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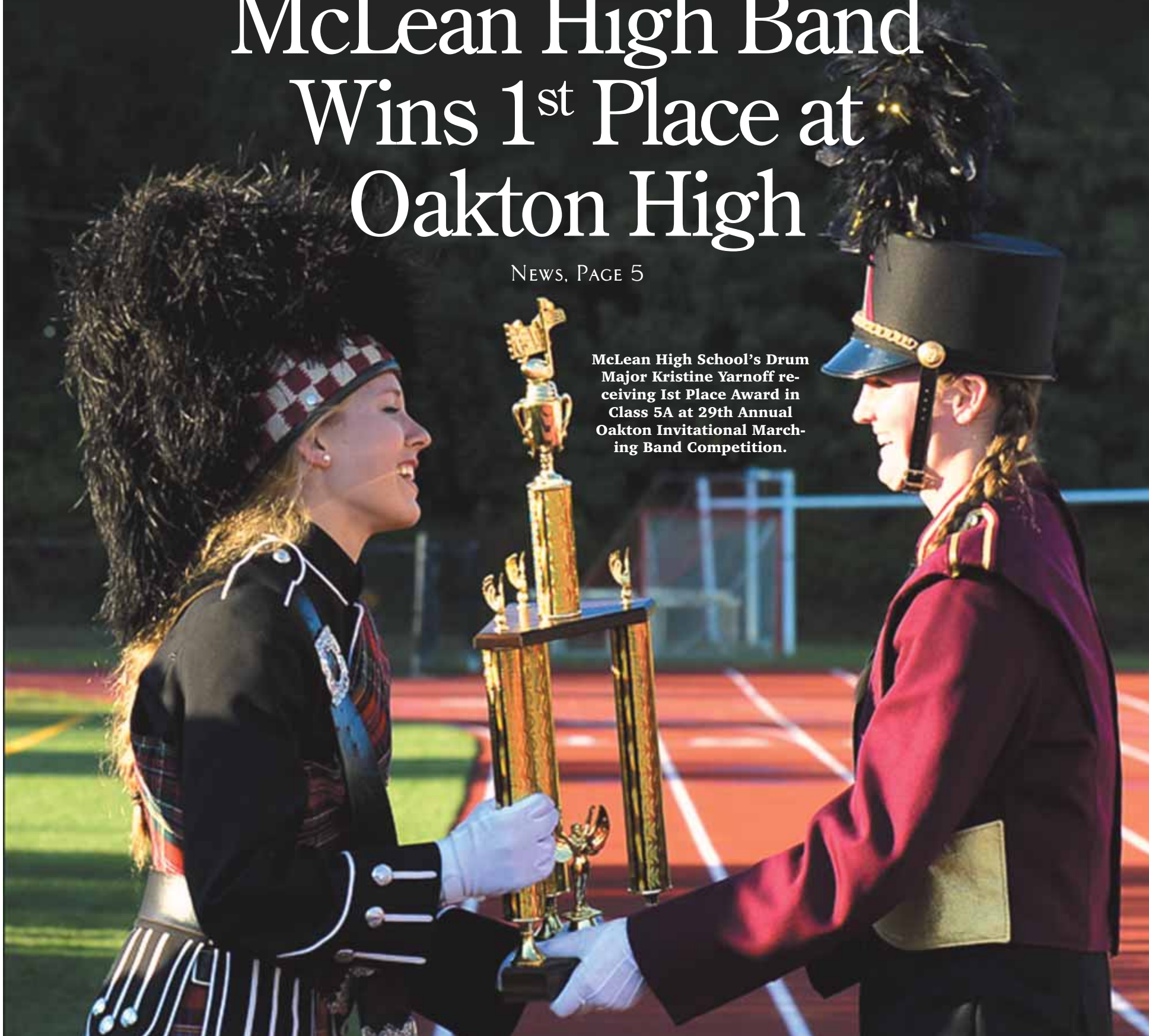


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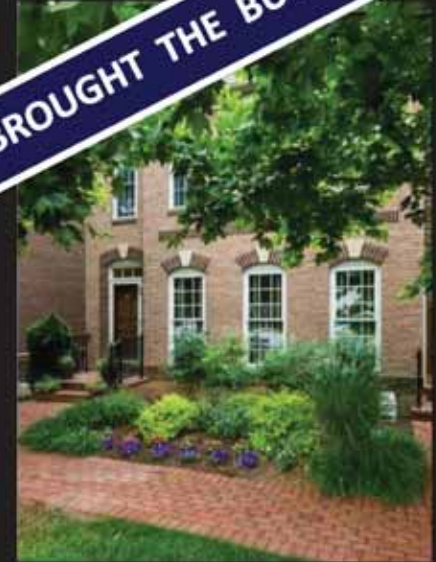
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A train rolls into the Greensboro Metro stop, one of the stations that does not have parking.



Overlooking the platform and railway at the Greensboro Metro station.

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Parking Problems at New Silver Line Stations Grow

Lack of parking at some stations, too many choices at others.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Although residents were warned that there would be a dearth of parking at some of the Silver Line Metro stations, the push for public transportation use has left many frustrated.

Tysons Corner Metro stations lacking parking and the Wiehle-Reston East station creating confusion between the Metro and Comstock parking have left area officials scrambling to clarify details and answer questions after the opening of a much anticipated transportation project.

There is no parking available at the Greensboro, Spring Hill and Tysons Corner Stations. At the McLean station, there is a non-Metro parking lot for 700 vehicles.

“What I’m hearing right now is that there isn’t enough parking near the Spring Hill station,” said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. “We provided those spaces in the McLean station that have been dramatically underutilized.”

He said that the Board of Supervisors recently approved another parking agreement with a non-Metro space for 100 vehicles in Tysons.

Tysons Transportation Administrator, Moira Bindner, agreed that the CityLine lot at the McLean Metro station is being underutilized.

“The challenge is that they aren’t park-and-ride lots,” she said. “They’re privately owned lots.”

That means if a rail rider expects to pay a certain price to park all day or park free on the weekends, they will be in for a surprise when they get back to their car at the end of the trip.

VIEWPOINTS

How often do you ride the Silver Line and how do you deal with the lack of parking?

— REENA SINGH

Audrey Pfund, Washington D.C., Graphic designer for a nonprofit



“I don’t have a car. I like to use the Metro to get to Arlington. I know people are frustrated that there are less trains coming from Falls Church, but that hasn’t affected me yet.”

Kouassivi Kapou, Capitol Heights, Hotel employee



“I don’t park at the Metro parking lot, so I don’t have any problem with that. I use the Silver Line five days a week.”

Sara Riley, Silver Spring, Nurse



“I just came to meet my daughter. This is the second time I’ve been on the Silver Line. I don’t even own a car. I’ve heard people on the trains complain about less trains being on the Blue and Orange lines.”

Ben Nguyen, McLean, Student



“I just got dropped off, so I don’t have to deal with [parking]. I use it every week.”

“It’s going to take a little time for commuters to see that they have new choices,” Bindner said.

TYSONS PARTNERSHIP TTA is in charge of making transportation more efficient in the urban center. She said there were more grumblings about the challenges with the shuttle station.

“Metro wants to get the system to settle in before any actions are done,” she said.

Even with the complaints, Silver Line ridership is already more than expected.

“Ridership for the first year was expected

to be 20,000 people,” she said. “In the last few months, we’ve already reached 15,000 people.”

The biggest ridership boom is expected during the holidays as people in D.C. and southern Fairfax County come to Tysons Corner to shop for gifts and enjoy the new festivals.

“It’s going to be a silver lining of a holiday season with the Metro stations,” she said.

McLean Citizen Association said that while some of the board members do not find parking at the McLean station to be an

issue, they have heard complaints about the mounting traffic congestion and the parking problems at other stations.

“My personal experience since I drive on 123 every day between International and Great Falls/Lewinsville is that traffic on 123 is congested near the McLean station during rush hours,” said MCA Vice President Glenn Harris. “This is exacerbated by the construction at the corner of Anderson Road and 123, but this does not appear to be related to the Metro stop.”

THE WIEHLE-RESTON EAST station’s complaints are not because there is a lack of parking. The station currently has a 2,300-car garage.

Many people who park at the station, however, are getting confused by the lack of signage with the Metro parking and Comstock private garage, according to Comstock Companies Director of Communications Maggie Parker.

“We are constantly working with our partners to streamline things,” she said. “It’s really only when you open to the public that you see how other eyes view the signage.”

She said that the Comstock garage is all underground — and was completed before the station was open. The construction on top of the garage is a high-rise apartment building.

“1,000 spaces are available in the Comstock garage,” she said. “They were built for the interim period before the high rise building was completed.”

Once the apartments are occupied, those spaces will be reserved.

She said the Comstock garage will charge an hourly fee every day of the week and does not accept payment with Metro Smart Trip cards.

“If you go in and receive a ticket from a machine, you have entered private parking,” said Parker.

For up-to-date information about the Silver Line Metro stations, visit <http://silverlinemetro.com>.



Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), who is vying for long-time congressman Frank Wolf's seat in Virginia's 10th Congressional District, listens to Gloria Kukler of Fairfax. Comstock was the featured speaker at the Fairfax County Republican Committee's annual Veteran's Breakfast Rally, held Saturday, Sept. 27.



Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), who is vying for long-time congressman Frank Wolf's seat in Virginia's 10th Congressional District, rallies the crowd of service members at the Fairfax County Republican Committee's annual Veteran's Breakfast, held Saturday, Sept. 27.

PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

'A Personal Touch'

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Barbara Comstock, the Republican candidate in the hotly-contested 10th district Congressional race, was on a tight schedule. After speaking before a crowd of military veterans on Saturday morning, her campaign staff was nudging her out the door, reminding the candidate that the breakfast was the first of several campaign events on her calendar that day.

But Comstock lingered when several guests stopped her to shake hands and ask questions.

Gloria Kukler, 73, was one of them. The Fairfax woman, who attended the event with her husband, Robert, a military veteran and Fairfax attorney, was visibly distressed as she waited near the stairs to talk with Comstock. When Comstock noticed Kukler, she put her arm around the woman and asked one of her aides for a pad and pen to jot down notes.

"I wanted to know if she could help my son get a part-time job, because he has a broken back," Kukler said after speaking with Comstock. "I'm happy that she took the time for me ... She's a very caring person. I hope she makes it."

Although Comstock was one of four speakers at the event, it was clear she was the candidate guests came to hear.

"We're both veterans, and I like the fact that Barbara takes the time to address the issues that affect female veterans," said Jill Westeyn of Oak Hill, who served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 13 years before retiring. "She has a strong bi-partisan record, she has shown she is in favor of job growth. I trust her to get things done in Congress."

Hosted by the Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC) to honor local veterans, the event drew about 75 former and current service members.

THE VETERANS were men and women, young and old, some in uniform and some in plain clothes. John Shroeder, a retired U.S. Navy veteran in his seventies, held his cap with the words "Never Forget Benghazi" throughout the breakfast.

"I think Congress needs to get to the bottom of the Benghazi debacle," Shroeder said. "I can tell you this cap has been a real conversation starter. Several people have asked me about it."

Before the breakfast began, Matt Ames, chairman of the FCRC, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

When Comstock arrived, she walked around the room greeting supporters, and instead of waiting backstage for her turn at the podium, she took a seat at one of the tables as the program began.

Virginia legislator Del. Scott Lingamfelter, who represents the 31st district in Fauquier and Prince William Counties, filled in for Senate candidate Ed Gillespie and spoke fervently about Comstock.

"She will light up Congress. She works on 'real kitchen-table issues' that affect veterans, such as the cuts from sequestration," he said.

Lingamfelter, a candidate for the 2013 Republican nomination for lieutenant governor, told the crowd that "nobody works harder than Barbara. She has huge shoes to fill, but she will do it."

When it was Comstock's turn to talk, she engaged the crowd by asking them a few call-and-response questions. "How are you doing this morning?" Comstock, who bills herself as a "commonsense conservative," hit the main GOP talking points during her brief speech.

"I can promise you this: I will take a bi-partisan spirit into Congress," she said, drawing applause from the audience.

Barbara Comstock rallies veterans at Fairfax County Republican Committee Breakfast.

She said she would work to repeal and replace "ObamaCare, which already has caused millions of hardworking Americans to lose their health insurance and have their well-being and financial health threatened."

SHE VOWED to "protect our national security and our defense and national security infrastructure as well as the salaries and retirement of our dedicated military."

Lindsey Smith, a U.S. Air Force veteran from Oak Hill, said Comstock had the "personal touch" to connect with voters.

"As a state representative, she knows the issues and she knows the district. She will hit the ground running ... She's been working across the aisle to get things done at the state level. She won't have to be brought up to speed," Smith said.

Gary Schnurrpusch of Burke Centre, a U.S. Navy veteran, said he was favoring Northern Virginia's GOP ticket this election, but he wanted to hear candidates talk more about reform.

"Too often we hear platitudes, and I want to hear about the larger issues. The Republican party is too fractured right now, and we need to bring the party together," Schnurrpusch said.

Diane Schnurrpusch said she was tired of hearing the Democrats saying the Republicans were waging a "war on women. I think it's a false issue. Women aren't fooled by it."

The event concluded with a speech by Republican Suzanne Scholte, who is running against incumbent Democrat Rep. Gerry Connolly in the 11th Congressional district.

Although candidates did not offer to take questions, Scholte took a question from a veteran and historian, who asked what she had to say about the "War on Women."

"We won," Scholte shot back.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Candidates Meet McLean Residents

The public is invited to meet and question the U.S. 8th and 10th Congressional District candidates on Thursday, Oct. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the McLean Community Center.

After opening statements, the candidates will respond to questions submitted in writing and also to questions asked by those attending this "Meet and Greet" event.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women along with the League of Women Voters is hosting the event. Invitations have been sent to all the candidates in the 8th and 10th districts. The Coalition of American Pacific Asians of Northern Virginia, AARP and the McLean Citizens Association are also hosting the evening. For more information contact maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Accepting Proposals

The McLean Community Foundation is accepting proposals for its current grants cycle until Oct. 1. Applications can be found on the MCF's website at mcleancommunityfoundation.org.

In 2013-2014 the foundation funded projects as diverse as Share, Inc, a monument to honor victims of the Global War on Terrorism for American Legion Post 270, to training materials to Insight Memory Inc. and Capitol Caring for an advanced technology bed. Total grants in 2013 totaled \$54,954.

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is a non-profit formed in 1980 by the McLean Citizens Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. The focus is entirely and specifically on the McLean community and was established solely as a charitable foundation to benefit the residents of the McLean Planning District of Fairfax County.

For questions, feel free to contact Joann Berkson at 703-848-9780.

Fundraiser to Support Chesterbrook PTA

A dinner fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support The Chesterbrook Elementary School PTA. Approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the PTA, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCRealtyGroup.com to receive a flyer.

The Chesterbrook Elementary School PTA is a dedicated cooperative of parents and teachers working together to support its children, its school, and its community.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty, The Simmons Team of George Mason Mortgage LLC, Betty Sparkman and Chris Lara of Reveal Remodel, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post Home Inspections, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, and Moe Jebali of Pulcinella Italian Host.



McLean HS Highlander Marching Band



McLean HS Highlander Band and Color Guard

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McLean High Band Wins 1st Place in Oakton

29th Annual Oakton Invitational Marching Band Competition

What do you get when 17 high school marching bands from Northern Virginia compete at the 29th Annual Oakton Invitational? A lot of fun, music and good vibes.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Oakton High School Marching Cougars in Vienna held their 29th Annual Marching Band Classic

competition. Seventeen high schools from Virginia accepted Oakton's invitation. Judges from Florida, Texas and Virginia, who also serve as band directors at high schools, colleges, and the US Air Force Band, were asked to judge each band.

Oakton High School follows the Virginia Band and Orchestra (VBODA) class size and judging guidelines. Trophies were presented to each VBODA class along with the Gold, Burgundy and Grand Champion awards. The marching bands are placed into five classes based on size: Class A, up to 50 musicians; Class 2A, 51-70 musicians; Class 3A, 71-95 musicians; Class 4A, 96-130 musicians; and Class 5A, 131 and more musicians.

The marching bands are evaluated in five different categories: Music Performance, Visual Performance, General Effect, Percussion, and Color Guards. Included in the ratings is each band's marching execution and precision.

The results of the Oakton invitational were:

- ❖ Class A, 1st Place — Spotsylvania High School Marching Knights
- ❖ Class 2A, 1st Place — Mount Vernon High School Marching Majors
- ❖ Class 3A, 1st Place — John Champe High School Marching Knights
- ❖ Class 4A, 1st Place — James Madison High School Pride of Vienna Warhawk Band

❖ Class 5A, 1st Place — McLean High School Highlander Marching Band

The Oakton Cougar Burgundy Award, given to overall first place in class size 1A and 2A, was awarded to Mount Vernon High School.

The Cougar Gold Award, given to overall first place in class size 3A to 5A, was awarded to James Madison High School.

The Grand Champion Oakton Cougar Award was awarded to James Madison High's "Pride of Vienna" Warhawk Band. The Grand Champion Award was presented to Drum Majors Bea Torres-Rios and Eva Varghese.

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McLean Citizens Association and county emergency response officials at the panel Sept. 17.



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County Fire Chief Richard Bowers Jr. and county Emergency Management Program Director David McKernan listen to another panelist speak at the Sept. 17 Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery panel.

Preparing for the Worst

MCA holds 'Emergency Preparedness' panel.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

McLean residents learned how to prepare themselves for future catastrophes at McLean Citizens Association's first fall event.

MCA held an Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery panel with several county emergency officials on Sept. 17, teaching residents how to be proactive in an emergency.

"I think this is going to be an annual event," said MCA President Sally Horn. "This is a dynamic series of programs. This is our centennial year."

Director of the county's Emergency Management Program David McKernan noted the new Fairfax Alerts emergency text alert system. Anyone can sign up for the alert, he said, through <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts>.

Based on the emergency, the text or call can override "quiet times" or phone calls, he said. The alert system can also be targeted to specific neighborhoods if a tornado has been spotted or a gunman is on the loose.

He also said that if the emergency is truly a catastrophe, police and firefighters may be overwhelmed.

"If we have an emergency, we may not be able to help you, and you need to be prepared for that," he said.

RESIDENTS, he said, should make sure their family has a place where they can meet and an out-of-town contact. Additionally, they should create a kit with cash, water, important medications and other necessities.

"Every plan is an individual plan," he said. "You have to make

it for your benefit."

According to the McLean police district commander Captain Paul Norton, 68 percent of the district is made up of the area MCA covers.

"You have to expect that our resources will deplete quickly if an emergency happens," he said. "For this reason, I think neighborhood watch is more important than ever."

In case of a big emergency, the McLean District Police Station, located at 1437 Balls Hill Rd., is open at all hours. During major weather events, people came to the station to talk to the officers when phone lines were down.

For county Fire Chief Richard Bowers Jr., being prepared was key. Bowers was one of the responders when a plane crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

He said the firefighters have

been knocking on every door in the county to check smoke alarms. "Over 50 percent of the smoke alarms we checked did not work," he said. "Smoke alarms save lives. It's that simple."

During these checks, firefighters provide free replacements for faulty alarms.

Additionally, he said that unattended pans on the stove, unattended candles and dryers cause many of the fires that destroy homes and apartment complexes.

County Department of Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator helped county residents when H1N1 hit the area as well as the anthrax scare after 9/11.

"People began to realize that weapons of terror weren't just terrorists and bombs," he said. "They were germs and bugs."

THE LATEST UNDERTAKING of the department has been to insure every nursing home is prepared for a disaster - or even just a power failure.

"Every single time there is a real world emergency, we see their lack of preparedness shine through," he said.

Even in cases of a power outage, weak emergency generators weren't able to last a whole night for patients on ventilators or other power-generated lifelines.

All 15 nursing homes in Fairfax County are now equipped with hospital grade emergency communication system and better generators.

"The goal is that we don't want them to call 911, and we don't want patients to go to the emergency room, because there isn't room for them there," he said.

Beer, Bourbon and BBQ in Tysons

New festival gathers a crowd in Lerner Town Square.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

A traveling festival new to Tysons Corner brought people into the urban center from all over the region.

The Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Festival broke new records for Tysons' festivals this year, attracting more than 4,000 visitors to the new Lerner Town Center on Saturday.

"Life in Tysons is evolving in a very exciting way: more fun activities, more beautiful architecture, more new visitors arriving on the Metro — it's a delightful new era for this community," said Tysons Partnership Executive Director Michael Caplin.

He said that an informal poll at the festival showed that 20 percent of the visitors used



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Whiskey served up at the Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Festival in Tysons Corner on Saturday.

the Tysons Corner Metro Station across the street from the festival site and 40 percent of them had never been to Tysons before.

Mark Hill, Fairfax, had been going to other Beer, Bourbon and BBQ festivals in the area before this year.

"I think it's similar to the one that was in Reston last year," he said. "But I think this one is better."

Many of the beer and bourbon vendors were under white top tents, ranging from Maker's Mark and Jim Beam to Ommegang and Starr Hill. Visitors received a souvenir glass for unlimited tastings for the price of the entry fee and barbecued meat for an additional fee.

Seminars with brewmasters and distillers throughout the nation took place throughout the day under the blazing sun as live blues and bluegrass music blasted

from the stage.

Many people milled between the alcohol vendors and the stage, with some people resting on a hill on the side of the town square to talk to friends.

Like Hill, Joe Greenwood from Fairfax had been to several other of the Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Festivals.

"Beer, Bourbon and BBQ is synonymous with the Commonwealth," he said.

His friend Tom Cuccherini from Fredericksburg said the Tysons event was the best one he's been to so far.

"Having this so close to the Silver Line was amazing," said Kyle Schumacher, Arlington. "It was by far the easiest Beer, Bourbon and BBQ to get to."

Cvent Opens New Corporate Headquarters

State and local officials gather to celebrate new location.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County businesses have faith in Tysons Corner.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe and other state and county officials came to Cvent's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 23 to celebrate the company's new corporate headquarters.

"This was a company that is from Fairfax County — not one that is coming in — a company that has been retained in Fairfax County and quickly growing, adding, from what I understand, 400 employees," said county Economic Development Authority President and CEO Gerald L. Gordon. "It was one of the first companies to take advantage of, in a big way, the proximity to a metro station of the Silver Line."

Cvent moved into a three-floor, 130,000-square-foot office next door to the Greensboro Metro station, a space that includes creatively named conference rooms and a break area with a chalkboard wall.

The Tysons headquarters will grow by 400 employees in the next few years. However, offices around the world will grow by an additional 500 employees.

"Any corporation that calls Fairfax County its home is a corporation I love," said Gov. McAuliffe.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CVENT

Local and state officials helped Cvent employees dedicate the company's new headquarters in Tysons Corner. Handling the large scissors (center) are Reggie Aggarwal, Cvent founder, chief executive officer and chairman, and Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

He gave Cvent CEO Reggie Aggarwal a state flag previously flown over the state capital to fly outside the building.

Aggarwal said the Silver Line has changed Tysons for the better — bringing in a more youthful, urban feel and potentially becoming a destination location for millennials.

"We chose this area because it's going to be the east coast hub of the Silicon Valley," he said in his office with a view overlooking the rail line and Tysons skyline. "The company continues to grow and we're ex-

cited to be here."

Gov. McAuliffe talked about his own past creating businesses starting at 14 years old.

"I am an entrepreneur," he said. "I started my first company business at 14 because my folks couldn't afford to send me to college. Since then, I started nearly three dozen companies with entrepreneurial ups and downs and almost got tipped over a couple of times. Right, Reg? We know that feeling."

U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly was



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Gov. Terry McAuliffe speaks at Cvent's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 23 to celebrate the company's new corporate headquarters.

not able to make the event due to an illness. His Community Outreach Director Mike Collins said Connolly used to work in the building Cvent currently is in up until he became a congressman.

"He was elected in 1995, and his number one priority was bringing rail out to Dulles," he said. "He has worked on rail his entire elected career, and it really means a lot that a company is taking advantage of it."

Neighbors Celebrate Completion of Sidewalk on Dead Run Drive

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, neighborhood residents, and staff from Fairfax County Departments of Transportation and Capital Facilities met on Dead Run Drive in McLean on Sept. 16 to celebrate the recent completion of a long-awaited pedestrian walkway. The new sidewalk runs along Dead Run Drive, between its eastern Carper Street intersection and Congress Lane. Dead Run Drive is a popular walking route for students walking to and from Churchill Elementary School, Cooper Middle School and Langley High School. It is also used by walkers to Dead Run Stream Valley Park, McLean Community Center, Dolley Madison Library, McLean Central Park and the McLean central business district.

Up until last month, there was a missing stretch of sidewalk fronting eleven properties on the west side of Dead Run Drive. In 2010, through the County's Residential Traffic Administration Program, the community worked with Supervisor Foust to slow down traffic on Dead Run Drive with the installation of stop signs at two intersections and a speed hump. Dead Run Drive had become an increasingly popular short-cut for Maryland commuters and,



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Sidewalk advocates Angela and Paul Keiser and Barb and Eric Malés join Supervisor Foust (D-Dranesville) at the event celebrating completion of a new sidewalk on Dead Run Drive.

with no stops or speed humps, a tempting route for speeding. Still, even with the traffic calming features installed, the hilly terrain and on-road parking at this location made the lack of continuous sidewalk particularly dangerous to those who were required to walk along the street, especially elementary school students walking to and from school.

In April 2011, Supervisor Foust obtained funding for the sidewalk project through Commercial and Industrial Tax revenues. Acquiring property rights for the project took longer than expected. However, once necessary easements were obtained, the project moved quickly and construction was completed over the summer.

"I want to thank the neighbors in the area of Dead Run, in particular, Angela and Paul Keiser, Barb and Eric Malés and Julie and Joe Smith — for continuing to advocate for this important project," said Supervisor Foust. "I also want to recognize Demond Frazier, design project manager; Scott Bishop, construction manager; and Stephen Bailey, land acquisition agent, who were key to making the project happen. I am grateful for their efforts and perseverance in seeing this project through to completion."

OPINION

Does the Change in Voter ID Laws Matter?

More than 22,000 active voters in Northern Virginia are without the required ID.

For the current election, new, more stringent voter identification laws are in effect.

Taken together, more than 22,000 of Northern Virginia's close-in voters right now do not have the photo identification now required to vote in the coming election. While there are simple ways to get an identification card for Election Day, so far, only a handful of voters have done so.

In Fairfax County, 13,247 of the county's 672,756 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

In Alexandria, 2,729 of the City's 85,671 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

In Arlington, 6,348 of the 140,255 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

These numbers are analyzed by the State Board of Elections, and include voters who do not have a match in the DMV data, and also are not designated as military, overseas or federal only voters, who do not have an active Federal Postcard Application or Annual Absentee application, and who have voted or registered since and including the last presidential election.

EDITORIAL

Across the Commonwealth, 93,117 active voters also lack photo ID from DMV or the other likely sources.

When you consider that in the last election, Virginia's Attorney General was elected by a margin of 165 votes out of more than 2 million votes cast, these numbers are staggering. There is no evidence of voter identification fraud on any scale that requires potentially disenfranchising tens of thousands of voters. Because Northern Virginia is the most populous part of the state, the impact is also greatest in our area.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification. "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; Valid United States Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office.

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Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

If you or anyone you know might need identification to vote, the process is simple. Contact your local board of elections and go apply for your ID card. There is help in place to transport voters who need help getting there.

In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2014. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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A Healthy Future

BY STATE SEN. BARBARA FAVOLA AND
DEL. KAYE KORY

Our health care system is neither healthy nor accessible for many women, but Richmond lawmakers have an opportunity to make improvements. They need to stop playing politics with people's lives and begin to start governing.

In large swaths of Virginia, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, women are suffering. This suffering affects the well being of all of us, not just the children and communities that are directly affected.

You probably didn't know that childless uninsured women are not eligible for Medicaid in Virginia even if they are planning to have children. Moreover, for many moth-

ers who are eligible, they lose their Medicaid coverage 60 days after giving birth because they exceed the very low-income requirements to qualify for Virginia's sparse Medicaid program. This exacerbates an already stressful period in a mother's life.

In fact, mothers in most parts of Virginia qualify for Medicaid only if they earn less than 40 percent of the federal poverty line. This means that a single mother in Richmond cannot receive Medicaid if she makes \$6,100 a year or more. But if Virginia participated in Medicaid Expansion, a program for which we are already sending tax dollars (\$5M per day) to Washington, hard working individuals, including women, earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line would gain insurance coverage. Virginia's tax dollars are supporting Medicaid Expansion in 29 other States but

not here at home.

Medicaid Expansion may not be perfect but the cost of not going forward is astronomical. We all know that maternal health is critically important for the healthy development of a child. This means that prospective moms can only achieve a healthy state if they have access to care before pregnancy as well as access to pre- and post-natal care. Preventing low-birth weight babies and developmentally delayed babies is something we must embrace. Virginia cannot afford to wait; we must pass Medicaid Expansion now.

Barbara Favola (D-31) is Chair, Senate Reproductive Health Caucus and Del. Kaye Kory (D-38) is Chair, House Reproductive Health Caucus.

LETTERS

Missing Examples

To the Editor:

The last week's issue of McLean Connection has a cover photo of John Foust, with the title "Bridging Political Divide." But when I read the article, there is not a

single example of his actually doing so. Instead there are endorsement quotes from three people, not one of whom is a Republican; the story again fails to show any "bridging" of political divides. I have lived in McLean for more than 20 years, and know of no instance when Mr. Foust has ever sought to "bridge" partisan di-

vides. I am at a loss why your cover story simply repeated his self-serving campaign claim, particularly when his policy positions indicate that if he were elected to Congress he would be a far-left Democrat and a Nancy Pelosi ally.

Jeff Rosen
McLean

Write

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

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Voting Early, Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations from now through Nov. 1.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

In person absentee voting is underway at Fairfax County Governmental Center beginning Sept. 19.

Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conf. Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, 22035

Now through - Oct. 10: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Satellite Voting Locations Begin Friday Oct. 14

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library - 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 22101

❖ North County Human Services Bldg. - 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

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Saturdays, Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

For more, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

New Voter Identification Requirements

There are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

In Fairfax County, 13,000 active voters currently do not have DMV issued photo identification, and of those, only a couple of dozen people have applied for a Virginia Voter ID card available free from local voter registrars.

Virginia law now requires all voters to provide one of the following forms of photo identification at the polls.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification. "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months:

❖ Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card

❖ Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card

❖ Valid United States Passport

❖ Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth)

❖ Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia.

❖ Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business

❖ or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office

Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Any registered voter who does not possess one of the above mentioned forms of photo ID can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

Provisional Ballot Process

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of photo identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient. Written notice given to the voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.



Virginia law now requires all voters to provide photo identification at the polls.

If you vote a provisional ballot but don't have an "acceptable ID," you can appear in-person in the office of the general registrar in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast by noon on Friday following the election and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document can be provided to the electoral board as acceptable identification and the voter's provisional ballot will be counted.

For More Election Information
Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/
 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov
City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/general-registrar>
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MPAartfest Returns to McLean Central Park

Eighth annual festival features 50 artists.

On Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 am - 5 pm, McLean Project for the Arts will present its eighth annual MPAartfest in McLean Central Park. MPAartfest is an event for art lovers of all ages. Featuring fifty specially-selected artists and fine craftsmen, McLean Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries, art activities, live music, food and drink.

New this year is the MPA Hands-on Art Studio where visitors of all ages can experience firsthand the award-winning MPA Artreach program. Participants will create a one-of-a-kind mandala (sanskrit for circle), lead by MPA's Art Educator, Sharon Fishel, while learning how to take STEM to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, ART and Math). Finished projects may be added to the community art "quilt." MPA Hands-on Art Studio is sponsored by TTR Sotheby's International Realty.

Guided MPA Gallery Tours are also new this year. Meet Sharon Fishel at noon and 3 p.m. in the McLean Community Center lobby for a special tour of the Voyage of Discovery, alienweeds, and Intimate Feasts exhibi-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MPA
Artist Laurie Fields discusses her art with an interested patron.

tions. The MPA galleries will be open all day for viewing and those who visit can enter for free drawings for MPA memberships and special events, gift certificates to local restaurants and more.

MPAartfest favorites return as well. Everyone can try their hand at live figure drawing at MPA's Open Studio. The Children's

ArtWalk, sponsored by the McLean Community Foundation, will feature art from K-6 grade students in the McLean area. Live music in the Gazebo, food from favorite area restaurants and wine and beer in the MPA Beret Cafe round out this creatively fun day.

McLean Central Park is located at the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd and Old

Dominion Drive. Parking is free and easy and free shuttle buses run all day from designated nearby parking lots.

There is no charge for admission to MPAartfest, but a \$5 contribution is greatly appreciated and will help support MPAartfest as well as exhibition and art education programs at McLean Project for the Arts. MPAartfest event partners are the McLean Community Center, Fairfax County Park Authority, and the McLean Community Foundation. All proceeds of purchased art support the individual artists.

Sponsorships to support this free community event are still available. Please contact Krista Vita at 703-790-1953 or kvita@mpaart.org for more information.

McLean Project for the Arts is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists. In addition to its program of high quality, professionally-curated art exhibitions, MPA offers art classes for children and adults taught by professional art instructors. MPA also presents the Art Reach program for area schools, gallery talks, and day trips to area museums and galleries. MPA is a partner with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and Fairfax County Public Schools.

McLean Project for the Arts is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.



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McLean 5K Race to Benefit Wounded Warriors

The McLean 5K Run with the Warriors will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 8 am. Benefitting Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall Retirement Community (VHRC), the Run with the Warriors 5K will take place in downtown McLean.

"We consider the McLean 5K Run with the Warriors a race that the entire community can participate in and enjoy, from babies in strollers to the serious runner," says Kathleen Martin, CEO of VHRC and executive director of Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation.

This year's 5K celebrates three years of partnership between Vinson Hall's NMCGRF and Century 21.

Proceeds from this race provide support to the wounded warriors living at VHRC. Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing was established in 2011 to help some of the many thousands of young, wounded veterans who have returned home from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Since 2011, three wounded warriors, referred by the Walter Reed Wounded Warrior Regiment East, have come to call VHRC home.

Supported by the Wounded Warrior

Transitional Housing at VHRC, one current wounded warrior resident lives at VHRC with his wife and daughter.

Home to nearly 300 military officers and government employees, VHRC, supported by NMCGRF, is able to support wounded warriors' physical, mental, and emotional healing during this challenging phase of their

lives. Beginning 2011, the McLean 5K has raised more than \$143,000 for Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing from registration and corporate sponsorships.

"I'm very excited to be speaking at this year's McLean 5K. This run is a great opportunity for the community to demonstrate support for service members who have given so much for our country," commented General Norton A. Schwartz, 19th chief of staff for the U.S. Air Force.

Last year's race drew in nearly 900 walkers and runners. More than 1,000 people

from the Northern Virginia and the surrounding Maryland area are expected to participate in this year's 5K. The 2014 McLean 5K looks to be a record-breaking year for Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing.

Registration on the day of the event begins at 6:45 a.m., but pre-registration is encouraged.

"This run is a great opportunity for the community to demonstrate support for service members who have given so much for our country,"

— General Norton A. Schwartz, 19th chief of staff for the U.S. Air Force.

Participants can register online at www.McLean5K.com and sign up for the adult walk or run.

The pre-registration cost for adults is \$35 and \$40 on the day of the race. Active duty military receive \$10 off registration. Registrants can create a corporate team, friend team or family team. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Additional sponsors of the event include Bank of Georgetown, CitiBank, JBG, Navy Federal, and VetFran.

All ages and strollers are welcome to participate in the 5K, but no pets, skateboards,

rollerblades, or bicycles are allowed on the course. All registered runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt and bag.

To keep runners hydrated, the course will provide a water station. Award medals will be given to the top two over all male and female winners as well as the top two male and female runners in each age group.

Race-day registration begins at 6:45 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Packet pick-up and on-site registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, at the Old Firehouse Teen Center: 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Local roads may be closed. For more information on Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing, call NMCGRF's development team at 703-538-2970 or visit <http://www.nmcgrf.org>. All proceeds from the event are designated for Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at VHRC.

Donations to the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds to support the mission and vision of Vinson Hall Retirement Community including Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing, can be made at www.nmcgrf.org.

John Eaton



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Eaton Brings 'Glorious Songs' to Alden

Jazz pianist, musicologist and humorist John Eaton will return to The Alden at the McLean Community Center this fall with his popular program, "Jazz Masters with John Eaton." Eaton will present "The Master: The Glorious Songs of Jerome Kern" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for MCC tax district residents. The theatre is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

Jazz Masters combines Eaton's

knowledge of the Great American Songbook, commentary and renditions of jazz standards, both popular and obscure. This seminar covers Jerome Kern. Learn about the composer's life, writing style and musical hallmarks and hear classics such as "All the Things You Are," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and selections from "Show Boat."

Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

Weichert, Realtors Recognizes McLean/Dolley Madison Office, Top Associates

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

Additionally, Sales Associates Munish Batra and J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley Madison office were individually recognized for their exceptional industry success during the month of August. Both top producers, Batra led the entire company for new home sales and the region for new home dollar volume, while Callander led the region for resale revenue units



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SUNDAY/OCT. 5

Red Cross Blood Donation. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

MONDAY/OCT. 6


Savvy Social Security. 10:30 a.m. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This workshop covers the basics of Social Security and reveals strategies for maximizing benefits, including five factors to consider when deciding

when to apply for benefits, how to minimize taxes on Social Security benefits, and how to coordinate Social Security with your other sources of retirement income. RSVP's and further questions will be handled by calling or emailing, Financial Associate, Sheri Swackhamer at 571-970-0454 or sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com.

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Wellbeing.....	10/1/14	
HomeLifeStyle PULLOUT:		DECEMBER
Deadline is 9/25/14.....	10/8/14	Wellbeing..... 12/3/14
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Election Preview I	10/22/14	Hanukkah begins December 16.
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SCHOOLS

Longfellow Principal, Carole Kihm, and Food Recovery Program Organizer, Elena Lagos, check out Longfellow's lunchtime food collection.



PHOTO BY KAREN KAN

Longfellow Middle Begins Lunchtime Food Recovery Program

As part of its work towards attaining "Green Flag Status" in the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools Program (www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx), Longfellow Middle School began a lunchtime food recovery program. At the end of each lunch period, unopened food is collected by Longfellow Eco-Ambassadors. Food is stored in a refrigerator, donated by Food Bus, Inc. (www.facebook.com/FoodBus), a

non-profit created by Kathleen Weil to help schools stock food pantries and reduce lunchtime waste. The first 10 days of the program resulted in 46 pounds — two coolers full — of food donations. Food donations will be delivered weekly to Columbia Baptist's Food Pantry (<https://columbiabaptist.org/foodpantry>), which provided food to more than 5,000 households last year.

Studying Butterflies at Churchill Road

Churchill Road second graders are about to begin their study of monarch butterflies. Students in Cheryl Bamdad's class welcomed some very tiny monarch caterpillars. The students made sure that the caterpillars had plenty of milkweed to eat. Over the next several weeks, the students will observe the transition from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly, before releasing the monarch's in the school's butterfly garden.



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Churchill Road second grade teacher Cheryl Bamdad shows students Adam Gharieb and Gavin Kelty how to look for monarch caterpillars on the milkweed leaves.

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THURSDAY OCT. 2 – NOV. 13

Adventures in Learning. 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Seniors: come in and learn during classes you can attend on a variety of topics of interest from health issues to world affairs for all adults age 50 or older, all taught by volunteer experts. Tuition payment of \$40 entitles you to attend any of the classes you like offered during the fall session. The class schedule and registration form will be available on: www.scov.org.

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3 - 5

"Transitions" ValeArts Fall Art Show 2014. Friday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Artists reception on Friday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. In its 19th year, the nine artists will present a group show of more than 150 original works of local fine art. The focus will be on "Transitions," the evolution of the artist as well as the resulting art. Songmi Heart and Laura Bealey will be featured as guest artists. Free. There will be a young artists' table for younger art lovers.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

Drop-In Chess. 4:30-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages are welcome.

Look at the Stars! Observatory Open. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Turner Farm Park, Springvale Road, Great Falls. Come to the observatory park for Friday Night viewings. For more information visit <http://www.analemma.org/>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Ballroom Dance. 8 – 9 p.m. Polka Lesson. 9-11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music with The Family playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual. Everyone is welcome. \$20. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Oktoberfest Vienna. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more. Visit <http://viennaoktoberfest.org/>

Semi-annual Book Sale. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Thousands of gift-quality books will be available.

Jazz Masters with John Eaton: Jerome Kern. 1 p.m. McLean Central Park Gazebo, corner of Route 123 and Old Dominion Drive. Free. \$10/\$5 MCC tax district residents.

Al Petteway & Amy White. 7 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Al & Amy will perform a mix of new and old favorites, including selections from Al's new solo recording, "Mountain Guitar," and tunes from various Burns documentaries. <https://jamminjava.com/event/670727-al-petteway-amy-white-vienna>

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. – Noon. Kilmer Center School, 8102 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Household goods, toys, furniture and more. One hundred percent of proceeds benefits special-needs students ages 5 – 21, with autism and intellectual disabilities.

St. Francis Fair. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. St. Francis Episcopal Church of Great Falls will continue celebration of its 50th anniversary with a variety of music and dance performances and children's activities.

"The Glorious Songs of Jerome Kern." 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. This seminar covers the magnificent Jerome Kern. You'll learn about the composer's life, writing style and musical hallmarks and hear classics

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From fabulous to creepy, children marched in the 2013 Halloween parade in Vienna. This year's parade will be on Wednesday, Oct. 29.



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such as "All the Things You Are," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and selections from "Show Boat." Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for MCC tax district residents. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123.

October Kid's Club "Pet Parade." 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tysons Corner Center Outdoor Plaza, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Learn all about pets. Come dressed as your favorite pet and get a special treat from Tysons Corner Center. This event will also feature fun crafts, activities, music and snacks.

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 a.m. Located at 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of antique, custom and exotic cars at Katie's Coffee House.

Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring recyclable bags. For more information visit www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

MPAartfest. 10 a.m.-5p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean. Fifty-two juried artists will exhibit and sell their art at the 8th annual MPAartfest. 703-790-1953.

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Cars for the Cure - to Support JDRF. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brx American Bistro, 1025 Seneca Road, Great Falls. The 2nd Annual Exotic & Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show to end Type 1 Diabetes will be held. The car show is free. Enjoy brunch at Brix at a reduced price, live music by "The Remedy" and view the cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will be prizes, raffles and silent auction items. Cars, trucks or motorcycles may be registered for \$20 before Oct. 1 or \$30 after Oct. 2. Visit www.carsfortheureva.com for more details and registration.

Grinding Grain. Noon-3 p.m. 10017 Colvin Run Road Great Falls. The miller will be grinding, conditions permitting. Cornmeal, grits and whole wheat flour for sale in the General Store. For more information call 703-759-2771.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Colvin Run Tuesday Dance for Everyone. 6:30-10:30 p.m. 6:30-7:15 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Lesson series for 'Dance of the Month.' 7:15-8 p.m. Intermediate West Coast Swing Lesson. 8-10:30 p.m. 'Dance for Everyone' with Rumba, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing and others. Admission fees: \$12 per person includes lesson and snacks. Contact Ed Cottrell at 703-435-5620 or EdCottrell@MACP.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

Cre8tive Art. 10 a.m. - Noon. Tysons Corner Microsoft Store, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Cre8tive series of workshops will introduce attendees to different forms of art using Windows 8.1. Learn how to create art and modify images. Free. Call the Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna (SCOV) office to register for



A menagerie of unlikely friends, including a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster, sets off in search of musical stardom in the production of "Bremen Town Band," playing on Oct. 11 at McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre.

classes or for additional information, 703-281-0538.

The History of Great Falls Historical Society. 7-9 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A panel of the earliest members and past presidents will tell the story of the organization's founding, and all of the projects and challenges it has undertaken over the last 37 years to capture and preserve the history of Great Falls.

Noam Pikelný & Stuart Duncan. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Banjo pioneer and Punch Brother band member Noam Pikelný teams up with the Nashville Bluegrass Band's, Stuart Duncan, for an acoustic showcase. Tickets: \$25-\$30. For more information, visit www.wolftrap.org.

Pokemon League. 4:30-6 p.m. Great Falls Library 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come play Pokemon with your friends. School age 5 to 15.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

Loudon Wainwright, III. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Classic blues concert from a veteran musician. Tickets: \$25-\$30. For more information, visit www.wolftrap.org.

Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. 7:30-8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Interested in joining? Download the membership form from our website.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Feel free to drop in. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

2014 Sweet Home Virginia Gala. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Approximately 600 business leaders, philanthropists, and

community organizers will participate in the gala, awards and scholarships will also be presented. \$300. www.cfnova.org.

Simone Dinnerstein, Piano. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Classical piano concert. Repertoire will include works by Robert Schumann, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Franz Schubert. Tickets: \$40. For more information, visit www.wolftrap.org.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Theatre IV's "Bremen Town Band." 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. \$15/\$10 MCC district residents.

Fall Leaf Collecting and Art for Kids. 9 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. This children's program starts with a walk to collect beautiful fall leaves and to discover how leaves change color. Back at the Visitor's Center while sipping on apple cider, the children will use these leaves to create animal artwork. The program fee is \$5 per child, and reservations are required. Space is limited to 20 children. Children younger than age 5 are required to be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join in on the walk and assist with the craft—regular garden admission applies. For reservations, call 703-255-3631 x103 or jmaloney@nvrpa.org.

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SPORTS



Langley's Rachel Andrejev swings against Robinson during a Dig Pink match on Sept. 27.



A South Lakes player makes a diving attempt to tackle McLean receiver Jack Holland during McLean's 36-31 victory on Sept. 26.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Langley Volleyball Snaps Losing Streak

The Langley volleyball team lost four straight matches before beating rival McLean, 3-1, on Monday.

The Saxons started the season 8-1 before losing at home to Chantilly, 3-1, on Sept. 22. Langley lost at Potomac Falls, 3-1, the following night, and the Saxons lost to Robinson and Battlefield during a Dig Pink event at Robinson on Sept. 27.

The victory over McLean improved Langley's record to 9-6.

The Saxons are the defending VHSL 6A state champion.

Langley will host Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6.

McLean Football Beats South Lakes

The McLean football team improved to 3-1 with a 36-31 victory over South Lakes on Sept. 26. The Highlanders are off to their best start since 2010, when they won their first eight games.

After suffering their first defeat under



South Lakes quarterback Chris Sherbert runs with the football during the Seahawks' 36-31 loss to McLean on Sept. 26.

first-year head coach Shaun Blair, a 24-20 loss to Falls Church on Sept. 19, McLean bounced back to beat South Lakes, dropping the Seahawks' record to 0-5 under new head coach Trey Taylor.

McLean quarterback CJ Downey completed 15 of 32 passes for 353 yards and

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four touchdowns. He was intercepted once. Jordan Cole had five receptions for 205 yards and two touchdowns.

South Lakes receiver Eric Kirlew caught seven passes for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

McLean will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m.

on Thursday, Oct. 2. South Lakes has a bye week before hosting Thomas Jefferson on Oct. 10.

Marshall Football Earns First Win Since 2011

The Marshall football team defeated Thomas Jefferson 28-14 on Sept. 26, giving the Statesmen their first victory since the 2011 season. Marshall's last victory also came against the Colonels.

Marshall (1-3) will travel to face Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Langley Football Falls to Chantilly

The Langley football team dropped to 1-3 with a 20-7 loss to Chantilly on Sept. 26.

Langley running back Tyler West scored the game's first touchdown on a 33-yard run in the second quarter. The Saxons led 7-0 at halftime, but Chantilly scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to pull out the victory.

The Saxons will host Marshall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Great Falls Sharks Beautify Softball Field

Over the Labor Day weekend, the Great Falls Sharks travel softball organization held its first annual "Nike Field Clean Up Day." Organized by Mike Sharkey and John West in conjunction with Great Falls Little League softball and Fairfax County Parks and Recreation, more than 50 players and parents volunteered their time to beautify Nike 6 softball field. In addition, five volunteers from Kohl's Department store in Sterling assisted as part of their Volunteers in Action program. The volunteers cleaned, repaired and repainted the shed and dugouts, fixed the pitching nets, pulled weeds, installed a new sound system and performed general clean up in preparation for the upcoming softball season. The Great Falls Sharks are a Fastpitch Softball organization in its 7th year of existence helping provide local girls an expanded softball experience.



Top Chef for Seniors

Retirement community residents choose Sunrise Signature Chef.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Grace Delaune nibbled on striped bass and quinoa salad, pondering the flavors and textures of each dish. Myke Hammaker savored the miso cod and spinach. The two women weren't simply having lunch. They were judges at the Senior Eats Nutritional Challenge in Fort Belvoir last week. "The food challenge was a lot of fun and the food was excellent. Every dish was beautifully displayed and cooked perfectly," said Hammaker. "It was hard for the judges to pick the best dish although I picked the Miso Cod with Spinach because it really stood out as a fantastic dish."

All of our finalists did an incredible job creating meals that could rival our country's top restaurant chefs,"

— Tim Whelan, vice president, Dining Services for Sunrise

"The five selections were just outstanding. It was very difficult to pick the best dish, although my favorite was the Striped Bass with Quinoa Salad," added Delaune.

The winning recipe was Miso Cod with Spinach. During the competition, which was sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living headquartered in McLean, Va., and held at The Fairfax, a Sunrise community, five of the company's top chefs prepared their healthiest dishes, making use of only fresh, local ingredients. A panel of Sunrise residents judged the chefs' creations. One of the goals of the competition was to break negative stereotypes about the quality of food served in retirement communities.

"All of our finalists did an incredible job creating meals that could rival our country's top restaurant chefs," said Tim Whelan, vice president, Dining Services for Sunrise. "We constantly look at ways to provide more variety for our residents to enjoy, and the Nutritional Challenge is a great way to add unique, healthful dishes to our menus."

The chefs were judged on their ability to meet Sunrise's Signature Dining criteria, which includes using fresh, seasonal ingredients. After the competition chefs and residents discussed the recipes used, nutritional needs of seniors and the role that eating healthfully can lead to better cognitive functioning, memory and heart health.

"Our goal... is to give our residents delicious and nutritional food with real variety each day," said Lawrence Quaye, Executive Chef at The Fairfax.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING

Residents of Sunrise Senior Living served as judges during the Senior Eat Nutritional Challenge in Fort Belvoir.

Winning Recipe: Miso Cod and Spinach

Miso Brushed Cod with Sautéed Spinach
by Floyd Stephen, Brighton Gardens of Dunwoody
Serves 6

1 1/2 lbs cod filets, 4 oz each
6 tbs olive oil
3 shallots, peeled / minced
3 garlic cloves, peeled / minced
1 1/2 lbs shiitake mushrooms, stemmed / julienned
1 lb stemmed fresh spinach
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
1/4 cup miso paste

❖ Steam the fish for 7 minutes, until internal temperature reaches 145°F for 15 seconds.

❖ While the fish is steaming, heat the olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic. Sauté until soft. Add the mushrooms and cook until the liquid evaporates. Add the spinach and sauté for 1 minute to wilt. Turn off the heat and set aside.

❖ Bring the stock to a boil in a separate pot. Whisk in the miso paste. Simmer for 5 minutes.

❖ Divide the spinach mixture evenly between serving dishes. Place fish on top of the spinach. Spoon miso sauce over fish. Serve immediately.

None of the five chefs who made it to the finals competition were from the Washington, D.C. region. The winner Chef Floyd Stephen of Dunwoody, Georgia, was named the Sunrise Signature Chef and received \$1,000.

Great Falls Art Tour Set for Oct. 17-19

BY JOHN BYRD

One of the simple pleasures of the Great Falls Studios art tour is its easy accessibility. With 50 professional artists situated within an 18-mile radius offering access to their personal working space, all a motivated art tourist needs to do is get the map and head to their destination of choice between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Friday, Oct. 17 to Sunday, Oct. 19.

Participating artists have arranged an "open house" for the weekend at each stop and relish the opportunity to show off recent work. Disciplines range from traditional painting and photography to layered paper, fiber art, pottery and jewelry making. A diversity of style and vision blossoms in all directions.

Overall, the consortium represents 113 artists; many have been practicing their craft for decades; some have received national honors.

Laura Nichols, a potter who initiated the group's outreach in 2003, says the tour really advances art appreciation and practice in Great Falls, a historic setting where one percent of the locals claim to have a working artist in the household.

"Certainly we are a town where people gravitate towards art as fundamental to personal expression," Nichols said. "A naturally beautiful setting like Great Falls inevitably inspires homes that explore compelling indoor-outdoor relationships, and art that uniquely differentiates an interior or highlights an outdoor focal point. In that sense, it's not surprising that a community of working artists has thrived here."

On a larger point, Nichols notes that work presented in its studio setting is free from the commercial context you sometimes find in galleries, so attention is focused on the art — not the price, or how one artist's prices compare to another.

It's an arrangement that encourages visitors "to plumb the depths" of an artist's creative process, Nichols said, "something that's almost impossible in any other situation."

The tour is sponsored by Sun Design Remodeling, Inc, a design-build remodeling firm that has been active in renovating homes in Great Falls and environs for over twenty five years. Several artists who are active in the consortium occupy homes the firm has remodeled. In

some cases, a home makeover may have been inspired by the owner's interest in displaying a particular art acquisition or collection.

"This is a naturally occurring partnership," said Sun Design founder and chairman Craig Durosko. "Art and architecture have always been sympathetic disciplines. The aesthetic improvement of the home is one of our clients' core interests."

As a tour option, Sun Design will be showcasing the recently remodeled residence of artist and author Lesley Hackman, which now includes working studio space. Hackman is the co-author (with Lin Story) of a children's book "Bearabesque and the Humility Slippers" and also designs quilts.

While the tour is free and all are welcome to any of the participating studios, Nichols says that many visitors develop a practical trip plan by following a particular theme. Studios that are geographically convenient to one another, for instance, offer the potentials of an easy day trip that wanders through some of country's prettiest residential settings.

On the other hand, because studios are color coded on the tour map by artist's medium, it's just as easy to concentrate on a preferred discipline such as painting or photography.

Then, too, some visitors simply pick the artists they especially want to see from the tour directory and plot a course.

"It all depends on how much time a visitor wants to devote to taking it all in," Nichols said. "You can see a lot in a day, but some schedule the entire weekend."

Background information on the artists and their work can be found online at

www.GreatFallsStudios.com; many artists also provide links to their own sites. For art aficionado, the tour can be an annual refresher course in how a favored artist is evolving.

Those who want to extend their involvement after the tour will find many accommodating options including ongoing exhibits scheduled throughout the year, a Holiday Show (Dec. 13-14) and an online gallery, which presents a new themed exhibit every month.

Finally, last year Great Falls Studios released their first book: "Creative Spaces: Inside Great Falls Studios." The publication features 16 artists discussing their work, influences, motivations and process. The book will be launched at Great Falls library and at many of the studios during the tour.

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