jimmy left town, joined the Marines, and has been deployed multiple times overseas. He has returned to his hometown with a bad case of PTSD and the intention to end his life.

Ben never left the town, got married and had children. He is facing a serious kidney disease, as well as a family history of mental illness that threatens to overwhelm him.

Circumstances dictate that the two men enter each other's lives again, in a way that could help them both find some peace.

DeCaro said the idea came from seeing a friend's Facebook post about his struggles with PTSD. He later reached out to another friend, one that he had grown up with but had drifted from over the years, only to find out he had passed away several years earlier.

The book moves in and out of various characters' point of view, and back and forth from the present to the past.

"My goal was to get the reader to like these guys as goofball kids as they're growing up and finding things to do

## Book Signings in Great Falls

Author B.W. DeCaro will be signing his novel "Grown Men Don't Cry" at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

in a small town, and then follow them as they grow up and deal with the consequences of mental illness," DeCaro said. "That's the purpose of the title, to use sarcasm to highlight the fact that a lot of men don't feel comfortable dealing with these kinds of issues."

DeCaro said he was inspired by the film "Stand By Me," as well as authors such as Jodi Picoult and Mitch Albom.

"I definitely wanted to write a story that made people think, and that had some heart behind it as well," he said. "I started out knowing the themes I wanted to address. I just didn't know how it would all unfold as I was writing."

After coming up with a number of scenes that would show the themes, DeCaro worked to connect them, and impart his own style on the narrative.

He originally self-published the book, but he won the recent Ultimate Hero Contest, which netted him a publishing contract with Total Recall Press.

"Grown Men Don't Cry" is available online at Amazon.com in paperback and as an e-book. DeCaro said a portion of all proceeds from the book's sale will go to nonprofits that help service members and those with mental health issues, such as the Wounded Warrior project.

More information on DeCaro is available at [www.bwdecaro.com](http://www.bwdecaro.com).



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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9**

**Chronic Pain Support Group.** 1:30-3:30 p.m., at the Kaplan Center for

Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm Street, Suite 300, McLean. The Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine and The Pain Connection offer a free monthly support group for people suffering with chronic pain. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for individuals suffering with chronic pain and illness to share their struggles and

strategies for staying as healthy and hopeful as possible. Topics of discussion include constructive ways of coping with physical limitations, relationships, work and more. 703-532-4892

**AAUW Makes a Difference.** 7 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library at 101 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. The Vienna  
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## Great Falls Resident Angie Officer Is Volunteer of the Year

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She worked as an art director and handled public relations before joining Sprint Corp. in 1992 as an account manager for relay services in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Virginia. Today, she's a senior implementation program manager for Sprint Relay, overseeing relay service in 32 states, as well as serving as chairperson of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) Alumni Association Board of Directors.

She was named Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) volunteer of the year and will receive the award during Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend Oct. 10-13, which is also when NTID will celebrate its 45th anniversary.

She says the best part of being NTID Alumni Association chair is working with the dynamic board members, staff, alumni and students to ensure the best quality education and career oppor-

tunities for RIT/NTID students.

It's hard for Officer to pick a favorite memory from her time as a student, but a life-changing moment occurred when she met fellow student David Officer '87 (applied computer technology), whom she'd later marry. They just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. She also keeps in touch with close girlfriends she met at RIT/NTID in 1983. "We just celebrated 30 years of friendship," she says.

A native of Geneva, Ill., Officer now lives in Great Falls, with David and their daughter, Lexi. She enjoys spending her free time volunteering.

Officer says she is the person she is today because of her experiences at RIT/NTID and that volunteering for RIT/NTID is her way to show appreciation and to give back to the community.

To see more of RIT's rankings and recognition, go to [www.rit.edu/overview/rankings-and-recognition](http://www.rit.edu/overview/rankings-and-recognition).

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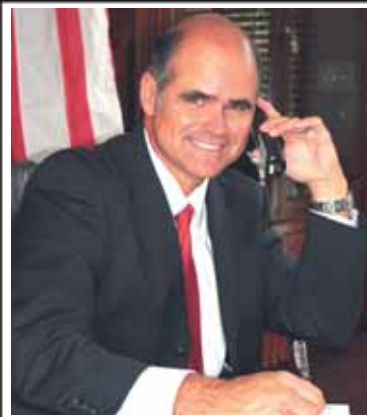
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### THURSDAY/OCT. 10

**NARFE Chapter Meeting.** 1:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Gayle Nelson from Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Delegate Mark Keam and challenger Leiann Luse discuss the upcoming election. The meeting is free and is open to all members and their guests. 703-938-7346.

**Life in the Community Workshop.** 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Career and transition advice at a free resource fair for students of all ages with disabilities and their families. Participants will learn about vocational, residential, leisure, recreational, independent living and advocacy options for students eligible for ongoing employment and community support services after graduation. <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/resources/events/index.shtml>.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 12

**Christian Women's Conference.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. Guest speaker Patty Houser, writer and teacher, leads with the topic of renewing passion for God at the free conference with a complimentary luncheon. The public is invited. [antiochchristianchurchvienna@gmail.com](mailto:antiochchristianchurchvienna@gmail.com) or [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org).

**VFD Open House.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., scavenger hunt at 1 p.m., at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S., Vienna. A Fire Prevention Week event promoting awareness on preventing kitchen fires; a scavenger hunt for children involves various prizes for all, along with free fire helmet and balloon giveaways throughout the day, complementary food and

raffles for adults.

**Trees 101.** 2-3 p.m., at the Village Center parking lot next to Wells Fargo, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Two tree specialists lead a walk, pointing out major native trees, discussing their characteristics and mentioning facts about the trees and their role in our landscape. [bcanis@yahoo.com](mailto:bcanis@yahoo.com).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 13

**Blooms and Gardens Preview.** 3 p.m., at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Church, Falls Church. A show serving as a sneak peak and last-minute advice forum from the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society for the upcoming NCS 2013 National Show at Longwood Gardens, Pa., in December. Plant entries received between 2 and 3 p.m. 703-560-8776.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 15

**Providence District Meet and Greet.** 7-9 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Qualified candidates for sheriff and state delegates for Districts 35, 37, 41, and 53 are invited. Meet the candidates in the bandroom. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the Providence District Council. 703-532-4417 or [peggy.knight1@verizon.net](mailto:peggy.knight1@verizon.net).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 16

**Federal Employment Presentation.** 7 p.m., at Neighbor's Restaurant, 252 Cedar Lane, Vienna. NARFE Chapter 1116 presents information on retirement and benefits for federal employees. Reservations. 703-205-9041 or 703 938-7346.

**Vienna Photographic Society Meeting.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Stu Estler, well-known Washington architectural and interior photographer, will judge the competition of interior images. All members of VPS can submit images to the competition. 703-758-0672 or [www.vpsva.org](http://www.vpsva.org).

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## Great Falls Memory Café Meets on Oct. 17

The Great Falls Memory Café will meet Thursday, Oct. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Vienna. The memory café is a casual social meeting venue for those with progressive memory or cognitive impairment and their caregivers. Call Carol Blackwell 571-236-6933 for more details.

## Senior Center Focuses on Family History

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) presents "Finding Your Family History and Not Forgetting It" at its November event. Guest speaker will be Linda MacLachlan, past president of the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, a retired lawyer and administrative law judge. She has been writing and speaking on genealogy for more than 20 years. Virtually every Friday for the past 10 years, MacLachlan has assisted individuals with their genealogical research at the McLean Family History Center.

Following the guest speaker, GFSC's Nominations Committee will present the slate of nominees for the first election of its Board of Directors. The actual election will be held in December. Only GFSC members may serve on the board.

The Nov. 5 event will be at the Dranesville Church of the Brethren at 11500 Leesburg Pike. The program runs 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes lunch. A modest contribution is appreciated.

Event sponsor for November is Seneca Animal Hospital, Resort & Spa, 11415 Georgetown Pike. Food sponsor is Great Falls Assisted Living, 1121 Reston Avenue.

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.

## Great Falls Floors, Inc. Celebrates 15th Anniversary

Sha Chitsaz, general manager of Great Falls Floors, Inc., has announced their 15th anniversary of

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No update is required to the CDC recommendation that every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a "sporadic" level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven't yet had the shot.

Every year, 5-to-20 percent of U.S. residents become sick with the flu, with 200,000 hospitalizations. Children are especially vulnerable with about 20,000 children under the age of 5 hospitalized. Depending on the severity of the

## Get One

Flu shots are available on a walk-in basis at most pharmacies including Walgreen, CVS, Rite Aid, Giant, Safeway and independent pharmacies; most urgent care clinics and at area hospitals.

### INOVA CLINICS

Inova Alexandria Hospital, Every Friday 3-6 p.m. until Dec. 13 (not Nov. 29)  
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Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Every Saturday 1-4 p.m. until Dec. 14, Medical Plaza Building Conference Room A, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Inova Fairfax Hospital, Every Saturday until Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, The Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Every Tuesday until Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-noon, Hospital Lobby, 2501 Parker's Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Inova HealthPlex-Lorton Every Sunday until Dec. 15, 1-3 p.m. Conference Room, 9321 Sanger Street, Lorton, VA 22079

flu in a given year, from 1976 to 2006, estimates of annual deaths ranged from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000, according to the CDC.

Remember that getting the flu shot is also community service. You might be strong and healthy and think that you will not suffer too much if you get the flu. But everyone has contact with people in the high-risk groups: people over 65, children under 5, pregnant women, people with other illnesses. So have your shot to protect other people.

## Deadline to Register to Vote, Oct. 15

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2013. You can check your registration status online by visiting the State Board of Elections website at [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Claims vs. Facts

To the Editor:

At a recent elementary school's Back to School Night, a friend was handed materials from supporters of Barbara Comstock, the Delegate for the 34th Virginia House District. I expect that a candidate would paint him or herself in the most favorable light, and that campaign materials should be read with a certain degree of skepticism. However, a little research in the public record shows a tremendous discrepancy between the way Ms. Comstock portrays herself and the reality of how she has voted.

\*Claim: Comstock claims to support education and takes credit for helping to restore \$120 million in cuts to Virginia schools. Fact: in 2010, Comstock voted in favor of a House Budget Bill (HB30) that cut education by \$620 million.

\*Claim: Comstock claims she "fought to fund" 1,700 additional in-state slots in Virginia universities. Fact: she voted against the budget (HB1500) that provided that very funding.

Claim: Comstock claims to have worked to get bonuses for our teachers. Fact: again, in her vote

against the budget bill (HB1500), she failed to support the funding that would provide those raises.

\*Claim: Comstock has repeatedly stated that transportation is one of her priorities, and points to her 2011 vote in favor of Governor McDonnell's transportation package. Fact: The 2011 transportation package commits the Commonwealth of Virginia to \$4 billion in debt. Comstock voted against the 2013 bi-partisan transportation bill that is funneling mil-

lions of dollars into her district.

\*Claim: in an article in the Loudon Times, Comstock claims that she has "given no indication" that she supports the Bi-County Parkway. Fact: in 2010, she voted in favor of HB277, which would have begun the process of developing just such a roadway (then called the Washington Bypass).

I know that campaign materials need to be read with a certain degree of skepticism, but as Ms. Comstock's mentor, Congressman

Frank Wolf, is fond of saying, "Facts are stubborn things." The "stubborn facts" show that she is suffering from a major credibility gap and we as her constituents have every right to call her on it. I urge voters to become educated on the reality of Barbara Comstock's voting record. Look behind the curtain and see if you agree with the reality before you accept any more campaign promises.

**Haida McGovern**  
Great Falls

### Candidate Owes an Answer

To the Editor:

I was unable to find any information on Barbara Comstock's website about her stance on guns so I stopped by her campaign office. It appears that Barbara Comstock is not only hiding her gun record from the voters but also from her campaign staffers and volunteers. They were unable to provide any information about her stance on background checks and seemed unaware about her

gun votes.

While waiting for Barbara Comstock to explain her position on background checks, I took a look at her voting record on VA gun legislation.

I was surprised to find out that she has voted to allow gun rights back to "guilty by reason of insanity" convicted felons. Isn't this exactly the kind of person background checks should exclude from buying a gun? Yet Barbara

Comstock has already seen fit to allow them to purchase guns with her vote on HB 1669.

This is an issue that has been debated by all candidates for state office and Barbara Comstock owes it to her constituents to give a clear answer. Does she support background checks on all gun sales?

**Maggie Rheinstein**  
McLean

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Guests at the St. Francis Country Fair explore the petting zoo Saturday, Oct. 5.

## Country Fair Comes to St. Francis

Annual event features games, quilt show.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

As temperatures rose to near 90 degrees Saturday, Oct. 5 at the annual St. Francis Country Fair in Great Falls, many of the fair's traditions were turned upside down. For instance, the dunk tank, usually used as a way for children to exact revenge on their friends or have some fun at the expense of church staff on a chilly fall day, became a welcome chance to beat the heat.

"It was really hot outside, so to get dunked was very refreshing," said Michael Donoghue, 13. "But it was still a shock to hit the water for the first time." Besides the dunk tank, guests at the fair could try their hand at a giant slingshot and a variety of other games with a chance to win candy and other prizes.

The event also proved to be an educational opportunity for



Visitors to the St. Francis Country Fair take a hayride Saturday, Oct. 5.

some children, as the Bar C Ranch Petting Zoo allowed them to get up close and personal with rabbits, turtles and other animals.

"It was quite a sight to see my 3-year-old petting a turtle that was about his same size," said Katie Smedlen of McLean. "The only thing that would have been better is if they let him ride the turtle, but I understand that's probably over the line."

Besides the animals in cages,

Jennifer Caton of Bar C Ranch gave a live demonstration with lizards and other creatures.

"Touching a lizard was really weird, like leather, but a lot creepier because it's alive," said Henry Pence, 5. "I like the furrier animals better."

For the adults, the inside of the church held the annual book sale and the quilt show that featured more than 100 quilts from artists both local and across the country.

Quilter Lisa Ellis created a portrait of another woman named Lisa Ellis for her quilt, a woman she calls her "googleganger," someone that shares the same name as found on Google. "My identity crisis is that I want my website to be at the top of the results page when 'Lisa Ellis' is Googled. Who is at the top of Google results? The Lisa Ellis from lisaellismusic.com. So this quilt is of her," she said. "She gave me permission to use her portrait. She is quite the rocker and totally different from me."

Another section of the show featured selections from "The June Bride" a local quilting challenge that asked artists to create scenes from a wedding.



Jennifer Caton of Bar C Ranch gives a demonstration featuring live animals at the St. Francis Country Fair Saturday, Oct. 5.

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### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

**Oktoberfest Potluck.** 6:30 p.m., at The Great Falls Grange Hall, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Food, folklore, bluegrass music from the Higher Ground String Band, socializing with the Great Falls Historical Society and dancing. \$15, adults; children under 12 enter free. RSVP: 703-759-2378.

### WEDNESDAY-TUESDAY/OCT. 9-15

**Shari MacFarlane's Student Art Show.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Saturday, Sept. 21 reception. 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The art of 22 students, ages 4 to 12 will be displayed. A reception is slated for Sept. 21.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 10

**Great Falls Coffee & Art Social.** 9:30 a.m., at The Artists' Atelier, 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, Great Falls. A hot cup of coffee, a sweet treat and a look around the work studios of 16 local emerging and established artists. [erin\\_lobato@hotmail.com](mailto:erin_lobato@hotmail.com), [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org) or [www.greatfallsatelier.com](http://www.greatfallsatelier.com).

**Tim O'Brien and Darrell Scott.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Contemporary bluegrass pioneer Tim O'Brien plays folk and country singer/songwriter Darrell Scott plays songs from his new album. \$27-\$32. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 11

**The Wallflowers.** 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The band behind alternative roots-rock hits "One Headlight," "6th Avenue Heartache," and "The Difference" came together in 1990 with front man Jakob Dylan at the helm, peaking at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 chart and earning two Grammy Awards with their second record. After a seven-year break they're back with a new album. \$50-\$65. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT. 11-13

**The Pitmen Painters.** Fridays: 8 p.m.; Saturdays: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage Theatre, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Enjoy this stage production about the real-life story of a close-knit group of northern English miners who discover their artistic potential by Lee Hall directed by Stevie Zimmerman. \$27. [www.1ststagespringhill.org](http://www.1ststagespringhill.org) or 703-854-1856.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 12

**The Bobs.** 7:30 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. This San Francisco-based a cappella quartet plays rock anthems in their own style. \$22-\$27. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Oktoberfest.** 8 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The McLean Orchestra plays Mozart, "Overture to the Magic Flute," Schumann's "Piano Concerto in A Minor," and Brahms' "Symphony No. 4." \$15, youth; \$40, adults; \$30, seniors. <http://mclean-orchestra.org/tickets/>.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 12-26

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**MiRan Powell as Helen and Dylan Myer as Oliver in "The Pitmen Painters" at 1st Stage.** Fridays: 8 p.m.; Saturdays: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage Theatre, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean.



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**Great Falls artist Ronni Jolles works in her studio, designing a piece in her signature style of layered paper collage. Jolles is one of over 40 artists who will take part this year in the annual Great Falls Art Studio Tour sponsored by Great Falls Studios, now in its 10th year.**

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### SUNDAY/OCT. 13

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**NSO Ensemble Concert.** 3 p.m., at the Alden Theatre of the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean. A National Symphony Orchestra ensemble, composed of Natasha Bogachek, violin; Zino Bogachek, viola; and Natsuki Fukasawa, piano, will give a concert sponsored by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library. 703-620-9535.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 15

**Tom McBride & Tim Easton Show.** 8 p.m., at Jamin Java, 127 Maple Ave. E., McLean. Tim is releasing a new record that night but Tom's set is nothing to overlook. [www.jaminjava.com](http://www.jaminjava.com).

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**Great Falls Memory Cafe.** 2-4 p.m., at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Vienna. The memory cafe is a casual social meeting venue for those with progressive memory or cognitive impairment and their caregivers. 571-236-6933.

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## Influential Great Falls Artist Passes Away

### Mother of “Renoir in a box” finder influenced local arts.

By MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI  
THE CONNECTION

Long time Great Falls resident and artist, Marcia M. Fuqua, 85, died Sept. 9. Fuqua is remembered fondly in her home town as an artist and leader in the Great Falls arts community. In the last year, however, Fuqua has become more widely known as the mother of the woman who found the “Renoir in a box” and the controversy surrounding the ownership of the painting.

Fuqua, who moved to Great Falls in the 60s, was a determined woman who is remembered for doing things her own way. “She was way ahead of her time. She wasn’t concerned about what others thought. She did things her own way. She had two kids in the 60s without being married, she put herself through college—she was always forging ahead,” said her daughter Marcia “Martha” Fuqua.

The senior Fuqua had a long term battle with cancer. She was living with her daughter in Lovettsville, Va. when she passed



FAMILY PHOTO

**Marcia Fuqua died on Sept. 9, 2013.**

away. “She spent her whole life slaying dragons. The last one got her,” said Martha Fuqua of her mother’s cancer.

**THE GREAT FALLS ART STUDIO** started by Marcia Fuqua was an active school until recently. Hundreds of local children and adults learned to paint at her classes. “She was still going out there in her walker to

teach classes. She loved teaching and she loved painting. She did it as long as she could,” said Martha Fuqua.

Julie Casso of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts said, “The art classes she provided brought art into kids lives and that is so important.”

“Thankfully, you didn’t have to be very good for her to teach you, or try to teach you,” said Robert Hamilton, a student in the 1990s. “You could tell she cared about her students and pushed everyone to find their own way” with a brush, said Hamilton.

The only medium Fuqua refused to teach was watercolors. “She hated watercolors. Just hated them,” said her daughter.

Fuqua never shied away from controversy. Before she opened her studio behind her house, she opened one on Walker Road behind the firehouse and painted it purple. It became an iconic structure in Great Falls instantly. “People either loved it or hated it. It was the best advertising she could have done because everyone knew exactly where it was and had an opinion about it,” said Martha Fuqua.

Marcia has two children, Martha and her brother Matt. They are not sure what will happen to the old house and studio off Walker Road. “She loved that house. It’s a historical house. The big tree on the property is the oldest Shady Oak in Fairfax County. But there are taxes and stuff to deal

with, so I don’t know if we will keep it,” said Martha Fuqua.

Marcia Fuqua was also extremely proud of her French heritage. In later years she changed the spelling back to the original French of Fuquet.

**THE RENAISSANCE IN BOX CASE**, as it has come to be known, centers around the question of ownership of a small Renoir painting titled “On the Shore of the Seine,” that Martha Fuqua asserts she purchased at a flea market for a few dollars with a box of other junk.

It was only after her mother, a professional artist, urged her to get the painting reviewed that it was discovered to be an authentic Renoir with substantial value.

It was later determined that the painting had been stolen decades ago from a museum in Baltimore, Md. The courts are currently deciding who owns the painting—the museum, the insurance company, the original donors or Martha Fuqua.

Marcia Fuqua, her daughter said, “Wouldn’t care about that Renoir painting. Her concern was with me, not with that painting.”

“She loved us [kids] more than anything,” said her daughter Martha Fuqua. “She was a very independent, self sufficient and successful woman who loved her family and her art.”

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**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean, is inviting the public to join author Brian McLaren as he discusses his book, “Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World” at Immanuel over the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20 (see <http://ipcmclean.org/> for additional details).

**GriefShare**, a weekly support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna with a video/discussion format through Dec. 8. \$20 for workbook. [GriefShare@viennapres.org](mailto:GriefShare@viennapres.org).

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**1** 7814 Swinks Mill Court,  
McLean — \$2,300,000



**5** 10023  
Colvin Manor  
Court,  
Great Falls —  
\$2,000,000



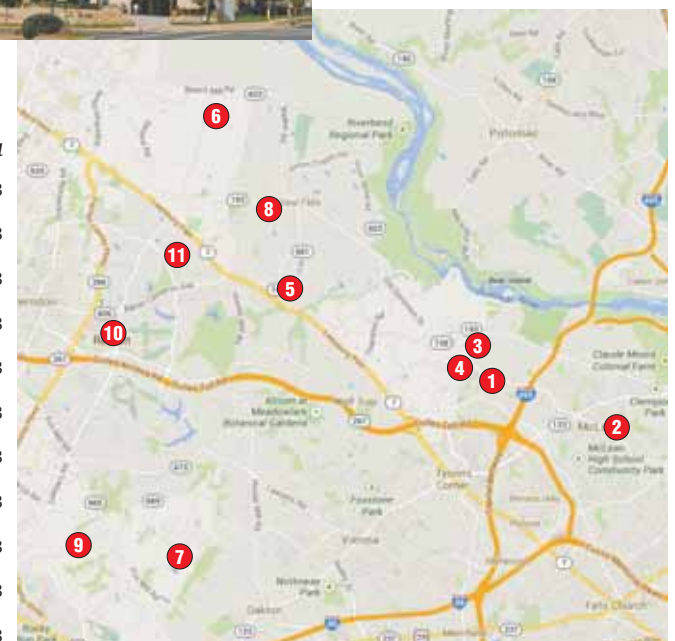
**7** 11115 Sweetwood Lane,  
Oakton — \$1,770,000



**9** 3154 Mary  
Etta Lane,  
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**10** 1830 Fountain Drive  
#1401, Reston —  
\$1,100,000



Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold
<b>1</b> 7814 SWINKS MILL CT	7	7	2		MCLEAN	\$2,300,000	Detached	0.83	22102	SWINKS MILL ACRES	08/23/13
<b>2</b> 1415 KURTZ RD	5	5	2		MCLEAN	\$2,236,694	Detached	0.46	22101	SALONA VILLAGE	08/08/13
<b>3</b> 8000 GREENWICH WOODS DR	5	5	2		MCLEAN	\$2,205,000	Detached	1.04	22102	GEORGETOWN PLACE	08/30/13
<b>4</b> 1009 EATON DR	5	4	2		MCLEAN	\$2,050,000	Detached	0.83	22102	THE GREAT HAMPTONS	08/14/13
<b>5</b> 10023 COLVIN MANOR CT	5	5	2		GREAT FALLS	\$2,000,000	Detached	0.83	22066	COLVIN MANOR	08/07/13
<b>6</b> 10770 RIVERSCAPE RUN	5	5	3		GREAT FALLS	\$1,775,000	Detached	1.94	22066	RIVERSCAPE	08/23/13
<b>7</b> 11115 SWEETWOOD LN	5	6	1		OAKTON	\$1,770,000	Detached	2.87	22124	FOX LAKE	08/12/13
<b>8</b> 809 CREWS RD	4	5	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,750,000	Detached	0.85	22066	CREWS WOODS	08/15/13
<b>9</b> 3154 MARY ETTA LN	5	4	2		HERNDON	\$1,399,990	Detached	1.08	20171	SHADETREE ESTATES	08/15/13
<b>10</b> 1830 FOUNTAIN DR #1401	3	3	1		RESTON	\$1,100,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	PARAMOUNT	08/28/13
<b>11</b> 1251 CENTER HARBOR PL	5	4	1		RESTON	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.49	20194	RESTON	08/01/13

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# Decorating for Fall

Local designers offer suggestions for bringing the harvest into your home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

The colors of autumn are all around as pumpkins and squash fill produce stands and leaves change from green to orange, red and yellow before falling from their branches.

Local designers and tastemakers are unveiling home accents that allow you to bring the warm hues of the season into your home. Whether using pillows, throws or flowers, adding the colors and textures of fall requires less effort than one might expect.

“Emerald green, orange and turquoise are three of the biggest color trends we’re seeing,” said Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria. “Throws and pillows are a given, but you can also tie in traditional and modern accessories with rugs, stained glass lamps with modern or intricate designs.”

Small trays provide a canvas for highlighting color and adding functionality to a room, says Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. “Color and pattern are in right now,” she said. “I just purchased the C. Wonder (<http://www.cwonder.com>) navy and white chevron tray for my home. It adds a punch of color and freshness to a room. Preppy is back in a big way, too, offering lots of patterns.”

Potomac, Md., based interior designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman uses flowers to add warmth to a room. “I love mums,” she said. “I put them on my kitchen island and on the hearth in my family room. I fill my yard and home with them. They offer such great fall color. I plant them in my flowerbeds and put them in pots on my front porch.”

For those who don’t want the maintenance of fresh flowers, Browning suggests their fabric

counterpart. “Great silk flowers are nice to put in corners of side boards,” he said. “If you have a brown table, colored candle stick holders add a lot of great color.”

Pumpkins, which are ubiquitous this time of year, are also one of Kleinman’s fall accessories of choice. “I add them to the display of mums on my porch,” she said. “I have a large ceramic pumpkin ... that I put on my kitchen table surrounded by real, tiny pumpkins, gourds and squash. I use that centerpiece from early October right through November.”

David Mitchell of David Mitchell Interior Design in Washington used a similar style concept at a McLean home recently. “Wooden bowls are a great way to bring in seasonal accessories,” said Mitchell. “Pottery Barn has large, vintage, carved wood bowls that are great for a sideboard or coffee table, and you can fill them with mini pumpkins to add a dash of orange to a neutral space.”

Ann O’Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, “Hand-blown glass pumpkins are extremely popular and a great way to add a classic touch of fall in your home.”



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

**Mums and pumpkins are classic fall accessories for both the exterior and interior of one’s home.**

Make use of fall foliage both inside and outside of your home, advises O’Shields. “Wreaths for fall are abundant, featuring leaves and small pumpkins, and are a great way to set the stage for fall décor,” she said. “Mantel decorating ... is an easy way to create a focal point for fall in a room. Add leaves, fall candles, pumpkins and more to liven up a room.”

Incorporating the hues of fall

into a home’s existing décor can help welcome the season in style. “Bringing in the colors of fall will add warmth to your home as the air gets crisper,” said O’Shields. “Orange, gold, reds and brown are all earth tones that create a feeling of fall. Adding warm throws for cooler nights and updating throw pillows are easy ways to incorporate colors for the new season.”

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## NEWS

# Real Estate in McLean and Great Falls: Strong for First Three Quarters 2013

BY KAREN BRISCOE



In almost every market segment of McLean and Great Falls the number of residential transactions are up in the first three quarters of 2013 compared to the same time period in 2012. The total number of sales increased 6 percent, which is very strong given that it represents only the first three quarters of the year.

The largest gain was in the upper bracket market segment of properties that sold for greater than \$1.25 million, with a 20 percent increase in number of transactions. All price points experienced a gain in number of sales in the respective market segment except for the lowest category of under \$750,000. My theory is that many market segments are experiencing price increases at such a level that home buyers are having to move into the next bracket up in order to be able to purchase. Further throughout the first three quarters of 2013 the lower price ranges experienced significant inventory shortages. Thus I believe that we could very well have seen a larger gain in all segments had there been more homes available to purchase for the entry-level homebuyer.

My predictions for the final quarter of 2013 have to do with supply versus demand in the various market segments.

In the entry-level home buyer market of McLean and Great Falls, considered to be under \$750,000, there continues to be a serious shortage of supply. At the time this data was compiled, there exists less than a one-month supply of homes

## McLean & Great Falls Market Analysis of Homes Sales

1<sup>ST</sup> 3 QTRS. 2012 COMPARED TO 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 QTRS. 2013

(Based on Final Closed Price)

	>\$3 Mil.	\$2-3 Mil.	\$1.25-2 Mil.	\$750k~ \$1.25 Mil.	<\$750k
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2012</b>					
22101	8	18	81	113	126
22102	5	12	29	70	125
22066	5	6	37	79	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>201</b>				<b>548</b>

ALL SALES 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 QTRS. 2012: 749

	>\$3 Mil.	\$2-3 Mil.	\$1.25-2 Mil.	\$750k~ \$1.25 Mil.	<\$750k
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF 2013</b>					
22101	9	21	81	163	76
22102	4	15	40	52	131
22066	8	9	54	100	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>241</b>				<b>553</b>

ALL SALES 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 QTRS. 2013: 794

available to purchase. Most real estate experts consider a balanced market to be a six-month supply. This is a great time to be a seller in the under \$750,000 price range in McLean and Great Falls. Homes priced correctly and in top condition for the current market are selling rapidly and in many cases with multiple offers, escalation clauses and contingency-free contracts.

The move-up market segment of McLean and Great Falls is the \$750,000 to \$1.25 million. Currently there exists only a three-month supply of properties available to purchase. With supply running at generally one-half of the current demand that is why good homes priced correctly for the market are selling quickly for a strong price and terms.

The upper bracket market in this area is considered to be homes valued at \$1.25 million or more.

The good news is that in McLean and Great Falls the market has stabilized as we are currently at a 10-month supply of inventory. That means in parts of this market segment it may still be more of a buyer's market than a seller's.

The peak of the real estate market in Northern Virginia was in 2005-2006. The market typically follows a year cycle from peak to peak. My ongoing prediction that values would return to market peak for this area in some segments beginning in 2012 was right on track. The first three quarters of 2013 reiterates that trend. Thus 2013 is continuing to prove that it will be a very good year for the McLean and Great Falls real estate market.

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## 'Nature's Shapes and Colors' Photo Exhibit

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"Sunny Day in Cades Cove" captures the intense blues and greens of this place in Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

PHOTO BY DEE LEGGETT





Langley quarterback Nick Casso, seen against Chantilly on Sept. 27, threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score on Oct. 4 against Marshall.

## Langley Football Blows Out Marshall

The Langley football team overwhelmed and outplayed an over-matched and out-manned Marshall Statesmen squad on Friday, winning 56-13 at Marshall High School.

The Saxons scored early and often, using a balanced attack for a total of 530 yards (283 in the air and 247 on the ground) to improve their season record to 3-2, with two of their wins coming against teams ranked in the Washington Post's top 20.

Langley scored on its first five offensive possessions against Marshall, going 56-yards (in two plays), 42-yards (also in two plays), 88-yards (in three plays), 76-yards (in four plays), and 85-yards (in two plays). Between the first two scores, Garrett Collier returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown. By halftime, Langley had amassed a 42-6 lead (Erik Swayne had supplied all six PATs). Marshall's sole score came with 6 seconds left in the half on a 2-yard run.

The Saxons played their reserves the remainder of the second half after registering a quick seven points on their first possession of the half to push their lead to 49-6. Both teams traded fourth quarter scores to end it at 56-13.

For the game, Langley senior quarterback Nick Casso completed four out of seven passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored a rushing touchdown. Casso had a career-long 85-yard toss to Austin Denham late in the second quarter.

Complementing the passing was junior running back Tyler West, who rushed for 204 yards and three touchdowns on only seven carriers. He had an 88-yard gallop at the outset of the second quarter.

Langley will host Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Marshall (0-5) will travel to face Stuart.

## McLean Football Beats Herndon

The McLean football team on Oct. 4 earned its second consecutive victory, beating Herndon 42-27.

McLean's Gabriel Sutherland carried 18 times for 176 yards and four touchdowns, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Daniel Hecht completed 12 of 17 passes for 185 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Herndon's Lamik Bumbrey carried 23 times for 104 yards. Ryan McLaughlin completed 13 of 20 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns.

McLean (3-2) will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Herndon (0-5) will host Edison at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.

## South Lakes Football Defeats Madison

The South Lakes football team improved to 3-2 with a 36-27 victory over Madison on Oct. 4.

Madison's Marcus Person carried 17 times for 103 yards and two touchdowns, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

South Lakes will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Madison (0-5) will host Robinson.

## Oakton Football Wins Fourth Straight

The Oakton football team defeated Woodson 21-6 on Oct. 4, giving the Cougars four straight wins since dropping their season opener to T.C. Williams.

Against Woodson, Oakton quarterback Michael Ficarra completed six of 11 passes for 46 yards and a touchdown, and carried 14 times for 78 yards, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Alek Schultz rushed eight times for 66 yards and a touchdown, and returned an interception 80 yards for a score.

Oakton will open conference play at Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11.

## Flint Hill Volleyball Beats Georgetown Day

The Flint Hill volleyball team improved to 15-1 with a 3-0 (25-6, 25-11, 25-11) home victory against Georgetown Day on Oct. 3.

Flint Hill, which has won four VISAA state championships in the last five years, suffered its first loss of the season on Sept. 28, falling 2-1 in a best-of-three against Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. The Huskies responded with wins against Georgetown Visitation, Paul VI and Georgetown Day.

"This group, their goal is to put another banner up there," Flint Hill head coach Carol Anderson said after the Georgetown Day victory. "This past weekend, we had our first loss and we actually, I think, have learned a lot from that loss by the way we played last night at PVI ... and realizing what we need to do every match."

Flint Hill's lone senior, 5-foot-11 middle blocker Erica Narel, is orally committed to North Carolina State.

The Huskies faced National Cathedral on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Flint Hill will compete in the Tournament of Champions in Roanoke on Oct. 11-12 and will host Chantilly at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15.



Rachel McGowan (women's singles player) returns in the Rally for a Cause Tournament to benefit three area nonprofits.

## 'Rally for a Cause' Tennis Tourney In Reston

Early morning clouds dispersed and the rain held off Sept. 21 and 22 for Reston's "Rally for a Cause" second annual tennis tournament. Sixty five players, nearly double the number of players from the previous year, gathered at the Lake Newport tennis facility for men's and women's 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 singles and doubles draws. They brought their racquets, their wallets and their friends to combine the sport of tennis with charitable giving. The tournament sponsored three causes: USTA Serves/Wounded Warrior Curriculum, HEART (Have Everyone Access Tennis) and Cornerstones, which respectively support rehabilitation through tennis for injured or ill veterans, tennis scholarships for children and interfaith family services.

The tournament drew a significant number of entrants from surrounding areas such as Arlington, Alexandria and Herndon and saw fundraising revenue grow from \$2,000 to \$3,100; an increase of approximately one third.

While competitors mixed it up on court in competition Saturday, tournament directors mixed it up Sunday with a last minute men's and women's 4.0 mixed doubles round robin. "A shortfall of men's and women's doubles teams required the last minute fix but the players loved the remedy. Trophies, raffle drawings and free refreshments donated by local businesses and underwritten by local orthodontist Hani Thariani, supplemented the fun and success of the event.



# Farther Away But Still Close



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I went to visit my father the other day – at the cemetery – September 23rd was his birthday. He would have been 94. I had no trouble finding him; he was in his usual spot next to my mother of course, also deceased. My father often joked about his cemetery plot: he wanted an aisle so if he had to get up in the middle of the night for a glass of water, he wouldn't disturb my mother. Presumably, when I stand over his grave and blather on about stuff – most regularly about my life living with cancer, I am not disturbing him. I really don't know for sure since I receive very little feedback. It's always quiet there, other than when I'm speaking. But I wouldn't expect anything else; after all, it's a cemetery. Libraries are noisy by comparison.

My father has been gone now nearly seven years, since December 2006. (My mother died two years later, nearly to the day.) Hardly has he ever been forgotten though. I was an extremely lucky child. I had a great father who was devoted to his family: me, my brother Richard and my mother, Ceil. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for any of us. I miss him terribly, especially during baseball season. He loved the Boston Red Sox and was fortunate, unlike some others his age (born in 1919) to have actually witnessed a World Series Championship in his lifetime (1918 was the last Championship until 2004). There are New Englanders who during their particular 86 years of life (the actual length of the "Curse of the Bambino") – or less, never celebrated a Championship; he did in 2004. With the Red Sox back in the playoffs this year for the first time in four years, my father's memory looms large; (heck, he was a member of a "knothole gang," attending games as a child during the Great Depression).

And though I readily admit I haven't had any two-way conversations with him at the cemetery, I have had – and continue to have, although less frequently than in previous years, the occasional dream where he appears or is present somehow. I don't recall any real interactions of late: touching, conversing, interacting, etc. In the past, however, there have been a few dreams where there was definite acknowledgment of one another, touching even, and a feeling that our connection was still intact. I don't know that I feel anything like that when I visit him at the cemetery now. But given the fact that he's buried a few feet below where I typically – and respectfully, stand (off to the side, actually), his physical proximity to me there almost trumps the cerebral-type dream interactions that we've shared since his death. I wouldn't want to have to choose between the two. I like experiencing both. I hope he does as well.

My parents are resting peacefully approximately 20 minutes by car from my house. And though neither one is still alive, they both live on inside of me. I don't think I could have survived having stage IV non-small lung cancer (a terminal diagnosis) for as long as I have without their wisdom and encouragement – in life and in death. I'm lucky still.

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