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From left, Marcia Twomey, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Sally Horn and John Brough, chair of the chamber board. Horn was awarded the Community Impact Award for her service as president of the McLean Citizens Association.



From left, Dale Lazar, president of the McLean Rotary Club, Marcus Simon, first vice chairman of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Glenn Yarborough and John Brough, chair of the chamber's board. Yarborough was named the Greater McLean Chamber and McLean Rotary Citizen of the Year Tuesday, Oct. 1.



From left, Marcia Twomey, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Pamela Danner and John Brough, chair of the chamber board. Danner was awarded the Mary Kingman Pillar of McLean Recognition Award Tuesday, Oct. 1.

From left, Marcus Simon, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce board first vice chair, Rick Makely, manager of the McLean Giant, John Brough, chair of the chamber board, and chamber President Marcia Twomey. Makely was awarded the inaugural Mark C. Lowham Community Engagement Award Tuesday, Oct. 1.



From left, Marcia Twomey, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Tom Mangan and John Brough, chair of the chamber board. Mangan, owner of Mangan Jewelers, was awarded the Mary Kingman Pillar of McLean recognition award Tuesday, Oct. 1 at their annual Suits and Sneakers event.

Suits and Sneakers Goes On

Annual awards relocated to McLean Community Center due to shutdown.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

In the early afternoon hours of Tuesday, Oct. 1, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce staff was busy setting up for the annual Suits and Sneakers event, to be held that evening at Claude Moore Colonial Farm. That is, until park police arrived and informed them that the park was closed due to the shutdown of the federal government.

"I got a call from [chamber President] Marcia Twomey around 1:30 this afternoon, and she was at the pavilions at Turkey Run at Claude Moore Farm, where she had been all day Sunday and all day today, along with a few other people, and said the park police just showed up, and they're shutting us down," said John Brough, chairman of the chamber's board. "Marcia was cool and calm under pressure, and Peg Jarman, who was going to be our host tonight, the two of them didn't bat an eye."

Soon after that George Sachs, executive director of the McLean Community Center, got a call about the facility's availability for the evening.

"They needed space for about 50 tables, as well as a few other pieces, so we opened up the com-

munity room and fit what we could in there, and put the rest out in the courtyard," he said. "We were scrambling for most of the afternoon, but we're happy we could accommodate the chamber. That's part of being the community center."

THE ANNUAL SUITS AND SNEAKERS GALA features the chamber's annual Business and Community Awards. Twelve individuals, nine businesses and one nonprofit were given awards.

Four of the individuals come from the public service sector, with Pfc. Chris Barr winning Police Officer of the Year, Lt. Antonio Tramell winning Firefighter of the Year, Robert Moseley winning Auxiliary Police Officer of the year and Ana Mittal was awarded Administrative Volunteer of the Year for her volunteer service with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

Tramell, who has been a firefighter for 20 years, has been with the McLean Fire Station 401 for seven years. On March 6, he was off duty and witnessed a traffic accident in Prince George's County. After stopping at the scene and telling his daughter, who was traveling with him, to call 911, he approached the car.

Immediately noticing the car was on fire and the driver was not getting out, he smashed the driver's side window with a rock and removed the driver from the vehicle and carried the victim to safety.

Pamela Danner and Tom Mangan were awarded the Mary Kingman Pillar of McLean recognition. Kingman was a longtime McLean resident who served as commander of American Legion Post 270 in McLean, as president of the Women's Club of McLean and the McLean chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

"I'm so honored to receive a recognition that bears Mary's name, she was a very close friend of mine," Danner said. "I know she would be happy."

This year saw the creation of the Mark C. Lowham Community Engagement Excellence Award. Lowham is a managing partner with TTR Sotheby's International Realty, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for The Potomac School and commissioner of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

THE INAUGURAL AWARD went to Rick Makely, the manager of the McLean Giant.

His dedication is evident by the fact that the McLean Giant leads all the Ahold USA supermarkets in annual sales. That enthusiasm carries over to his work with the chamber. He is always willing to

step up when asked," said Marcus Simon, first vice chairman of the chamber. "Rick believes that giving back is one of the key roles Giants plays in our community and he does just that by holding food drives for Share, Inc., supporting chamber events and providing valet services for his customers."

Makely said being a member of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce has been a win-win for him.

"Being a chamber member has

provided us with endless opportunities to give back to the community through volunteerism and participation. The relationships and support we have received from the community since joining the chamber has allowed Giant to continue to grow our business by more than 20 percent," he said. "Being good at what you do doesn't matter if people don't know what you're doing. Being part of this chamber has made that happen for us."

Officials Discuss Derecho Aftermath

Public safety staff address changes, effects of storm.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Around 10 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2012, the Northern Virginia area was hit by a derecho. A term unknown to many at the time, including local emergency personnel, the fast-moving band of severe thunderstorms hit the area and left three dead, trees down, houses damaged, widespread power outages and the failure of the 911 Emergency system.

The storm began just west of Milwaukee, Wis. at 3 p.m. June 29, as a typical Midwestern thunderstorm. Once it hit Chicago, Ill., a significant change occurred.

"[The storm] spread out and narrowed. Rather than being just rolling clouds with thunder, rain and lightning, it became almost like a razor blade," said Steve Souder, director of public safety communications for the county. "The weather report really did not predict much more than a typical early summer thunderstorm, of which we see hundreds. So to that degree, it was a surprise at the severity, speed and destruction."

Of the 420,667 electric meters in Fairfax County, 232,263, or 59 percent, were without power, including 120 intersections. Forty of the 63 county wastewater pumping stations lost power, causing remote monitoring systems to go offline.

"In the week that followed the derecho, temperatures reached 100 degrees [the] following week, telephone service was intermittent and parts of Falls Church had a water boil advisory," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). "At one point so many streets closed in our area that the McLean District Police Station ran out of road closed and detour signs."

More than 15 months later, county emergency personnel have updated notification systems, refined response techniques and changed technology infrastructure. On Thursday, Sept. 26, emergency services officials discussed these changes at the McLean Community Center.

"I think we lost some situational awareness right as the storm hit, partly because of communication problems over the next several hours," said David Rohrer, deputy



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and the McLean Citizens Association hosted a discussion of the ramifications of the 2012 derecho.

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county executive for Public Safety, who was chief of Fairfax County Police at the time. "One of the things that strikes me is that I think we should have had the Emergency Operations Center activated throughout the night. It was activated at a monitoring level, but we've had discussions since then, and we could have activated it at a fuller level and maintained until we were sure we didn't need any of the resources or collaborative skills it brings to bear."

Rohrer said that in events since then, the county has kept the Emergency Operations Center activated throughout the event and maintained staff throughout the day.

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY 911 Center is the 10th largest and 10th busiest such center, out of more than 6,100 nationally.

"In the 911 Center, we watch the news all the time and get weather reports all the time," Souder said. "It was about 150 miles west of us when we finally realized through what we were hearing that this thing might be something more."

Fairfax County 911 call volume went up 415 percent in four hours during the storm. The center held up just fine during the initial storm, but when Arlington County was hit, neither Fairfax County nor Verizon, who provides the service, knew that a backup power generator to the Verizon 911 office did not activate.

The failure of the generator to activate caused a backup battery power supply to kick on and provide power for the 911 system. However, the batteries are only designed to provide an uninterrupted power supply until the backup generator kicks in, usually about 15 seconds.

"The whole evening into the next morning, we did not know, since calls were still coming in, that they were operating on batteries," Souder said. "I got up the next morning, and tried to make a cup of coffee before realizing I couldn't without power, and suddenly I started getting messages on my BlackBerry. 'Steve, if you get this, and can call in, please call. We've lost 911.'"

"It was the longest, largest, most severe and affecting the most people outage of 911 in the 44-year history of 911. We in Fairfax, as well as our neighbors Prince William, Arlington, Loudoun, Manassas and Manassas Park, made history, just not the kind we wanted to make," he said. "But if it had to happen, I'm glad it happened here. Because we have local government, federal officials in our community, it captured the attention of the federal government, which would not happen with an outage in Des Moines, or Albuquerque. It put into motion a level of attention that would not be anywhere else, and that identified a huge number of deficiencies in the Verizon 911 network that

would have never been exposed."

Verizon's 911 network covers 12 states. The exposure of these flaws led to what Souder called "a cascade of discoveries by phone companies nationwide" of the very same hidden problems, and subsequent systemic fixes.

THE COUNTY has been dedicating time and resources to finding better ways to reach the citizens with the most timely and pertinent information, which includes increased presence and data collection from social media.

"One thing that has worked very well nationally, and we're adopting in Fairfax, is a thing called crowd sourcing," he said. "It allows you, from your phone or home computer to send tweets, and we will capture it on a map so we can see where you are and get information about what's going on in your neighborhood, as well as get a better sense of the big picture."

The county's Community Emergency Alert Network has been established to deliver information such as weather, traffic and major emergency updates to subscribers' mobile phones, e-mail addresses, pagers and other wireless devices.

Rohrer urged residents of the county to register for CEAN.

"We want, we need, we beg you to register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, so we can push information out to you," Rohrer said. "We'll put out robust, real time information, warnings and tips to keep people safe, we need people to read it."

More information about CEAN can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean.

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Marshall HS Sponsors My First Model UN Training Conference.

Next week 250 middle and high school students will gather at Marshall High School for the 10th annual My First Model United Nations Training Conference.

The conference will run all day on Oct. 19, and will feature morning training sessions, afternoon model United Nations conference sessions, and lunch. For students who hold any interest in international relations, it is not to be missed, according to Marshall High School senior Samuel Carpenter. Carpenter is a member of Marshall's Model UN Team, and is helping to organize the event.

The Marshall High School Model UN Club, and members of the University of Virginia's International Relations Organization will host this year's conference. Following the morning training, participants typically gather in conference in an effort to resolve a world crisis. Last year conference-goers focused on the issue of nuclear weapons in North Korea. This year Model UN students will consider how to solve the world food crisis. The event will strengthen students' research, writing and speaking skills.

It's not as simple as it may seem, according to Carpenter. Participants represent countries or individuals with widely varying views. Students must represent their countries accurately, regardless of how the country's views may differ from their own. "You have to do a lot of research. You have to figure out what your country's position is," said Carpenter. "My favorite part about the whole thing is that in the end, you're all trying to solve a problem."

Participation in the conference is limited to 250. Individuals interested in participation should contact their school Model UN club, or contact Marshall High School Model UN Club faculty co-sponsor Ilsa Tinkelman at imtinkelman@fcp.edu.

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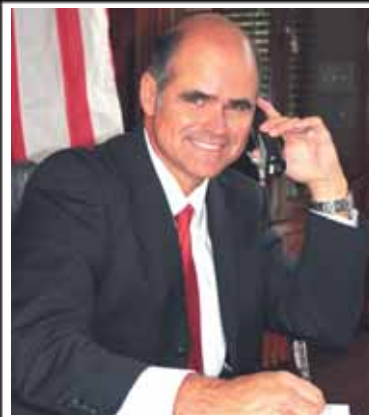

Churchill Road Physical Education teacher Jason Mastaler leads a group of students and family members on the 8th annual Help the Homeless Mini Walk for the benefit of Pathway Homes, in Northern Virginia.

Help the Homeless Walk at Churchill Road

On Sept. 30, Churchill Road Elementary School held its 8th annual Help the Homeless Mini Walk for the benefit of Pathway Homes, a Northern Virginia non-profit that provides services to homeless families in Fairfax County and surrounding areas. With more than 50 registered walkers, the school raised more than \$1,500 toward this effort. CRS Physical Education teacher Jason Mastaler spearheaded the event, and along with co-teacher Nicholas Corsi, led the group on a half-mile walk through the school grounds and surrounding neighborhood.

Participating students learned about homelessness in the Washington, D.C. area before the walk from Pathway Homes' Philanthropy and Volunteer Coordinator Abigail Denecke. The participants included kindergartners through sixth graders. Two students, fifth grader Michael Hoeymans, and sixth grader J.J. Bellaschi, have participated in every walk since they were kindergartners. When asked how they could help the homeless, kindergartener Dylan Thomas said it best: "Treat others how you want to be treated."

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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 to share their struggles and strategies on topics of discussion such as 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 branch of the AAUW explains their support for pay equity, human and civil rights, and public education since 1881. 703-321-7499.

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/ccp/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. antiochchristianchurchviennava@gmail.com or www.antiochdoc.org.

VVFD 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.

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

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On Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., Dr. Marie Kodadek, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Science at George Mason University, will speak about "Contemporary Women's Health Issues," including how emerging technologies are being used in diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Kodadek's background is in maternity and community health nursing. Her current research focuses on parenting, women's health and end of life decision making. She serves on the educational committee of the Association for Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Northern Virginia Chapter. Dr. Kodadek received her BSN in 1974 from the College of Saint Teresa, Winoona, Minn., her MSN in 1976 from the University of Colorado and her Ph.D. in 1988 from the University of Texas at Austin.



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Marie Kodadek

The event will be held at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean. Need a ride to attend? Phone Barbara Sipe, 703-356-2385 or 571-439-6145, and someone will pick you up and take you home. Be sure to bring your questions. Friends and the public are welcome.

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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.

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Vietnam Vets of America Chapter Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. All veterans, friends and the general public are invited to hear Jack Connolly, Army veteran and career State Department Foreign Service officer, who will share his personal experiences of the battle of Vientiane, Laos in 1961, Saigon intrigue in 1968, and the assassination of an American ambassador to Lebanon in 1976. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Homelessness Fundraiser. 6:30-9:30 p.m., at The McLean Project for the Arts Emerson Gallery, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A gourmet reception, silent auction and networking opportunities to benefit Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia as they assist at-risk homeowners in stabilizing their housing situations. Register. www.hcnsv.ticketsocket.com or <http://hcsnv.org>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Disability Awareness Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. The FCPS Parent Resource Center holds four workshops and provides resources, lunch and a day to help inform. Register. <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/resources/events/index.shtml>.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Northern Virginia Leadership Awards. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The annual NVLA awards celebrate the actions and attitudes of community leaders. 703-938-2593.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

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OPINION

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EDITORIALS

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.

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Inova Alexandria Hospital, Every Friday 3-6 p.m. until Dec. 13 (not Nov. 29)
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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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intimidation at The McLean Farmers Market

To the Editor:

An ugly scene disrupted the usual tranquility of the McLean Farmers Market last Friday. As market-goers know, the Republican and Democrat parties have tables where people can pick up campaign literature, bumper stickers, yard signs and information about voting and registration. Or, they can just stop and talk, if they want.

Last Friday, shortly after the opening of the market, I was accosted as I stood alone, minding my own business, behind a table with some Republican signs and literature. I understand that people may not want to be bothered when coming and going from the market, so if I “man” the table I simply say good morning or just smile. But I wasn’t even paying attention when a man suddenly was beside my table shrieking “terrorist,” then vehemently spewing curses at me, “f-you,” over and over, and loudly. I suggested he needed to control his anger but

finally said I was calling the police. It was so bad a Democrat volunteer came to my assistance.

I guess the man doesn’t like Republicans, but the profanity and completely unprovoked vehemence and hatred with which he cursed me—a total stranger and lone woman—was frightening. I didn’t know if he was deranged, a little unhinged, or just having a bad morning. My hands shook as he reached for the door of his vehicle parked adjacent to my table.

Two squad cars arrived promptly after I called the Fairfax County Police, and the officers quickly identified the man from his license plate number. They intended to call upon him to discuss his menacing behavior. I am writing to thank the Democrat volunteer, Patricia Scott, and the Fairfax County Policemen who responded so quickly and took my concerns seriously. I hope this event and my letter will help deter this man and any others from such conduct in the future.

Women should feel safe at the farmers market and not fear that they will be threatened by an abusive, bullying male, trying to intimidate a lone Republican woman. To the extent that na-

tional political leaders are using epithets such as “terrorists,” “jihadists,” and “anarchists,” they are irresponsibly encouraging this kind of behavior. There are profound policy differences between the two parties, but our disagreements must not degenerate into personal hatred and violence at the individual level, where complete strangers can be so vilely attacked. I have respectfully asked the Connection to withhold my name from this article.

A Republican Woman in McLean
The name known to the editor.

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

Why Churchill Road II

To the Editor:

After reading Gina Manning’s letter to the editor in the Sept. 25 edition [“Why Churchill Road?”],

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

I am prompted to express my appreciation for the Connection's coverage of Churchill Road Elementary School and other area schools. In an era when newspapers are working with reduced staffs and resources, we are fortunate to receive a weekly newspaper that features local news including updates of our area schools.

The McLean community is also lucky to have many very good schools, all of which have great things happening on a regular basis. I know that the McLean community joins me in the belief that it is important to celebrate the achievements of our young people. Running for student council, organizing Eagle Scout projects, coordinating fundraisers, or excelling in academics are impressive accomplishments and should be recognized and shared.

The staff and PTA of Churchill Road understand that the Connection does not have a staff of reporters that can visit area schools, so we have made a coordinated effort to supply the Connection with accounts of the ongoing events at Churchill Road, along with photos and captions of our students. We try to highlight the accomplishments of our students by sharing vignettes that provide an insight into our school's environment. The time and effort we collectively put into publicizing Churchill Road is significant. It often requires our staff and volunteers to put in extra hours. Despite that effort, there is not an expectation that we will be featured in every publication of the Connection, but we put forth the effort because it certainly is fun for the children when it occurs!

Sharing school updates via the Connection is an opportunity that is available for every school. I look forward to future editions of the Connection. It will be great to see photos of Churchill Road kids, and I'll feel pride at the accomplishments of other school communities that are sure to be featured as well.

Don Hutzel, principal
Churchill Road Elementary
School

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Send to:

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Joan Ferrum tries her hand at painting two models during the annual MPAartfest Sunday, Oct. 6.

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ArtFest at Central Park

Annual event features live art, juried show.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As a first time visitor to the annual MPAartfest, it didn't take long for Andrea Dorsey and her sister Beverly to be impressed.

"As soon as we started walking down the path to the park we came across the Children's Art Walk, and it was just precious," Andrea Dorsey said. "It was really neat to see the children's art first, then spend some time with the other artists who are using their talents and experience to create such beauty, and then see the children's art on the way out. I'd like to think that some of these kids will be featured at this festival and others in the future."

The Children's Art Walk featured dozens of student paintings from local elementary schools posted along the path from Dolley Madison Library to McLean Central Park.

The annual arts event took place Sunday, Oct. 6, bigger and better than ever. This year's community art tent gave children a chance to paint their own work, touch it up on an easel, and hang it up on a wall with drawn "frames" for all to see."

"My daughter has done community arts events like this before, where you can create your own picture, but I think she really enjoyed being able to touch it up on an easel and then hang it up and show it off to the family," said Brenda Ralston of McLean. "It's little touches like that that make this the best arts event around."

For artists who wanted a challenge, there were models posing for a figure drawing session throughout the day. Easels, canvasses and a variety of drawing instruments were available for those who wanted to try a sketch.

"I tried my hand at it for about half an hour before realizing I'd better leave the arts to the professionals in the tents," said Joan Ferrum of Vienna. "But it was fun to try, and I thought the models were very professional staying still for so long, even though they were in the sun while we were in the shade. The other sketchers seemed to do very well



Julia Newman explores the art of Erika Rubel at the annual MPAartfest Sunday, Oct. 6.

though."

As an early October event, MPAartfest often finds itself at the mercy of unpredictable fall weather. Previous years had seen rain throughout the day, but this year had temperatures in the upper 80s.

"I'd definitely take this weather 100 times out of 100 over any sort of rain, but I'm not used to wearing shorts and sandals outdoors while the leaves are falling," said Matt Stemmons of McLean. "Then again, sitting on the lawn with some wine and live music at the gazebo brought me back to summer all over again, so it's nice to have that feeling once again before winter hits."

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/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. The Artists' Atelier is hosting a Coffee Social in partnership with the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation. All are welcome to join for 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, www.celebrategreatfalls.org or 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.

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.

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 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.
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
Ayr Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale. 8



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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.



PHOTO BY DEAN SOULES

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.

a.m.-noon Saturdays only, at the Vienna Farmers Market, 301 Center St., Vienna. Browse 28 varieties of bulbs for fall and spring planting in addition to hypertufas and tussy mussels for sale; proceeds go to support the public gardens planted and maintained by AHGC in Vienna.

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

New Author Book Slam. 1-3:30 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Up and coming authors of all genres showcase their works and give away free books. www.jamminjava.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/186525444862517/#>.

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 Jammin Java, 127 Maple Ave. E., McLean. Tim is releasing a new record that night but Tom's set is nothing to overlook. www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

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.

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT. 18-NOV. 3

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" by Steve Martin. Time TBD, at The Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile in Montmartre, Paris on October 8, 1904, and both men are on the verge of an amazing idea; the two geniuses have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other characters. \$13 general admission, \$11 seniors and students. <http://www.viennava.gov/>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Family Art Workshop. 10-11:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Families are invited to learn about art during a day filled with a large variety of activities. \$10 per family. Register at www.mcleancenter.org. 703-790-1953 or www.mpaart.org.
McLean Pet Fest 2013. Noon-3 p.m., McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Take part in a petting zoo and enjoy music and a performance by the Amazing Leroy; refreshments available for purchase. Register at www.mcleancenter.org. 703-790-1953 or www.mpaart.org.
Wild West Dance Fest. 7-11 p.m., at the VFW, 1051 Springhill Road, McLean. Famous Dave's barbecue, soft drinks and dancing to the sounds of the band, Benny Potter & Western Electric, with help from instructors Mal and Linda Zerden; beer/wine cash bar available. Proceeds benefit the Optimist Youth Fund and scholarships. \$60. 703-759-2959 or Linda.thompson@longandfoster.com.

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Chesterbrook Principal Bob Fuqua and Music Director Beverly Westergren.

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Volunteer Jen Logan—with her dog "Lucy"—attended the event to show support for wounded warriors.

McLean Racing for Wounded Warriors

More than 900 take part in the McLean 5K Run With The Warriors.

BY RUSSELL UGONE
 THE CONNECTION

Arriving before sunrise on Saturday, Oct. 5, runners and supporters of McLean 5K Run With The Warriors met at McLean Square, 6629 Old Dominion Drive. Participants included students from Chesterbrook Elementary School and their parents, led by the school's mascot, Chester the Chipmunk; wrestlers from McLean High School; first responders from McLean Fire Department, and employees and representatives from Vinson Hall and Century 21 New Millennium. Century 21 and the Navy Marine Coast Residence Foundation were hosts of the event. Overall there were over 900 participants in the race.

Chesterbrook students, parents and teachers have participated in the 5K race since its origins in 2011. Bob Fuqua, principal of Chesterbrook Elementary School, remarked that the annual event illustrates to the students the benefits of community service. Chester

stayed in for the entire race, and his time was a little over 33 minutes. Chesterbrook chorus also performed at the awards ceremony.

The 5K run is one of three local events benefiting Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall, a program to help young wounded veterans who return home from conflict and require specialized care in a setting that is well-suited to their needs. Renovated apartments at Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean will serve as transitional housing for active duty soldiers discharged from inpatient care at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Brandy Phillips, communications coordinator for the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation, said that the program for the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall has placed their first veteran in an apartment and is working to place a second soon, with this year's goal to raise \$100,000. Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall is one of three programs sup-

ported by the foundation. Visit www.vinsonhall.org/foundation/about-us/programs to learn more.

Rob Jones, also a race participant, was the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony. He served as a combat engineer in the Marine Corps and was wounded in Afghanistan. He spoke about his life challenges from losing both legs below the knees and the experience of taking nine months to learn how to ride a bike. He soon plans to ride cross-country to raise further awareness for wounded veterans.

The event was supported by a number of service organizations focused on helping veterans, such as "Veterans Moving Forward." Executive Director Karen Jefferies, a former Navy officer, said the national program is designed to help veterans overcome stress and physical disabilities by providing them with skilled companion and service dogs. These companion and service dogs visit medical centers, clinics and facilities, such as Arleigh Burke, to provide therapeutic assistance to veterans. One notable example was "Lucy" and her volunteer owner Jen Logan who attended the event to show support. Visit www.vetsfwd.org to learn more.

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Volunteers sort pumpkins for the annual pumpkin patch at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Saturday, Oct. 5.

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Pumpkins at St. Thomas Episcopal Church are sorted according to size for their annual pumpkin patch Saturday, Oct. 5.

Pumpkin Patch Back in Business

St. Thomas Episcopal Church opens annual fall fundraiser.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The green lawn in front of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean had some orange added to it Saturday, Oct. 5, courtesy of a truckload of pumpkins and hundreds of student volunteers.

"This is our sixth pumpkin patch here at St. Thomas, and the sec-

ond year we've taken a full truckload, which makes it easier for volunteers," said Rev. Stephen Edmondson, rector at St. Thomas. "Usually we have to count 1,532 pumpkins off the truck, but now we just have to empty it."

The pumpkins come from a Navajo reservation, and sales are split between the church and the Navajos. The church donates their part of the proceeds to Share of McLean, the Samaritan Ministry of

Washington, D.C., the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, and the FACETS Hypothermia Shelter program.

"What really makes our pumpkin patch come together is the students that help us unload on the first day," Edmondson said. "We've had about 160 eighth graders from Cooper and Longfellow Middle Schools today alone, and they're really helping get the job done."

The pumpkin patch will be open through Halloween from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

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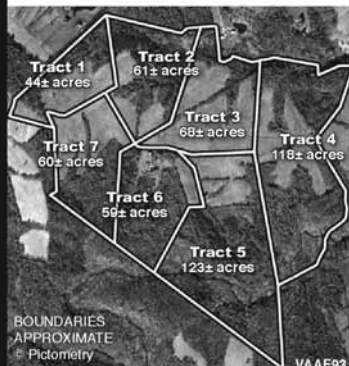
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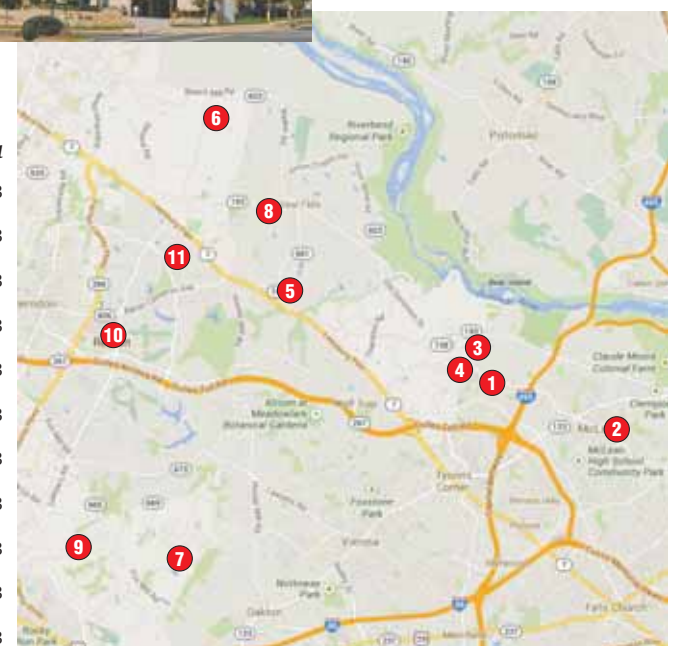
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Decorating for Fall

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."



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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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The bathroom of this Alexandria home, designed by Allie Mann, includes double bowl vanities.

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Designer Allie Mann added a frameless glass shower and extra storage space when she remodeled the master bathroom of this Alexandria home.

Style Meets Function

A local designer creates a stylish and functional master bathroom in an Alexandria home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Once a modest room reserved for bathing, the bathroom has become a showcase for cutting-edge design and luxurious materials. One Alexan-

dria family discovered this when they decided to remodel the long, narrow master bathroom in their colonial home.

"Our old fixtures were wearing out," said homeowner Pat Smith. "Also the bathroom layout was choppy and dark. There was plenty of square feet, but [the

"The client's request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan."

— Allie Mann, project designer

space] was inefficient."

The family hired Arlington designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. to transform the disjointed, utilitarian space into an oasis with a larger

shower and additional areas for storage.

"The client's request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan," said Mann. "Before the vanity space didn't feel

connected to the rest of the bathroom ... and the [entire] space felt disconnected. The client wanted dual vanities ... and a more modern feel."

Smith wanted to add sparkle to the bathroom without the inconvenience of a complete destruction: "We wanted ... a space that had better flow and lighting without having to go through wholesale demolition. So the plumbing stayed mostly in the same location."

The Case team did remove an interior door in the bathroom space, however. "We reoriented the swing of another existing door to make the space feel more connected and open," said Mann. "We expanded the shower footprint by relocating a second sink. This gave the client the dual vanity she was looking for."

Senior project designer Steve Scholl said, "Because of the challenging existing layout, selection of materials and finishes were key in making those challenges disappear."

The new bathroom is outfitted with Kohler plumbing fixtures, a frameless glass shower, porcelain tile, Crystal cabinets and Cambria countertops. "We selected finishes that were current, modern and transitional, and low maintenance," said Mann.

Smith purchased matching vanity mirrors, which Mann said, "Really completed the vanity look and pulled the space together."

Mann said that developing a good working relationship with the client was a key to achieving the homeowner's desires for the room. "This project was a challenge we were excited to tackle," she said. "We had a great rapport with the client from the start. We were in tune, in step with the concept and felt we could really deliver what [they] were looking for."

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SCHOOLS

Josh Delgado Wins McLean Idol Competition

Sophomore Josh Delgado took top honors in the third annual McLean Idol competition. The award winning McLean High School Theatre Company (MTC) conducted the competition in cooperation with the McLean Choral Department, Oct. 3-5 in the Burks Auditorium. Junior Abby Huston claimed the second position with third place going to freshman Renee Zhang. With commentary provided by local theater celebrities, the audience selected the winners by popular vote.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the 13 finalists from the previous two evenings of competition came together for the contest's final night. Following his performance of Rolf Lovland's and Brendan Graham's "You Raise Me Up" at Friday's preliminary contest, Delgado presented a rendition of Jon Secada's "Angel" at Saturday's finale. Huston, accompanying herself on guitar, reprised her ethereal performance of "The Broadripple is Burning" by Morgot & the Nuclear So and So's. The show's final performer, Zhang, presented a powerful version of Destiny's Child's "Stand Up for Love." The three award-winning performers were joined Saturday by 10 fellow students covering a range of artists from James Taylor to Lady Gaga, Elvis Presley



Josh Delgado, winner of the McLean Idol 2013 competition

to Rihanna. Additional McLean Idol finalists included Nicole Sheehan, Helena Doms, Tori Garcia, Jeffrey Nolan, Emily Swett, Genesis Pedraza, Jasmine Gomez, Rachel Lawhead, Jennifer Rose, and Alex Stone.

Judges for this year's idol included Jane Kalbfeld, casting director and a founding artist at 1st Stage Theater in McLean, Walter (Bobby) McCoy, MTC musical director with numerous similar credits at Keegan, 1st Stage and McLean Community Players, and Kelly Glass Gray, a D.C. per-



Abby Huston, 2nd place winner

former of more than 25 years with a repertoire including film, theater, modeling, choreography and stage combat. Kalbfeld said, "I was incredibly impressed by the song choices. Each of them chose a song that was just right. That is probably one of the hardest things to do. To choose a song that is going to convey ... you." Gray added, "It takes a lot of guts to get up here and do this in front of your friends, to put yourself out there like that. They all did a great job."

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Renee Zhang, 3rd place winner

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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.

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

McLean & Great Falls Market Analysis of Homes Sales

1ST 3 QTRS. 2012 COMPARED TO 1ST 3 QTRS. 2013

(Based on Final Closed Price)

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

ALL SALES 1ST 3 QTRS. 2012: 749

1ST HALF 2013					
22101	9	21	81	163	76
22102	4	15	40	52	131
22066	8	9	54	100	31
Total	21	45	175	315	238
Combined Total		241			553

ALL SALES 1ST 3 QTRS. 2013: 794

homes 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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"Langley Ordinary," an 1842 public meeting house on Chain Bridge Road that has links to the Civil War.

Tour Houses to Represent Four Centuries

Ticket sales for Holiday Homes Tour to start in early October.

Ticket sales for the McLean Woman's Club annual Holiday Homes Tour will begin on Oct. 1 at three retail stores in McLean, Vienna and Great Falls and will continue through Thursday, Dec. 5, the day of the tour. The stores are Mesmeralda's Gifts of McLean (1339 Chain Bridge Road), Karin's Florist (527 Maple Ave., E., Vienna) and Great Dogs of Great Falls (9859 Georgetown Pike). Tickets will also be sold on Dec. 5 at the tour houses and at a free "MarketPlace" at Trinity United Methodist Church, in McLean (1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.). The latter event will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m., concurrent with the tour. Tickets for the tour will cost \$25 before Dec. 5th and \$30 on that date.

Four houses, each representing a different century, will be featured: a 1754 stone house, an 1842 public meeting house, a 1952 Colonial and a 2010 custom-designed home. The older homes

have been restored and/or expanded while maintaining their historical character; the 21st century house is a large, custom-designed home affording every modern option. The tour will be self-guided, but minibuses based at Trinity Church will facilitate access, and parking will be available near some homes.

The MarketPlace will offer 15 vendors from local businesses, numerous handmade crafts and collectibles, a Woman's Club bakery, tour tickets, a lunch and dessert concession and a silent auction of high-value merchandise and services.

All proceeds of the Homes Tour and MarketPlace will be donated to local charities and nonprofits, as well as used for scholarships and education. For more information, contact a Woman's Club member at 703-556-0197 or visit the club's website, www.mcleanwc.org.

—LAURA SHERIDAN

Weichert Realtors Recognizes McLean Office, Top Associates

Bruce L. Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding performance in August. The office led the region, which comprises offices throughout Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Delaware counties, for new home dollar volume, resale listings, resales, resale revenue units and resale dollar volume.

Additionally, Sales Associates Munish Batra, Ann Romer and J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley

Madison office were individually recognized for their exceptional industry success during the month of August. As top producers, Batra led for new home dollar volume, Romer for resales and Callander for resale dollar volume.

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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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