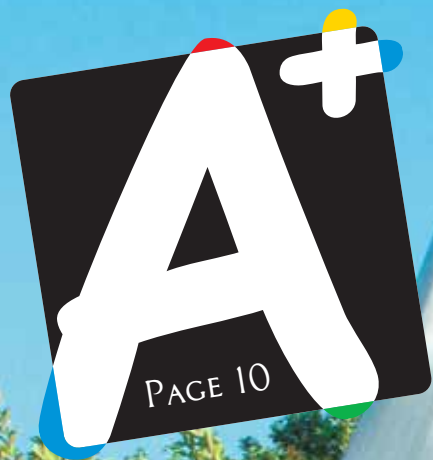


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View of pedestrian entrance at Wiehle-Reston East Station.

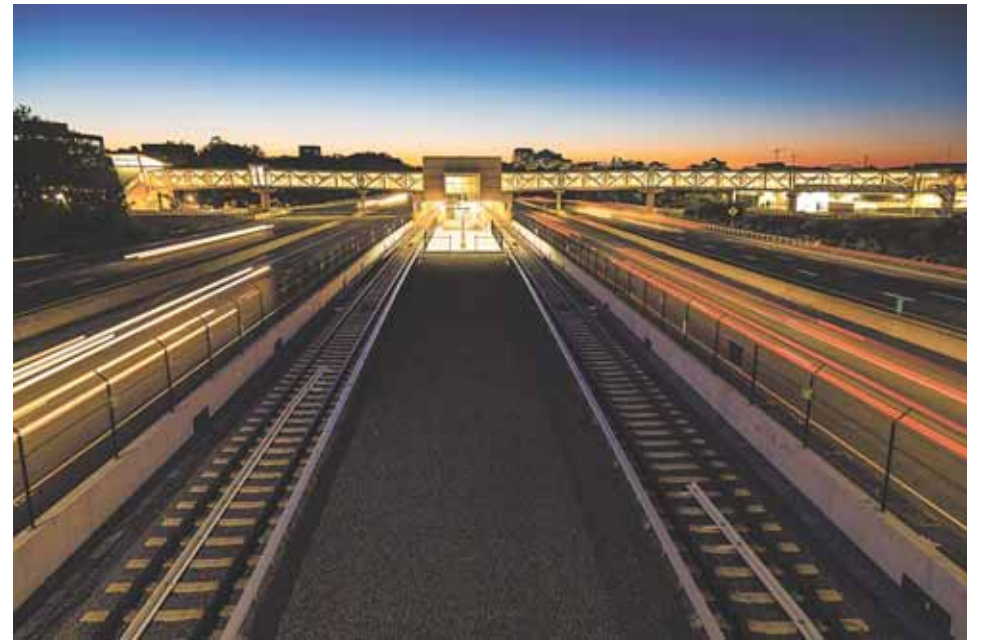


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Exterior of Wiehle-Reston East Station at night looking west.

Silver Line Opening Soon

WMATA not ready to make official announcement yet.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority isn't ready to say when the first phase of the Silver Line will open.

Officially, WMATA has 90 days from when the stations were transferred to its control on May 27, meaning it must be open by Aug. 25 at the latest.

But service can start sooner.

"Since then, we've been working diligently towards the opening, but there is no date for the opening yet," said Metro spokesperson Caroline Laurin. "We still have a couple of weeks to go before anything is officially announced."

Phase I will mark the opening of the McLean, Tysons Corner, Greensboro, Spring Hill and Wiehle-Reston East stations.

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, who is also a WMATA Principal Director, said her office is preparing information for commuters and other stakeholders in Reston. She also noted that Fairfax Connector has added new Silver Line-related

routes and hired more than 20 drivers.

"Is any community ever ready for a once in a generation change?" she said in an email. "Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning has just completed a four year master plan process for the transit areas. Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed 11 of 29 Metrorail station area transportation improvements - bus stops, sidewalks and trails, intersection improvements - with several more completions coming up shortly."

OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS are keeping an eye out for the opening date.

"We are still waiting for confirmation whether the Inaugural Run will launch at Wiehle Avenue station, with the ribbon-cut there and then a ride through Tysons," said Tysons Partnership Executive Director Michael Caplin in an email. "We need more details about whether the train will or will not stop as it passes through Tysons - and thus our own planning remains 'in development.'"

The Tysons Corner urban center has been preparing for the opening by planning for

more residential developments. The population is expected to reach 100,000 in the next 35 years, and new construction will double the square footage that exists vertically to accommodate for them. To take advantage of D.C. area residents using the Silver Line, Tysons Partnership created a series of inaugural events, including the BBQ, Bourbon and Beer Festival on September 20, to give people a reason to come to a place currently considered a business center.

The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority announced that the Silver Line reached "substantial completion" in May. However, just a year ago, MWAA pushed the opening date from last December to this February after the original plan's September 2013 substantial completion goal snagged an eight week delay.

IN FEBRUARY, MWAA rejected a notice of substantial completion after seven of 12 key criteria - including incomplete testing and documentation security verifications - had not been met by Dulles Transit Partners.

"Is any community ever ready for a once in a generation change?"

— Supervisor Catherine Hudgins
(D-Hunter Mill)

As WMATA gets closer to figuring out when the official opening will be, employees are getting trained. The Metro Transit Police had a training session with local police at the Wiehle-Reston East Station on June 1 to test emergency scenarios, according to a press release.

"The goal of the exercise is to build coordination and provide an opportunity to practice unified command in preparation for the opening of the Silver Line, which includes a number of jurisdictions who share responsibility for the areas surrounding the five new Metrorail stations," according to the press release.

There will also be a free seminar today, June 18, at the Tysons Corner Marriott to educate new Silver Line employees about their incentives. One such incentive includes \$50 Fairfax County commuter benefit.

New information about the Silver Line can be found at <http://silverlinemetro.com/>.

WEEK IN McLEAN

Chesterbrook Elementary Donates Food to SHARE

In partnership with Food Bus, Inc (a nonprofit founded by a Chesterbrook parent, <http://foodbus.org>) the school community donated 1, 770 pounds of food and milk this past school year to a local food pantry, SHARE of McLean. Add that to last year's total, and Chesterbrook has taken almost 4,000 pounds of food to SHARE during its collaboration with Food Bus.

After each lunch period, instead of throwing uneaten/unused food in the trash, it is placed in the cafeteria refrigerator. On Fridays a parent volunteer comes to collect the food and milk and deliver it to SHARE.

The children are happy to help reduce the food waste and assist the hungry in their community.

AAUW Announces Used Book Collections

McLean AAUW Annual Used Book Collections - in preparation for its 45th Annual Used Book Sale to be held Sept. 19-21 - will be held 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 21, July 19 and, Aug. 9 at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna.

Highly desirable contributions include musical CDs as well as DVDs of television series and movies; recent editions of histories, including military histories, biographies, political analyses, gardening, health, general literature and business and economics books. We also need travel books published since 2009 and, as always, we need treasured collectibles and special art books, mystery stories, children's and general interest adult books.

Sale proceeds support the professional development and scholarships for women.

Questions: aauwbookfair@gmail.com; Tel: 703-527-4206

Celebrate Virginia to Meet June 23

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia will meet Monday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group will be finalizing plans for their Aug. 24 event commemorating the bicentennial of the burning of the nation's Capitol during the War of 1812. Roger Mudd will be the Honorary Chair and the event will be free of charge. If interested in knowing more then contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

**Mahfuz Ahmed**

Governor McAuliffe Appoints Mahfuz Ahmed to GMU Board of Visitors

Mahfuz Ahmed, founder and CEO of Digital Intelligence Systems, LLC (DISYS), a leading global technology services firm, has been appointed to the Board of Visitors (BOV) for George Mason University by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Board of Visitors of George Mason University was established in April 1972 by an act of the General Assembly after the university became an independent institution. The Board of Visitors exercises its authority principally in policy-making and oversight. Members of the Board serve four-year terms. Among Governor McAuliffe's goals for the latest appointees in their roles is to use their positions to draw upon their experiences and networks to "prudently...manage our colleges and universities...to find cost efficiencies in order to keep tuition rates as low as possible and to embrace innovation...to prepare every Virginia student to compete in a 21st century economy."

An alumnus of George Mason University, Ahmed's professional background along with his understanding of the local greater Washington D.C. market, enables him to provide insight and consultation to the Board of Visitors and fellow members of the Board.

In 2011, Ahmed was applauded by former Virginia Governor McDonnell for his trailblazing efforts to continue to rejuvenate and grow the local job market around the company's corporate headquarters in McLean. As a result of his efforts, DISYS was inducted into the Virginia Jobs Investment Program, a workforce incentive provided by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance (VDBA).

"I am honored to be appointed to the Board of Visitors (BOV) for George Mason University by Governor McAuliffe," said Ahmed. "Graduating from George Mason University was truly the launch pad of my career. Since my beginnings, I have been driven by the desire to achieve to my highest potential, and it has always been a central part of my leadership approach to inspire involvement and integrity in my employees and those around us. I look forward to the privilege of lending my experience to improve the management and accessibility of colleges and universities in Virginia, and continue to positively impact the surrounding community and state."

NEWS

Sounds of Summer in McLean

Summer exercise and concert series for those in the know.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Pease, love and rock 'n roll meet at the corner of Laughlin and Lowell avenues once a week.

One of McLean's best kept secrets is the free Saturday morning tai chi session followed by an evening of music from local talent.

"We were at the McLean Hardware store when we heard the music," said resident Elizabeth Davis. "Two summers ago, we went to a bunch of them. They aren't well advertised."

Davis brought her son to watch the DC-area blues band Scott Ramminger & the CrawStickers jam in the fountain area of the Palladium Civic Place Green, where metal pipes and sheets spiral and bend to create public art.

Like clockwork nearly every week this summer until Sept. 20, Maria Spearman will teach tai chi and balance from 8 to 9 a.m. and free live music will entertain from 5 to 7 p.m. Those in the know or who happened to be in the area brought lawn chairs, a picnic dinner or just relaxed in the sunshine as the music played.

People trickled in and out, bringing chil-



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

People trickled into the Palladium Civic Place Green to watch Scott Ramminger & the CrawStickers Saturday.

dren or dogs, but plenty of space on the benches or in the grass was available throughout the free event.

McLean resident Jennifer Lipsey brought her family after hearing about the event online. She said she went to a past event years ago.

"We thought blues sounded appealing," she said. "It's a nice day, and we have two young kids who want to be outside."

Some residents have been coming to the

weekly summer concerts for years, like Rebecca Horahan. She and her husband brought folding chairs to enjoy the music from under a shady tree.

"It's a nice setting and the music is always good," she said. "We go to a few of the events every year."

To find out whether the Saturday morning tai chi session will take place or which band is playing in the evening, visit <http://members.mcleanchamber.org/events>.

MPA Honored for Partnership with Schools

On May 29, McLean Project for the Arts was awarded the Fairfax County Public Schools Blue Ribbon Community Partner award (its highest award for nonprofit partners) for their work with the schools through MPA's ArtReach program.

MPA takes its ArtReach program into the schools reaching every member of the student body, including special education students. Their resident artist in the schools focuses on special programs and extended learning activities. January through March, MPA also features docent-led gallery tours for elementary school students, including hands-on art activities. Both in-school and in-gallery programs demonstrate art principles and incorporate many of the concepts included in the SOLs. MPA provides free bus transportation to its galleries to Title 1 schools, schools designated by Fairfax County Public Schools as "at-risk" schools with large numbers of English as second language students or students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.



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From left — Ed Long, County Executive, Fairfax County; John G. Cook, Braddock District Supervisor; Janie Strauss, FCPS school board member; Sharon Fishel, MPA ArtReach Director; Nancy Perry, MPA Executive Director; Krista Vita, MPA Development Director; George Sachs, MCC Executive Director; Chad Quinn, MCC Governing Board Chair; Karen Garza, Superintendent of Fairfax County Schools; and Ilryong Moon, Chairman, Fairfax County School Board.

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FAITH

McLean Church Welcomes New Minister

On June 29, The Hunger Church, Charles Wesley United Methodist, will welcome a new minister, Rev. Livingstone S. Dore.

Rev. Dore was born on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Lebanon Valley College and a Master of Divinity from Drew University in New Jersey. He was ordained an Elder in the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Before coming to Virginia, he served churches in the Central Pennsylvania Conference from 1993 – 2003. His last appointment was in Hershey, Pa. He has been serving appointments in Virginia since September 2003. His appointments included Ramsey Memorial UMC (Richmond District) and Chamberlayne Heights UMC (formerly of the Ashland District, now the Richmond District).

Rev. Dore's passion for ministry focuses on preaching and teaching as well as mission and outreach. He is currently serving on the Conference's Church Development Team and on the Small Church Leadership Team.

Along with serving the church, Rev. also served in the Richmond community in various capacities, including as a Member Board of Directors – The Rotary Club of Richmond. He also served as a member of Board of Directors (Staff Development Team) – Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People (CAPUP), Richmond.

His wife, Michele, currently works as a Tax Manager for Ernst & Young. She specializes in Tax Regulatory and Compliance and fiduciary taxes. The Dore family have two children. Their son, Leon, is a medical doctor completing his residency in Tampa, Fla. Their daughter, Miranda, is a Legal Assistant/Project Manager for a law office in Washington, D.C.

The members and friends of the Hunger Church extend a warm welcome to Rev. Dore and his family. They hope that members of the McLean community will join them in welcoming Rev. Dore during a worship service this summer or fall. The Hunger Church is located at 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Weekly worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by an informal reception at 11:30 a.m. More information can be found at www.thehungerchurch.org

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From left: Sally Horn, president of MCA; Kathryn Crandall; Frank Crandall and Merrily Pierce, co-chairs of the Environment, Parks, & Recreation Committee of MCA; Jane Edmondson, chief of staff of the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office; Mark Zetts, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee of MCA; and Sue King, MTF Board member.

McLean Trees Foundation Honors Joyce Crandall

During a recent volunteer workday, the McLean Trees Foundation (MTF) planted two native Fringetrees and one American Hornbeam tree along Chain Bridge Road in Lewinsville Park in memory of McLean resident Joyce Crandall. Donations from the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) and

others funded the purchase and planting of the trees. The trees mark the entrance to Lewinsville Park and enhance the natural gateway to the business and residential community of McLean.

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OPINION

More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

In Northern Virginia, affordable housing means more than human services or helping those who are less fortunate. It means more than housing the chronically homeless, although that is not optional.

In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to economic health, based on housing the workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can't afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, creating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropolitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is \$1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about \$60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive than the region.

Consider for example, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food service industry who earn on average \$470 weekly, or less than \$25,000 a year. (Employment statistics from Virginia Employment Commission.)

In Arlington, there are more than 15,400

workers in accommodations and food service, with an average weekly wage of \$491, or \$25,500 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of \$426 weekly or an annual income of just over \$22,000.

These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents are climbing.

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report:

"The region's new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than \$1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at \$2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than \$200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over \$600,000."

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of \$39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of \$18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of \$22,500.

EDITORIALS

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it's important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great boom in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future.

—MARY KIMM

Call for Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

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LETTERS

Virginia Way Behind

To the Editor:

Congressman Gerry Connolly is to be commended for his Opinion piece ["Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards," Connection, June 11-17, 2014]. He illuminates the dark side of the message being sent by others that would rather the energy status quo be maintained while harming our health by polluting our water and air. We have a long way to go to move our energy generation away from fossil fuels to clean energy. The Commonwealth of Virginia is way behind our neighboring states and the new EPA regulations could help move Virginia forward. Governor McAuliffe and Senator Warner need to stand up and support the new EPA rules and encourage their utility friends to get on with the change directed by the EPA carbon standards, which will improve our health and our environment.

Susan Stillman
Vienna

Transitioning to Summer

BY AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FACETS



Summer is a time of change — always welcomed by students. The break during the hottest months gives a chance for kids to de-stress and prepare for their next grade on their short path to adulthood.

After five summers at FACETS, I've had the opportunity to watch many children make this transition. What's fun for kids though, can be a huge struggle for their parents. Finding appropriate and affordable care, providing enough meals during the day, and incurring the extra costs of entertaining children can be an enormous challenge for families that FACETS serves.

Everyday FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors to people who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County and City, meets families who are vulnerable emergency shelter, food and medical needs, helps them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the

cycle of homelessness and poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Through our Education and Community Development Program — which operates out of four affordable housing communities, we offer innovative programming at the community centers as a way to engage and strengthen families. To ensure that children in the communities are busy, learning, and eating, we provide an expanded program in the summer. We take field trips, have activities and workshops, host honor roll parties, and play games and music.

We also rely on older children to help with programming, giving them leadership roles. For instance, we send teen clients to the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Conference leadership program. They return from this excellent leadership program and produce a series of summer activities and workshops for the younger kids in the community. Having these older youth — most of whom have experienced pov-

erty — take leadership roles is transformative for them.

It's watching these transformations in our youngest clients that I have enjoyed most in my time at FACETS. As I too start a life transition to a new position with Wider Opportunities for Women, a national nonprofit that works on pathways to economic security and equality, I see the growth in these children and know that the FACETS' team and its corps of volunteers are changing the trajectory for these families. I also see a county that cares about its people and is diligently working to address poverty and end homelessness. Along with my colleagues, peers and partners, I know that we have made measurable progress in reducing the number of people who are waiting for shelter and services.

Best of all, I know that summers will be a time that brings fun and memories to more kids in Fairfax County. I leave FACETS in capable hands, understanding that more children will transition through summer to a successful new school year ... and ultimately a life with more and better choices.

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Retired Educators Honor McLean Senior

Elizabeth McCune, a senior at McLean High School, speaks after being honored with a scholarship by the Fairfax County Retired Educators on June 12. McCune will be attending Stanford University this fall. "I will always continue to learn so that I am knowledgeable and masterly among my subject's contemporaries in order to provide students high caliber instruction," she said.

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After the tassels have been turned and the diplomas received, it is usually time for a graduation celebration. Whether you're shopping for someone who is heading to college or venturing out into the workforce, choosing a present for the graduate in your life can be perplexing, but local tastemakers are here to help, offering suggestions for graduation presents that range from the practical to the sentimental.

Leather goods, such as a well-made key chain, journal or passport holder are also gifts that will not only be treasured, but will come in handy long after the pomp and circumstance of the big day are over.

“Nest Fragrances has a line of scents that young people love . . . especially beach and bamboo.”

Reminders of the college the graduate attended or will attend can make cheerful presents. "Collegiate products make great gifts," said Randy Fabian, manager of The Dandelion Patch in Reston



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Town Center and Vienna. "There are platters, wine glasses and koozies for not only Virginia colleges, but a lot of schools outside of Virginia. They could be a commemorative item for a college graduate or a gift for someone who is heading off to college."

candle or diffuser, which can add a touch of elegance to a first apartment or dorm room. "Nest Fragrances has line of scents that young people love ... especially beach and bamboo," said Brown.

Backpacks, overnight bags and totes make practical gifts for new graduates, perfect for a quick trip

home or a first business trip. "Fun graphic totes are a great gift for grads," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Perfect for travel, the gym or toting things around campus, they are something every grad can use."

Fabian said that Scout bags (www.scoutbags.com), which

come in an array of colors, sizes and styles, are easy to clean and appropriate for a wide variety of lifestyles.

Don't forget jewelry, which can last for a lifetime: "Personalized items like our initial pendant necklaces make a great gift and can serve as a remembrance of the

graduate's special day," said Thomas.

For high school graduates, consider warm pajamas or cozy throws for chilly dorm rooms. Also, “Kate Spade makes nice desk sets that are a bit jazzier than your average desk, and would add a nice touch to a dorm room,” said Fabian.



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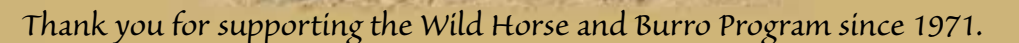


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McLean High Juniors Receive Awards from AAUW McLean Area Branch

Eliza Price and Hye In (Lauren) Yeom, both juniors at McLean High School, were recognized at an awards ceremony on May 20 by the McLean Area Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Price, who received the AAUW McLean Area Branch Math Achievement Award, is a member of the Math Honor Society, Computer Science Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. She has been encouraged in her studies by her family, including her father who is a statistician and her mother who worked in corporate finance. Price plans to continue her pursuit of a STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) field in college by majoring in engineering, math, or computer science.

Yeom was the recipient of the AAUW McLean Area Branch Science Achievement Award based on her accomplishments in biology, chemistry, and physics. This year she won first place in McLean High School's Science and Engineering



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Eliza Price, second from left, and Lauren Yeom, second from right, juniors at McLean High School, are shown receiving their academic achievement awards from the McLean Area Branch of AAUW. The awards were presented by Peg Stotz, far right, incoming co-president of the McLean Area Branch, and Judy Page, far left, STEM coordinator for the branch.

Fair and received Honorable Mention at the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair. Yeom was also recognized with a President's Volunteer Award for tutoring elementary school children in academic subjects including science. After high school, she plans to major in biology or chemistry and would like to attend medical school.

The selection of the students

was coordinated by Dawn Allison, Career Center Specialist at McLean High School. The students were selected by a McLean High School committee, following an application process by the students. The awards presentation was made by Peg Stotz, incoming co-president of the McLean Area Branch, and Judy Page, STEM coordinator for the branch.



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FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS



Tina Woolston, of McLean, in her art studio with some of her students painting canvases for Father's Day presents. Left to right - Isabel Woolston, Avery Perez, Lexie Perez, Eliza Young and Sophie Kee.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Summer on the Green Concert. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Bring chairs and blankets to come hear the Nitehawks Swing Band. No alcoholic beverages allowed; recommended pets be left at home.

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58. www.wolftrap.org/

Great Falls Library Drop-In Chess. 1-5 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play chess. All skill levels and ages welcome. 703-757-8560.

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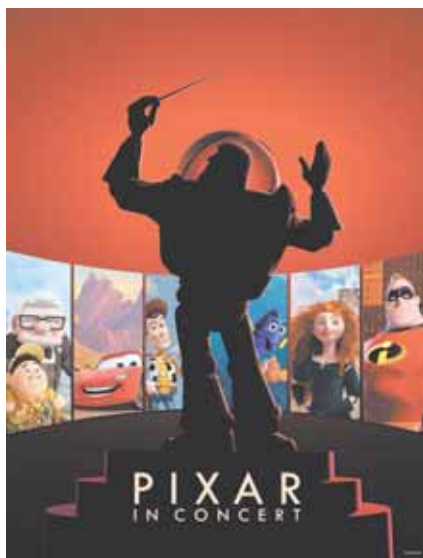
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SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Dance to Fight Alzheimer's. 10 a.m.-7:45 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Dance workshops and dance practice, various styles. Donations, silent auction, refreshments in support of The Longest Day (Alzheimer's Assoc). Attire is ballroom casual, everyone is welcome. 703-759-2685, stepandswingforelaine@gmail.com or www.colvinrun.org.

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38. www.wolftrap.org/

Craig Bukowski's Ballroom Dance at Colvin Run. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.



Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra on June 20 as Wolf Trap presents Pixar in Concert.

Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. First hour – quick step lesson with Craig. Join your neighbors and make new friends. \$15. 703-759-2685.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great

Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 a.m. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Early on Saturday mornings you'll find a gathering of cool cars – antique, custom, hotrods, exotic, sports cars, they're all here. 703-759-2759.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Summer on the Green Concert. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Bring chairs and blankets to come hear the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters.

Intro to Kayaking. 12-12:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn about different kayaks, paddles and safety gear; on the water, learn to move the boat in every direction. Ages 12+. \$28-\$43. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks>.

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MONDAY/JUNE 23 – JULY 9

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MONDAY/JUNE 23

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia Meeting. 5:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Finalizing plans for the August 24th commemoration of the bicentennial of the burning of the nation's Capitol during the War of 1812. 703-356-8223.

Tiny Tot Time. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave, McLean. Songs, rhymes and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Let's Go Camping. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave, McLean. How many animals will fit into a canoe? Join us for camping stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

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Varsity Squad 2014 Wins Langley Alumni Game

The 2014 Varsity Langley High School squad (with a little help from some veterans) used a walk-off HR in the seventh to squeeze past the Alumni squad in a slugfest (15-13) at the Third Annual Langley H.S. Alumni Game held on Saturday, May 31 at Nike Fields. The game is part of the Celebrate Great Falls spring weekend of activities.



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SPORTS

McLean Baseball Falls to Western Branch in State Semifinals

Highlanders finish 2014 season with 15-12 record.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Senior pitcher Joey Sullivan stood with tears in his eyes, praising his teammates for how they responded to a slump in the second half of the season.

Head coach John Dowling credited his players for making his first year with the program a successful one.

Junior catcher Caleb Beatty said the Highlanders are capable of doing it all again next season.

The McLean baseball team ended the 2014 campaign with a 5-4 loss to Western Branch in the 6A state semifinals on June 14 at Robinson Secondary School. Trailing by two runs entering the seventh inning, the Highlanders put the tying run in scoring position, but fell short.

"That's a gutsy performance by our team," Dowling said. "We got beat by a good baseball team."

Western Branch would defeat Chantilly the following day to win the state championship.



McLean senior Joey Sullivan pitched in his final game for the Highlanders on June 14.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

While McLean battled, the Highlanders ultimately fell victim to their own mistakes.

Western Branch's first run came on a double steal in the second inning, tying the score at 1-all. With two outs in the inning, an attempt to throw out the runner heading for second base allowed the runner at third to score.

In the bottom of the third, Western Branch second baseman Kyle Butler hit a foul pop up that was dropped by McLean for an error. Butler would capitalize on his second chance, hitting a triple to right-center on the next pitch. No. 9 batter Jordan Mason followed with an RBI double and the Bruins were ahead 2-1.

With two outs and the score tied at 3-all in the bottom of the sixth, Western Branch shortstop Kyle McPherson hit a fly ball to right field that was misplayed into a two-run double, giving the Bruins a 5-3 advantage.

DESPITE THE MISTAKES, the Highlanders kept it close.

Trailing 3-1 in the top of the sixth, McLean designated hitter Grady Paine led off with a double and third baseman Jesse Jones followed with a single, giving the Highlanders runners at the corners with no outs. First baseman Jon Clines would drive in a run with a groundout to second, and Jones would score on a wild pitch, tying the game at 3. Left fielder Matt Bielamowicz delivered a two-out single to center, but Evan Blake, representing the potential go-ahead run, was thrown out at the plate trying to score. On the play, Western Branch catcher Devon Fisher, a 20th-round selection of the Boston Red Sox in the 2014 MLB draft, knocked Blake to the ground with the tag and stared at the Highlander right fielder while standing over him.

"The catcher came in pretty hot and that's unfortunate," Dowling said. "[Western Branch head] coach [Roland] Wright apologized to me after the game and wanted me [and] our kids to know that that's not the

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Highlanders Look Forward to 'Do It Again'

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type of program he's built there. My issue with it was the catcher standing over the player and dropping the ball. That's the umpire's discretion whether or not he stays in the baseball game. Certainly, the kid's safety needs to be paramount and that's not behavior that we condone."

Trailing 5-3 in the seventh, Beatty drove in a run with a double. After a walk to Paine, McLean had runners at first and second with one out, but the Highlanders failed to tie the score.

Sullivan, who will pitch for Virginia Tech, suffered the loss on Saturday, allowing five runs — four earned — and six hits in six innings. He walked three and struck out six.

Beatty went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Paine, Blake, Bielamowicz, sophomore shortstop Conor Grammes, and senior Ben Clines each had one hit for McLean.

McLean finished the season with a 15-12 record. The Highlanders started the year strong, winning their first five games and eight of their first 10. McLean stumbled after an 8-2 start, however, losing seven of its next eight.

With a 9-9 record, the Highlanders managed to turn things around, winning six of seven to reach the 6A North region championship game. McLean finished region runner-up to Chantilly.



Sophomore shortstop Conor Grammes and the McLean baseball team fell short against Western Branch in the 6A state semifinals on June 14.

During the postseason, Sullivan allowed just one run in three elimination-game starts, throwing complete-game shutouts against South Lakes (Conference 6 quarterfinals) and Oakton (opening round of regionals). The senior right-hander allowed one run against Madison in the region semifinals, helping to secure the Highlanders' first trip to a region final in program history.

"As a team, I couldn't be prouder of these guys," Sullivan said. "From where we were at one point at the end of the season, those two or three weeks where we were doing awful — it just seemed like nobody wanted

to be there — and then we got to the state semis, which is something (we've) always dreamed of. We were a couple inches away from going to the state championship and competing for that."

DOWLING, who coached at Lee High School before coming to McLean, led the Highlanders to their deepest postseason run in his initial season.

"Our kids responded extremely well to adversity all year — and we certainly met some adverse conditions there for a while — but we figured it out," Dowling said. "We knew the first eight games of the season

were the baseball team that we had, and the team that could go out and compete every single night and they did that for seven innings today — they competed.

"... We were very, very fortunate to inherit a talented group of kids and they played their butts off for us this season. Everybody likes to look at the coach because he's around for a while, but the kids are the ones that win baseball games."

Beatty, Grammes, Jon Clines, and outfielder Matt Collins figure to be McLean's top returning athletes next season.

"I think we can do it again," Beatty said. "We've done it once, why can't we do it again?"



McLean senior Jesse Jones (24) scores a run on a wild pitch in the sixth inning of the Highlanders' 6A state semifinal matchup against Western Branch on June 14.

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A Dream Come True, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

(Not a cancer column, by the way.)

Growing up in the 60s, if you loved sports, as I did/still do, you spent hours listening to games on a transistor radio. There certainly wasn't "Cable" television back then; heck, there wasn't even color television, let alone "HD," "interactive," or whatever else television technology has evolved into. And of course, there were no "big screen" television sets either. We had a 19" Zenith black and white television and we received three channels: 4, 5 and 7 (in Boston), and as much as sports was/is important in Boston/New England, viewing options, given the limited VHF/UHF band frequencies, meant listening to games on radio – AM radio. Games were regularly televised on weekends, more so if the home team was playing on the road.

As the decades have passed, so too have transistor radios, black and white televisions and limited viewing on only three channels. Between "Cable," computers, and more recently, the introduction of hand-held devices, access to and familiarity with sports has grown exponentially. Add in the explosion of sports-talk radio and the abundance of sports-themed content on television (regardless of whether the games are at home or on the road) and one could be in his "man cave" for hours on end "channeling" his – or her – passion, for any team, in any city, at almost any time.

I don't have a "man cave," but I do have a passion. Annually, I buy the MLB Baseball package so I can watch my beloved Boston Red Sox whenever and wherever they play. It is not the bane of my existence, it is quite the opposite; it is my *raison d'être*, if truth be told. And instinctively, whenever I'm in the car driving somewhere, if the Orioles or Nationals are playing, I am listening to them on radio, as a long-time habit. It conjures images, memories and dreams of a lifetime (adolescence, really) stretching back over 50 years: Curt Gowdy, Ned Martin and Ken Coleman on radio for the Red Sox, the legendary Johnny Most for the Celtics and Fred Cusick and Bob Wilson for the Bruins. I hung on their every word nightly during the week, and afternoons on weekends; typically when their games were played. What I heard affected my life – to this day. As a result (partially), I am a "sports" guy. Not a "tool" guy. Not a "car" guy. Not a "do-it-yourself/fixer-upper" guy. Nor am I any other category of "guy" you know of or can think of. "I yam what I yam." Though I've never been a sailor man, either.

And as a "sports" guy, my dream was to play in the Major Leagues for the Boston Red Sox. As much as I practiced, it didn't happen (although I did play for the Little League Red Sox from 1964–67, ages 9–12). But through the staying power of radio – and the frequency of baseball games (162-game schedule) – I have realized my dream of playing in the Major Leagues, or at least hearing my last name called during Major League games.

There is a player for the Toronto Blue Jays named Brett Lawrie, an infielder, third baseman, mostly. When the announcers call his last name, it sounds nearly identical to mine, Lourie. And when I hear his name called on radio by Oriole's radio voices, Joe Angel and Jim Hunter (the Blue Jays were in town this past weekend for a four-game series), it almost brings a tear to my eyes. Obviously it's not me they're "calling," but it sure sounds like it. And for that moment, my dream seems like a reality.

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