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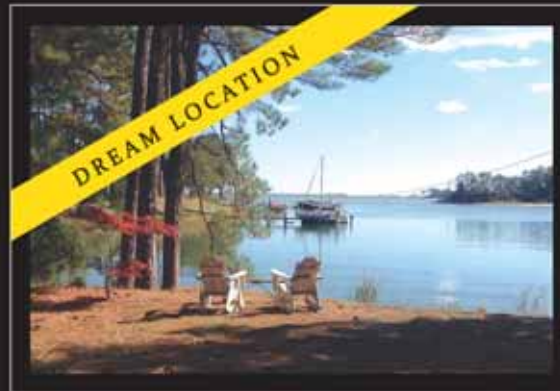
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Former Dranesville Supervisor Rufus Phillips, former McLean Citizens Association president Lilla Richards, Supervisor John Foust, MCA President Sally Horn and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova with a county resolution at the Nov. 20 centennial celebration.



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Voice of McLean for 100 Years

The McLean Citizens Association celebrates 100th anniversary.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

The oldest civil organization in the county celebrated its 100th anniversary, in turn celebrating the milestones McLean has achieved since 1914.

The McLean Citizens Association has served as the voice of the people for 100 years and is the face behind McLean Day, Dolley Madison Library, McLean Community Center and hundreds of resolutions passed on the county level.

"This is a community effort," said MCA President Sally Horn during the centennial celebration on Nov. 20. "This is a collaborative effort."

Merrily Pierce, a former MCA president, and McLean Historical Society President Paul Kohlenberger put together a comprehensive booklet outlining the history of the McLean School and Civic League - known today as the McLean Citizens Association. The book details the important topics in the early days - providing adequate streetlights and enough textbooks and school supplies for another McLean institution that also



Providence District School Board member Patty Reed, Del. Marcus Simon and Del. Barbara Comstock at McLean Citizens Association's centennial celebration.

recently celebrated a centennial birthday - Franklin Sherman Elementary.

"This was a labor of love on their part, and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart," said Horn.

Pierce detailed in the booklet why the history of the organization took 100 years to put into a bound edition.

"One major obstacle had been a lack of an official repository for MCA documents in McLean, and the concomitant paucity of easily-accessible records," she said. "Recognizing the challenge, one of us attempted to find an appropriate location for MCA source documents during the 1990s."

After more than a decade, the history, from the beginning days as the voice for children's education to becoming a voice for nearly 50,000 people today, has been preserved in a booklet.

Three separate resolutions - including



Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, Barbara Phillips and former Supervisor Rufus Phillips celebrate at the McLean Citizens Association centennial party.

from the state General Assembly and the county Board of Supervisors - honoring the MCA were presented. Dranesville Supervisor John Foust noted that he once held Horn's position as MCA president.

"As a former president of the McLean Citizens Association, I can tell you the respect that the MCA has is the top of the list," he said.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova also noted the MCA's reputation on the county-level.

"Organizations come and go," she said. "We do not have the opportunity often to honor an organization that has not only lasted but is also a force in the community."

Every living MCA president was also honored at the event. Each one was presented with a small gift and got a photo taken together for prosperity.

"So long as the MCA remains faithful to

its primary duty to represent the community, I think the MCA will be an important part of both McLean and Fairfax County," said MCA board member Rob Jackson.

He is the longest serving president of the organization and joked that he is the Franklin D. Roosevelt of MCA. His tenure as president lasted from June 2007 until May 2012. During that time, the county was in the process of trying to figure out how to make Tysons become an urban center.

"The MCA was actively involved to ensure the interests of our members, including those residing in Tysons who live north of Route 7, were adequately addressed in the County's decision," he said. "While we might disagree on details of the County's decisions, our consensus belief is that the 2010 Comprehensive Plan was reasonable. And we think our involvement was critical to that result."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. We hope you can help. Visit our website at www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email volunteer@scov.org.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in Alexandria needs a Van Driver to take participants on outings and an ESL Teacher. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Chantilly, Clifton, McLean and Falls Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Substitute drivers needed throughout the county. For these and other volun-

teer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale** needs a Chair Exercise Instructor, Spanish-speaking interpreters, an Experienced Canasta Player to teach participants, and certified instructors for classes in Ballroom Dance and Pilates. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY

711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs; urgent need in Reston area. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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VIEWPOINTS

What Are You Thankful for This Year?

McLean residents interviewed at McLean Community Center.

— REENA SINGH



Andrea Del Vecchio, managing director of a nonprofit:

"I am most thankful that the country is becoming more informed about the issues. That was shown in the most recent election."



Connie Crosby, McLean, real estate agent:

"I'm thankful for a healthy family."



Andrew Gutowski, McLean, real estate, architect and project manager:

"I'm thankful for my great family."



Nancy Bleeker, McLean, retired social worker:

"My son is getting married this weekend, so I'm very excited for an expanded family."



Joann Berkson, McLean, nonprofit arm of McLean Citizen's Association:

"I'm grateful to be a member of the board and a part of an organization that does so much for the McLean community."



Sandra Stein, McLean, communications for an investment company:

"I'm thankful for family, friends, a wonderful community and good health."

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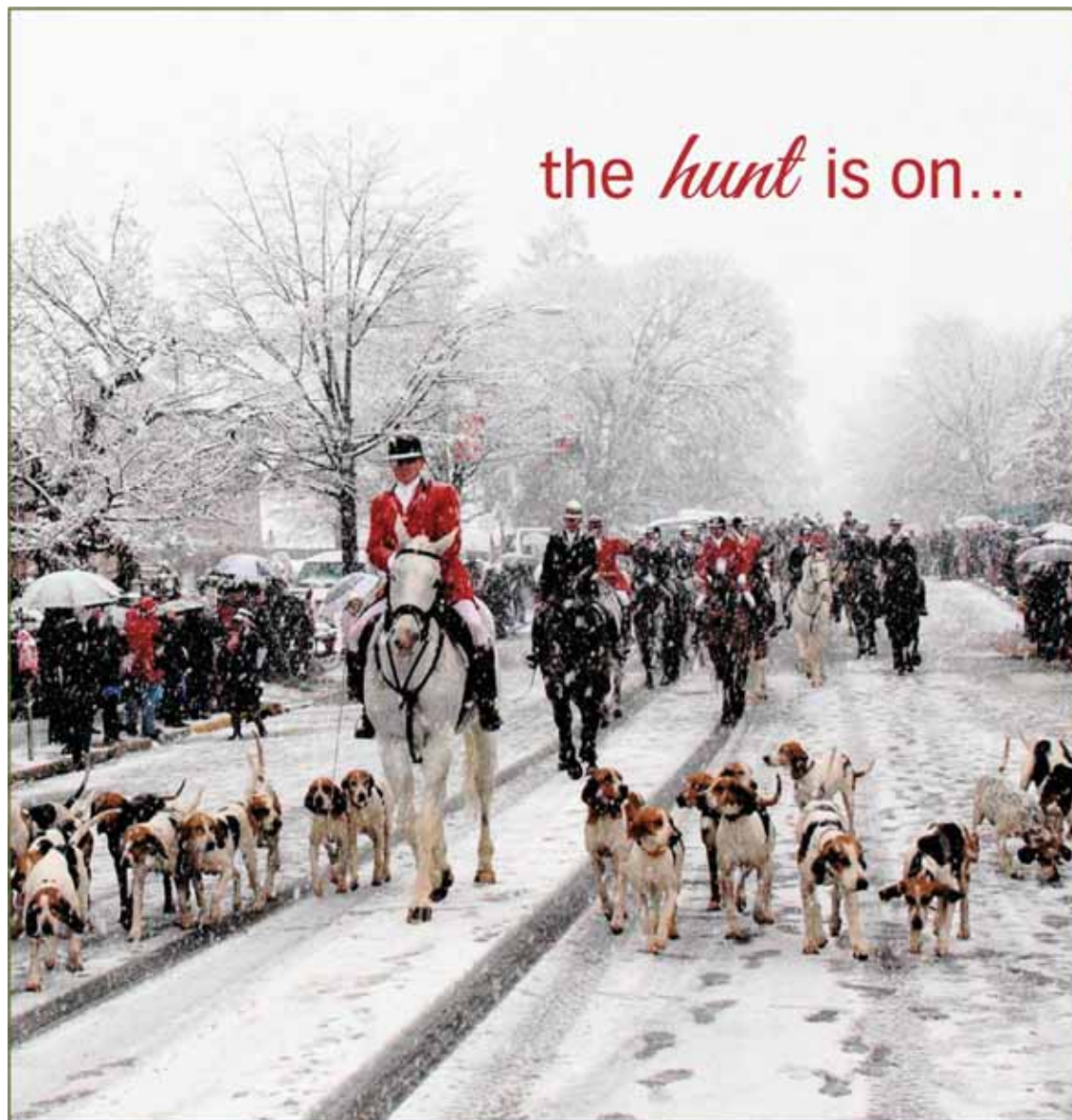
The **Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center** in Annandale needs Spanish-speaking social companions and a licensed hair stylist to wash, cut and style hair for participants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a DJ to provide a wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, a Ballroom Dance Instructor and a volunteer with basic carpentry skills to build a "Little Free Library," for people to donate and borrow books from. Center will provide plans and materials. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Sully Senior Center** in Centreville needs a certified personal trainer twice a week, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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The **Gum Springs Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a Spanish teacher for a beginner's class. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.



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The stage will be set in the center curb cut of Langley Shopping Center, with Peggy Fox from WUSA Channel 9, again calling the parade. Parade entries will begin at Fleetwood Road and proceed down Old Chain Bridge Road to Elm Street. Old Chain Bridge Road will be closed to traffic from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the day of the parade.

Pre parade entertainment begins at 2:30 p.m. and will be provided by the Out of Line Band with Claudia Swope, Brandon Robertson leading the Franklin Sherman Elementary School Choir, The Aloha Boys, and Wayne Tympanick leading the Kent Gardens Elementary School Choir. Robert Rosenbaum will again provide accompaniment and holiday tunes on his piano. Bill DuBose of Vintage Wealth of McLean will

emcee the entertainment again this year.

Then, at 3:30 sharp, the parade will lead off with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard and more entries, more music and more fun. New this year, WinterFest will sponsor a photo contest for spectators and entries that will be used 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.

This year's food vendors will include DC Sliders, Mama's Donut Bites, sweets from Fluffy Thoughts and Swizzler Gourmet Hot Dogs. Naked Pizza will be selling by the slice at their store parking lot on Chain Bridge Road, across from Langley Shopping Center. There will be convenient handicapped parking in the McLean Baptist Church parking lot closest to the stage and chairs set up for seniors and veterans across the street from the stage.

The parade steps off at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. This year's WinterFest parade will be bigger and better than ever. Follow updates of McLean WinterFest on Facebook and Twitter and go to www.mcleanwinterfest.org for more parade information including a map of the parade route and suggestions for parade parking for entries and spectators.

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Roadway Improvement Project
Jones Branch Connector from Jones Branch Drive
(Route 5062) to Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123)
Fairfax County • Location and Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
(Formal presentation at 7:15 pm)

Inclement Weather date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Spring Hill Elementary School • 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102

Find out about plans to extend Jones Branch Connector roadway to connect Jones Branch Drive (Route 5062) to Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123). The roadway will cross I-495 and continue along the current Scotts Crossing Road alignment. Current direct ramp access to the I-495 Express Lanes will remain. The project will provide alternate vehicular access to the Tysons area and will reduce congestion at the Route 123/I-495 interchange.

Stop by between 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (formal presentation at 7:15 pm) to view displays and learn about the project. The Project team will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/>, at the Public Hearing, or at FCDOT's office at 4050 Legato Road, 4th Floor, Fairfax, Virginia, 22033. Please call 703-877-5600, or TTY 711 in advance to schedule an appointment with FCDOT staff.

Consistent with the NEPA and 23 CFR 771, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in April 2006 for High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-495. In accordance with 23 CFR 771.129, a reevaluation was prepared for proposed Jones Branch Connector improvements to determine the adequacy of the final EIS. In compliance with the National Historical Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are included in the environmental documentation.

Provide your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them in writing within ten (10) days following the hearing, to Mr. John W. Dresser, Project Manager, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax Virginia, 22033. You may also e-mail your comments to DOTinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov (include "Jones Branch Connector" in the subject line).

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For more information or to request reasonable ADA accommodations for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager at the above phone number.

If meeting is canceled due to a school closing, it will be held on December 16, 2014, at the same time and location.

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Federal Project No. STP-5A01(483)

NEWS

Spring Hill Liya Ensemble Performs at State Convention

Spring Hill Elementary's top performing group, the 10-piece Liya Ensemble, had the honor of being selected as the only musical group to perform for the Virginia School Board Association's convention in Williamsburg on Nov. 19. Each school district in the state was invited to select a performing group, each of which had to audition for a spot at the convention. Only three performing groups were chosen. The other two groups presented a "wax museum" and a comedy troupe. The Liya Ensemble is directed by Ruth Donahue.



Spring Hill's principal, Roger Vanderhye, with three Fairfax County School Board representatives (including Janie Strauss, foreground, who represents Spring Hill's Dranesville district) listening to the ensemble.

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Director Ruth Donahue listening to a particularly difficult part of the "Allegro" from Handel's Concerto Grosso Opus 6, No. 1." Principal Roger Vanderhye is in the background.



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OPINION

Holidays Are About Giving

Give thanks and share; tens of thousands of families around us are in need.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Surrounded by the bounty in so many neighborhoods in Northern Virginia, many of us see little signs of the massive unmet needs here. But in Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 52,000 of the students are poor enough to re-

ceive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty.

In Arlington more than 32 percent of the students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals; that's 7,452 students at last count.

In Alexandria, 8,582 students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals. That's 60 percent of the 14,222 students enrolled.

These are children who are living in families who may be on the brink of homelessness, families who must choose between medical

bills, car repair, heat and food. These are children who may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school. School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger, a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are a few ideas. We will rerun this list again during the holiday, so let us know what we have missed.

— MARY KIMM,

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Where to Give Locally

In no particular order:

- ❖ **Our Daily Bread** — has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to www.odbfairfax.com/holiday
- ❖ **Cornerstones**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- ❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or

volunteer@facetscares.org. www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030

- ❖ **The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic**, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 571-235-3577. Last year, 139 community volunteers — nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians — gave more than 1,300 hours of their time to see patients. jfreeclinic.org.
- ❖ **Alternative House** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. www.thealternativehouse.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
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www.linkagainsthunger.org

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- ❖ **Herndon-Reston FISH** (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 <http://herndonrestonfish.org>
- ❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service**, 10455 White Granite Drive Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124 703-385-3267 <http://www.nvfs.org/>
- ❖ **12 Ways of Giving**: Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships "12 Ways of Giving" campaign is an annual event that showcases many ways for meaningful, local giving during the holiday season, highlighting nonprofits in Fairfax County. www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org

Nurturing Happy Memories

For some, memories of just a few happy moments provide arsenal for enduring.

By JOAN BRADY

"It's my few happy memories that keep me going," a young woman who had grown up in foster care told me a few months ago.

To be honest, today I'm a little foggy on exactly what her happy memories even were. They weren't monumental experiences or achievements. They were simply moments in time when she felt happy.

One was about being near the water. Another, a meal eaten at a particular restaurant. And another, a time when she felt like she was being heard. A small arsenal of moments that she could dip into, as needed.

I haven't been able to stop thinking about that conversation. I grew up with two loving parents. While no childhood is perfect, I'd say mine was pretty close. What I keep



The importance of happy memories: Joan Brady in a selfie with her siblings, the first photo of just the four of them since childhood.

stored away are my few unhappy memories. Images I trot out when I want to wallow in a little self-pity.

But what if I could hang on to just a few good memories. And they had to be enough to keep me moving forward, from making bad choices, even from killing myself. What would they be?

Well there was my nursery school graduation. Every kid had

to stand up and perform in front of the group of proud parents. Painfully shy and paralyzed by the very idea, I distinctly remember my mother telling me that she had spoken with my teacher and I would be exempt from this particular torture. This one I'd keep as a reminder that I have a mother who had my back then and continues to now.

There was that beautiful spring

day that I walked with her down the streets of New York City, proud to be a recent college grad and excited to be going on job interviews and looking for an apartment. It would be good to hang on to a reminder to appreciate accomplishments and to embrace the next set of goals with enthusiasm.

There was the time a few years ago that my sister and brothers and I took a selfie. It was the first image of just the four of us since we were kids. There was something about that moment, enjoying each other's company and recognizing, that no matter what, these people could be counted on. Yup, definitely a memory worth hanging on to.

And maybe, one would be the moment when I recognized how lucky I am to have a treasure trove of happy memories as deep and as long as my life.

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BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

In over 20 years as manager of Burke Lake Park, Charlie Reagle has seen a lot of benches installed. So many in fact that he's running out of water view locations. And though many people choose to honor deceased family members with a bench, he's had plenty donated in tribute to the living. One pair of sisters gave a bench as a birthday gift to their mother; it had two plaques, one of which was at ground level so the mother's dog could see it.

"Each one, working with a donor, I know the story with it," said Reagle. "Going out, going around the trail, you wind up spending several hours with them over this whole time."

While water view space may be drying up at Burke Lake, there are plenty of scenic plots available throughout the 420-odd parks around Fairfax County. And there's a collaborative effort underway to help populate that with tax-deductible gifts. It's part of the county's Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) "12 Ways of Giving" initiative.

In this instance, citizens can donate a new bench (around \$2,000 for the installation), adopt an existing bench with a plaque (\$800) or have a two-to-three-inch-calibre landscape tree planted. The donations to the parks go through the nonprofit Fairfax County Park Foundation. OP3 is encouraging the public to help address civic issues by making charitable donations as gifts.

"The idea is it's to be very easy, very engaging," said Wendy Lemieux, a spokesperson with OP3. A single web page is a portal to donate to 12 different organizations that each satisfy a county goal for the environment, education, animals or domestic violence.

"As you dive deeper, you can get involved and knock someone off your Christmas list as well," Lemieux said.

Charitable giving has become a major factor in the economy: "Donations, in the country as a whole, are now a \$335 billion enterprise," said Alan Abramson, director of the GMU Center for Nonprofit Management, Philanthropy and Policy. He cited the latest report from Giving

USA, a semi-annual public service analysis.

Abramson attributes a gain in giving over the past several years in part to the regrowth of the economy, but that it's also "a creative time for giving," he said. "With more online giving, more people are thinking about loans instead of gifts. These are new creative approaches to engage people in helping."

Which is where 12 Ways comes in. Now in its fourth year linking citizens with nonprofits and county-wide issues like disadvantaged students from minority groups underperforming in schools, the gift-giving angle is paying off. "We've seen groups have up to a 150 percent increase in giving," said Lemieux.

"We've come to realize that addressing social problems is not just going to be government's responsibility," said Abramson. "We need all sectors, individuals, families and communities coming together if we're going to get something done."

To learn more about the nearly 500 nonprofits registered in Northern Virginia, visit www.connectnorthernvirginia.org.

Opportunities to Help

❖ **Our Daily Bread** has been contracted by Fairfax County to provide holiday assistance with half of the 3,000 referrals of families in need from county social workers.

Gift: \$50 donation for gift cards for clients or adopt a family.

"It's an opportunity to connect people with people," said ODB executive director Lisa Whetzel, "neighbors to neighbors. You see there are people who live around the corner that are living without a lot of the amenities that they live with. It's eye-opening."

❖ **REFOREST FAIRFAX AND FAIRFAX RELEAF** project to plant trees that maintain canopy



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Ina Fernández, director of the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Fairfax County Police Department Chief Edwin Roessler were at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting Sept. 23 for the declaration of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK FOUNDATION

Michelle Opdahl (left), Kalle (center) and Tom Bowser (right) enjoy time on a bench at Burke Lake Park.

cover around the county, help with stormwater management and soil retention. The project is responsible for many of the trees along the Fairfax County Parkway, as well as a big replanting after construction at Bonnie Brae Elementary School.

Gift: \$35 donation for multiple native trees in a group planting somewhere in the county.

"Eighty percent plantable space is on private land in Fairfax County," said Jim McGlone, urban forest conservationist of the Virginia Department of Forestry. "Trying to expand or improve the coverage, we really have to engage the public and get individuals planting trees."

❖ **FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK FOUNDATION**

Gift: \$2,000 for a new bench or \$800 to adopt an existing bench; \$1,000 for a new tree donation or \$500 to adopt.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX ANIMAL SHELTER

Annie Duer's family is currently fostering Sweet Jane through the Fairfax Animal Shelter. Sweet Jane has been waiting more than six months for a "forever home."

"It does keep on giving," said Roberta Longworth, executive director of the Park Foundation. "Our wooden benches are guaranteed for five years and steel for ten."

❖ **FRIENDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

Gift: Donations of various sizes help with surgeries, medication, collars, tags and the microchip program.

"It's an open access shelter that takes in every animal that comes to the door," said Kristen Auerbach, a spokesperson for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Annually, that number is about 5,000 dogs, cats, reptiles and other furry creatures. "It's the largest jurisdiction in the United States with a placement rate above 90 percent. We're about 95 percent this year."

❖ **FAIRFAX LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Gift: Add a book to a specific



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Captain II Willie Bailey (left), Erin McMullin with Operation Warm (center) and Niko Chakos with FOCUS North America (right) distributed 2,200 pair of shoes and 2,000 coats Oct. 28 at Fire Station 11 with Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue.



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Our Daily Bread volunteers fill food crates at the Complete the Circle collection and distribution event held at Fairfax High School Nov. 9.

about back to school stuff?" said Jay Garant, Fairfax County Public Schools coordinator of business and community partnerships. "We've already bought things at that point, so moving the donation point to December would be great for us."

❖ **FIREFIGHTERS AND FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE:**

works with churches, shelters and schools to provide toys, coats and shoes to children. Fifteen years ago, the organization helped 50 kids; today they reach over 3,000 in a single donation event, usually held at Fire Station 11 in Alexandria.

Gift: Donations of various sizes help purchase toys, bicycles and coats for children for the holidays.

"With 180 schools in the county, 50 to 70 are coming to us," said Captain II Willie Bailey with the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department. "And one out of four kids living below the poverty line, that's a big need. The station looks like

Toys 'R' Us for a few hours."

❖ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES:** working with the nonprofit A Way Forward to provide basic house and emergency needs for people leaving shelters to start new homes. The county has offices in 11 locations, including the South County Human Services building.

Gift: Donations of various sizes help purchase goods like bed in a bag, kitchen in a bag, door locks, mattresses, as well as holiday-specific items like toys, games and books.

"We're raising funds to give families the extras they just don't have the money or resources to provide during the holiday season," said Sandy Bromley, Fairfax County-wide domestic violence coordinator, "give victims the chance to really celebrate the holidays."

For the complete 12 Ways of Giving nonprofit list and donation portal, visit http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org/enews/Ways_to_give_1214.html.

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Bye-bye Cares and Woes

‘One Man, Two Guvnors’ in area premiere at 1st Stage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

In a world that can be way too stressful and sober, 1st Stage brings a carnival of rowdy fun and silly jabber. This is the area premiere of the recent Tony Award winning, “One Man, Two Guvnors.” It is most definitely a guilty pleasure of escapism. With plenty of live jaunty music.

“One Man, Two Guvnors” is best described as free-wheeling; at times a wildly funny quick step comedy. It works hard and successfully to treat the audience as unindicted co-conspirators in on the bedlam.

Written by British playwright Richard Bean, the show is an updated adaptation of a long ago commedia dell’arte style comic play. Commedia dell’arte is comedy of confusion as the characters overcome obstacles to life, love and a happy ending. The updated play takes place in 1963 in an English seaside town. The Beatles are making it and gender wars are heating up.

Director Matthew R. Wilson, artistic director of the award winning Faction of Fools theater troupe, has assembled a grand ensemble willing to go to any lengths overcome audience reluctance to give-up their normally staid clear-headed ways.

Francis Henshall (played winningly as a shrewd trickster by Doug Wilder) is out of work. Through confusing events, he finds himself employed by two men. Both men are wanted by the police; one a small-time gangster with a secret (a delicious Katy Carkuff) and the other, a middle-class criminal. (Daniel Corey with the comic timing and stare of a modern day Jack Benny). The game is afoot as Wilder tries to find ways to come out on top. This includes quenching an appetite for food and to connect with the woman of his dreams. (Bess Kaye, a joyous, tough-as-nails “feminist” book-keeper).

There is also an odd couple in love. A wide-eyed, not-quite all there ingénue (played to the tops by Megan Graves) and her fiancé; an over-the-top “actor” (Charlie Retzlaff).

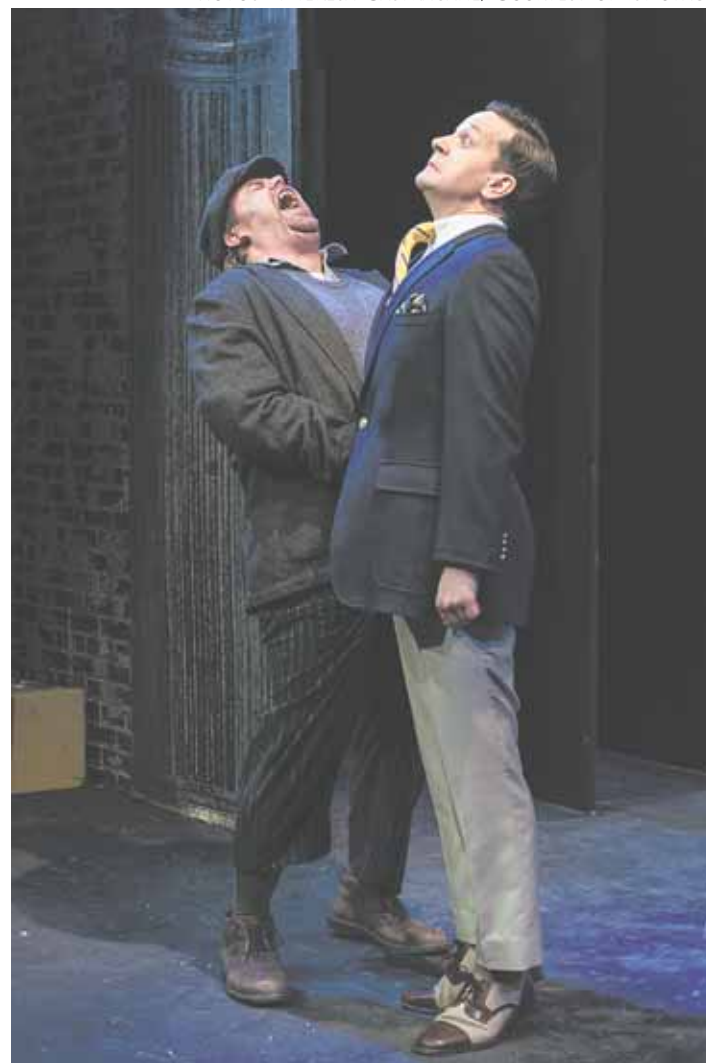
Each of thirteen-member cast shows off their musical talents throughout the production. Costume designer Lynly Saunders brings out the characters nature in her clothes selections. Set designer JD Madsen gives the audience smiles with his charming renderings.

So, in the mood for a spinning-top evening of entertainment, with plenty of clever slapstick and happy tunes from a live skiffle band? Enjoy not being clear-



Megan Graves in “One Man, Two Guvnors” at 1st Stage. The show runs through Dec. 28.

PHOTOS BY TERESA CASTRACANE/COURTESY OF 1ST STAGE



From left: Doug Wilder and Daniel Corey in “One Man, Two Guvnors” at 1st Stage. The show runs through Dec. 28.

Where and When

“One Man, Two Guvnors” at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Rd., McLean. Performances through Dec. 28. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23-\$28. Student and military tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets call 703-854-1856 or visit online at www.1ststagetysons.org.

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THROUGH SUNDAY/JAN. 4, 2015

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.

TUESDAY/NOV. 25

The 16th Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW, Vienna. Clergy and choirs from participating churches will lead the service with prayers for peace and thanksgiving. Offerings will go to support the local food banks run by Our Daily Bread and Committee for Helping Others (CHO). For additional information or transportation needs, please call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

Thanksgiving Day Brunch. Seatings from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Enjoy a special Thanksgiving Day brunch, featuring all your favorite brunch items and delicious Thanksgiving fixings. Enjoy live musical entertainment and special activities for our youngest brunch guests. \$125 per adult, \$40 per child, ages 4 to 12, exclusive of tax and gratuity.



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, off Beulah Road, features more than 500,000 LED lights in its spectacular Winter Walk of Lights Festival. The walking tour of the light displays and scenes opened on Nov. 14 and runs through Jan. 4, 2015.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 - WEDNESDAY/DEC. 24

Santa HQ at Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner. Visit Santa's Magical Workshop & Observatory, presented by HGTV - for photos and family activities, located in Fashion Court on level one between Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's - beginning November 14th. Reserve your space online to see Santa. Ongoing event.

Gingerbread House is unveiled. Located on the 3rd floor, arrival lobby level of the hotel, the culinary work of art is large enough for guests to walk around inside and explore the sugary construction created by our talented Pastry Team. Opening day festivities will include holiday confections, hot spiced cider and hot cocoa.

FRIDAY/DEC. 5

Ugly Sweater Party. 7-10 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. For 7th-9th graders. \$10/\$5 OFTC member.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Annual Gingerbread House. 4 p.m. Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Kick-off the holidays with The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, as the life-sized

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32nd Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show

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Midday Movies

"The Others" (2001)

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.

Free admission

OFTC Family Events

**Breakfast for Dinner with the
Unruly Theatre Improv Group**

Friday, Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Day Trip

Holiday in Baltimore

Saturday, Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

\$87 per person/\$82 MCC district residents

Bring the Kids

"Frozen" (2013)

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.

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(From left) Thomas Jefferson seniors Andrew Haymaker of Falls Church, Justice Francis of Springfield, Nick Brady of Great Falls and Thomas Rogers of McLean enjoy the improved lighting, roominess and three-dimensional printers in the new transportation lab.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Thomas Jefferson teacher Dr. John Dell explains a rare, powerful X-ray machine and desktop electron microscope in the new quantum physics and optics lab.

Renovation Keeps Rolling at Thomas Jefferson

New wing showcased at Nov. 14 ribbon-cutting.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Thomas Jefferson senior Thomas Rogers is big on the laser cutter. “You can cut anything you want,” said the McLean resident, “like exact designs on sheet metal.” Rogers was enthusiastic about the device, but wouldn’t fire it up during the Nov. 14 tour of the Science and Technology Governor’s School’s new two-story wing with 14 research spaces.

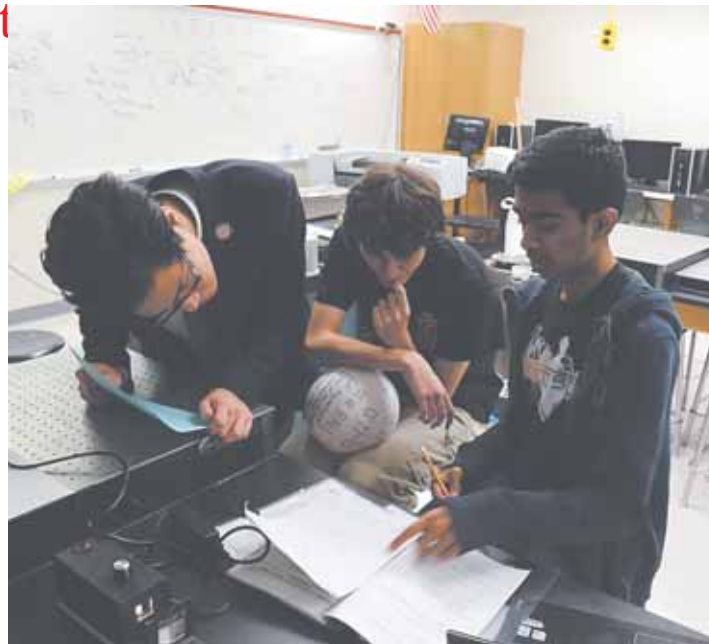
The transportation and robotics labs received numerous structural upgrades from their former facilities, including lighting and a more open floorplan with large garage doors.

“I’m extremely stoked about the new lab,” said Rogers. “I could live in here. It smells better, the light is better and the garage doors between the labs give a sense of community. The last rooms were pretty cramped.”

Jefferson has been undergoing a massive renovation since spring 2013, with an expected completion by fall 2016. Friday’s ribbon-cutting marked being ten to 15 percent of the way there, according to Brandon Kosatka, director of student services at previous manager of the project.

Builders Henley Construction Company, Inc, working with Ballou Justice & Upton Architects, plan to double the size of the original building to 390,000 square feet.

“This renovation isn’t about just putting paint on the walls, it’s about restructuring the layout to support how learning has evolved over time,” said Jefferson Principal Evan Glazer. “We need research spaces for more collaborative team teaching and



(From left) Justin Yum of Woodbridge, Jacob Benheim of Fairfax, Nihar Gudiseva of Herndon study afterschool in the new wing’s quantum physics and optics lab.

inquiry-based projects that didn’t exist in the ‘60s. This will support those spaces.”

IN ADDITION to the new labs for neuroscience, quantum physics, optics and other scientific specialties, the full renovation plan includes internet cafes, three-dimensional art galleries, a black box theatre, a massive virtual collaborative research network and improved energy efficiency. And a great dome reminiscent of President Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello is up, but still under construction.

Glazer announced to the ribbon-cutting audience phase two should begin in about a month. “The whole center of the building will be excavated,” he said. “Front and back, it’ll look great, but there won’t be anything in the middle. Students have really had to

manage with the 64 different learning cottages we’ve had at multiple places on campus.”

Shawn J. Frank is the Jefferson assistant principal currently managing the renovation. “The staff and students have been really flexible,” he said. “You see this and it’s just scratching the surface. It’s amazing to see it come to fruition.”

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza thanked the parents and community members at the ribbon-cutting for supporting bonds that help make renovations possible around the county.

“These are young people who could potentially solve some of the greatest challenges that we face in our world,” she said, “so we’re very excited about them having the kind of space to allow their learning to thrive and flourish.”



Dr. Dan Burden stands in the new JUMP Lab (Jefferson Underclassmen Multidiscipline Projects), an open work space, connected with a hallway-commons area, to enable younger students to develop research ideas before they have full access to the more specialized labs.

GARZA was followed by School Board Chairman Tammy Derenak Kaufax. “I’m proud when I see any one of our 25 high schools get the upgrades that they so much deserve and the students need,” she said. “We all know TJ needed a renovation and here we are, it’s finally happening.”

In addition to county funding, the renovation has benefitted from over \$3 million raised by the TJ Partnership Fund, connecting with alumni, parents and the corporations Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Cisco.

Though many current Jefferson students won’t see the finished project before they graduate, they’re taking advantage of the upgrades as they come. “To see both sides of the construction is better than I’d imagined,” said Rogers.

CALENDAR

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 5 - 7

32nd Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show. Friday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Admission: Adults, \$3; \$1, ages 13 and under. Good all 3 days.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

The Nutcracker Tea. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Delight in a contemporary twist on the beloved holiday classic while you enjoy afternoon tea, petite sandwiches and pastries. All children will go home with a nutcracker doll and pictures to remember their day. \$79 per person. Event also takes place on Dec. 13 and 20.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 6-7

Gingerbread House Decorating Class. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Learn to make your own sugary home at a Gingerbread House Decorating Class, taught by The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner's Pastry Team. The class includes all the ingredients to construct a beautiful gingerbread house as well as a special souvenir. \$75 per child, ages 3 to 12, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Event also takes place on Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21.

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

McLean WinterFest Parade. 3:30 p.m. Old Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Groups interested in participating in the parade should go to www.mcleanwinterfest.org to complete the registration information and submit it to parade officials. Each entrant will receive confirmation of their registration with this year's parade rules. Registrations will be accepted until Nov. 18.

The Princess Tea. 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Delight your young princesses with a magical theatrical production, featuring treasured Disney Princesses and complemented by treats. All children will leave with a holiday gift bag and photo with the featured Princesses. \$79 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11


Holiday, Gingerbread House Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. \$45 per house/\$35 MCC district residents. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

"Frozen" the Movie. 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Come watch this family-friendly movie that all will enjoy. Free.

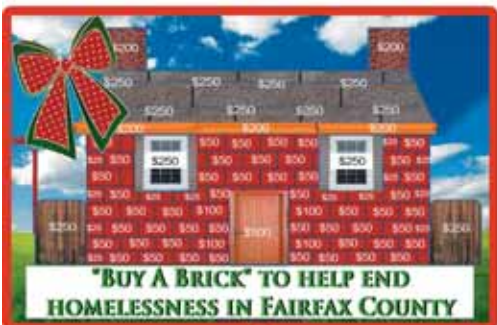
SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13-14

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



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Thanksgiving Q&A: McLean's Maffei Helps Feed Homeless

Senior QB,
soccer player
enjoys mashed
potatoes,
gravy.

Brian Maffei started at quarterback for the McLean football team this season and helped keep the Highlanders in the playoff hunt down the stretch.

While McLean fell short of a postseason berth, finishing 5-5, Maffei left his mark on the 2014 campaign. He set a single-game state record with 42 completions against Herndon on Oct. 2, passing for 415 yards, with four touchdown passes and two interceptions during a 51-35 loss at McLean High School.

Maffei, who also plays soccer at McLean, plans to attend the Naval Academy next year. He recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection, sharing some insight about his Thanksgiving plans.

❖Q: What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

Maffei: My brothers are coming home and we'll all go on a hike and watch a lot of football. We're also running a 5k together as a family.

❖Q: Do you or your family have any annual Thanksgiving traditions?

Maffei: We always watch the parade and eat my mom's home-made cinnamon rolls. Afterward, we go on a hike. We also go as a family to feed the homeless in DC with a

group called Sunday Suppers.

❖Q: Does your family incorporate sports into Thanksgiving? If so, how?

Maffei: Well, we always watch a lot of football but we never really play. We've played Wiffle Ball games with some of our friends.

❖Q: What is your favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving?

Maffei: Definitely mashed potatoes and gravy.

❖Q: The McLean football team narrowly missed the playoffs. What are your thoughts about how the season went?

Maffei: Obviously, I would have loved to

go into the playoffs but I was extremely proud of everyone on the team. All the players came together and worked harder than I have ever seen in the program. We came together as a family and I'll cherish this season forever.

❖Q: What is your favorite memory from playing football at McLean?

Maffei: It's hard to pick one memory from four years of such an amazing experience. But I would say my favorite moment was the homecoming game this year (24-21 victory over Fairfax). After such a crazy game it was so great being able to celebrate with all the boys.

❖Q: What are your college plans? Are you planning to play football in college?

Maffei: I'm planning on going to the Naval Academy next year. I'm currently trying to play for the sprint football team there so we'll see how that goes. I would love doing that because they run a spread offense and I could fit in well.

❖Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Maffei: Definitely Brad Paisley. I think he's such a down-to-Earth guy and he's really relatable.

❖Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Maffei: "The Sandlot." I love the 1950s feel and the Americana in that movie. I always wished I could play baseball under the fireworks.

❖Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. area?

Maffei: I went to Jackson Hole, Wyo., when I

was 8. It was pretty cool to be cut off from the urban lifestyle I was used to. We got to see all the western lands on the drive to Wyoming, which was neat.

❖Q: Who are your favorite pro sports teams?

Maffei: I love all the Cleveland teams because that's where my family is from. The Browns are my favorite, though - just because I love football.

❖Q: Who are your favorite pro athletes?

Maffei: King James. I can't describe how happy I was when LeBron came back to Cleveland.

— JON ROETMAN



McLean senior Brian Maffei, with ball, played quarterback for the Highlanders in the fall and plays for the school's boys' soccer team in the spring.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STRUBITZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley Dominates McLean on Ice

The Langley hockey team started its season with a shaky loss to Flint Hill on Nov. 7, but has been firing on all cylinders ever since. The Saxons beat Herndon 4-3 on Nov. 14 in their second game with a stellar performance by senior assistant captain Sam Lafuria, who scored all four goals, and steam-rolled McLean 8-2 on Nov. 21 in front of a sellout crowd.

The Saxon Faithful declared a "Whit-out" and showed up in force with 100-plus to support their team. With the stands rocking, junior assistant captain Jason Guidi potted the first goal less than a minute into the game and the Saxons never looked back. Freshman JT Gorman worked between the pipes and came up with several key saves to deny McLean

any momentum in the game. Senior captain Will Clemson delivered several hard hits and made it painful for McLean to gain any traction in front of the net.

Although the shot differential remained high, McLean threatened the Saxon lead due to penalties which left the Saxons in 5-on-3 and 5-on-4 situations through much of the second and early third period. McLean was unable to capitalize due to sophomore Kevin Wang and senior Chris Lane, who kept McLean at bay while the Saxons regrouped and prepared for the onslaught. With less than 5 minutes to go in the game, the Saxons came up big with four goals, completing Jason Guidi's hat trick plus one.

Langley will face Bishop O'Connell at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 at Kettler Iceplex.



The Langley hockey team beat McLean, 8-2.

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7428 OLD MAPLE SQ	5 ...	4 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,820,000	Detached	0.21	22102
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1407 HOMERIC CT	5 ...	4 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,499,900	Detached	0.25	22101
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8539 OLD DOMINION DR	5 ...	4 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,425,000	Detached	2.20	22102
1450 EMERSON AVE #303	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$1,378,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22101
1176 HUNTOVER CT	5 ...	4 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,370,000	Detached	0.46	22102
1003 ABBEY WAY	4 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$1,245,000	Detached	0.46	22101
2044 STEPHANIE MARIE DR	5 ...	4 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,168,000	Detached	0.49		22043
1117 BALLS HILL RD	3 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.48	22101
7727 FALSTAFF RD	5 ...	3 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,099,000	Detached	0.29	22102
1450 EMERSON AVE #405	2 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,060,000	Multi-Family		22101
1331 TIMBERLY LN	5 ...	3 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.32	22102
1713 CHESTERFORD WAY	5 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.26	22101
1312 BAKER CREST CT	3 ...	4 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$965,000	Townhouse	0.03	22101
6144 TOMPKINS DR	3 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$955,000	Detached	0.46	22101
2686 HILLSMAN ST	4 ...	4 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$938,000	Detached	0.21		22043
1021 Dead Run Drive	3 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$920,000	Detached	0.00	22101
7213 EVANS MILL RD	4 ...	3 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$912,500	Townhouse	0.06	22101
7484 CARRIAGE HILLS DR	3 ...	3 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.04	22102
1529 FOREST VILLA LN	3 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$875,000	Detached	0.48	22101
7203 EVANS MILL RD	4 ...	3 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.07	22101
6715 MONTOUR DR	4 ...	2 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$860,000	Detached	0.25		22043
8105 FALSTAFF RD	5 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$857,500	Detached	0.36	22102
2550 HOLLY MANOR DR	5 ...	4 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$830,000	Detached	0.36		22043
6651 MADISON MCLEAN DR	3 ...	2 ...	2		MCLEAN	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101
8308 HUNTING HILL LN	4 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$817,489	Detached	0.49	22102
6444 DIVINE ST	4 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$815,000	Detached	0.32	22101
7123 GORDONS RD	4 ...	3 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$789,000	Detached	0.22		22043
1719 RUPERT ST	4 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$786,000	Detached	0.25	22101
6505 SHIPYARD PL	4 ...	2 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$770,000	Detached	0.31		22043
7008 GIRARD ST	5 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$770,000	Detached	0.24	22101
1723 MAXWELL CT	4 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$770,000	Detached	0.31	22101
7212 IDYLWOOD CT	4 ...	2 ...	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$765,000	Detached	0.28		22043
1507 DEWBERRY CT	4 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$750,000	Detached	0.48	22101
6506 OLD CHESTERBROOK RD	5 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$747,000	Detached	0.31	22101
6506 MACHODOC CT	5 ...	3 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$739,000	Detached	0.24		22043
6846 MCFALL PL	3 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$731,500	Detached	0.29	22101
1616 MACON ST	4 ...	3 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$725,500	Detached	0.28	22101
2500 FALLSMERE CT	4 ...	3 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$720,000	Detached	0.22		22043
6436 SUSANS LN	3 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$720,000	Detached	0.24		22043
6647 MCLEAN DR	4 ...	2 ...	2		MCLEAN	\$720,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101
6888 MCLEAN PROVINCE CIR	3 ...	2 ...	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$709,900	Townhouse	0.05		22043
1956 HOPEWOOD DR	3 ...	3 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.04		22043
6521 33RD ST	4 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$670,000	Detached	0.24		22043
1915 HILLSIDE DR	4 ...	3 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$650,000	Detached	0.25		22043
7025E HAYCOCK RD #605	2 ...	2 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$580,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22043
8350 GREENSBORO DR #912	3 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$580,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102
1547 CANDLEWICK CT	3 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$557,500	Townhouse	0.07	22101
7314 ROCKFORD DR	3 ...	3 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$549,900	Townhouse	0.03		22043
7717 SHREVE RD	4 ...	3 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$540,000	Detached	0.27		22043
1817 GILSON ST	3 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$510,000	Detached	0.26		22043
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #313	1 ...	1 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$470,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102
1645 INTERNATIONAL DR #104	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$460,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
2010 OSWALD PL	3 ...	1 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$459,900	Detached	0.24		22043
2017 PIMMIT DR	4 ...	1 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$450,000	Detached	0.26		22043
1831 STANLEY PL	3 ...	1 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$448,000	Detached	0.24		22043
8360 GREENSBORO DR #1007	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$426,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102
6800 FLEETWOOD RD #120	3 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$415,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22101
8360 GREENSBORO DR #910	2 ...	1 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$410,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102
1550 SPRING GATE DR #8415	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$407,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #402	2 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$395,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22043
7640 TREMAYNE PL #208	3 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$386,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
1541 LINCOLN WAY #304	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$369,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
7720 TREMAYNE PL #204	3 ...	2 ...	1		MCLEAN	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
7638 WOOD MIST LN	3 ...	2 ...	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$341,500	Townhouse	0.05		22043
7582 WOOD MIST LN	2 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$327,000	Townhouse	0.02		22043
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8380 GREENSBORO DR #523	1 ...	1 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$308,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102
7630 PROVINCIAL DR #301	2 ...	2 ...	0		MCLEAN	\$303,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #123	2 ...	2 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$298,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22043
2300 PIMMIT DR #306	1 ...	1 ...	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$199,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22043

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FAITH NOTES

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

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

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you.

Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

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

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

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

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

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

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



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At the finale of “An Evening in Vienna,” the Concert Orchestra and Langley HS Orchestra Directors Elizabeth Leung and Dr. Scott McCormick acknowledge applause.

‘An Evening in Vienna’ at Langley High

BY KATHERINE CASSIDY
SENIOR/LANGLEY HIGH

The Langley High School Orchestra performed its first concert of the year on Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Langley HS Auditorium. The “Evening in Vienna” themed concert was the perfect combination of presenting music and welcoming freshmen as new members of the orchestra family. Directed by Dr. Scott McCormick and Elizabeth Leung, Langley Orchestra enthralled the audience with music written by famous composers of Vienna, receiving a standing ovation from the full house. Ms. Leung made her debut as co-director of Langley Orchestra on Thursday, and students are excited to welcome her into the orchestra family.

Prior to the commencement of the concert, Langley students gathered together for a Viennese banquet, where students enjoyed authentic Viennese food catered by Café Mozart, famous for their plum cake. To supplement the experience, an accordion player performed Viennese music during the banquet. Orchestra parent Julie Hohl organized the banquet. “The accordion player was fantastic and added a lot of ambience and energy to our Viennese banquet, where we could also bond with other members of the orchestra,” said Rachel Wu, senior cellist.

The concert opened with pianist Theron Masters performing “Rondo from Piano Concerto No. 3” by Ludwig van Beethoven accompanied by the Symphonic Orchestra, followed by the “Egmont Overture,” also by Beethoven. The Philharmonic Orchestra performed “Morning, Noon, and Night in

Vienna” by Franz von Suppé where principal cellists Hailey Lee and Alex Lim performed complicated and beautiful solos. The students were excited to perform music from the infamous “Symphony No. 5” by Beethoven, especially since professional band musicians playing in the orchestra gave students the ability to do the epic symphony justice. The Langley Orchestra Society and Langley PTSA partnered to make the side-by-side format of professional mentors and students possible.

“Playing with a full orchestra was great because it enhanced our sound and allowed us to achieve a fuller effect in our music,” said Kitty Ascrizzi, junior 2nd violinist.

Lyric Yu, who recently won a state competition for piano, performed an interesting rendition of “Sonata in D Major” by Franz Joseph Haydn. The concert orchestra concluded the concert with a fantastic performance of “Allegro moderato from Symphony No. 29” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, “Scherzo from Symphony No. 9” by Beethoven, and “Danube Waves” by Johann Strauss. Even though orchestra is an elective class, Langley orchestra students truly came together on Thursday and bonded as an orchestra family. Sara Zahir, President of the orchestra’s honor society, was “unbelievably happy to see students from all grades intermingling and really coming together as the family we call ourselves. As the first concert of the year, [she] can happily say that the family is even stronger than in years past.” Langley Orchestra’s next concert will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School.

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“Shrinkage”



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Not exactly “like a frightened turtle” as “smiled” on a long-ago Seinfeld episode by Jerry himself; this shrinkage is the good kind, the kind you hope a radiological oncologist characterizes when viewing your CT Scan (computed tomography). Specifically, the exact kind of scan I get every three months to assess and evaluate the tumors, and fluid, in my stage IV, non-small cell cancer-affected lungs. The actual scanning itself takes about 30 seconds of “breathe in,” “hold it,” and “breathe out” to determine if my life is on hold – in a good way – or in jeopardy (not a belated reference back to last week’s column). The week-long wait until we have our face-to-face appointment with my oncologist to learn the results is not as interminable as you might think. Over time, we have gotten used to the experience. After all, living with cancer means living, not dying, and adapting and compartmentalizing cancer’s effects – mentally, physically and spiritually; all keys to surviving and enduring the good, bad and ugly that daily can traumatize those of us “characterized as terminal” who frequent the Infusion Centers hoping for a miracle cure.

Since March, 2009, I’ve been treated with nearly non-stop chemotherapy, infused mostly, except for 12 months or so when I was able to take a targeted therapy pill at home and only had to show up at the Center for scans and doctor’s appointments. Six years ago almost, this process began; I can’t say it seems like yesterday, because there are yesterdays – due to the effect of chemotherapy – that I simply don’t remember (“chemo brain” is the accepted condition/characterization), but time flies when you’re having fun or rather, you’re still alive against all odds. And so it seems as if I still have a few tomorrows. Tomorrows that were hardly promised to me back at the original Team Lourie meeting in late February, 2009. Somehow, through a variety of fits and starts, I have survived: my DNA, my family history, my attitude, my pills, my supplements, my alkaline water, my diet and lifestyle changes, my above-average luck, whatever, however, I am still present and accounted for. And though “stable” is a radiologist’s/ oncologist’s description I have come to hope and pray for and embrace over these past six years, “shrinkage” is a description “most welcome” as Hercule Poirot might say and one I rarely anticipated hearing – considering my stage IV circumstances.

But I can take it. Though I’m not cancer-free and certainly not in remission, I am doing reasonably well. I am, as a good friend says: “in pretty good shape for the shape I’m in.” The scan results are results with which I can live (Duh!) and so I intend to – until three months hence when we do this scan dance all over again. Granted, this cycle of gloom and doom and results-not-soon-enough is hardly ideal, but it is a living and a living I was not “prognosed” to have (“13 months to two years” was the original prognosis) when first diagnosed. I’m nowhere near home free; I’m still in for the fight of my life – for my life, but for the moment, at least, for this quarter, due to the shrinkage, I can take a bit of a break, which if you want to know the truth, I can certainly use.

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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to north@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

TUESDAY/NOV. 25

- Adult English Conversation Group.** 1 p.m.
Dolly Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Enjoy practicing conversational English in a group setting.
- Lego Club.** 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop in and play with LEGOs! Ages 3 and up.
- Computer One-on-One.** Noon. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Internet basics, email, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- English Conversation One-on-One.** 1:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for a non-native speaker with a library volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

- ESL Conversation Group.** 2 p.m. Practice English in this casual conversation group. Adults.
- One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East Vienna. Work with a volunteer tutor to learn about the Internet, setting up an email account and using basic software. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

- Human Rights Defenders: Relevant International Law and Strategies.** 7:15-9 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. A presentation by David Padilla, international human rights consultant. How lawyers and other activists try to defend victims of human rights violations around the world. www.uucf.org.

ONGOING

- Vienna Toastmasters.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.
- Run With the Doctor.** Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd, Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. facebook.com/runwiththedoctor.
- Senior Fall Prevention Classes.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles. \$10. 703-667-9800.
- Coffee/Tea Poetry Group.** Poets and poetry lovers seek to form a group to meet once a month at a local coffee/tea shop to enjoy each other’s creations. 703-819-1690.
- Virginia Sheriff’s Institute Scholarship Program.** Those enrolled in a Virginia college or university who are pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice are eligible for the Virginia Sheriff’s Institute Scholarship Program; recommendation letter needed. 703-246-3251, shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov or <http://vasheriffsinstitute.org/scholarship/>.
- Everest College Free GED Test Preparation.** Tysons Corner, Vienna. Free GED test preparation and credential completion program, GED Advantage, open to the public. 1-888-201-6547.
- Weekly TIPS Lunch.** 12:15-1:30 p.m., at Shula’s, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Tyson’s Regional Chamber of Commerce does lunch. 703-862-4895.
- New Neighbors League Club of Northern Virginia.** For women, the club includes Bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and many other activities. www.newneighborsvirginia.com.
- Volunteers for Change.** A program for adults which offers more than 50 weekend and evening volunteer opportunities per month. www.volunteerfairfax.org.
- Haven of Northern Virginia Support Group.** 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org or havenofnova@verizon.net.
- The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services.** 7-9 p.m. Looking for volunteers who are dedicated to improving mental health services. 703-435-0868.



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