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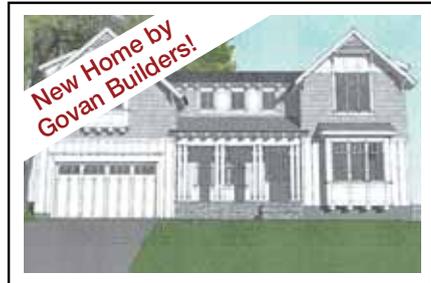
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'This One's for the Girls'

Comstock becomes first woman in nearly a decade to join state's Congressional Delegation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Virginia Del. Barbara Comstock became part of the Republican tide that ripped control of the Senate away from Democrats last week, helping the GOP secure its largest majority in Congress since World War II.

She scored a resounding 17-point victory over Democratic opponent John Foust to win the seat held by retiring Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) for more than 30 years. When she goes to Washington in January, she will be the only woman in Virginia's Congressional Delegation in nearly a decade.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on election night, Nov. 4, Republican Del. Barbara Comstock entered the Hilton ballroom in Ashburn to the tune of her favorite song - "This One's for the Girls" sung by Martina McBride.

The sassy, defiant country anthem - which tells girls to "stand your ground when everyone's giving in" - struck the right chord with Comstock's supporters, who chanted and clapped along with the music as Comstock took the stage to deliver her victory speech.

Comstock, 55, was clearly savoring the moment, defeating Democrat John Foust for the Northern Virginia Congressional seat held by retiring Rep. Frank Wolf, Comstock's former boss and longtime political mentor.

Her decisive victory Tuesday ended one of the most contentious, expensive and closely-watched races in the Commonwealth.

When Wolf announced his retirement last December, the news sparked a flurry of speculation about the district's possible political shift, from solid Republican territory to more moderate "swing" district.

Democrats became bullish on the seat that had not been competitive for 30 years, and saw a prime pick-up opportunity.

IN FEBRUARY, The Rothenberg Political Report rated the race as "leans Republican," noting that in recent elections, the district supported both Republicans and Democrats in presidential and gubernatorial races. The Washington Post ranked the seat as "the sixth most likely seat to flip control" in the 2014 election.

But Comstock, according to both GOP and Democratic party insiders, ran an extremely disciplined campaign, and consistently delivered an appealing, moderate message to voters.



PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION



Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust delivered his concession speech around 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Dulles Marriott hotel. He was joined by his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome, and two sons.

"It was her race to lose from the start," said one longtime Democratic strategist.

As she addressed her supporters, Comstock thanked Wolf, and said she was "honored to follow in his footsteps."

"We'll take this great Virginia way and bring it to Washington for all of you."

Comstock said. "We know that government closest to the people is the government that works. The one thing I can promise you is that I'm going to work hard to push government down to you guys and gals in the 10th district."

Then she took a final, defiant swipe at Foust.

Republican state Del. Barbara Comstock, who defeated Democratic opponent John Foust by 17 points in a contentious battle to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf in Virginia's 10th district, was joined onstage by her husband, parents and children at her victory party Tuesday night.

"I guess I'm finally getting a real job."

— Barbara Comstock in her victory speech

"I guess I'm finally getting a real job," Comstock quipped, referencing a comment Foust made during a debate about Comstock, a former Congressional aide, opposition researcher and political lobbyist.

During that debate in September, Foust questioned whether Comstock had "even had a real job." He argued his comments were taken out of context, but Comstock's campaign accused Foust of being "sexist," and repeatedly used the line against him in numerous campaign ads and stump speeches.

He later clarified that he was criticizing her career as a partisan operative, casting her as someone who would work in Congress to advance the agenda of the wealthy elite and special interest groups instead of the average constituent.

In his concession speech Tuesday before supporters at the Dulles Marriott, Foust, a Fairfax County Supervisor since 2007, alluded to the personal attacks and rancor that marked the contentious campaign.

"I think about the negative things my opponent said about me and the distortions," Foust said, standing on the stage with his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome, and his two sons. "It was hurtful. I think about how I would feel if those things were said about my own father, and I'm sorry I put my sons through this..."

Foust said there were many more substantive issues the candidates "could have talked about," and "so many things that remain to get done in Washington, things that led me to get into this race."

IN HER VICTORY SPEECH, Comstock said she considered "hiring fabulous people" one of her best attributes, and brought her campaign manager - Susan Falconer - onstage to thank her.

"We beat the boys, didn't we?" Comstock said.

After her speech, Comstock left the stage as her theme song played again.

"I think it's really cool that she played 'This One's for the Girls' as she came in and left the stage," said Eve Marie Barner Gleason from Loudoun County. "She has a remarkable ability to build coalitions. I don't know anyone who can call her extreme."



PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Charlotte Woodward poses with her famous cupcakes after her presentation on Friday.

Charlotte's Story

Five time open heart surgery survivor raises funds for medical causes.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

When Charlotte Woodward was born, her mother thought she was the most wonderful baby in the world.

And she still thinks so.

Charlotte, who is 24 today, was born with high functioning down syndrome and has been subjected to nearly a lifetime of heart problems. Despite the adversity she has faced, she is raising money through bake sales just to give back to those who have helped her.

She spoke to a small group at TaxServ's McLean office Friday about her story.

"We all face challenges and we all face difficulties," said managing director Daniel

Kusic.

Charlotte, Fairfax, had five open heart surgeries and one heart transplant starting at 5 months old. She said heart conditions affect half of those with Downs Syndrome. "I was a very eager learner," she said.

She learned how to read at 3 and a half years old. When she was in high school, she was on the honor roll all four years she attended. Currently, she attends Northern Virginia Community College and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

"I want to give back to the world and help others," she said. "We only have one life to live."

The funds that she raises during her annual bake sales, where she sells her homemade cookies and cupcakes, are donated to both Fairfax Inova, where she received the heart transplant, and Doctors Without



Stepfather Kevin Cannon, Charlotte Woodward and mother Darcy Woodward at TaxServ's office after her presentation.

Borders.

"It stems from my grandmother who was a wonderful baker herself," said Charlotte about how she got into baking.

She hopes to transfer to a four year school after she gets her associates degree and one day start a family.

Her mother, Darcy, said she was nervous when Charlotte was scheduled for her open heart surgery. The donation was available only after being on the national list for 11 days.

"It was the unknown," said Darcy. "I never knew anyone who needed an open heart surgery. It was overwhelming, but Charlotte took it in stride and inspired a lot of people."

Kermit Rosenberg, Annadale, came to the presentation because his future daughter-in-law has a 28-year-old sister with Down Syndrome.

"I didn't know there were different levels of intelligence and functionings with Downs," he said. "Her accomplishments are significant by any standard. She's a natural politician. Very sociable and a people person."

Stuart Skok, Rockville, said she came to the presentation because she has a son with Down Syndrome.

"It's hard," she said. "I needed some inspiration. I have a lot more hope. It's nice to know that it's supposed to be hard."

McLean WinterFest Promises to Be Bigger and Better Than Ever

Still time to sign up for the parade on Sunday, Dec. 7.

McLean's only community parade, WinterFest, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7. Go to the WinterFest site at www.mcleanwinterfest.org to register to be in the parade. The deadline for participant registration is Nov. 18. This year the parade falls on Pearl Harbor Day and the participants will salute WWII veterans represented by American Legion Post 270 as Grand Marshals.

Also new is WinterFest photo contest for spectators with entries that may win a prize or be used on the WinterFest website to promote next year's parade. Images will be judged in the following

categories: Best overall photo of the event; Best photo of pre-parade entertainment; Best photo of Parade Spectators; Best photo of parade entries; and Best photo taken by a child 12 or under. Winners will be announced in January. Go to www.mcleanwinterfest.org for the contest details.

WinterFest again this year will present a check to Share of McLean, the local organization that does so much to help families in need. "We're asking residents to share their good fortune with those who have fallen on hard times by bringing grocery, pharmacy or clothing store gift cards to the parade that Share volunteers will collect,"

said Trish Butler, chair of the parade steering committee.

What's the best news about WinterFest this year? WinterFest food vendors will be waiting for you: Mama's Donut Bites, DC Sliders, Swizzler gourmet hot dogs, Fluffy Thoughts and pizza by the slice from the Naked Pizza store.

Here's more information about this year's parade:

*The parade route will be the same as last year's: Old Chain Bridge Road from Fleetwood Road to Elm Street. The parade route will be closed from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. Plan ahead for this. The parade lineup streets, Beverly and Fleetwood, will

be closed at 2 p.m.

*There is still no fee to be an entry in the parade. But you must register by Nov. 18.

*Peggy Fox from WUSA/Channel 9 will again call the parade from the Fairfax County Showmobile situated in Langley Shopping Center. Bill DuBose of Vintage Wealth will host the pre-parade entertainment.

*The pre-parade entertainment will precede the parade stepping off; check web site for the time.

*The parade will step off at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

For more information on the WinterFest parade, go to the website at www.mcleanwinterfest.org or contact the parade committee at 703-917-0611.

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House No. 1, on Ballantrae Lane – two houses in one.



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House No. 2, on Langley Lane – English Country style.

McLean Holiday Homes Tour to Focus on Langley Farms

The 48th annual McLean Woman's Club Holiday Homes Tour, set for Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will focus on Langley Farms, an enclave of large custom homes across Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123) from McLean's business district. Most of the houses in this quiet, rather private neighborhood, were built on the sites of much older, smaller homes, expanding or completely replacing them. The houses sit on large lots along narrow streets and have easy access to and from Route 123 and Georgetown Pike. Because parking in Langley Farms is limited, the area will be served by free minibuses based at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., less than a half-mile away. As in previous years, the Woman's Club MarketPlace (this year called Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe) will be here during the same hours. The tour houses will be festively decorated in accordance with owners' wishes, and music of the season will be featured in some homes or nearby. Tickets for the tour will be available at Mesmeralda's Ltd., of McLean, 1339 Chain Bridge Road; Karin's Florist Inc., 527 Maple Ave., East, Vienna; and Great Dogs of Great Falls, 9859 Old Georgetown Road, as well as at the tour homes and at Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe (the MarketPlace). The cost is \$25 before Thursday, Dec. 4 (the day of the tour) and \$30 on Dec. 4 at the tour houses or at Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe.

Tour Houses

The four tour houses are located on Ballantrae Lane, Langley Lane (two houses) and Chain Bridge Road. For ease of reference, they are designated Houses 1 through 4 here and in the tour booklet/ticket. Specific addresses, as well as a general map of the area, appear in the tour booklet/ticket.

House No. 1 (Ballantrae Lane) – Two houses in one

This home consists of two sections: a handsome but conventional-looking front section built and equipped for a handicapped family member and an extended rear section intended as the primary residence for the rest of the family. Each section has its own entrance and is self-contained. However, the owners describe the house as "totally accessible for wheelchairs and walkers," as well as having automatic controls nearly throughout to make the home accessible to the handicapped, especially in the front half. Windows are low for outside visibility from a wheelchair. Steps have been eliminated, and transitions between flooring are seamless. The owners have eschewed carpeting in lieu of elegant inlaid floors. Other accommodations in-

clude an oversized elevator and a full basement with a physical therapy and workout area and a pool for rehab. Furniture is simple and modern and includes a large, attractive inlaid dining table for special occasions. There are four porches/patios and two garages, one of double size that is designed to accommodate vehicles with lifts. The driveway is designed for easy access, and the streetside mailbox is wheelchair accessible. The house has a 9-kilowatt solar panel system, and heating and cooling are geothermal.

House No. 2 (Langley Lane) – English country style

This English-country-style home was built on the site of a small 1920's Cape Cod bungalow. The current home has a stucco and stone façade, an arrival court off a circular drive and L-shaped landscaping in front, with gardens, terraces and a pool. Other interesting features include a nine-piece, random "true-slate" roof; custom, self-watering window baskets and walk-out slate terraces off the living room, foyer and family room. Inside, the front part of the home contains the "public" elements — living room, dining room and foyer on the first floor and three guest bedrooms on the second. The back of the house was designed as a "private" area, with a kitchen and family room on the first floor and a master bedroom/bath and study on the second. Note-

worthy details include antique doors on the front powder room and closet, custom "cast-stone" fireplaces, cast-concrete countertops, radiant-heated concrete floors in the kitchen and family room and a "shadow" detail in the crown molding in the living room. The home has five fireplaces and two attached garages.

House No. 3 (Langley Lane) – Nantucket style

Two doors down from House No. 2 is this multistory Nantucket-style home, built, like its neighbor, on the site of a small, much older Cape Cod but, unlike No. 2, retaining some of its features and layout. The first floor of the original house became the family room, library and part of the kitchen of the present home. The newer part of the home includes a step-down living room almost as large as the earlier house, a marble-floored foyer that continues from the front door to the rear French doors overlooking a pool and garden, a dining room large enough for sizable gatherings, a winding staircase to the upper level and a lower-level game room with French doors leading to a sunken rear patio. The small original kitchen was expanded to include a large eat-in area, a butler's pantry, a party service area and a half-bath. The large rear patio is covered with a unique glass-covered extension,

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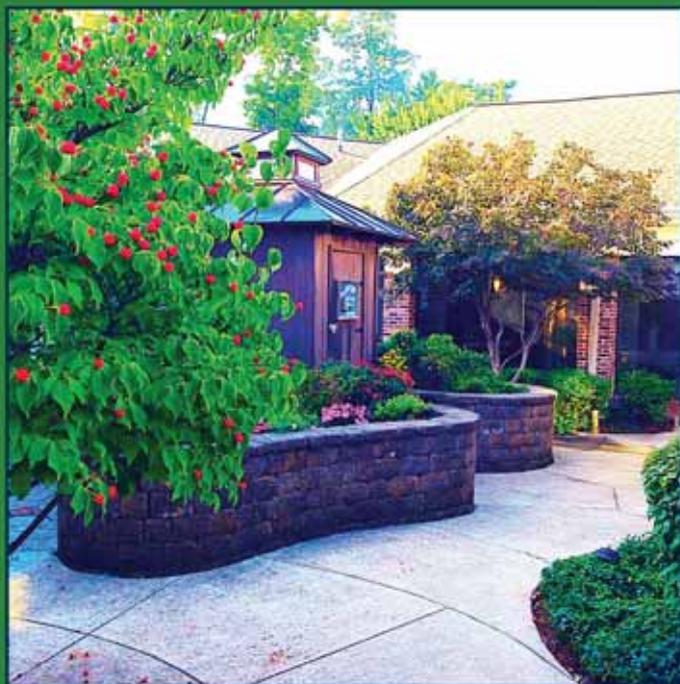


House No. 3, on Langley Lane – Nantucket Style.



House No. 4, on Chain Bridge Road – Modern Western style.

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New Exhibitions Open at MPA

A large crowd came to McLean Project for the Arts on Thursday evening, Nov. 6 for the opening reception for three new exhibitions. Rachel Rotenberg's large wood sculptures are dramatic in the Emerson Gallery. The Atrium Gallery highlights the work of Ryan Carr-Johnson and the Ramp Gallery is showing prints by JD Deardorff. Gallery goers heard MPA Exhibitions Director Nancy Sausser and the artists discuss their work and processes. The exhibitions are open through Dec. 20.

McLean Project for the Arts is a nonprofit 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.

Emerson Gallery hours are Tuesday- Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Atrium and Ramp Galleries are open Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m.-midnight; Sunday: 12 - 6 p.m.



Artist Rachel Rotenberg with one of her sculptures in the Emerson Gallery at MPA.

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WEEK IN MCLEAN

Al Johnson to Run for Comstock's Seat

Fairfax County businessman and former U.S. Ambassador Al Johnson has announced his campaign to run for the Republican nomination in the race to replace Congresswoman-elect Barbara Comstock in Virginia's 34th Delegate District.

Johnson said, "My 30-plus years as a GOP activist, trusted advisor to national leaders, and entrepreneur provide the right recipe to ensure our community is well-represented in Richmond on day-one of my term. And as an active member of the McLean community for 20 years, I too have a stake in our community and am committed to fighting for that bright future for northern Virginia. "As a U.S. trade ambassador, I successfully fought for American interests at the international negotiations table that resulted in economic growth, jobs and tens of billions of dollars in trade for the United States."

He has spent the majority of his life as a partner and owner of several small businesses, and CEO of several organizations. Currently, as the CEO of Allen F. Johnson & Associates, LLC, an international consulting firm based in McLean, Johnson understands what it is like to have to make a payroll and serve customers.

He has been active in the community as a member of the Dean's Council at George Mason University's Business School, the McLean Citizens Association, St. Luke's Catholic Church, and he founded and serves as President of a local non-profit organization called AgriOpportunity (AO) that focuses on assisting rural development.

He is a husband to his wife Sandra and father to their four children who have all been raised in McLean.

The Fairfax County Republican Canvass will take place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Colvin Run Elementary School at 1400 Trap Road in Vienna.

Superintendent Garza Comes to McLean

The McLean Citizens Association invites the area residents to join them in a conversation with Dr. Karen Garza, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent, on Monday, Dec. 1, from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The meeting is free and open to the general public.

In her first year with FCPS, Garza led the charge to provide elementary school students with five full days of school and supported later high school start times. Garza has been proactive in efforts to modify the FCPS audit structure. By Dec. 1, she also will have spent considerable time on the FY 2016 Proposed Budget for FCPS.

This event is your opportunity to learn how Garza proposes that we meet substantial challenges and to weigh in with your thoughts and concerns.

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Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

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This week is the week to jump in to help the many organizations that will help needy families through the holidays. Here are a few ideas of how to help, but the opportunities are limitless.

More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese. "The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger," said Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. "Pope Francis has consistently called us to be a 'church of the poor

and for the poor.'" The project will provide food in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.ccca.net for more.

Our Daily Bread will help 2,000 people for Thanksgiving and through the holidays. They need help. Sign up to deliver a meal, adopt a family or just donate. <https://www.odbfairfax.org/Thanksgiving>

United Community Ministries is seeking donations to its food pantry, donations to help prevent homelessness for 300 families on the brink, plus children's books and toys. <http://www.ucmagency.org/how-to-help.html>

Northern Virginia Family Services needs help with Operation Turkey, for 800 families. Food, money and volunteers needed. <http://www.nvfs.org/>

The Arlington Food Assistance Center is facing record demand, helping more than 8,000 people, and poised to go far above its annual budget. Find out more and donate <http://www.afac.org/>

Cornerstones' annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive will help nearly 1,000 families this season. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org.

SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org

LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. On Nov. 15, LINK will distribute food, gently used winter coats/clothing and grocery gift cards to more than 800 families. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org

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EDITORIAL

Resources and Support for the Caregiver

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COMMENTARY

If you have ever been in the position of providing ongoing, long-term care for a loved one, you are very familiar with the sacrifices involved. You should also know that you are not alone. Whether it is a result of illness, disability, or injury, 39 percent of all adult Americans are caring for an older loved one - an increase from 30 percent in 2010.

Most older-adults would prefer to age in place. We know this to be true, and it makes sense. It's a more comfortable, familiar environment. However, it does come with its own stressors and challenges as 80 percent of the care for the elderly is provided by family, friends and

edge and appreciate all those around us who go the extra mile to take care of others.

If you are a caregiver, know that Fairfax County has support services that can help as you continue on the caregiving journey. The Long Term Coordinating Care Council is a wonderful resource to start. You can visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/lccc/>. Another option, a phone line, 703-324-7948, is the Services for Older Adults. There you will reach social workers that can help you navigate

through the myriad of resources available. The Fairfax County 50+ initiative is also looking to help develop additional services and resources for caregivers. Please contact my office to learn more about the progress of these programs. You may also consider reaching out to ElderLink, a nonprofit organization created by a partnership of the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, the Inova Health System, and the Alzheimer's Association, that seeks to provide affordable care management services to older adults. They can be reached at 703-324-7948. Another helpful resource is the Caregiver Action Network website. It offers a variety of tips and tools - <http://www.caregiveraction.org/resources/toolbox/>.

I also hope that my show this

month on Fairfax County Channel 16, which features several personal caregivers, will help those who find themselves in the position of providing care. The show airs throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

It is very important to remember that you must take care of yourself first in order to provide the best level of care to your patient or loved one. It is very easy to become consumed with trying to finish all tasks only to find that many more are waiting. Develop a support network. Find respite and relaxation for yourself. If you are not a caregiver today, you may become one. So reach out to help if you can. By working together, we can build communities ready to serve our neighbors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos for Supervisors

To the Editor:

This week's story "Board Approves Bicycle Master Plan" (Oct. 29), discussed a major update to the county's transportation planning. Although the county did not list climate change as one of the major factors in its decision, this plan will help county travelers reduce their carbon footprint. That is an important benefit to everyone in the county, regardless of whether they commute by bicycle.

Climate change causes increased respiratory conditions, and these diseases are likely to get worse as the climate gets hotter. As a veteran of the health care industry, I care about these illnesses and the costs associated with them. Many legislative bodies are coming to the same conclusion. For example, the board's decision puts it in line with that of the U.S. Catholic bishops, who recently voted to support limits on carbon pollution such as those in the EPA's Clean Power Plan. Regardless of what faith we come from or how we get to work, these decisions put everyone at less

risk for health conditions associated with climate change. Kudos to the board for its wise decision.

Eileen Erbeni
Falls Church

Preserving the Planet

To the Editor:

Tuesday's win for the Republicans presents us with an opportunity for soul-searching. Many conservative Americans accept the science on climate change. However, many of the Republicans we

elected to represent us in Congress aren't in line with the most basic of conservative impulses: conserving the planet that we live on. In fact, many of the Republicans we elected have established sad track records of letting climate change continue unabated. As a mother and a person of faith, I hope that conservative leaders will take a page from the U.S. Catholic Bishops, who support limits on carbon pollution. It's time for our representatives to represent conservative values at their best.

Irene Sayne
Falls Church

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Langley High Orchestra Presents 'An Evening in Vienna'

The Langley High School Orchestra will present its first concert on Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Langley High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. "An Evening in Vienna" will feature music by composers Beethoven, Mozart, von Suppe and Strauss.

Winds, brass, and percussion will include members of the band and professional mentors who will perform with the students. This side-by-side format is being made possible by a partnership between the Langley PTSA and the Langley Orchestra Society.

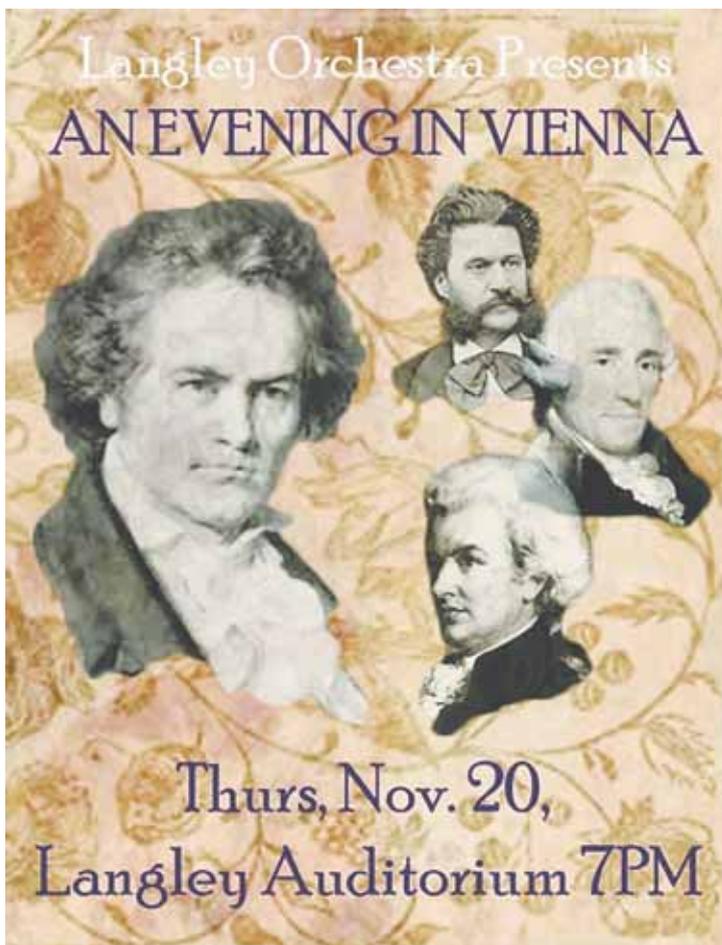
Junior Theron Masters will be featured in the Rondo from Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 37. Cellists Hailey Lee (senior) and Alex Lim (junior) will play the famous solo passages in "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna."

Elizabeth Leung will make her conducting debut with the Concert Orchestra, comprising freshmen and sophomores. Leung graduated from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with a bachelor's in Music Education. Currently, she

teaches orchestra at both Langley HS and at Cooper MS.

Dr. Scott McCormick, the director of the orchestra program at Langley, will direct the Philharmonic and Symphonic Orchestras.

The concert is free, and the public is invited. This concert is an opportunity for students in elementary and middle school to experience the excitement of the strong orchestral music program at Langley HS.



Concert artwork created by Drea George, a senior violinist at Langley High School.

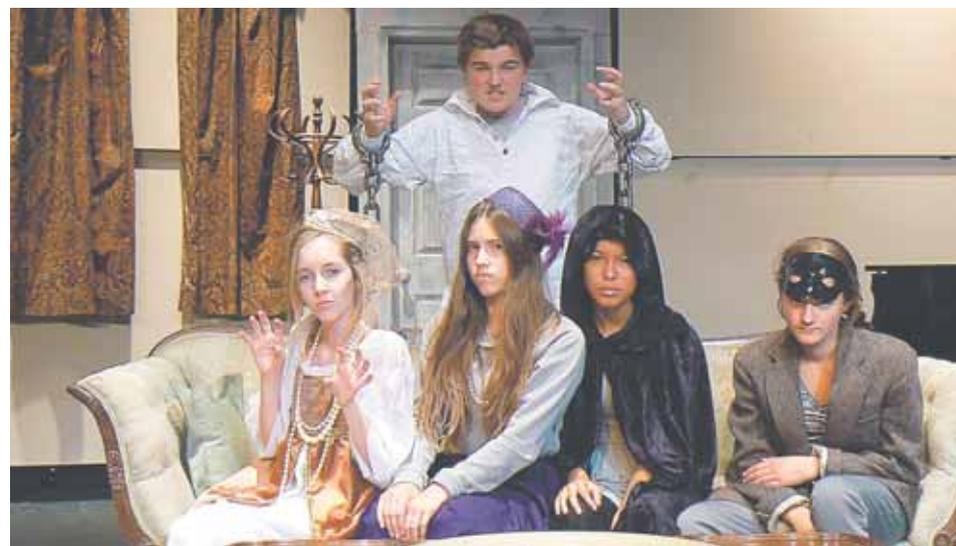


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The Langley School Presents 'The Canterville Ghost'

Middle School production runs Nov. 13-15.

A British estate, 400-year-old ghosts, and a brave American family set the stage for The Langley School's Middle School fall production of "The Canterville Ghost." This hilarious spoof will run in three performances Nov. 13-15 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Sherman Arts Center at 1411 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Tickets are on sale for \$8 each at www.langleyschool.org.

Based on the short story by Oscar Wilde, this family-friendly show begins when a modern American family acquires a historic British estate – Canterville Chase – which just happens to be haunted by a centuries-old ghost. When the Americans attempt to rid their new home of this annoying spirit, the ghost enlists the help of his haunting friends from neighboring estates. Life is hectic around Canterville Chase until a solution is discovered.

Langley's production includes 20 cast members, 11 crew members, 11 student leaders, and a 10-member student pit ensemble to accompany the action on stage.

This is a student-run production, so students are involved in all aspects of the play, serving as actors, assisting with sound and lighting, overseeing the action as student directors, working on props, makeup, or hair, and assisting with backstage operations. A new set design crew of student visual artists designed and helped create the Victorian set.

Since "The Canterville Ghost" takes place in England, Langley Middle Schoolers devoted an entire rehearsal to perfecting their British accents, ranging from the "Queen's English" to Cockney. With just one set and no scene changes, the show also allows Langley's student actors to focus on fully developing their characters – from stuffy Victorian ghosts to modern American teens.

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Located on a 9.2-acre campus in McLean, the school reaches across multiple disciplines to discover, amplify, and embrace the talents of every child, every day.

CAPPIES REVIEW

Smooth Sailing at Madeira Stage

BY KELLEY CZAJKA
WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Despite the chaos of the titular storm, Madeira's production of "The Tempest" was all smooth sailing. The plotlines, movement, and transitions weaved together seamlessly, clarifying any plot points lost in the sometimes-unclear dialogue.

"The Tempest" is believed to be one of Shakespeare's final works, written in 1610. Shakespeare's version would have had an all-male cast, but the cast of Madeira's production was all female. Consequently, some names were altered to fit the all-female production.

The story follows rightful Duchess

Prospera of Milan, who has been stranded for 12 years on an island with her daughter, Miranda, after being sent away by her sister Antonia and Queen Alonsa of Naples. Prospera orders the Ariels, or spirits, to conjure up a tempest to strand her enemies on the island. The play contains three intermingling plot lines: the plight of the shipwreck, the revenge of Prospera, and the love between Miranda and Prince Ferdinand of Naples.

Prospera's (Kelleen Moriarty's) motherly instincts and commanding stage presence made her a perfect fit for queen. Through body language and tone of voice, she established varied relationships with each of the other characters. Her tender relationship with Miranda (Grace Owen) was

shaped through delicate hair stroking and warm language, whereas her authoritative relationship over her subjects on the island was established through scolding.

The jester Trinculo (Jeeho Ha), the drunkard Stephano (Mary Kate Gould), and the monster Caliban (Kerstin Shimkin) carried the comedic aspect of the show. This side plot involves the two humans confusing the monster for a fish and, upon realizing he isn't, getting him drunk on wine so they can take him back to England and sell him for a fortune. The trio then plots to overthrow Prospera and take over the island. Ha especially demonstrated a mastery of her part, annunciating clearly and loudly and complementing her lines with engaging vocal inflections and amusing facial expressions.

The fairies, particularly the Ariels (Cori Williams and Diana Smith), were fluid and together as they flitted around the stage. In contrast, Caliban was portrayed as being animalistic, always crouching low to the ground. Their uninterrupted movements were facilitated by the detailed, creative sets, which were constructed by students. There were staircases and platforms made to look like boulders, which added a sense of depth to the production and gave the actresses several levels to work with.

Although some of the dialogue was incomprehensible, the actresses managed to convey the story through consistently effective movement, body language, and tone of voice.

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East & West. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Vienna Arts Society Gallery on the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Artist Libby Eckert exhibits her oil paintings inspired by her travels across America. Call 703-319-3220 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org for more information.

THROUGH SUNDAY/NOV. 30

Rumors of Another World. Opening, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m. JoAnne Rose Gallery, Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. An exhibit of poured, not painted, works by Cape Breton Island artist Celeste Friesen. Free. 703-476-4500.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

GF Rotary Club. 7:30-8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. Download a membership form on their website. Open to anyone who has a personal connection to Great Falls and is interested in furthering Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeeshouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee. All are welcome to drop in.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

GFL Drop-In Chess. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop in chess at the



The Alden in McLean's resident contemporary dance company, Christopher K. Morgan & Artists, returns for its fourth annual season with an evening of mixed repertory that includes two world premieres. "Inconstancy" will be performed at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15. Tickets are \$30, \$20 for McLean tax district residents. The Alden is located inside the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue

Great Falls Library Meeting Room. All ages are welcome.

Playdate Café. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for

children, coffee and conversation for grown-ups.

Field Trip: Double Feature at AMC Tysons. 3:30-10 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge

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Christopher K. Morgan & Artists:

"Inconstancy." 8 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden, Professional Artists Series. \$30/\$20 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

Gasland Part II Screening. 7:30 p.m. Unity Church of Fairfax, 854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Free screening of the film Gasland Part II, an explosive follow-up to the Oscar-nominated film Gasland. Filmmaker Josh Fox uses dark humor to take a deeper, broader look at the danger of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Discussion following the film led by Dusty Horwitt, senior counsel, Environmental Working Group. For more information visit www.faithforclimate.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14 - SUNDAY/JAN. 4

Meadowlark's Winter Walk of Lights. 5:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A winter wonderland, including a flowing stream of softly glowing lights, a two story animated fountain and a Gingerbread Village. Admission: \$13 adults, \$8 children ages 3-12; children under 3 are free.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

ThanksGIVING Toy Sale. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Items include: dolls, cars, trucks, legos, trains, games, puzzles, books, videos, bikes, sports equipment, strollers, holiday dresses, costumes and much, much more. Proceeds of the sale will go to sponsored charities and educational

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scholarships. In conjunction, we will also be collecting gently used coats to be donated to the broader D.C. community.

Ballroom Dance. 8 - 9 p.m. Cha-Cha Lesson. 9 - 11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. DJ music with Craig Bukowski playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, everyone is welcome. \$15. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Amadeus Strings with Josef Spacek, violin soloist. 4 - 6 p.m. Saint Francis Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This concert will feature works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Astor Piazzolla, and Dmitri Shostakovich. Tickets are \$30 at the door, and season passes are available for purchase at www.amadeusconcerts.com, or you can call 703-759-5334.

Christopher K. Morgan & Artists: "Inconstancy." 8 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden, Professional Artists Series. \$30/\$20 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

The Mystery of Oolong Teas. 1-3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Taste a variety of "wulong" teas as you learn how they are created and what makes each style special, while enjoying some tea infused treats. Advance reservations and payment (\$30 per person) required through the Mill at 703-759-2771.

Model Railroad Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trains. Free admission.

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 p.m. 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of cars at Katie's Coffeehouse. Antique, custom, hotrod, exotic, sports, etc.

CR Social Ballroom. 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Craig Bukowski's Ballroom Dance. \$15 includes lesson, dance, sodas and light snacks. Call Kathleen Milks at 703-759-2685 for more information.

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. Oakton Girl Scout troop 1323 is sponsoring a craft fair. Bring the family for a great shopping experience to kick off the holiday season. They'll be food, drinks and activities for the younger members of the family to include face painting and fun hands-on crafts.

Rotary Fun Day & Magic Show! 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Great Falls Rotary Club is providing a day of fun at the library. There will be a Magic Show, prizes, snacks, drinks and a Book Exchange. Please bring a gently-used children's book to exchange.

Chew the Fat. 1-4 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. What can you do with fat? Many things! Come help the Claude Moore Colonial Farm family make soap, candles and even dubbin. Educational and fun. Great family activity. <http://www.1771.org/directions.htm>

MONDAY/NOV. 17

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storytime in Mandarin, Spanish, French or Arabic. No previous knowledge needed.

Learn to Draw Cartoons. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn to draw cartoons with artist Bud Little. Ages 6 and up. Please register for this program.

Kids' Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The incorrigible Children of Ashton Place: The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood. Ages 8-12. School age.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

Great Falls Writers Group Presents Jim Lehrer. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The veteran newsman, playwright and author will discuss his lifetime in words and his recent novel, entitled "Top Down," about the Kennedy assassination.

CR Dance Lessons. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$12 per person includes lesson and snacks. Contact Ed Cottrell at 703-435-5620 or EdCottrell@MACP.org for more information.

Imagination Yoga for Children. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. For children ages 3-5. Children will learn to unite mind and body through imaginative interaction. Simple yoga poses and adventure stories.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

"Murder by Death." 1 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

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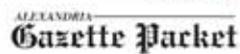


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CALENDAR

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The Alden, Midday Movies. Free. www.mcleancenter.org.

GFL 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.

Storytime for 3-5 Year Olds with Caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Dolly Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Join for an early literacy enhanced storytime featuring stories, rhymes and songs.

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

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 20-22

Brethren's 21st Annual Christmas Craft Show. Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. Come browse around and find unique presents and stocking stuffers; cards and gift bags; seasonal décor; kitchen accessories; baby and children's items; scarves, hats and other attire; jewelry; pillows and linens; ceramics; fresh baked pies and cakes and much more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

James Cotton. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Widely regarded as one of the best harmonica players of all time, this instrumentalist and blues legend has made his mark on music history. Tickets: \$25. For more information, visit www.wolftrap.org.

GF Rotary Club. 7:30-8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road

Great Falls. Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. Download a membership form on their website. Open to anyone who has a personal connection to Great Falls and is interested in furthering Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.

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

FRIDAY/NOV. 21

Quote-Along Film: "A Christmas Story." 7:30 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Yell along to your all-time holiday favorite. Free.

GFL Drop-In Chess. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop in chess at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room. All ages are welcome.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21 - SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Chris Smither & The Motivators. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets: \$30-\$35. For more information, visit www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21 - SUNDAY/NOV. 23

45th Annual Treasury of Art Juried Show and Sale. Sales hours are Friday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon - 4 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Vienna's largest art exhibition of the year. Hundreds of original works in all media by artists from Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and beyond will be for sale. Meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments and

music by the Serenada String Quartet at the Awards Reception, Friday Nov. 21, 7 - 9 p.m. Free and open to the public. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Andes Manta in Concert. 8 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Live @ The Alden. \$20/\$15 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

Cars & Coffee. 7-9 p.m. 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of cars at Katie's Coffeehouse. Antique, custom, hotrod, exotic, sports, etc.

CR Dance for Everyone. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$12 per person includes lesson dance, soda and snacks. Contact Ed Cottrell at 703-435-5620 or EdCottrell@MACP.org for more information.

35th Annual Christmas Bazaar. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. t. John's Academy gym at 6422 Linway Terrace, McLean. Vendors from across Northern Virginia, entertainment, local art and the chance to purchase jewelry, food and gifts. Free admission. For more information contact Jennifer at womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Concerts at The Alden. 3 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Live @ The Alden. Free. www.mcleancenter.org.

"Autumn Splendor." 3-5 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Sunday Soiree Series Dance. \$15 per couple, \$8 single. www.mcleancenter.org.



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Free Family Movie Quote-Along "A Christmas Story" (1983)
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Sunday, Nov. 23, 3-5 p.m.
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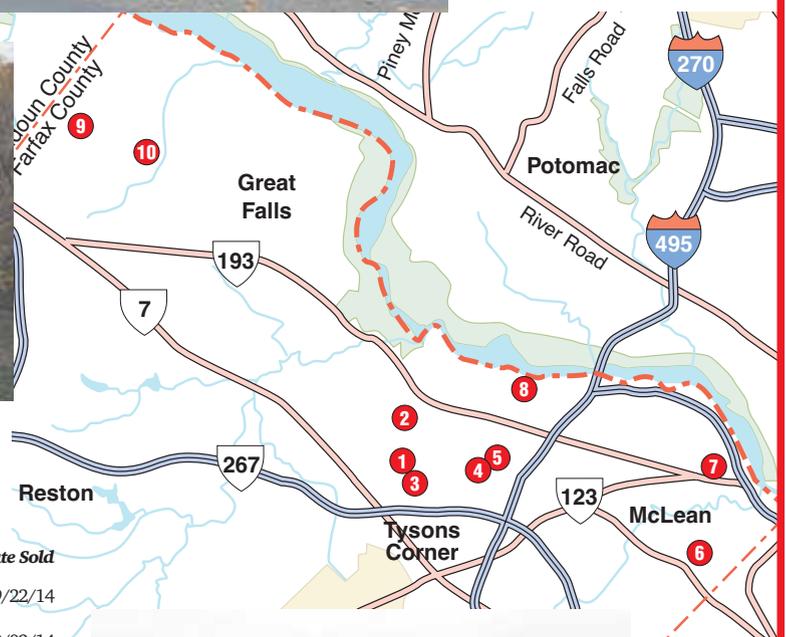
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McLean Location for 2015 DC Design House

House will benefit Children's National Health System.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The new country estate at 956 Mackall Farm Lane in McLean will be the location for the 8th annual DC Design House, a project that raises money to benefit Children's National Health System. The 2015 DC Design House will be held from April 11 to May 10.

"We're excited to have found such a wonderful location and partner for the 2015 DC Design House," said Skip Singleton, co-founder of the DC Design House. "The new home by Artisan Builders is a charming old farmhouse-style home in McLean, our first venture into Virginia, with many rooms for our team of designers to decorate."

Built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design, the 8,869-square-foot home replicates an old American farmhouse. The home is reminiscent of a Virginia countryside home, but offers modern amenities. The interior floor plan is an L shape, which was popular among early farmers because of the ease and efficiency of adding future rooms.

"My partners and I are truly thrilled that Artisan Builders' new old farmhouse in McLean, Va., has been selected as the 2015 DC Design House," said Stephen Yeonas of



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 2015 DC DESIGN HOUSE

A country estate in McLean is the 2015 location for the DC Design House.

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— Skip Singleton, cofounder of the DC Design House.

Artisan Builders. "Our entire team is committed to making the event the best ever, while helping a great cause, Children's National Health System."

THIS MODERN FARMHOUSE offers light-filled interior rooms that blend old

elements, such as reclaimed wood and antiques, with new features, including top-of-the-line kitchen appliances.

A gallery finished with stone from an old Virginia farmhouse and a library paneled in quarter-sawn oak are among the vintage touches. The exterior features covered

porches, antique style lighting, and natural stone in a random, hand-cut pattern. Landscape design is by Fine Landscapes and sales by Yeonas & Shafran Real Estate.

Some of the area's top designers previewed more than 20 rooms in the three-level home, which includes first floor formal and family foyers, dining and living rooms, library, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, mudroom and front and rear covered porches. Among the rooms on the upper level are a master suite with reading nook and three secondary suites, while the lower level offers a bistro and bar, media and game rooms, and an additional bedroom and bath.

"We'll be announcing designers by the end of November," said Susan Hayes Long, chair of the DC Design House, "and we're sure the 8th annual DC Design House will continue our tradition of exceptionally innovative designs and inspiration, all while raising money for our beneficiary: Children's National Health System."

The interior designers create presentation boards, which show how they would design the home. Volunteer staff choose the designers who will donate their time and talent to transform the house into a showcase home.

The DC Design House began in 2008 as an event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents in a "flowing design home" to raise funds for a local charity. What began as a single event goal to raise funds for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center, has developed into an annual residential design attraction and fundraiser.

New Interior Design Book Features Local Tastemakers

Interior designers offer advice on creating an elegant home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Fall not only brings vibrantly colored leaves and pumpkins, but it also ushers in a slew of new book releases. Among those is an interior design book featuring local designers.

Melissa Mather's "Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in their Own Words" is a collection of narratives from design experts who offer advice on creating a stylish home. It is filled with photographs of rooms that offer a variety of definitions of elegance, including modern, traditional and even preppy.

"We presented questions to a variety of skillful tastemakers, each with a discerning eye for style," said Mather. "Their answers are intended to help the reader discover their own personal style and create

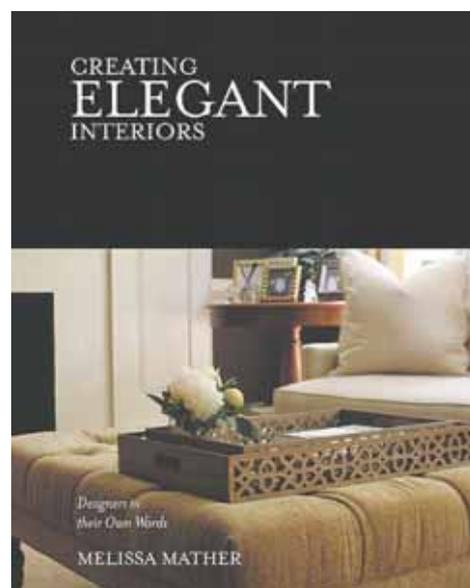


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New book on creating an elegant home features local designers.

a home that is both elegant and comfortable. The designers share some of the insights they use while guiding their clients to the discovery of their own unique design style."

Among the designers in the book are Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town, Alexandria, who describes how she begins her design projects.

"I always ask lifestyle questions early on in the design process to understand how my clients want to best use their space," said Sanchez. "For example, do you have a big family that requires 10 seats at the dining table? Do you host the weekly playgroup and therefore need open spaces and childproof fabrics? Write down your answers and you will quickly see what you need and what's important to you, and this will help you develop the right space."

Personal touches and do-it-yourself projects are great ways to showcase your tastes and sense of style," said Allie Mann of Arlington.

"Don't be afraid to use your space as a creative outlet," she said. "Do-it-yourself

projects don't need to be super time-consuming or terribly sophisticated, either."

CREATE A MASTER PLAN before beginning a project is advice offered by Kai Tong, an architect at Hopkins & Porter in Potomac, Md. "It doesn't need to be implemented and finished immediately, but it will allow the clients to live in the space and observe how both the space and their vision and needs evolve," he said.

One of the first things to ask and consider is how the space is going to be used, said Ann O'Shields, an interior designer and owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.

"Will it be adults only in a formal setting or a space with children and pets?" she asks. "From there, I recommend identifying spaces or things in your current home that you enjoy. It's important to give your home personality and add elements that you enjoy."

"Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in the Own Words," can be found at bookstores and on Amazon.com.

RB West Carries Langley Football Into Playoffs

Senior becomes Saxons' all-time leading rusher.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Langley fans groaned as running back Tyler West laid on the turf and reached for his leg during the fourth quarter of the Saxons' regular-season finale against rival McLean on Nov. 7.

"That's our team!" one person yelled from the stands.

As it turned out, West was OK and later raced into the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown, extending an already healthy Langley lead.

While West has had some help along the way, his importance to the Langley football team is undeniable. On Friday, he reached a career milestone and helped keep the Saxons' season alive.

West carried 38 times for 276 yards and four touchdowns, leading Langley to a 36-13 win over McLean at Langley High School. West's performance propelled him to the top of the Saxons' all-time rushing list with 4,198 yards, surpassing Phil Mun's total of 4,053. With the victory, Langley secured a spot in the 6A North region playoffs.

"He's a phenomenal player, a phenomenal athlete," sophomore right guard Tyler Howerton said about West. "... He's one of our most important players. There's no way we could be where we are without him."

WEST, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound senior, did most of his damage in just two seasons. He carried nine times for 62 yards as a sophomore, when Mun was a senior. West took over the starting role in 2013 and rushed for 2,230 yards and 26 touchdowns behind a big, experienced offensive line anchored by all-region guard Brooks Norris, who now plays for William & Mary. The Saxons averaged 40.1 points per contest that season, a program record, finished 9-3 and won a playoff game.

In 2014, the Saxons entered the season with a younger offensive line, which became even less experienced when 6-foot-6, 265-pound senior tackle Connor Halm suffered a knee injury early in the year.

Langley opened the season with lopsided losses to Yorktown and Stone Bridge as the Saxons' running game started slowly.

"It's a young group that we had this year," West said. "We kind of knew it would take a little while and it did. We started slow and [head] coach [John] Howerton and everyone worked together. ... Probably around the time of the Fairfax game is when the line started to get everything going."

West rushed for 165 yards against Fairfax on Oct. 10, but Langley lost, 35-28, dropping the Saxons' record to 2-4.



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Langley running back Tyler West rushed for 276 yards and four touchdowns against McLean on Nov. 7.

Oakton Football Reaches Postseason

The Oakton and Langley football teams each earned a spot in the 6A North region playoffs.

Oakton enters the postseason as the region's No. 14 seed and will travel to face No. 3 Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14.

The Cougars defeated Herndon 21-16 in both teams' regular-season finale on Nov. 7. The win improved Oakton's record to 5-5 and helped the team earn a playoff berth. The Cougars' reward is a first-round matchup with Lake Braddock,

which finished the regular season with an 8-2 record. The Bruins lost to a pair of playoff teams, Robinson and West Springfield, but also defeated playoff teams Westfield, Annandale and South County.

Oakton's lone win against a playoff-bound team came against Robinson on Oct. 24. The Cougars won the Northern Region in 2012, but missed the playoffs last season.

Langley enters the playoffs as the No. 15 seed and will travel to face No. 2 Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

That would be Langley's last regular season defeat.

The Saxons have won four straight, including a 21-20 victory over Madison on Oct. 31, which Langley pulled out in the final minute. West rushed for 220 yards against the Warhawks.

"I'd say it started about midseason," John Howerton said when asked about when his offensive line started to jell. "I missed a couple games with an illness, and I wasn't able to work with the kids. When I came back, I tried to crash-course them and really get them going. But I think half the year is usually about right for younger kids. We've had three sophomores starting in and out on the line. We had to switch a couple kids around. We lost the big kid, Connor Halm, early, and that really hurt us. He was [an] experienced, big, scholarship-level tackle. ... When that happened, the cards had to be pulled out and shuffled around."

Against McLean, the Langley offensive line helped West put forth a dominant performance.

No. 5's first touchdown, a 5-yard run, gave the Saxons a 7-0 advantage in the opening quarter. Early in the second quarter, West took the snap out of Langley's "Ram" formation and scored on a 6-yard run. Sixty-seven seconds later, West's 7-yard scamper extended the Saxons' lead to 21-0.

West's final carry was a 35-yard touchdown run with 6:33 left in the fourth quarter, giving Langley a 36-7 advantage. The Saxons defeated the Highlanders for the

third straight time and qualified for the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season.

John Howerton said the senior running back isn't much of a talker, but his performance speaks volumes.

"For as quiet as he is, he's more a role model through his actions," Howerton said. "I'd much rather have a kid lead by example than be a big talker. He's always been a great kid, and he just has abilities that other kids don't have."

WEST'S PERFORMANCE against McLean gave him 1,906 yards and 25 touchdowns this season. He's 94 yards shy of his second 2,000-yard season and needs 459 yards to catch Langley's single-season rushing leader, Trevor Bacon, who amassed 2,365 during the 2004 season.

West said he would like to reach the 2,000-yard mark.

"That would be huge for me," West said. "I'm definitely going to try to get that last 100 yards and hopefully I can get more. That's definitely a milestone for me right now."

"He's one of our most important players. There's no way we could be where we are without him."

— Langley guard Tyler Howerton about running back Tyler West.

Getting at least 94 yards on the ground will be a tough task for West and the Saxons (6-4), who enter the playoffs as the region's No. 15 seed and will travel to face No. 2 Westfield (9-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14. The Bulldogs have reached the region final each of the last three seasons, and this year defeated defending state champion and No. 1 seed Centerville 42-41 in double overtime.

"I know that they're going to be tough," West said, "and we're going to have to practice really hard to get to where we need to be."

West enters Friday's playoff game with 548 carries for 4,198 yards and 51 touchdowns in his Langley career. If the Saxons are going to pull off an upset of Westfield, it will be West leading the way.

"It feels good to be able to have a running back like him behind me," Tyler Howerton said. "A good block will lead to a good run ... [but] I know that even if there's a mistake [up front], he'll still be able to pick up some yards."

McLean Holiday Homes Tour to Focus on Langley Farms

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providing shelter during outdoor parties. The original slate roof of the 1920's home was extended over the expansion of the house using slate from the same Pennsylvania quarry so one cannot detect where the old and new meet.

House No. 4 (Chain Bridge Road) – Modern western

The owners of this house say they have always admired the architecture of the western United States and were delighted to be able to build a custom home bringing the western style to Chain Bridge Road, which is a favorite street of theirs. At the same time, they describe the interior of the house as having “transitional modern lines.” The house has an open floor plan for the kitchen and family room spaces, with some smaller, more formal areas. The owners feel that all of the areas blend well for large-party entertaining. There is a comfortable, cozy library, but everyone's favorite spaces seem to be the contemporary-style kitchen and the covered outdoor patio, which in effect serves as an outdoor room. A striking, western-style wall made of stone with convenient niches on the kitchen side separates the kitchen from the adjacent hall. In the spring and summer, the pool area can be seen to have simple, modern lines enhanced with seasonal potted annuals. The

pool is 600 square feet, and there is a nearby Jacuzzi. The home has two open porches/patios, a lower-level recreation room and four fireplaces. The exterior walls are stone with some HardiPlank; the roof is composition shingle.

Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe

The Woman's Club's other major fundraiser, Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe, at Trinity Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature numerous vendors, and will sell estate jewelry, all types of women's handbags, decorative items, home-baked goods, specialty candy, collectibles, floral arrangements, discounted gems, handmade items gifts (for teachers, hostesses, family and friends), ceramics, LED lights, soy candles and Homes Tour tickets. There will also be a silent auction of items valued at over \$100, and lunch and drinks will be available. Admission will be free, and there will be ample parking in the church lots. All proceeds of the Homes Tour and the Christmas Shoppe will be donated to local charities and nonprofits, including Alternative House, Fisher House, the Wounded Warrior program, Capital Caring, Share, Inc.; the McLean Symphony, the McLean Project for the Arts and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, as well as used for scholarships and education. The honorary host for both events will be Mr. Doug DeLuca, local designer, builder, artist and community supporter.

For more tour information: 703-556-0197 or www.mcleanwc.org. For more information on Ye Ole Christmas Shoppe: 703-356-0089.

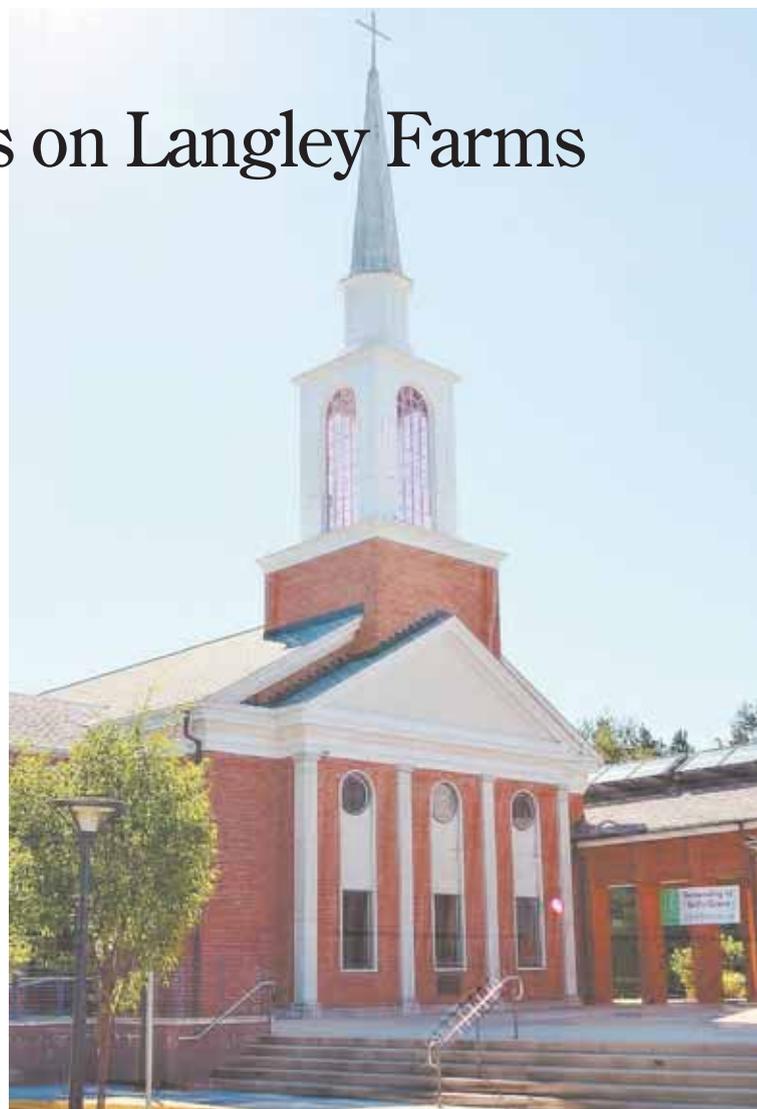


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Trinity United Methodist Church, McLean, location of “MarketPlace” Fundraiser.

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Excuse Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Early on during my indoctrination/assimilation into the cancer-patient world in which I now reside, I remember asking a fellow cancer patient/friend if I could use cancer as an excuse for whatever it was needed excusing (directly or indirectly related), and she said: absolutely, "blame the cancer." Years later, after a chemotherapy infusion, I saw my oncologist walking through the Infusion Center and asked him if my thinning hair might be a result of this most recent chemotherapy drug (not all chemotherapy results in hair loss). His response was similar to what my friend had advised me in 2009. He said: "You can blame me," (which of course, I understood to mean, cancer/the treatment of cancer) "for anything."

Now, I have to tell you, having such an acceptable, ready-made, beyond-reproach kind of excuse such as cancer as the reason for anything you want to do/don't want to do/can't do, etc., is incredibly tempting. It's almost like having a super power, a power which cannot be questioned or compromised in any way. And quite frankly, conjures a wide range of emotions/reactions; from one perspective, it places the cancer patient in a position of strength, and on the other, creates a kind dependence that is hard to resist. My fear has always been that relying on cancer too much as an excuse somehow weakens the immune system and so I have been hesitant to use its power. Can you say slippery slope?

As an example: if "the dog ate my homework" became an acceptable excuse, one would use it as such until it no longer passed muster; and as we all know, eventually it doesn't pass anything. However, cancer as an excuse - in my experience, will always pass muster and then some. Moreover, the seriousness of it will likely prevent the patient from ever having to answer any show-proof type questions: "Show me your port." "Name your most recent chemotherapy cocktail." "How long does a typical infusion last?" As a consequence, the potential for use and abuse is almost overwhelming.

Nevertheless, in spite of the temptation, I have rarely used my disease as an excuse for anything, other than when it was obvious by my appearance - during heavy duty chemotherapy - that I was unavailable, shall we say. It always felt as if I might be manipulating situations if I were to start using "cancer" as an excuse; as believable and understandable an excuse as it was/is. It's so easy. So unquestioned. No one is going to ask: "Really?" "Are you throwing up that much?" "Are you sure you can't get out of bed?" Besides, I haven't wanted to give in to my cancer whereby it begins to control my life more than the regular medical appointments, lab work, diagnostic scans, infusions and the 40+ pills I ingest and restricted diet already do. I've wanted to maintain some control and try not to become a victim of my own circumstances. Easier said than done, I assure you.

But I have persevered and survived five years and nearly nine months. Through a combination of good genes, a healthier lifestyle and diet, a variety of non-traditional alternatives/supplements and a bit of blind luck, not to mention a super-positive attitude which I inherited from my father, life goes on. However, if anything goes wrong, I know who/what to blame: "cancer." It wasn't anything I said or did. In a way, there's comfort in having such a good excuse. Unfortunate, certainly, but very convenient.

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