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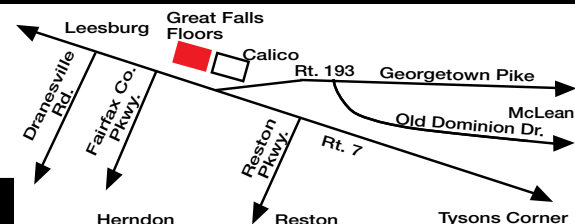
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NEWS

Meals Tax Possible for Fairfax County

Tax could generate \$88 million in revenue.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

At a public hearing on the 2015 budget, Fairfax County resident Kimberly Adams joined numerous other individuals who urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax.

"To have the quality of life that we've come to depend on in Fairfax County, we must move the needle closer to the regional average when it comes to taxes. We must not be afraid to look for new streams of revenue, such as a meals tax for instance," Adams told the Board of Supervisors at the budget hearings. "Never have I actually thought, well, there's a meals tax in Alexandria, so I'll drive 10 more minutes into Fairfax and order my pizza. I go to the place that's convenient and where I want to eat."

Echoing the concerns of citizens like Adams, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced the establishment of the meals tax referendum task force on April 22, which will study this possible source of revenue and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by June 17.

"Throughout the past months as this board and the community have deliberated on the advertised fiscal year 2015 budget, a number of individuals and organizations have urged us to put the question of a meals tax to the voters," Bulova said at the meeting.

Kate Hanley and Tom Davis, former chairmen of the Board of Supervisors, will lead the task force in deciding whether a referendum for a meals tax should occur, and when this referendum would appear on the ballot.

IN VIRGINIA, counties are only able to establish a meals tax with a voter referendum.

At a rate of 4 percent, a meals tax could generate at least \$88 million. Many cities within and around Fairfax County have a meals tax.

"Several of our surrounding jurisdictions have a meals tax, but the Town of Clifton, Prince William and Loudoun counties do not. I have and will continue to be adamantly opposed to a meals tax and any referendum on this issue as it is directed at a single industry. I believe this is the wrong time to add another tax on our county residents and while some of it will be paid by visitors the bulk will be paid by our county residents," Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity wrote in an email on April 30.

In April 1992, voters struck down a meals tax proposal that appeared on the ballot in Fairfax County.

"There has been a growing sentiment during recent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue. Reasons for urging this include the desire to diversify the revenues we have available to fund schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services," Bulova said.



Kimberly Adams spoke in favor of a meals tax at the public hearings on the Fairfax County budget in early April.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced on April 22 the creation of a meals tax referendum task force.



PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

At the public hearings on the Fairfax County budget, several citizens urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax in order to continue to "Invest in Fairfax."

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, who has proposed a meal tax several times in the past, said that voters need to be better informed this time as to why they should vote for the tax.

"To be quite frank, the last time we put it to referendum, there was almost silence on the side of why we were asking people to do it. Most important, the questions should be what are we going to do with the money if it passes and we have a meals tax," Hyland said.

Adams, who is president of the Fairfax Education Association and part of the new "Invest in Fairfax" coalition, said at the budget hearings that the extra revenue is needed for Fairfax County services that citizens depend on.

"If you can afford to eat out in a nice restaurant, you can afford to pay the four percent tax," she said.

AT A RECENT Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce event, Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay told members that Fairfax County needs to diversify its revenue and that there was pressure from school advocates to consider a meals tax.

"Will it pass if it's put on the ballot? I don't know. I think it's unlikely, to tell you the truth," McKay said at the event.

The meals tax referendum task force includes a coalition of organizations within the county, including the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, the Fairfax Education Association, the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, and the Federation of Citizens Associations.



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Sarah Kirk and Joey Love are organizing a Mother's Day event for a cause.

Mother's Day Event for a Cause

Turner Farm event raising money for suicide awareness.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

A mother's love never ends.

Sarah Kirk is planning a celebration of life in memory of her daughter, Becky Love, to raise awareness about suicide and funds for Comfort Zone Camp.

Becky was a charismatic and spiritual person and a mother herself, according to Kirk. She was found dead on a shooting range in August at 32 years old.

"I wish I knew more about what my daughter was going through," said Kirk. "We wanted to celebrate Becky being a mother and all mothers who want the best for their kids."

The Mothers for Mental Health event on Turner Farm starts at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 11, with a 5K walk or run and a 1K "fun run." Prizes will be given to the fastest man and woman as well as the top runners in each age category at noon.

Moon bounces, pony rides and face painting will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A silent auction and a 5K horseback ride around Turner farm will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Turner Farm is located at 925 Spring Veil Road in Great Falls.

Kirk hopes to raise \$50,000 for bereavement camps - the same camps that helped her family cope with the loss of her daughter.

About a month after her daughter's death, Kirk and her family put her energy into the

Becky Love Foundation to raise awareness about suicide and dealing with sudden loss.

Becky's brother, Joey Love, remembers the emotions he went through when he found out what happened with his sister. He knew she had been dealing with depression for a while.

"At first, I was in disbelief," he said, his eyes welling with tears. "There was a lot of sadness and praying - asking for help. Within the first week, I felt kind of at peace knowing that she no longer felt any pain or suffering. It obviously takes time. It's not something I really enjoy talking about."

The creation of the foundation gave him a release for his emotions.

"We are trying to help other people because we couldn't help her," he said.

Becky's youngest brother, 13-year-old Nicky Zoski is also helping to put the Mother's Day event together. When Becky's birthday came up five months after her death, he created shirts for family and friends across the country to celebrate her life. He remembered how smart she was and has memories of her babysitting him.

"It's hard to actually think she's gone," he said.

Kirk and Joey said they want the event to be joyous, not somber. They want parents and their children to have fun for the cause.

"Joy is contagious," said Joey.

For more information about the foundation, visit www.beckyllovefoundation.org.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Dianne Van Volkenburg of Great Falls with her four children last fall.



Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova: “Just minutes after giving birth to my daughter Karin in 1971. I was 24 and we are in Fairfax Hospital.”



Sharon Bulova’s daughter Karin with her first child, Finnian (“Finn”) in Seattle on June 23, 2011.



Joey Gatt (9) of Great Falls and his mom, Krista Gatt, enjoy a cool and relaxing day at the pool in Antigua during Spring Break in March 2014.



Kristin Clark Taylor, of Great Falls, enjoys the cherry blossoms with her daughter, 24, Mary Elizabeth Taylor.



Caroline and Josh McQuaig with their mother, Heather, of Great Falls, on vacation in Kiawah Island, S.C.

Reid and Oliver with their mom Samantha Siffring, with a load of straw for the garden they just put in. Their hometown is Great Falls, but they now live in Denver, Col.



From left: Gloria Boos, mom Melodee Boos, and Rose Boos, of Great Falls, standing in front of a longhouse with animal skins draped in the background at the Riverbend Bluebell Festival.

NEWS

Great Falls Day Celebrated

Visitors learn history of Great Falls community.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Sunday, May 4, residents of Great Falls and visitors had the opportunity to celebrate Great Falls Day at the Great Falls Grange on Georgetown Pike and learn more about the history of the community. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the public assembly hall was built in 1929, a product of the Grange Movement which swept America after the Civil War. The Grange was a symbol of commitment to community involvement and progress, and has been a meeting and special event site throughout its history.

"It is great that people can take the opportunity to go out and meet their neighbors at event like this," said Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust who attended

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Terry Bender brought his organ to play at Great Falls Day at the historic Great Falls Grange on Georgetown Pike. Other attractions included visiting animals from Herndon Frying Pan Farm Park.

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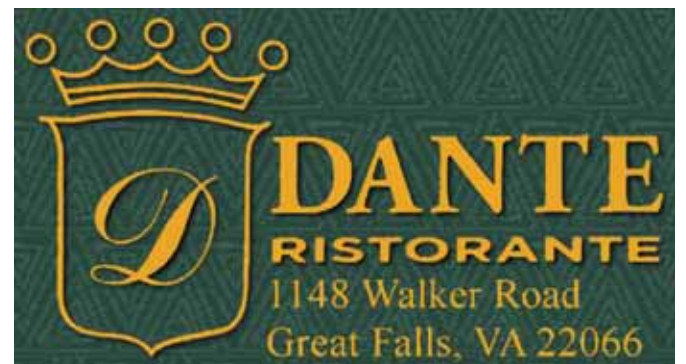
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Starshine Theatre of Great Falls presents its 21st Annual Spring Production, "The Odyssey," based on the ancient Greek epic by Homer. A Cast of talented local students, ages elementary through high school, will portray the colorful characters the great Odysseus met on his 20-year journey home after winning the Trojan War. This original musical drama includes songs and dance/action choreography to complement the epic scholars have called "The best story in 3,000 years." Performance at The Grange Theater, Great Falls, on Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Seats must be reserved in advance by contacting Pat Green Budwig, M.A., Play Director, at 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com.

Blood Drive at Loebig Chiropractic & Rehab a Success

Loebig Chiropractic & Rehab and The American Red Cross hosted a community blood drive in Great Falls at the office of Dr. Glenn Loebig, on Tuesday, April 15 where enough blood was donated to help save the lives of up to 57 hospital patients.

"In our continued efforts to support the community that we call home, we believe that an event such as a blood drive is a great way to pull neighbors together for a common cause. I would like to personally thank everyone who came out to support our efforts," Dr. Glenn Loebig said.

Loebig Chiropractic & Rehab regularly holds community events such as this most recent blood drive.

Those interested in participating in the future can view upcoming events at www.LoebigChiropractic.com.

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OPINION

Yes to the Meals Tax Referendum

Voters could decide on the tax in November.

Economic diversification is worthy goal. All of your eggs shouldn't be in one basket. All of your revenue shouldn't come from one source.

In Fairfax County, adding a meals tax at the same level as Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and the City of Fairfax, 4 percent, could generate \$88 million a year. The county estimates that 25-30 percent of the meals taxes collected would be paid by non-county residents.

The inability to implement alternative revenue sources will mean continued dependence on one basket. The combined increase in the real estate property tax rate and home values

means that most homeowners will be paying hundreds of dollars more in property taxes regardless of their ability to pay.

In Virginia, localities have only the powers explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly. In Northern Virginia, the economic engine of the state, this has translated into heavy dependence on the real estate property tax to fund everything, because localities are allowed few revenue options.

EDITORIAL

Fairfax County has a task force studying the possibility of holding a required referendum to let voters decide on adding a meals tax. It would applied to "ready-to-eat foods and beverages wherever they are sold," but not vending machines.

Former Board Chairman Kate Hanley and former Board Chairman and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis will chair the task force and report back to the Board of Supervisors in mid June. If su-

pervisors approved the referendum, it could appear on the November ballot.

It's interesting that historically, Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly give the thumbs up to authorizing capital improvements to schools, parks and roads via bond sales, but in 1992, voters said no to the meals tax. It will be up to elected officials and advocates for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services to help make the case for the increase.

(Taxing income is a power the Commonwealth of Virginia retains for itself, and it is a mechanism that sends money from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state while forcing Northern Virginia localities to depend on property taxes.)

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BOS Budget Falls Short for FCPS

BY ILRYONG MOON
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
CHAIRMAN

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continues to state that education is its top priority but its actions clearly do not match its words — not when county spending next year will increase by 3.6 percent while Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) budget is projected to increase by just 1.6 percent over last year's adopted budget. Overall, FCPS will receive 52.4 percent of the county's budget, down from 52.7 percent this year. While this percentage change seems small, that equates to more than \$12 million that FCPS would have received.

In his April 22 newsletter to residents, Supervisor Pat Herrity makes several misleading assertions about the FCPS budget. He suggests that the School Board already has available funding to meet the school system's needs, beyond the amount that will be transferred from the county and state. We would like to correct these misperceptions.

Supervisor Herrity suggests increasing the salary "lapse rate" (a salary lapse occurs during a job vacancy). FCPS' budgeted lapse savings are based on historical trends. FCPS has taken several steps to adjust compensation accounts in the FY 2015 budget including using lower salaries to budget for vacant positions and for new positions due to enrollment growth. Whatever is remaining in the compensation accounts, combined with other savings generated throughout the year, go into the ending balance which we use to fund the following year's budget.

Supervisor Herrity suggests eliminating pay raises for administrators to save \$13 million. The cost of providing a step increase for all employees is \$41 million. Of that amount, the cost for the administrative positions in schools is \$1.7 million and central administrators account for \$300,000. To achieve his goal of \$13 million in savings, pay raises would need to be denied to employees who directly serve students including advanced academic resource teachers, work experience teach-

ers, instructional support teachers, school counselors, librarians, audiologists, physical and occupational therapists, English for speakers of languages teachers, professional technical project teachers, public health attendants, public health training assistants, school-based technologists, psychologists, social workers, school clerical, school custodial, and school administration.

Supervisor Herrity also claims that many of our teachers are doing administration instead of teaching. He states that if we "take the total number of students in the school system and divide it by the number of full time equivalent teachers (emphasis added), we should get a class size of 12." As our class size is not as such, he alleges that our teachers must be doing administration. This canard has been raised before by Supervisor Herrity and it is irresponsible for him to continue to deliberately mislead the public by using deceitful teacher-student ratios in his comments. This doesn't result in purposeful conversation, but rather distracts the community

from the real issue of fully funding schools. To clarify once again, "full time equivalent teachers" are much more than classroom teachers. They also include special education teachers, English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers, instructional coaches, speech therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, music, physical education teachers, and more. Although these professionals do not have assigned classrooms, they are all teaching and working directly with students. It takes more than a single classroom teacher to provide a well-rounded and full education for FCPS students.

Moving forward, it's critical in budget discussions that disingenuous arguments are not used to refute or support one's position. This should not be seen as a School Board versus Board of Supervisors debate. We are partners. The School Board will continue to work closely with the Supervisors in an effort to develop long-term sustainable funding for FCPS and to meet the expectations of the community to maintain our world-class school system.

LETTERS

Timely Discussion On Drug Abuse

To the Editor:

Through columns on your newspaper website like "Avoidance Better Than Arrests, Prison, Death" my attention has been drawn to your spotlight on forums focused on drug prevention in high schools. With the increase in use of drugs for recreational use among youths, this is a timely and well-covered issue in your news-

paper.

The drug prevention forum covered by your paper called "Protecting Against the Realities of Substance Abuse," put on by Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together (PROTECT), provides a new approach to talking about drug awareness and prevention that could help parents better understand and approach the

rise in drug culture in youths. By bringing in police officers, former drug users and dealers, and families affected by drugs, parents were able to hear their stories and learn ideas like how to recognize signs earlier that may indicate drug use in their children.

As a former student at the [Madison] high school where the forum was held and as an adult now who has had friends struggle

with drug addictions, I find it extremely important and well received that this topic is being highlighted in your publication. This is an issue in children today that needs to be addressed because prevention of drug use is always better than detection of drug use for all parties involved.

Rebecca Rosen
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Pat Brodowski, Chief Gardener of Monticello (center) spoke about gardening and heirloom seeds at the May 4 Great Falls Day event which was hosted by the Great Falls Historical Society.



National Grange Communications Director Amanda L. Brozana with Kathleen Murphy, Harry Massey, Ernestine Keiser, and President of Virginia State Grange James Taylor at the Great Falls Grange.

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Grange Revisited

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the event. Great Falls Historical Society sponsored the event, which celebrated the 85th anniversary of the dedication and opening of the Great Falls Grange Number 738. Fairfax County Park Authority took responsibility for several displays and contributed historic archives from the Great Falls Grange, and Fairfax County agricultural history. Cate Henderson, a liaison with the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park helped bring some animals from the farm park to the Great Falls Grange. "We are here to represent a local farm that would have benefited from the Grange," said Henderson.

In 1929, the Grange was built for \$12,500 and featured the latest in kitchen and heating equipment. It was one of five grange halls that served the dairy farming community. Dairy farming was the predominant form of agriculture in the county, and Fairfax County was the leading Virginia producer until 1933. The Grange opened doors on May 4, 1929 and served as the center of community life for 52 years.

With declining membership and the dairy farms giving way to suburban development, the Grange and its grounds were sold to the Fairfax Park Authority in 1981. The Great Falls Grange is the last standing unaltered grange hall in Virginia and is listed on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites, with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

Marjorie Lundegard, a resident of Great Falls since 1988 was assisting with a display of old time children's toys at the old schoolhouse. "The community put a lot of energy into this event," said Lundegard. "We just wish more local residents would attend this event."

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SUNDAY/MAY 11

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NEWS

Three Great Falls Scouts Promoted to Eagles

Troop 55 in Great Falls recently announced the advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout of four young men: Patrick Ryan, Conrad Dear, Bennett Molster, and Ryan Withers. These scouts have earned at least 21 merit badges, and have demonstrated scout spirit by living the scout oath and law through years of service and leadership. They have each also planned, organized, led and managed extensive service projects. Patrick Ryan, a sophomore at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, joined the troop in 2009. Patrick spearheaded his Eagle project in August 2013. It entailed the building of a fenced 20' x 40' garden at Camp Fraser in Great Falls. The garden is used by Living Classrooms, Washington D.C., to teach sustainability and to provide underserved city youth population with hands-on outdoor education. Patrick hopes to pursue a career in engineering once he finishes high school.

Conrad Dear, a junior at Langley



From left: Conrad Dear, Patrick Ryan and Ryan Withers.

High School, joined Troop 55 in 2008 when he crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 673. He has enjoyed scouts from the early days as a cub scout to the present day as an Eagle Scout. Conrad lead his Eagle project in Sept 2013. It entailed the building of three portable fly rod racks to support Project Healing Waters, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping wounded veterans through fly fishing. Conrad hopes to pursue a career in the math and science fields.

Bennett Molster, a senior at Langley High School, joined the troop in 2006 and has enjoyed the outdoor trips and being with his friends during the outings. For his Eagle Project, Bennett coordinated the collection of new and gently used DVD's and shipped them to

military personnel stationed overseas and on ships. He has not yet decided which college he will attend but hopes to study Business.

Ryan Withers, a senior at Herndon High, has been with Troop 55 since 2006. He has stayed with scouts because the program teaches excellent life skills and principles. For his Eagle project, Ryan led a team of scouts in building wooden games to be used by St Francis Episcopal Church during their annual Country Fair. The young men also painted several of the existing games that showed signs of aging. Ryan will be studying engineering at Virginia Tech next year and hopes to work on the development of a manufacturing system for automobiles that reduces cost, resources and time.


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Hearing Loss Doesn't Have to be Life-changing

“What?” May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

On any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant causally coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

“Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life,” said Weiner, of Erin’s Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIN WEINER

Speech-language pathologist Erin Weiner holds a therapy session with a young patient in a natural environment.

are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

“Most people don’t realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives,” said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology with two offices in Alexandria. “Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first.”

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treat-

ment can be life-altering. “People come back and say ‘if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,’” said Massa.

EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL. “Hearing loss can affect one’s ability to communicate with and engage others in the community,” said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. “The earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most

important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning.”

Edge points to research from the National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don’t.

There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss. “Is the child responding to their name when the child isn’t looking at you?” asks Weiner. “Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying ‘What?’ a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?”

Weiner, who provides oral, motor articulation, language therapy and auditory processing treatments, said problems with audio processing can often be difficult to diagnose. “You have to determine

if the issue is auditory processing or hearing loss. This can be difficult to distinguish. With auditory processing, someone might keep saying ‘What?’ and they probably heard you, but the message is not getting to their brain.”

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. “At birth we can tell if a child’s hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech,” said Massa.

MASSA SAID THAT the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. “Some of that is due to the fact that we have so many baby boomers,” he said. “Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss.”

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one ear. “With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence,” said Massa. “The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away.”

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Longfellow Middle School students **Aaditya Singh, Franklyn Wang, and William Sun** have qualified to the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) 2014. The USAJMO is an invitation only competition where the MAA invites the top scoring 230 students (10th graders and below across the US) based on a combination of their performance in the AMC-10 and AIME competitions. See more at: <http://www.maa.org/node/79/#USAMO>

Courtney Cross, of Great Falls, graduated from Bishop O'Connell high school. She is a sophomore at Villanova University and was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013.

Matthew Kent, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at Carnegie Mellon University for the fall semester of 2013.

Lindsay Weber, a 2010 gradu-

ate of James Madison High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013 at Radford University.

Julian Kell, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at University of New England for the fall semester of 2013.

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.

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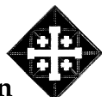
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SPORTS

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Madison's Rachel Brennan, left, scored a goal against the Saints on Monday.



Senior midfielder Alex Condon scored a goal for Madison during the Warhawks' May 5 contest against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.



Senior Katie Kerrigan scored three goals against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on May 5.

Madison Girls' Lax Learns From Season's Toughest Challenge

Warhawks fall to national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

For the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse team, it was a chance to learn from a recent mistake. For the Madison Warhawks, it was a chance to learn from an elite form of competition.

Each team benefited from Monday's private/public matchup of defending state champions. The Saints, however, did so while pulling out a victory.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, a private school powerhouse in Alexandria, improved to 23-1 with a 13-8 victory on its home field. Madison, a public school program in Vienna, trailed by two after Kierra Sweeney's goal with 14:42 remaining in the second half cut the SSSA lead to 8-6, but the Saints responded with five consecutive goals and handed the Warhawks (10-1) their first loss of the season. SSSA scored six of the game's first seven goals, but Madison closed the first half with a 3-0 run, cutting the Saints' lead to 6-4 at halftime. During the break, the Saints made it clear they wanted to avoid a letdown similar to what they experienced against Roland Park Country School (Baltimore) on April 26, when they suffered their lone defeat of the season, 12-11.

"A few weeks ago, we played at Rowland Park and it was kind of the same situation," Saints junior Ellie Majure said. "We walked into halftime kind of with our faces drawn and we were kind of like, 'We're up by a few goals,' and it did not end well for us.

[Today], we went into halftime, we were like, 'This cannot happen again, you need to get pumped up,' and everybody got their adrenaline going and got real excited."

St. Stephen's, the defending VISAA state champion, responded, scoring the first two goals of the second half before pulling away late. Majure led the way with four goals and added an assist. Olivia Mikkelsen, Darby Philbrick and Ellie Carson each scored two goals for the Saints, and Avery Donahoe, Abby Bailey and Sophie Davidson each had one. Donahoe and Philbrick each had two assists.

SSSA head coach Kathy Jenkins, who has amassed more than 600 victories in 39 years with the program, praised the Warhawks, who have won two of the last three VHSL state championships.

"I went to the state finals to watch last year and I was really impressed with their stick skills and how fast they move the ball," Jenkins said. "They're not [a] typical public school [program, where] one girl tries to run it. They move the ball down the field. As you could see, all those passes, kids were breaking. ... I think it's exciting to see the public schools are getting closer to the private. It was a great game. It's too bad more people didn't have an opportunity to see it."

Madison entered Monday's contest with a 10-0 record, with nine wins coming by at least eight goals. The Warhawks' only test came on April 16, when Madison edged Westfield 16-15.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, ranked No. 2 in the nation by laxpower.com, provided Madison with its toughest test to date. The

Warhawks stayed close early in the second half, but eventually fell short against their only private-school opponent of the season.

"I am very proud of my team," Madison head coach Amanda Counts said. "It was a good, hard-fought game. We appreciate the competition. It was fun."

Counts expressed her competitive nature, as well.

"I hate to lose," she said. "I would have really liked to have been the team to beat the Saints. Hopefully there will be other opportunities in the future."

Madison junior Kierra Sweeney finished with three goals and three assists. Sweeney is committed to Dartmouth, where she would play with Davidson and Carson of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

"I think we were really excited to play because they are an extremely, extremely good team," Sweeney said. "I think we played really well and I think it was definitely a learning experience because they are such an elite team, where we can really learn from their motions and their stick skills and the way they play. I'm really proud of the way my team played. I thought we really rose to the challenge and did our best."

Katie Kerrigan, who will play for Ohio State next season, finished with three goals and an assist. Alex Condon and Rachel Brennan each had one goal for the Warhawks.

The Saints will host Holy Child at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Madison will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9.



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Langley sophomore Taylor Hosley, left, and Marshall junior Alexander Stockero battle for the ball during Langley's 3-1 victory on May 1.

Langley Boys' Soccer Beats Marshall

The Langley boys' soccer team defeated Marshall 3-1 on May 1, improving its record to 7-1-2. The Saxons have not lost since dropping their opener against Yorktown on March 19.

Langley will play at Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Marshall will travel to face McLean at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

Langley Tennis Beats Madison

The Langley boys' tennis team defeated Madison 8-1 on May 2.

With its win, Langley finished its season undefeated and first in Conference 6. With its 5-2 record in Conference 6, McLean finished in second place in the conference. Madison, South Lakes, and Yorktown all finished with 4-3 conference records and thus will engage in a three-way playoff this coming week.

In singles action, Langley's Kevin Shen (10-0), James Schenck (10-0), Chase Lewis (10-4), Hammy Abuhamda (10-3) and Nick Smoyer (10-4) each won their respective matches.

The Langley doubles teams of Shen/Abuhamda, Schenck/Lewis and Smoyer/Stavros Kontzias also won.



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Senior midfielder Sepehr Harandi and the Langley boys' soccer team beat Marshall 3-1 on May 1.



Rita Parks and Justine Verheul pose for a photo at the Haddad ballet studio in Great Falls. Both will be in the May production of 'Alice In Wonderland.'



Students at the Haddad studio, including Serena Karam, will be in a ballet production of 'Alice In Wonderland' on May 11 at the Madeira School.

'Alice' Comes to Madeira

Haddad Studio of Classical Ballet presents 'Alice In Wonderland' on May 11.

BY RYAN DUNN
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The girls gain an opportunity to enjoy performing and dance before an audience of people," said Margaret Haddad. "This time the show is 'Alice In Wonderland'." Since 1962 Margaret A. Haddad has taught the Nicholai Legat method of Russian Classical Ballet across the globe in locations including England, Lebanon, Kenya. In 1987, Haddad opened her studio in Great Falls. There, talented young people learn the Legat Syllabus, emphasizing grace, unison and discipline.

Haddad was one of the first English students accepted to the Legat School of Russian Ballet which was developed by Nadine Nicolaeva and Nicolai Legat. Located in Scotland, the Russian Ballet Society is committed to preserving and maintaining the Classical Russian Ballet style and the Legat System via teaching and examination qualification exams.

As an adult, Haddad moved frequently and was grateful her ballet education at the Legat School enabled her to have a career as a ballet instructor. "When I left Nairobi, I had 500 students," said Haddad. "I carry on doing what I was taught to do... the girls have to have a love of ballet in order to participate." Haddad runs a school that emphasizes good character traits, as well as ballet skills.

In addition to studio practice, the Haddad studio has two big shows, a winter performance of "The Nutcracker," and a spring show. Previous spring shows covered the Snow Queen, Bambi, and Sleeping Beauty. "We follow the story completely," said Haddad. The ballet begins with Alice played by Claire



Rita Parks, Margaret Haddad and Justine Verheul at the Haddad ballet studio in Great Falls. Both Parks and Verheul have been taking the teacher training program at the Haddad studio.

Banducci falling through the rabbit hole. In the second act, Alice goes to the tea party and meets the Queen of Hearts (Justine Verheul) and the Duchess (Sarah Parks).

The spring ballet show is set for Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will be held at the Madeira School at 8328 Georgetown Pike McLean. The shows have a cast of 65 persons, with some students having up to three or four characters. "I am just excited to be on stage again," said Justine Verheul, who has been taking the teacher training program at the studio.

Rita Parks, a resident of McLean organized and prepared the costumes for this show. "My daughter has been dancing since she was four and I have been helping with costumes for nine years," said Parks. "This is the second time my daughter has preformed in 'Alice', so it is exciting to see her in a bigger role." This will also be her daughter's final performance with the studio. "We want to have the same impact on others as Mrs. Haddad," said Sarah Parks.

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A Tale of Two Seasons



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It is not the best of times, nor is it the worst of times; it is, simply put: the time between the end of winter and the beginning of summer. It is the season known as spring, but more to the point of this column, it is the time when, if the weather cooperates/accommodates, I won't need to turn the heat or the air conditioning on in my house. I will instead be able to ride the wave, so to speak, and not incur any post-winter/pre-summer utility bills. Possibly, I might even be able to pay off my oil-heating budget bill balance for the 2013/2014 season – before the 2014/2015 budget cycle begins, and hopefully not have to cool down the house at the same time – due to an early summer – so that on the day my oil-heating bill is due, it won't be competing for cash with my upstart electric/air conditioning bill for money not well spent and for money hardly in abundance.

As difficult and challenging as our most recent winter has been, and as hot and humid as our summers typically are, I (like many others I'm sure), would certainly appreciate a break/brake in my cash flowing out and instead enjoy its staying power – in my bank. Not that it earns any interest idling as it does there; nevertheless, its presence in my checking account without immediately being in demand would create a sense of solvency, false though it may be (and a temporary sensation at that), and likely make a positive contribution to my seasonal situation. I don't mind being thrown a bone once in a while.

Moreover, given the circumstances and reality of living in the never-enough-resources world, any discount, reduction or delay, real or imagined, in the ongoing and recurring utility bills, would be a most welcome improvement. If the heat and air conditioning indeed stayed off, and I didn't need to be warm any more than I needed to be cool, I'm sure I could make the adjustment. Paying less probably wouldn't be a hardship. I'm not too proud to admit it, though I'm not begging.

I'm not asking for a multi-month sojourn from my utility bill reality. I'm just asking for a month. One month where I could stop the bleeding and possibly pay forward to get ahead rather than pay backward to not be in arrears. I don't believe I'm asking for a lot. And neither do I think I'm being greedy. However, I agree it may be wishful thinking. Nevertheless, it's a request worth making. And as unpredictable – respectfully speaking, not criticizing – as the weather can be, a little help would go a long way; in dollars and in sense. Otherwise, I might have a dickens of a time paying for heat AND air conditioning in the same month. Then it would be the worst of times.

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