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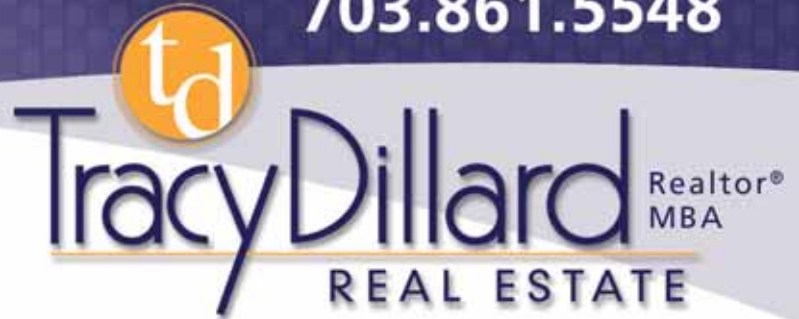
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Dr. Madeline Levine signs a copy of one of her bestselling books at the Alden Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 19.

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Dr. Madeline Levine, a psychologist and bestselling author, speaks to a packed house at the Alden Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 19.



The Safe Community Coalition welcomes Dr. Madeline Levine, center, bestselling author and psychologist at the Alden Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Bestselling Author Speaks at Alden

Safe Community Coalition welcomes Dr. Madeline Levine to discuss parenting tips, student stress.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Safe Community Coalition welcomed bestselling author Dr. Madeline Levine to the Alden Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 19, to speak on successful parenting techniques.

"This evening is a culmination of several events that have occurred in our community this fall," said Karin Calpin, the SCC's vice president of programming. "This evening is aimed at providing you with another opportunity to discuss solutions and helping our youth achieve authentic success."

Levine has written two bestsellers about parenting and the issues children who come from well-off backgrounds can have.

"What we see in affluent communities, with educated parents who have the money to provide opportunity, are disproportionately high rates of anxiety disorders, depressions, substance abuse, cutting and psychosomatic disorders. It's interesting that we don't see that in young children, it really starts in the 9th grade and accelerates through 12th grade," she said. "Those can be the kinds of students that seem to have everything going for them, and they're not considered at risk, but they are very much at risk."

LEVINE, A PSYCHOLOGIST based in Marin County, Calif., said she has noticed a shift in children's attitudes and goals over



Bestselling author Dr. Madeline Levine speaks at the Alden Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 19.

the past decades, recalling a recent session with an 8-year-old patient that told her he wanted to "be a venture capitalist when he grew up."

She cautioned parents in attendance against pressuring their children into thinking about colleges, grades and careers to the detriment of other development.

"Between the ages of 14 and 18, children are learning how to do a lot of things, from learning how to speak to the opposite sex, dealing with a changing body, learning their place in the world," she said. "But if all of their attention is focused on GPA, what col-

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— Dr. Madeline Levine

lege they're going to get into, there's only 24 hours in a day, and the important things get lost. We need to fight against the idea of focusing all our attention on things that come down the line."

Levine said that even today's definition of success needs to be redefined.

"Our definition of success is far too narrow. Everyone talks about getting their student in the best high school so they can get the best GPA, so they can get into the best college and get an MBA from Harvard," she said. "But such a straightforward path is something that maybe 10 percent of people have. Most of us change majors, fail at things, choose different careers. That's natural."

Levine took an informal poll of the 450 people in attendance at the Alden, and found that 34 of them followed what would be a "traditional" path through their adolescence into adulthood, approximately 8 percent.

"This is the best kept secret from children. When I talk to kids, they have no sense that their parents went through falling down, changing their minds, not being successful, taking risks," she said. "Once you're successful, people think you've always been successful. I think that's how kids see us. They look at us doing well at work, bringing home a good paycheck, we seem satisfied, there's a lot of stuff

around the house, and they forget that for most of us, it was a real slog to get there, you needed an awful lot of perseverance, and that we all went through difficult times."

THE OTHER SIDE of that coin is the phenomenon known as "helicopter parenting," where parents are too involved in their children's formative years.

"Helicopter parents are ones that get in the way of their children's failures, they stop them from even happening, and they do other things that children should be learning to do themselves," Levine said. "By taking over, these parents are robbing their children of coping skills. One has to experience failure, because it's in failure we learn resilience and coping skills. And as an adolescent psychologist I can tell you that there's nothing to kids than to have some healthy coping skills, because what we see are kids with unhealthy coping skills."

She said that parents too often work toward remediating weaknesses, not enough time cultivating their children's strengths.

"I'm not about lowering the bar, at all, but we have enough research that tells us what makes kids more likely to be successful, and one of those things is not expecting them to be terrific at everything," she said. "We're all not terrific at everything."

THE COUNTY LINE



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Library Board of Trustees Chair Willard O. Jasper (center), along with several other library board members, presented reports from two ad hoc committees appointed by the library board in September to conduct a series of public outreach meetings after trustees suspended the beta plan to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Recommendations included increased funding and discarding the controversial beta plan.



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Wearing purple, about 50 library supporters gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center on Tuesday, Nov. 19, to show their support for the library board's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Library's Beta Plan: Dead on Arrival

Supervisors endorse Library Board's recommendations to increase funding, discard beta plan.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

You can assume that the BETA Plan is dead. I will make that motion tomorrow." In her email to a concerned library patron the night before the Board of Supervisors Nov. 19 meeting, Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) put to rest speculation that the board would resuscitate the controversial beta plan aimed at streamlining the county's library system.

The next day, the board passed Bulova's motion 8-1 to accept a report from the Library Board of Trustees, effectively killing the beta plan, which included proposals to reduce staff, eliminate the requirement for branch managers to have a master of library science degree, and reduce the number of children's librarians.

Library Board of Trustees Chair Willard O. Jasper presented the reports from two ad hoc committees, appointed by the library board in September to conduct a series of public outreach meetings after trustees suspended the beta plan.

"For starters, there is no sentiment on the committee, the Library Board of Trustees, staff, or the majority of public commenters to move forward with the beta plan, including its reclassification of positions," Jasper told the board in explaining the blanket rejection of the beta plan.

Jasper also said the library system has "suffered demonstrably" from several years of severe budget cuts, and recommended increasing funding library operations.

"The predominant message (from the report) is that the library requires additional funding to maintain its high-quality selection," Jasper told the board. "The library budget has been cut 40 percent ... spending in Fairfax County is the lowest in all eight neighboring jurisdictions."

In addition to accepting the report, the board approved Bulova's motion to add a "consideration item" of \$1 million to the fiscal year 2015 budget. "This additional funding would ... be directed to the acquisition of non-fiction works," Bulova said. "More than 10,000 additional materials could be acquired with this funding."

Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully), who voted no on the motion, said he wasn't pleased with the library's report, and chastised fellow supervisors for distancing themselves from "the reforms we made."

He also praised Library Director Sam Clay for having the courage to "put the (beta) plan out there."

"I really was kind of shocked that the Board of Trustees would come back with a report that essentially says flatly 'no' to all proposed changes and 'give us more money,'" Frey said.

"Our board has been saying to every department head tell us how you can do more with less, and they came back and said we'll do the same with more. And the supervisors said OK — here's million dollars more," Frey said. "They have seen how to get more money — just turn up the heat on us."

Criticism of the plan has been building since July, when Clay unveiled a program that would test a new organization model this fall at the Burke Centre Library and the Reston Regional Library, the busiest library branch in the county. Clay has defended the reorganization, saying that the goal was to streamline staffing while retaining a high level of service.

Vera Finberg, a librarian who attended the board meeting, said she was disappointed by the board's discussion of funding.

"This is a rich county," Finberg said. "Do not tell us

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Library Board of Trustees: Who They Are, What They Do

The Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees, a 12-member, volunteer board is responsible for library policies and for making budget recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August. Most meetings are held at 7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library.

The public is invited to attend. A maximum of ten people may register to speak on library concerns during the public comment period at each monthly meeting.

For information or to register to speak, call 703-324-8324.

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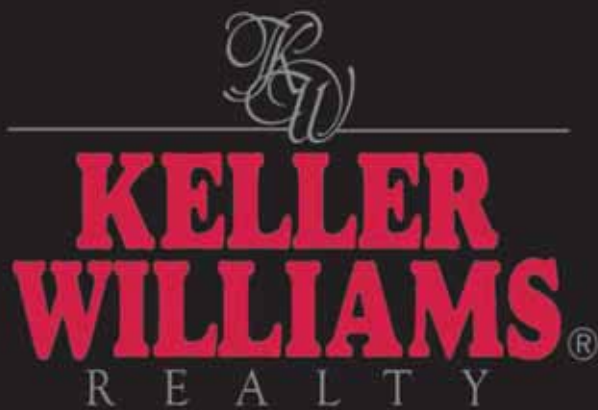
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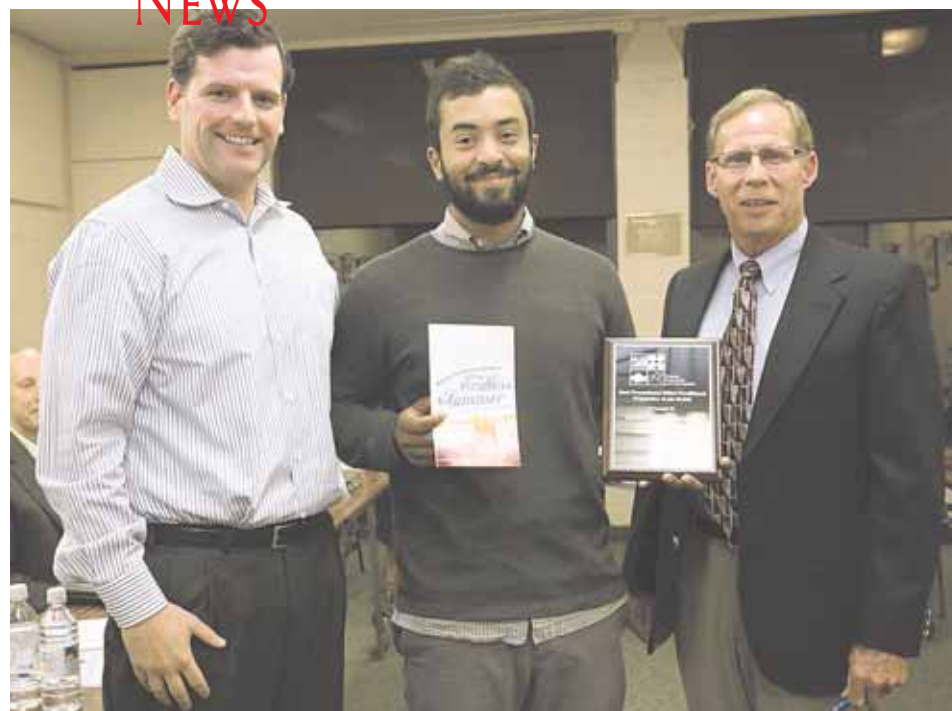


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McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board Chair Chad Quinn, Graphic Artist Hussain Mohammed and Executive Director George Sachs hold VRPS award plaque and the winning publication.

MCC Wins Recreation and Park Society Award

The McLean Community Center (MCC) won a Virginia Recreation and Park Society Award at the organization's annual conference, which was held Sept. 7-10, in James City County, Va. The Center won Best Promotional Effort Award — Traditional for its Endless Summer Camp Guide.

was presented with a plaque at the awards ceremony on Monday, Sept. 9. The winning publication was designed by MCC's Graphic Artist Hussain Mohammed. Mohammed was recognized at the Sept. 25 meeting of the MCC Governing Board.

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Woman's Club To Hold MarketPlace Fundraiser

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Products and services for sale will include jewelry, apparel, handbags, decorative items, home-baked, preserved and canned goods, specialty candy, gifts and household items, collectibles, fine art, floral arrangements, handmade items, hostess baskets, specialty candles and Homes Tour tickets. (The tour tickets will also be available at selected local merchants for \$25 before Dec. 5 and for \$30 on Dec. 5 at the tour houses.)

Auction items will consist of products and services valued at \$100 or more, including gift certificates, small furniture and art work. In addition, there will be a



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Handmade quilt to be raffled off at the MarketPlace.

raffle of a beautiful, handmade patchwork quilt for only \$1 per ticket.

Ample parking will be available in the church lots. Free buses for the Holiday Homes Tour will be based at the church.

All proceeds of the MarketPlace and Homes Tour will be donated to local charities and nonprofits, such as Share, Inc., Alternative

House, the McLean Project for the Arts (The Children's Outreach), Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, Fisher House and the McLean Symphony, as well as used for scholarships and education.

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SHARE, a local nonprofit community group also recently received a total of \$1,600 from NOVA to assist them in providing food and emergency assistance to community residents in need. The NOVA Round Table is a non-political and non-sectarian community service group celebrating 60 years of service this year. They have partnered with a number of service groups working with persons with disabilities and other needy persons. It is a chapter of The Loyal Knights of the Round Table International.

Community minded citizens are welcome to attend weekly luncheons sponsored by the group in Falls Church. Those interested in their activities and speakers program can contact John Theon, president, at 703-356-1435 or jtheon@starpower.net.



Kareema Smith (left) receiving a check from Dan Smoot, president of Excalibur Foundation (right) with Roz Moore, GMU scholarship coordinator.

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All written comments must be received by the close of business on Wed., Dec. 18, 2013, to be included in the record of the public hearing.

*Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8-inch residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges.

FAITH

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Most of us live in neighborhoods that are very homogenous. There are exceptions, but most people reading this live in affluent areas where the houses are mostly in the same price range, and while there might be some ethnic diversity, there is little in the way of economic diversity.

It's easy to forget that there are massive unmet needs, hungry children, homeless families most with at least one working parent, homeless individuals with jobs and without jobs, people who don't know for sure whether they will have enough to eat or be able to be warm enough, people who are choosing between medical care and car repair when forgoing the car repair could mean losing a job.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, about 50,000 of the 185,000 students qualify to receive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty. Many elementary schools staff are discovering that for some of these students, a majority of students in some schools, they only meals the can count on are breakfast and lunch on school days.

Nonprofits, school staff and individuals have been working to send backpacks of healthy, kid-friendly food home with students on the weekend.

It's hard to imagine 50,000 students going hungry; it's obvious that children who aren't sure they will be able to eat when they are hungry are not going to have joyous holidays filled with family meals, gifts and special activities.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are



Needy families wait on line to receive groceries and gift certificates at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon on Nov. 16. Sixty families an hour were escorted through the church supermarket during seven hour LINK event. www.linkagainsthunger.org 703-437-1776

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a few ideas. We welcome suggestions for other groups.

— MARY KIMM,

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Where To Give Locally

In no particular order:

- ❖ Our Daily Bread — has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to www.odbfairfax.com/holiday
- ❖ Food for Others distributed more than 2.4 million pounds of free food to families in need in Northern Virginia in the year ending June 30, 2012. The non-profit provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031. 703-207-9173. www.foodforothers.com
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. www.echo-inc.org.
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. Now collecting gift cards and food baskets for Thanksgiving, gifts and food baskets for Christmas, and warm coats. 703-339-8611 www.lortonaction.org.
- ❖ Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and the Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. <http://www.bgcgw.org/fairfax/>
- ❖ Office to End and Prevent Homelessness needs just a few thousand dollars more in

contributions for Jeans Day (in October) to qualify for a matching grant from the Phillip L. Graham Fund, turning many \$5 and greater donations into \$50,000 to help thousands of homeless in Fairfax County. www.ziphomelessness.com

- ❖ 12 Ways of Giving: Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships "12 Ways of Giving" campaign is an annual event that showcases many ways for meaningful, local giving during the holiday season, highlighting nonprofits in Fairfax County. www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org
- ❖ Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE) — ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org
- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. www.capitalareafoodbank.org
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
- ❖ The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 571-235-3577. Last year, 139 community volunteers — nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians — gave more than 1,300 hours of their time to see patients. jsfreeclinic.org.
- ❖ Alternative House — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. www.thealternativehouse.org.
- ❖ Cornerstones, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- ❖ SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org
- ❖ LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and

holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. More than 4,000 adults and children have signed up for help with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org

- ❖ FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. FACETS offers a monthly Youth Volunteer Night, with the next one scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 20, 5:30-6:30pm. Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of concerned churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. 14th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Vienna 703-281-7614 <http://www.cho-va.com>
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), working with the Office of Coordinated Services Planning, Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH helps local citizens who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 <http://fairfaxfish.org/>
- ❖ Herndon-Reston FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 <http://herndonrestonfish.org>
- ❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, Day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178
- ❖ Northern Virginia Family Service, 10455 White Granite Drive Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124 703-385-3267 <http://www.nvfs.org/>
- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306 <http://www.ucmagency.org/>
- ❖ Touching Heart in Herndon is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. <http://www.touchingheart.com>, 703-901-7355

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McLean Boys Victorious in Herndon U-10 Soccer Tournament

McLean Youth Soccer's U-10 Boys Allstar Team emerged victorious in the Herndon Youth Soccer's Allstar Tournament held at Baron Cameron Park among seventeen regional teams on Nov. 16-17. "McLean United" earned a spot in the upper playoff bracket by winning four straight games in the initial tournament round. In the subsequent single-elimination round, McLean defeated Prince William County 3-1 and, in the final, host team Herndon by the same score. Herndon, which also entered the final undefeated, fought valiantly and scored first in the first half. However, McLean sweeper Joe Musgrove rocketed in a 30-yard equalizer early in the second half. Five minutes later, McLean halfback Eli Nassif converted on a penalty kick for the go-ahead goal. Finally, the "green-shirts" took the game out of contention when forward Will Broad threaded a shot from the right side through Herndon defenders with ten minutes remaining.



McLean Allstars, from left, back row: Aiden O'Connor, Josh Boos, Arion Tripathi, Eli Nassif, Joe Musgrove, Jake Barnard, Joaquim Das, Coach David O'Connor, Finnegan Broad (water boy); front row: Wyatt Fesler, Nicholas Dovgalyuk, Mia Tripathi (water girl), Will Broad, Amr Arikat, and Aymen Omara.

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A Time to Share

BY LORI BAKER
THE CONNECTION

This time of year it is not uncommon to worry about meals, entertaining visiting relatives, or finding the time to shop and decorate. But for some members of the community, the worries are more basic. They struggle with providing enough food or warm clothing for their families on a daily basis.

For those living in a privileged community, it is easy to forget that there are a number of residents who cannot meet their families' most basic needs. But indeed, this community, like most communities, has a fair number of such residents in need. This is where McLean's Share comes in.

Share has been reaching out to these populations for 45 years. It recently wrapped up one of its busiest annual donation campaigns; the Thanksgiving distribution program.

LAST WEEKEND, clients waited patiently in line for their opportunity to collect a donated grocery gift card and side items from the pantry, which would allow them to celebrate their own Thanksgiving.

Since many of the clients have diverse ethnic backgrounds, they may not be interested in celebrating Thanksgiving with turkey and pumpkin pie. This is why Share gives Giant or Safeway grocery cards, and invites clients to select whatever side items they choose.

Therese Dyer-Caplan, co-chair of Share's food room, says that there is always a need for grocery gifts cards, especially in denominations of \$25. Now that Thanksgiving is over, they will still need to meet the needs of its clients for the next holiday and throughout the year.

Bonnie O'Neill, with Share's special programs, has been busy organizing Share's annual holiday program. On Dec. 7, Share will serve its pre-registered clients at a festive luncheon, and distribute gifts from its Wish Program. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there, along with a photographer and festive music. O'Neill says that the program reaches out to nearly 300 families, comprised of about 700 individuals for this event. The families, as per Share's requirements, all reside in McLean, Great Falls, and a small portion of Falls Church.

"It's just a real joyful celebration," said Dyer-Caplan. "These are families that spend the whole year stressed, anxious about food. If they're not hungry, they have some anxiety about being hungry. And so the idea that they can sit down and they can be served, and they can relax...it's a wonderful, wonderful day."

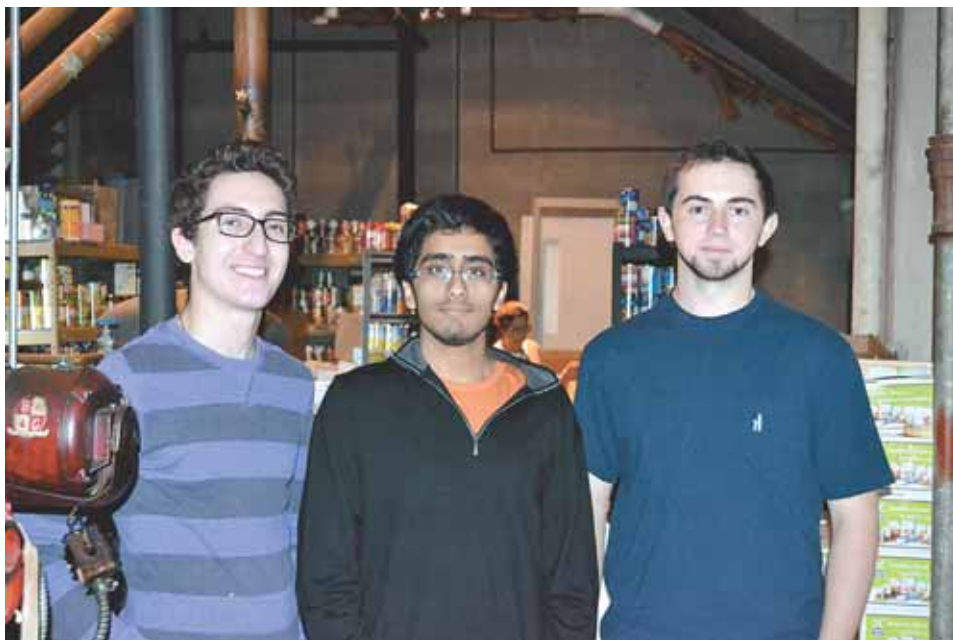
Client family members are invited to pre-register for the holiday Wish Program. But their wishes are not what most would expect. They generally include grocery gift cards, warm clothing, or CVS cards, which would allow them to buy prescriptions, toothpaste, or hygiene items that are not covered by SNAP assistance.

O'Neill says that those who would like to make donations for the Holiday Wish Program can email sharewishes@gmail.com. And they are always welcome to bring gift cards or checks to Share at its headquarters

McLean's community service group meets needs during the busiest time of year, and year round.



Forrest Crane, Senior at Potomac School, and Potomac School teacher Tracy Jaeger, helped Share prepare for Thanksgiving distribution day.



Potomac School seniors, Thor Schooner, Kabir Khanna, and Jamie Mahon helped unload a truck full of food and supplies donated by Flint Hill School.



Therese Dyer-Caplan, co-chair of Share's food pantry, was helping clients during one of their busiest times, Thanksgiving distribution day.

"...If we can help to allow other families to feel the sort of joy and thankfulness on Thanksgiving that we're feeling, then that's a cause worth working for."

— Potomac School senior
Thor Schooner

in the basement of the McLean Baptist Church on Wednesday or Saturday mornings, or Dec. 5-6 at the Church's Fellowship Hall between 12 and 6 p.m. O'Neill notes that the most useful cards for their clients would include cards from Giant, Safeway, CVS, Walmart or Target.

O'Neill notes that Share is one of the few organizations staffed only by volunteers, and relying exclusively on donations from the community. "People around here are wonderful," O'Neill says. "They are generous and kind. And I'd just like to reassure them that Share is very careful and carefully shepherds their money. We made every donation count."

SHARE RELIES on donations and volunteer assistance both from individuals and groups. Churches, scout troops, McLean women's groups, schools, homeowners associations, and others all are very involved with collections and volunteering.

Last weekend a group of students from McLean's Potomac School were unloading a truck full of food that was collected and donated by Flint Hill School in Oakton. The students spent the morning unloading and stocking shelves, and seemed happy to do so.

"It always seemed to me that Thanksgiving is something that we take for granted," said Potomac School senior Thor Schooner. "We have a lot of really good food and we get to spend the holiday in very comfortable places with our family and we're all very happy. But it occurs to me that not everybody is as privileged as we are. And if we can help to allow other families to feel the sort of joy and thankfulness on Thanksgiving that we're feeling, then that's a cause worth working for."

"I've never been in this sort of a situation before," added Kabir Khanna, also a senior at The Potomac School. "Seeing just the high volume of stuff that the people donated and us working to help Share out, it's just really rewarding."

O'Neill reiterated that Share is so grateful for the time and goods donated by the community. But she and other Share volunteers are quick to point out that their clients have needs throughout the year. Often, especially in summer months, the shelves are nearly bare.

"We'd like to thank the McLean/Great Falls community for constantly being there to help," she said. "But please continue to look at us. We're local. And your kids are sitting in school next to these kids."

You Can Make a Difference

BY MICHAEL L. O'REILLY

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, a time when friends and families gather to celebrate and give thanks for many things – their health, their jobs, their homes or even the meals that are prepared for them.

As the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, I want to give thanks to those who supported Fairfax County's Third Annual Jeans Day. I am pleased to report that, so far, we have raised nearly \$18,000 with more than 100 businesses, civic and faith based organizations, nonprofits and government agencies participating.

But we can do more. This year, we were fortunate to receive a \$25,000 challenge grant from the Philip L. Graham Fund. If we are successful in raising \$25,000, the grant will match the \$25,000, adding an additional \$25,000 contribution for a total of \$50,000.

Fairfax County is serious about reducing the number of residents who fall into homelessness, and these funds are critical to our efforts. We reject the idea that it is somehow acceptable for anyone to be without a place to call home, to sleep outdoors in the winter, because they have no better option.

Consider these facts:

- ❖ It might surprise you to learn that we counted on one day over 1300 homeless in our community.
- ❖ More than 75 percent of children in homeless families are under the age of 11.
- ❖ Nearly 60 percent adults in homeless families work. The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families.
- ❖ Close to 60 percent of homeless persons are in families.

Low incomes and expensive housing are the main reasons for homelessness in our community. It is impossible to pay for an apartment when earning minimum

wage — even if you work 24 hours per day, seven days a week. With \$50,000, we can house some of our most vulnerable citizens who are homeless and in need of assistance.

This year as you sit down to enjoy this bounty, I would like you to remember the most vulnerable among us. The Philip L. Graham Fund has given us until Dec. 15 to raise an additional \$7,000 to meet our challenge goal of \$25,000. It is a goal we must make and it will take all of us working together and doing more.

Here's how you can help:

1. Increase your personal contribution. Include the Partnership to End Homelessness in your year-end giving.
2. Help by asking your constituents and business associates. Many of them make year-end contributions and will give to worthy causes when a trusted friend encourages them to do so.
3. Contact your business colleagues with a personal call and tell them we are only \$7,000 from our \$50,000 goal and let them know we need their investment in this challenge. Encourage them to match their employee giving. Many businesses already will.

Go to www.ziphomelessness.com to help us reach our challenge to help prevent and end homelessness in our community.

On behalf of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Apple Federal Credit Union, Connection Newspapers, Dulles Regional Chamber, Phillip L. Graham Fund, and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, we sincerely thank you!

Help now by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/events/jeansday/2013-jeans-day-event.htm> or contact Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness for other ways to impact homelessness at 703-324-9492, TTY 711.

Michael L. O'Reilly is Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

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SATURDAY/NOV. 30

American Legion Scholarships. Due Nov. 30, at Post 180, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. The Post 180 in Vienna is offering three scholarships (\$1000, \$500 and \$250) for currently enrolled full-time college students who are sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate students. Recipients will be randomly chosen from eligible applicants who apply no later than Nov. 30. 703-938-8535 or www.legion180.net/Scholarship_Appl_2013.pdf.

Personalized Internet Training. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 1-hour

one-on-one internet training session with a technology volunteer. Can include training on Microsoft Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Legos in the Library. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Come join in the fun and make your own Lego creations! Legos provided. Registration required. Age 5-12. 703-790-8088.

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VIEWPOINTS

What Are You Thankful for this Thanksgiving Day?

— RUSS UGONE

Olivia Tenery, First-Year College Student, McLean

"I am thankful for the opportunities that I am finding at college and the people who are supporting me through this time of transition. I am also truly thankful for the health and endless love of my family and friends."



Dr. Reza Didehvar, M.D.; Bethlehem Asrat, Receptionist and Medical Assistant (Right Front); Sharon Colon, Radiology Technician and Medical Assistant (Back), Old Dominion Urgent Care Center, McLean

Dr. Didehvar: "I am thankful for my wife and three healthy sons, and am thankful that I have the opportunity to make a difference in the McLean Community."

Asrat: "I am thankful for my family, great co-workers, the mentorship of Dr. Didehvar, and for being able to help those in need of medical attention."

Colon: "I am thankful for a job that I love, great co-workers and my family."



Barbara Everhart, Parish Administrator, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, McLean

"I am thankful for the solace found at the beautiful setting behind the church, particularly during the period after my husband had passed (about 6 years ago). The inspiring view of grounds is like heaven on earth and every day I immensely enjoy this place. I am thankful for my two children, who are doing wonderfully this year, my parents, and the opportunity to meet new people at the church."



Helen Zhang, Co-owner and Manager, Lee Li, Co-owner and Husband, New Star Asian Bistro, McLean, with Grace Li, Daughter

Zhang: "I am very thankful and touched that the surrounding business community and patrons continue to express words of encouragement and compliments and wishes for success. I am thankful for the opportunity to make great food for the good people of McLean. I am also very grateful for my husband Li and my daughters."



Captain Paul Peak, USCG (ret) and Mrs. Jane Peak, Vinson Hall Retirement Community, McLean

Captain Paul Peak: "I am thankful for my wife, Jane, and for being able to celebrate 70 years of marriage next year. She supported me in my career, especially when I was at sea for long tours, which made a real and lasting partnership."

Jane Peak: "Over the last 24 years we have been very happy living at Vinson Hall."



Project Knitwell Fundraiser a Success

Project Knitwell held a fun, festive, and successful fundraiser on Monday, Oct. 28 at Mylo's Grill in McLean.

For the third year in a row, Mylo's Grill donated 20 percent of the evening's proceeds to Project Knitwell. Founded by McLean resident Carol Caparosa in 2010, Project Knitwell provides knitting instruction and quality materials to patients, family members, and caregivers, primarily in hospital settings throughout the metropolitan D.C. area.

According to Caparosa, "In addition to the great Greek food, a highlight of the evening was receiving multiple sponsorships for baskets filled with high quality yarn, needles, books, and other supplies which we can now make available in more places in the hospitals where we work."

Project Knitwell has recently expanded its services to Virginia Hospital Center (Arlington), where it provides knitting instruction to patients and families at the Cancer Resource Center and will begin working with women on bed rest at the hospital. It has worked with at-risk teens in an after school program in Arlington, and currently offer programs at Children's National Medical Center, Georgetown University Hospital, and Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Research has shown that knitting has a therapeutic value, and according to Caparosa, "We provide this service in hopes that the participants will obtain the wellness benefits associated with knitting, become part of a larger community and gain fulfillment in completing a handmade project."



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From left: Carol Caparosa, founder and executive director of Project Knitwell, Chris Mylonas, owner of Mylo's Grill, Damon Mylonas, Head Chef at Mylo's Grill, and Michelle Maynard, Project Knitwell volunteer and fundraiser organizer.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Matthew Kramer of McLean, a sophomore at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, participated in the weeklong Virginia Space Coast Scholars Summer Academy program at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Joshua D. Higbee of McLean received the National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship. The McLean High School graduate plans to study economics.

Nicholas M. Kemp of McLean received the National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship. The George C. Marshall High School graduate plans to study music.

McLean students **Lance L. Hungar**, homeschooled, **John T. Baird**, **Anna C. Cox**, **Jason S. Cui**, **Benjamin G. Espey**, **Jessica M. Ji**, **Olivia C. Lynch**, **Harrison J. Nam**, **Rebecca Oh**, **Nathaniel A. Speiser**, **Catherine G. Sununu**, **Leah S. Surratt**, **Katherine T. Tan** and **Stephen Tung** of Langley High School, **Adam R. Barth**, **Samuel Clayton** and **Elena R. Kagan** of McLean High School, **Lauren M. Abraham**, **Sarah N. Chiang**, **Grant Hoechst**, **Susan Sidamon-Eristof** and **Eleanor G. Tolf** of the Potomac School, and **Kyle Alexander**, **Nadege Aoki**, **Eric Bo**, **William Bradbury**, **Arno Chang**, **Cameron Ewell**, **Emma Gee**, **Jordan Goodaon**, **Owen Gray**, **Caitlin Kim**, **Julie Kim**, **Veronica Lee**, **Sayed Malawi**, **Caroline Murton**, **Christine Nguyen**, **Somya Shankar**, **James Sullivan**, **Nisha Swarup**, **Alexander Wood-Thomas** and **Jennifer Yin** are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Aline Dolinh, 15, is a sophomore at Oakton High School in Vienna and has been appointed as the National Student Poet by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Dolinh will participate in readings and workshops at libraries, museums and schools in Virginia as well as create community service projects to expand their reach while increasing engagement in the literary arts.

Kate E. DeWeese, daughter of Randi and Steve DeWeese of Vienna, graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, and first-year student in the Bachelor of Arts Program, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Bucknell University.

On May 11, **Michael D'Onofrio** and **Jill Feroldi** of Oakton and **Charles Schoenthaler** of Vienna graduated from the College of Charleston.

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Seventh grade Physical Education teacher and Langley Cross Country Team Coach Scott Worthington speaks to students before the start of the event.



Cooper Middle Hosts Super Cooper Looper

Students take part in a mile-long fun run for health and fitness.

BY NGALULA TSHISHIMBI
THE CONNECTION

On a crisp and sunny November day, Cooper Middle School students took even breaths and careful strides as they leapt towards the finish line in the Super Cooper Looper. The Nov. 13 event featured both seventh and eighth grade student participants in two separate mile-long fun runs. In conjunction with the actual run, students were asked to donate shoes and coats upon signing up for the fun run. The Super Cooper Looper provides students with an opportunity to give back while also engaging in a fitness activity designed to be fun and educational. The students, both running club and non-running club members ran on a track behind the school, designed by faculty organizers. As they ran, they were cheered on by fellow students, faculty organizers, spectators, and Langley High School Cross Country team members.

As the students ran, they attempted to achieve their personal bests. Seventh grader Dylan Reed finished first with a time of 6:18 (six minutes and eighteen seconds) which, in addition to becoming his personal best, set a new record for the best time overall. He was followed by Ben Kostelancik with a time of 6:23. For the seventh grade girls, Charlotte Smith came in first with a time of 6:41, followed by Gianna Mitchell in second place at 6:55. For the eighth grade boys, Hans Volmeck arrived in first with a time of 6:19, followed by Pierce Gallo with a time of 6:25. For the eighth grade girls, Olivia Gromers arrived with a time of 7:11, followed by Zoe DeTrani in second place with 7:18 on the clock.

More than just a run, the Super Cooper Looper is a learning initiative. Physical Education teacher Scott Worthington described the event as an opportunity to encourage students to run and learn more about healthy living. Worthington stated that he and fel-

PHOTOS BY NGALULA TSHISHIMBI/THE CONNECTION



Seventh grade students appear shortly after the start of the run.



Langley High School Cross Country Team member Candace von Hoffman cheers for runners as they pass by.

low teacher for eighth grade Civics Duane Novotni, who coined the name of the event, are themselves marathon-runners who wanted to parlay their knowledge of running into an educational opportunity. According to Worthington, the event reinforces education regarding fitness and nutrition which is a current focus in the Fairfax County curriculum. Worthington facilitated this year's run along with fellow facilitators Novotni and teachers Sarah Aldini, Jody Jacobs and Jennifer Perantoni.

While participants ran the race, they passed by Langley High School's Cross Country team members who volunteered to hold signs describing good nutritional habits.



PHOTO COURTESY MCC

McLean Holiday Crafts Show draws skilled crafters from all around the region and from as far away as New Mexico.

The McLean Community Center to Host Holiday Crafts Show

Holiday shoppers can get an early start, find unique handmade items and visit the crafters who make them, at the 31st Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show. Sponsored by the McLean Community Center (MCC), the juried show will be held Friday through Sunday, Dec. 6-8. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. Show admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children up to age 13, and is good for all three days of the show. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

According to MCC Special Events Director Sam Roberts, the show draws skilled crafters from all around the region and from as far away as New Mexico. This year show includes more than 70 fine artisans. "We work hard to maintain the high quality of the offerings at our show. Our customers have come to expect it," said Roberts.

At press time, participants in-

cluded designer candle maker Shalom Lord of Harmony Lights Candles of Madison Heights, Va.; Jewelry designer Rona Fisher of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacqueline Campbell of Washington, DC, who makes cloth dolls and art quilts; Vanessa Morris of Blue Ridge Salvage, Kearneysville, W.Va., who makes toys of handcrafted wood; and the fresh wreaths and centerpieces of Endless Creations' Steve Cone of Culpepper, Va.

Popular vendor Marie-Helene Grabman will hand cut silhouettes of family members or pets. Patrons can call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to schedule a 10-minute appointment. Crafts Show admission must be paid in order to enter the show for a silhouette appointment. Food service will be provided by Sweet Stuff of McLean.

Detailed information and discount admission coupons are available on the Center's Web site, www.mcleancenter.org/special-events. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

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Commissioner John Marrapese, Cameron Marrapese, Dale and Katharine Powell, Claire Powell, Stuart Powell, Carol Sieminski.

HBC Community Charity Champions Help McLean Youth Lacrosse

The dinner at Pulcinella the Italian Host in support of McLean Youth Lacrosse raised \$1,645 for area youth lacrosse players. McLean Youth Lacrosse is a volunteer based organization dedicated to promoting sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, character, tolerance, discipline, and lifelong love of lacrosse. It operates a volunteer cooperative under the umbrella of MYA, and organizes field management, coaching, and administration through this. MYL supports hundreds of area youth in their development as young athletes. Fundraising and charitable donations

help MYL support children and families that need financial assistance, field maintenance, and general costs of operating.

The Huckaby Briscoe Conroy Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty launched Community Charity Champions in 2012 as a venue to fundraise for local nonprofits. Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy were honored with the Corporate Social Responsibility award in 2012 by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for the work HBC Community Charity Champions has done and continues to do for nonprofits in the area.



The Luebke family and the Christinzio family.



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Helping Those in Need

Charlotte Heffelmire, a junior at McLean High School, recently did something very special for a group of homeless children that go to school at a facility in Annandale. She bought and presented to them and their teacher over a \$1,000 in toys, school supplies and educational aids and did a violin music show for them as "Daisy D. Clown." Heffelmire raised the money mowing lawns, shoveling snow and collecting donations.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 28

- Thanksgiving Day Worship Service.** 10 a.m. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.
- Thanksgiving Day Brunch.** 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Take part in traditional Thanksgiving fixings and festive selections of brunch favorites. \$120 per adult; \$40 per child, ages 4-12. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.
- Four-Course Thanksgiving Dinner.** Bazin's on Church, 111 Church Street, NW, Vienna. Admission: \$39/person. Kids 10 and under \$15.95. <http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/>
- Thanksgiving with Wildfire.** 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wildfire at Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor. A special family style menu featuring spit roasted turkey and all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Cost is \$42.95/person and \$16.95 for children 12 and under. For reservations call (703) 442-9110 or visit wildfirerestaurant.com/mclean.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

- "Annie!" the Musical.** 7 p.m. McLean High School Theater, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in the perfect family-friendly musical. Adults \$15 and Students/Seniors \$10. Reserve seats at www.mcleandrama.com
- Annual Gingerbread House Opening.** 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Visit the life-sized gingerbread house. It is large enough for guests to walk around inside and explore the sugary construction. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

SATURDAY/NOV. 30

- "Annie!" the Musical.** 2 & 7 p.m. McLean High School Theater, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in the perfect family-friendly musical. Adults \$15 and Students/Seniors \$10. Reserve seats at www.mcleandrama.com

SUNDAY/DEC. 1

- McLean's WinterFest.** 3:30 p.m., starting from Old Chain Bridge Road. McLean's only community parade.



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The 31st Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show will take place Dec. 6-8. Eighty artisans from across the country convene for this highly-regarded and much-anticipated juried show.

www.mcleanwinterfest.org

MONDAY/DEC. 2

- Annual Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6-9 p.m. Church Street between Lawyers Road and Mill Street, Vienna. Visitors are invited to stroll along the streets amid the sights and sounds of the holiday season. 703-938-5187.
- Breakfast with Santa.** 9-10 a.m. Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor. Get into the holiday spirit early with a holiday breakfast buffet. Cost: 10.95 per child and \$13.95 per adult. 703-442-9110.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

- John Medeski in Concert, Solo Piano.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz pianist showcases original songs and improvised compositions from his debut solo album. Tickets: \$25. <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

FRIDAY/DEC. 6

- 31st Annual McLean Holiday**

- Crafts Show.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Eighty artisans from across the country convene for this highly-regarded and much-anticipated juried show. This show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics and pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, soft sculpture, paintings and drawings and more. Tickets: Adults \$3; ages 13 and under \$1.
- Bill Frisell's Big Sur Quintet.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Eyvind Kang, Hank Roberts, Rudy Royston, and Jenny Scheinman. Dynamic mixture of nature-inspired orchestral jams and jazz riffs composed by guitarist Bill Frisell. Tickets: \$35. www.wolftrap.org.
- Christmas with FCS: Trumpets Sound! Voices Ring!** 8 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE, Vienna. Welcome in the holiday season with the Fairfax Choral Society and the Washington Symphonic Brass. Purchase tickets at www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 30

John Eaton The Roaring Twenties: A Salute to the Jazz Age. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Eaton highlights the illustrious discographies of some of the Jazz Age's most successful artists. Tickets: \$25-\$27.

MONDAY/DEC. 2

The GoAround. 7 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna. An alt-rock/pop duo made up of brothers. Tickets: \$10.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

An Evening with John Medeski in Concert. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz pianist John Medeski showcases engaging and meditative compositions in this solo debut concert. Tickets: \$25.

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Bill Frisell's Big Sur Quintet Featuring: Eyvind Kang, Hank Roberts, Rudy Royston, and Jenny Scheinman. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A combination of avant-garde and post-bop jazz with



Antigone Rising, the all-female country rock band, will be performing at Jammin' Java in Vienna on Dec. 7. From left: risten Ellis-Henderson, Dena Tauriello, Nini Camps, Cathy Henderson.

classical, folk, and country influences. Tickets: \$35.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 7

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Antigone Rising. 7 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna. The

all-female country rock band Antigone Rising who has shared stages around the world with acts like The Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, The Allman Brothers Band and Rob Thomas.

SUNDAY/DEC. 15

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

ONGOING

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

SATURDAY/DEC. 7, 14, 21

The Nutcracker Tea. 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Watch the ballet production of "The Nutcracker" while enjoying afternoon tea and treats. \$75 per person. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

SUNDAY/DEC. 8

31st Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Eighty artisans from across the country convene for this highly-regarded and much-anticipated juried show. This show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics and pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, soft sculpture, paintings and drawings and more. Tickets: Adults \$3; ages 13 and under \$1.

Science Wonderland Workshop.

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Hands-on holiday science production where children ages 5-12 will build a Science Wonderland out of recycled and earth-friendly materials, grow crystal Christmas tree, have a "snowball fight" with dry ice smoke-filled bubbles and make magic instant "snow" fall over their festive landmark. Free admission. Registration required at www.ischoolforthefuture.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 8, 15, 22

Gingerbread House Decorating

Class. 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Learn to make your own gingerbread house. \$70 per child, ages 2-12. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

SUNDAY/DEC. 8, 15, 22

The Princess Tea. 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Watch a theatrical production feature Disney princesses while enjoying afternoon tea and treats. \$75 per person. Children under 2 are free. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

SATURDAY/DEC. 14-SUNDAY/DEC. 15

Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale. Wolf Trap Center for Education, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. This annual show includes paintings, pottery, traditional and digital photographs, jewelry, drawings, art quilts, and hand pulled lithographic prints, plus artful gifts and cards.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 25

Christmas Day Brunch at Entyce Bistro. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Celebrate the holiday with brunch. Enjoy live musical entertainment and special activities, including face painting and a balloon artist for the children. \$120 per adult; \$40 for children under 12. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

31st Annual McLean Holiday CRAFTS SHOW
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HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Celebration of Lights. 5:30-8 p.m., at Great Falls Village Centre Hill. Watch Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in an antique fire truck to light the Great Falls Tree. Afterwards, Santa will meet all children who wish to share their holiday wishes. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org>

31st Annual McLean Holiday

Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Eighty artisans from across the country convene for this highly-regarded and much-anticipated juried show. This show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics and pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, soft sculpture, paintings and drawings and more. Tickets: Adults \$3; ages 13 and under \$1.

Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-A-Long.

4 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. "The President's Own" United States Marine Band Members of local choirs and vocal groups Kick off the holiday season with family and friends at Wolf Trap's 2013 Holiday Sing-A-Long.

SATURDAY/DEC. 7, 14, 21

Gingerbread House Decorating Class. 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Learn to make your own gingerbread house. \$70 per child, ages 2-12. Reservations required. 703-917-5498.

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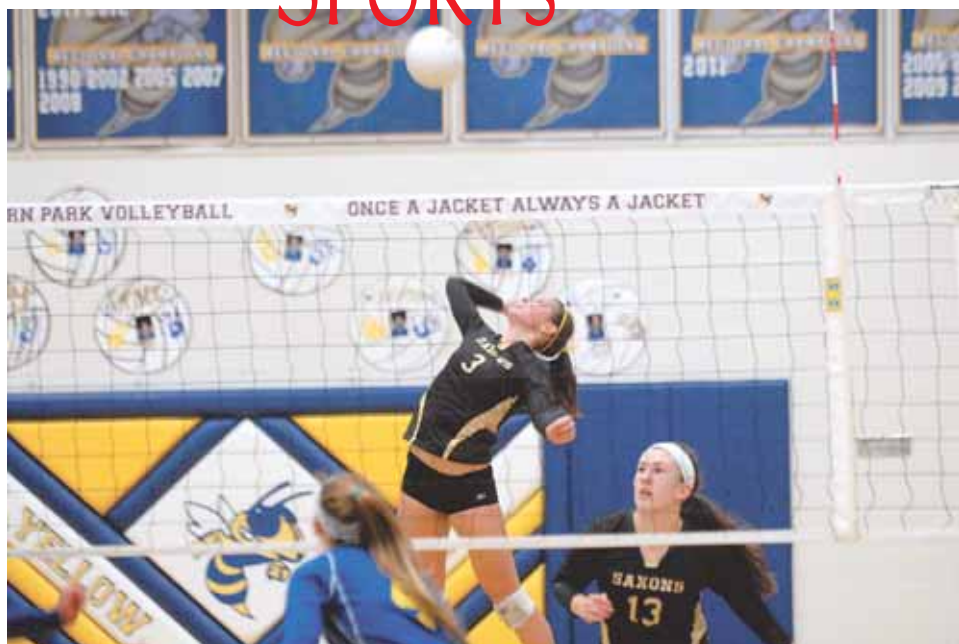
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SPORTS



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Langley's Rachel Andrejev, seen during the 6A North region championship match, had a team-high 10 kills against First Colonial on Nov. 23 in the Group 6A state championship match.

Langley's Alex Andrejev, seen during the 6A North region championship match, finished with seven kills against First Colonial on Nov. 23 in the Group 6A state championship match.

Langley Volleyball Wins First State Championship

Saxons sweep First Colonial Group 6A state final.

The Langley volleyball team captured the program's first state championship on Nov. 23, beating First Colonial 3-0 in the Group 6A state final at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.

The Langley program, which started in 1998, reached the 2007 AAA state championship match, but lost 3-0 to Deep Run. On

Saturday, it was the Saxons taking home the title, becoming the first team from Fairfax County to accomplish the feat.

"[It was] awesome. Been chasing it for 16 years!" Langley head coach Susan Shifflett wrote in an email. "... [It was a] very special experience that is a result of every player and coach that has been a part of our program since its beginning in 1998."

Outside hitter Rachel Andrejev led Langley with 10 kills in the state final. Outside hitter Jessica Donaldson had eight kills and setter/right side Alex Andrejev had seven. Rachel Andrejev and Rachel Donaldson each had two aces, Alex Andrejev had 19 assists and freshman setter Maxine Friedman totaled 14 assists.

Langley finished the season with a 27-3

record.

The 6A state final was scheduled for 9 p.m. The Saxons left for Richmond on a charter bus at 3 p.m., had dinner in Richmond and spent time watching earlier matches and warming up. Langley's match didn't start until 10 p.m., but the Saxons took care of business.

"The girls did a great job of staying flexible and kept their focus," Shifflett wrote. "They really wanted it."

Langley Football Team's Streak Stopped by Stonewall Jackson

The Langley football team's eight-game winning streak, along with its best season in a generation, came to an end on Nov. 22 in the 6A North region quarterfinals with a loss to Stonewall Jackson, 51-48.

The Saxons' would-be game-tying field goal attempt went wide left with just 10 seconds remaining in the game after a 48-yard march had brought the ball down to the Stonewall Jackson 15-yard line and a pass had gone through the hands of a Langley receiver in the end zone. While the loss dropped the Saxons' record to 9-3 on the year, Langley still enjoyed its most successful season in two decades, scoring a school record 481 points in the process.

The second playoff game at home this season started well for the Saxons as they quickly mounted a 14-0 lead on the visiting Raiders in the first quarter. The initial score capped a 15-play, 70-yard opening drive, when senior quarterback Nick Casso scored on an 11-yard fourth down run. Three-and-a-half minutes later, Casso hit Garrett Collier on a slant for a 23-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-0. Collier was later lost

for the game with a collarbone fracture. His departure weakened not only the secondary, now without its captain on the field, but also removed Langley's top receiver.

The Raiders began to exploit the Saxons with long runs that gashed the interior line, but also eluded the depleted secondary as Stonewall Jackson made a game of it with a 42-yard scoring dash to open the second quarter to cut it to 14-7. A see-saw battle then ensued with each team taking the measure of the other with consecutive scores. Langley's Tyler West punched in a touchdown from 6 yards out to make it 21-7 after a 10-play drive, 60-yard drive. The Raiders responded two minutes later on a 32-yard touchdown toss to their tight end to make it 21-13. Their two-point attempt failed.

The Saxons answered on a short drive making it 28-13 after Tyler West had returned the kickoff 73 yards to the Stonewall Jackson 18-yard line. With time running out in the half, the Raiders scored what might have been the most crucial points of the game with only one second left on the clock before intermission, to cut the Sax-

ons advantage to 28-21.

The Raiders opened the second half with a three-play, 63-yard scoring drive to tie it at 28-apiece in only 35 seconds. It became obvious that the game was going to be a barn-burner, with the last team to score the likely winner.

Langley regained momentum after Raiders quarterback Greg Stroman fumbled two consecutive punts back to the Saxons, the second allowing the home team to march 56 yards on nine plays before West hit pay dirt to take the lead, 35-28. For the game, West had 268 yards on 41 carries and three touchdowns.

The Raiders came right back with a long drive that stalled at the Langley 17-yard line resulting in a 34-yard field goal to open the fourth quarter that cut it to 35-31. The three points would eventually prove to be the margin of victory.

The fourth quarter became a track meet, as both teams went the length of the field, practically scoring at will. Langley took its first possession and drove 66 yards for a touchdown to widen their advantage to 42-31. Erik Swayne made all six extra points, making him 67 of 68 for the year.

But in a matter of 45 seconds, the Raiders scored twice to jump ahead 43-42, once on a 70-yard run and the second score coming seconds later after a turnover and an immediate 37-yard touchdown gallop.

Although behind for the first time in the game, Langley's veteran offensive line, led by seniors Alex Kolencik, Brooks Norris, Bennett Molster, and Brian Plunkett, along with junior Connor Halm, under the direction of their senior quarterback and outstanding junior running back, came roaring back on a "gut check" 10-play drive of 61 yards to recapture the lead, 48-43. The Saxons' two-point attempt after a 2-pt failed with 3:29 left in the game.

The 1-yard touchdown run by Casso gave him three on the ground along with one passing touchdown for the game. But it was not enough, as Stonewall Jackson's elusive, speedy quarterback took less than one minute to grab the lead back after a 47-yard dash down the sideline and a two-point conversion made it 51-48.

Two minutes later, Langley's last-ditch field-goal effort to tie went wide left.

Group 6A North Region Football Playoffs

Three of four favorites advanced during the 6A North region football quarterfinals on Nov. 22, with Langley being the lone high seed to fall short.

The Saxons, seeded No. 5 in the region, lost to No. 13 Stonewall Jackson 51-48 in the region's highest-scoring game of the weekend. Stonewall Jackson will travel to face No. 1 Centreville in the semifinals. Undefeated Centreville beat No. 8 South County 55-35 in the quarterfinals on Friday.

No. 2 Lake Braddock beat No. 7 Yorktown 40-7 to earn a trip to the semifinals, where the undefeated Bruins will host No. 3 Westfield. The Bulldogs beat No. 11 Robinson, 21-14.

Lake Braddock and Westfield faced one another during the regular season, with the Bruins winning 28-24 on Sept. 20. At the time, it was Westfield's first regular-season loss since 2010.

Beta Plan Discarded

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you value libraries and don't have enough money to support them."

Finberg was joined by more than 50 library supporters — employees and volunteers — who attended the meeting to show support for library board's recommendations.

They applauded when Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), dubbed the "dumpster diving supervisor," spoke. Smyth touched off a furious debate over how the library discards used books when she photographed dumpsters full of books in seemingly good condition that she found behind the library's technical operations center in Chantilly this summer.

On Aug. 29, Smyth recovered dozens of usable books from the dumpsters, and then took them to county officials who ordered an immediate stop to the discarding. Smyth said she learned that more than 250,000 books have been thrown out since October 2012.

"One never knows what this job will bring," Smyth said at the board meeting, adding that she was still hearing concerns about

discards.

"We need to be sure books are on library shelves as long as possible. Mending used to be part of process. This is something that seems to have fallen by the wayside, and that's putting it nicely," Smyth said.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said he supported the library system and the public engagement process, but noted that libraries had to find ways to adapt to a world where the Internet has replaced newsprint and e-books have supplanted paperbacks.

"Libraries everywhere are changing as new technology changes the nature of information-gathering," Cook said. "If the answers were simple, someone would have thought of it already."

Most of the supervisors praised the patrons and staff who participated in the public meetings and committees. "We heard you," Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said. "In my opinion, in two months you've made tremendous progress." Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was grateful that library staff also attended the meetings.

"We should look at who we are and who we should be serving ... Collaboration is important."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said the library controversy exposed a silver lining.

"Let there be no doubt in the community about the passion that citizens have about their libraries," McKay said. "We should be proud of all the responses we heard."

David Broder, president of the SEIU Virginia 512, said the library board's reports teach two lessons.

"First, local families love our libraries and library staff," Broder said. "Second, any so-called reforms which don't take advantage of librarians' expertise and which don't reflect the desires of the community are bound to fail. The Board of Supervisors needs to lead the effort to strengthen our libraries for the next generation."

Supervisors asked the Library Board to return in December with a plan for implementing the recommendations.

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"Scanticipation"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When I get CT-Scanned on Wednesday, November 27th, it will be nearly four months since my last diagnostic scan. That occurred during my hospital "staycation" during the first week of August, when I was admitted due to the extremely abnormal fluid buildup in my left lung. The surgery to drain the fluid went well, as you regular readers know, but as a consequence of this procedure/hospital stay – and its recovery, my subsequent chemotherapy infusions were delayed for about a month and naturally the follow-up scans were as well. This meant/now means that my every-three-month scan has become at least for this particular set of time circumstances, a four-month interval, the longest such interval in my full-time cancer career since I was first diagnosed with stage IV, non-small-cell lung cancer back in February, 2009.

I'm not nervous about the outcome this time, however, as I have written about in previous columns: "Scanxiety," "Scanning the Horizon" and "Scantastic." These are all examples of the emotional roller coaster a cancer patient rides when scans are in the offing. Regarding (you'll note I didn't use "concerning,") this upcoming scan, I feel more curious and calm than I have felt before. Aside from being more experienced with this process/cycle, and continuing as well to be relatively asymptomatic, my most recent lab work has been encouraging or at least not discouraging in that certain results/levels are improving. Now I don't know if these improved results (specifically my creatinine and bilirubin levels as well as my GFR/glomerular filtration rate) have any effect on the metastatic tumors in my left lung, but the improving levels do mean that my body is tolerating the every-three-week chemotherapy infusions that I've been receiving since September 20th. And "tolerating" is about as good as it gets, considering there are few drugs still available that my oncologist would feel are suitable for my condition. More to the point, when I asked my oncologist how do I really know (other than the lab results) that I'm tolerating the drug, he said, "You wouldn't be a very happy camper if you weren't." To which I replied, happily: "Well, I'm a long way from that." And not that the camping reference was lost on me, but I've been camping very few times in my life, and on those few occasions, I was happiest when I was leaving the campsite heading home.

Camping experiences aside – and not misunderstood, I am looking forward to the results of this next scan and really not stressing about it, either. Nor am I anxious. If anything, I'll admit to being naive. Moreover, I won't admit to being positive, since there's so much about the human body that I don't understand and after five years of having cancer-type symptoms and/or feelings, or not having cancer-type symptoms and/or feelings, with varying outcomes, I never know what to make of any of it. What I am positive about is how mysterious it all is and how few guarantees there are in any of it. Nevertheless, I'm grateful for a definite maybe; I can live with that, as I have been.

Time will tell, soon enough. Although, a long Thanksgiving weekend might slow down the e-mail which my oncologist will send with the results. But I can't worry about that either. I feel good. My labs were good. My reaction to yesterday's chemotherapy was good. The Red Sox just won the World Series for the third time in 10 years; that's all good, great in fact. For a terminal cancer patient from Boston five years post-diagnosis who wants to live and loves his hometown team, it doesn't get much better, realistically speaking.

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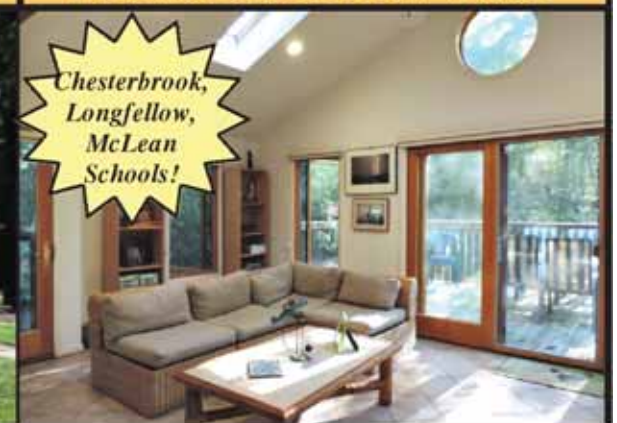


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