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Updates on the the cleanup process for the methyl tert-butyl ether leak stemming from a gasoline spill from the old Exxon station on Walker Road will continue through the year.



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Deer management will be a hot topic for Great Falls this year.

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Keeping up-to-date on toxic plume, deer management, Turner Farm House, Route 7.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls residents will see the results of past resolutions and actions in the next 12 months. Community leaders said the biggest topics the village will discuss this year include deer management, the Route 7 expansion and possible Independence Day fireworks.

The deer management survey taken last year was presented at Great Falls Citizens Association's (GFCA) meeting this month by Vice President Bill Canis. The survey, taken by residents, will show how locals feel about various methods of deer population control, as described at a GFCA meeting last year.

"People will like to see the deer population controlled for various reasons," Canis said.

He noted that the majority of residents who took the survey - nearly 700 - felt the deer population needed to be controlled. At the meeting, Canis brought three people from Greenfire to talk about using neighborhood archery programs to safely and ethically hunt the deer. The deer meat harvested from property owners' land would then be given to Hunters for the Hungry, a program that gives venison to families in need of food.

"In our meeting of 30 people, there were only two people who had concerns," said Canis. "Ultimately, we'd like to have a patch-

work of hunting around Great Falls."

UPDATES ON THE CLEANUP process for the methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) leak stemming from a gasoline spill from the old Exxon station on Walker Road will continue through the year. Last year, GFCA found out the toxic plume was heading towards the Oliver Estates neighborhood. In a letter to Fairfax Petroleum and Kleinfelder, the group pushed to have three pumps added near the site to speed up the cleanup.

"We will be meeting soon with Fairfax Petroleum/Kleinfelder and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in a technical discussion of report of the latest results of the monitoring well network, due to be issued about Jan. 26," said GFCA Groundwater Contamination co-chair Glen Sjoblom.

According to Kleinfelder Geologist Nathan Stevens at the Nov. 11 meeting, one pump was recently installed. Adding another pump, however, may draw water away from wells.

What could not be promised was that the site would be completely clean when Kleinfelder was eventually done pumping MTBE out of the ground. MTBE eventually degrades into tert-Butyl alcohol, of which the effects are unknown.

Canis and GFCA Communications and



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Great Falls Citizens Association will continue to be involved in the plans for Route 7's widening.

Outreach Chairperson Phil Pifer also noted they will be working with the county on the proposed resident curatorship program.

The association plans to advocate for the Turner Farm House to be a first or pilot project for the program and will include a master plan on how the 3.5 surrounding acres will be designed.

The Turner farmhouse has been a controversial topic in the village for several years. The Save Turner Farm group, which advocates for equestrian clubs and the stargazing Analemma society, wants to keep the park low-impact and make sure no additional lights are placed near the site. The park and the farmhouse has been proposed by interest groups to be used as a recreation center and art studio, among other community areas.

Resident Ginger Nelson-Yale, Turner Farm Team, said in a previous interview that the home has been identified as one of the last Queen Anne-style buildings in the county. Because it's not just an old, abandoned farmhouse to her anymore, she sees it as the opportunity to preserve what she calls a "viewshed" on well-traveled Georgetown Pike.

"So, there is a need to find an appropriate use for the house for this viewscape to be maintained," she said. "The county has to do something with the property, the house cannot stay as it is. For those of us who like the Turner Farm as it is, find

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Demolition at Langley Begins

BY REENA SINGH
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Phase one of Langley High School's renovation project has begun. The building, built in the 1960s, will receive its first major overhaul in an effort to update the building to create a more effective learning environment for students.

"It's an exciting renovation," said Jeffrey Platenberg, Fairfax County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services. "It's an old facility in need of an upgrade."

The School Board approved the \$59.7 million contract for Dustin Construction at its Nov. 17 meeting.

The complete renovation is expected to take about three years. According to a letter Assistant Principal Jim Robertson sent to parents this month, light demolition in the auditorium, auditorium lobby and the old main entrance lobby began last week. These areas were closed off from students and staff as a safety precaution.

"As of this writing, Dustin Construction is awaiting approval of a permit through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that will allow them to move their equipment on site and begin construction,"



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Rendering of Langley High School's main entrance in three years.

Robertson stated in the letter sent Jan. 9. "We have been told that will take two to three weeks."

Kevin Sneed, FCPS Director of Design and Construction Services, said the renovation will add 23,000 square feet to the school.

"It's designed to hold approximately 2,100 students," he said.

Among the most significant parts of the

renovation are an addition for the science wing and making the cafeteria more tech-savvy. There will be a space added where students can take their meals and use their electronics to check social media or get a head start on homework.

The update will also include electric and plumbing to make sure the school is working as cost-efficiently as possible.

Three-year renovation project will update local school.

On the outside, the courtyard will be used as a learning center and an amphitheater will be built near the music department. A more modern entry way will be built at the front entrance. The lobby will have space to become a gathering space for students or a meeting area for community members. Additionally, the theater will be converted into a state-of-the-art performance center.

"Right now, it's not a very distinct building," said Sneed. "It really will look like a completely new building."

Because part of the renovations will take place during the school year, there will be safety precautions in place.

"We have to design the building construction around the safety of the students," he said. "Regardless of what we're doing, it's going to remain a school."

A hygienist will visit the school about every week to study samples to ensure the air is not contaminated outside the work zone. Special ventilation and barriers — some completely blocking off certain wings of the school — will be added so students do not go into those areas outside of construction hours.

"The most important thing to us is to make sure students are safe at all times," said Sneed.

Schools to Expand by \$856 Million

Capital Improvement Plan approved, rising enrollment causes concerns about classroom space.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Five more school buildings and renovations for several existing ones may be approved by 2020.

The Fairfax County School Board approved the \$856 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) at the Jan. 22 meeting to set priority on the projects the school system wants done in the next five years.

"We're developing a long view, because we have significant capital concerns," said Superintendent Karen Garza.

During the meeting, she and several board members said the projects will have to have separate public hearings and votes. The CIP was approved unanimously.

THE PLAN calls for the addition of five elementary schools and one high school. Both South Lakes High School and Westbriar Elementary School will have additions with construction expected in 2021. Additionally, capacity enhancements at Langley, West Springfield, Herndon and Oakton



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Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Karen Garza answers questions from the School Board about the Capital Improvement Program.

high schools are proposed.

"Construction funds for renovations at nine elementary schools and one middle school, a renovation at one high school, and planning funds for renovations at eight elementary, one middle, and two high schools are also included and were part of the 2013 bond referendum," according to a press release.

The majority of the projects in the plan are expected to be completed between 2016 and 2020. The only renovation planned in the CIP that will begin after are at North West County Elementary, Fairfax-Oakton area elementary, Silverbrook Elementary, Hughes Middle, Cooper Middle, Frost Middle, Oakton High School and Falls

Church High School. Light renovations at 10 unidentified elementary schools will also begin construction after 2021.

The plan, which is reviewed annually, is preparing the school system for nearly 198,000 enrolled students projected in the next five years.

\$220 million of the projects are funded through previous school bonds. Another bond referendum will take place in the fall.

The county Board of Supervisors also recently approved to provide FCPS an additional \$16.1 million to offset infrastructure replacement so bigger projects can begin taking priority. Typically, the funding is limited to \$155 million.

The Department of Defense is funding 80

percent of the build cost of a new elementary school on Fort Belvoir - with the rest of the balance funded by the county.

"This is a plan," said Springfield School Board member Elizabeth Schultz. "What's being executed now, how it will be done - that we don't know. We do have to have some very real conversations, especially with our peers at the Board of Supervisors, because they don't manage 2.6 million square feet. It's something quite less than that."

She said that during her visit to a local school that morning, she was concerned that parents were still having trouble getting into the parking lot to drop off their children six minutes after the bell had rung - a reason she said these capital improvement plans are important.

"How do you materialize visually or understanding 2.6 million square feet?" she asked. "The NASA Assembly building in Florida is one of the largest buildings that I looked up. That's eight of them. If you've ever been to the Louvre, it's four Louvre museums."

MEMBER AT LARGE Ryan McElveen said board members are not the only one's excited about the CIP.

"This is the first year I have ever had someone come up to me on the streets of Washington, D.C. and ask me about the CIP just randomly," he said. "We always question as a board whether the community reads these documents, and I think it's become quite clear this year that they do."

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Ed Luttrell, a native of Sandy, Ore., who was elected the 22nd President of the National Grange in November of 2007, will come to the re-opened Grange in Great Falls on March 11. A second generation Granger, he is the immediate past Leadership/Membership Development Director for the National Grange.

Luttrell is a fourth generation Oregonian. He grew up on a small farm outside of Portland in Shoals, Ore. He is a graduate of Hillsboro High in Hillsboro, Ore. and spent time studying livestock management at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Ore. He has worked in agriculture, automotive services and publishing.

He and Celia, his wife of 34 years, have three grown children: Ben, Jacob and Charlotte, as well as two grandchildren. They are members of the Boring-Damascus Grange No. 260 and Clackamas Pomona

Grange.

Luttrell has extensive Grange experience including Oregon State Master from 1996 to 2000. His Grange accomplishments started in 1978 when he was named Oregon's Outstanding Young Granger. He served on the Oregon State Grange Membership Committee from 1986 to 1988 and was Oregon State Gatekeeper from 1988 to 1992. He and Celia were Oregon State Grange Outstanding Young Couple in 1989. Ed served as State Youth Director from 1990 to 1992 and as Editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin from 1992 to 1996.

In the past, he has served on the boards of the Oregon Lands Coalition, Grange Mutual Insurance Company and Timberland States Insurance Company. He is also a former 4H and FFA member.

Luttrell's vision for the Grange is to strengthen the partnership between the State and National levels of the organization, in order to aid the Community Granges in achieving their goals. Promoting growth through new Granges, reorganizing inactive Granges and revitalizing existing Granges is a primary focus of his team building efforts.



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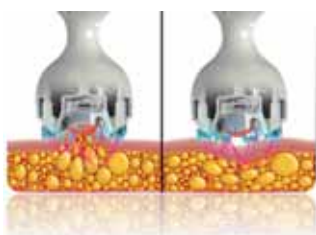
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OPINION Outlook

Many bright spots will be overshadowed in the coming budget season.

Long awaited, the opening of the Silver Line promises to bring transformation to Tysons and around the current station in Reston, with another Reston station and Herndon to come.

The opening of Springfield Town Center has been greeted by enthusiastic shoppers, showing plenty of demand for retail and restaurants.

Housing prices are up, although so is the number of houses on the market, while the number of houses sold is down from last year.

But from local government, current economic conditions overall look more like this:

Job growth has slowed, and the jobs that are being created are lower paying. There is a decline in federal and business services employment, while the job growth that the region is experiencing is dominated by gains in hospitality and retail sectors. Slowing job growth and lower wages mean lower demand for home purchases and retail spending, while declines in federal jobs and government contractors mean lower demand for office space. The region is growing, but it is growing at a slower rate than projected one or two years ago.

Lower demand for office space translates into 19 million square feet of vacant office space in Fairfax County alone. Just for some sense of

scale, that is like having eight malls the size Tysons Corner Center (2.4 million square feet) completely empty. Arlington County has an office vacancy rate of more than 20 percent; in Rosslyn, the rate is approaching 30 percent (27.7). Overall, Northern Virginia has an office vacancy rate of more than 17 percent.

Not only are companies moving their offices from older office space to newer space, more transit-oriented space, but as they do so, they are downsizing the amount of space, leaving more less modern space vacant in the process.

The result will be a very difficult budget year in Northern Virginia. It's also a call to do things differently.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Challenge for Garza: Excessive Homework

To the Editor:

Your article "How Does She Do It" - Karen Garza's vision: the irresistible force moving immovable object of Fairfax County Public Schools (The Connection, December 24-10, 2014) showed FCPS Superintendent Dr. Garza as a force for change. In the Fairfax County school system, students demonstrate excellence by collaborating and achieving good grades with the assistance of teachers.

Teachers play a massive role in the successful education of students because teachers have high expectations for their students,

they consistently stress the material that students need, and the teachers provide in class discussion which allows students to relay what information they have obtained. However, the total combination of homework assigned by high school teachers for any one student is often excessive. As a result, students become overwhelmed with excess homework, even though the students might already understand the specific material. Students with excessive homework in school have less time to spend in after school activities, less time to study on their own,

and less time to accomplish personal achievements.

Most experts agree, as do Fairfax County Public Schools' own guidelines that high school students should only have two hours of homework per night, in total. Currently, many teachers expect at least one or more hours of homework for each of their classes, especially at the honors levels. Another problem is that the teachers are not coordinating large tests and assignments as efficiently as possible. The end effect is that students taking various classes have too much homework dumped on

them all at once, as well as at too many tests on certain testing days.

Students will be able to obtain more sleep next year due to the later start times of high schools. Superintendent Garza plans to solve any issues that arise in the school systems; hopefully she will recognize that the failure to coordinate and limit homework among teachers is also a massive issue for high school students in FCPS.

James Adams
Herndon

Better Safe Than Sorry

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to a recent letter to the editor in opposition to Fairfax County's Fall Cankerworm (FCW) spraying program.

I am the Chairman of the Fairfax County Tree Commission, which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise them on all matters relating to tree preservation in the county, including the benefits and threats to our urban forests and the potential environmental impact. The commission has positions for a representative from

each county district, as well as one from the Fairfax County Park Authority, the NV Soil and Water Conservation District, the Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), the VA Dept. of Forestry, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension program.

Last year the Commission held a special meeting to hear and discuss the concerns of county citizens about the potential environmental impact of the spraying program, as well as its necessity, cost and alternative means of control. We also participated in a similar

meeting held by EQAC. The spraying program is maintained by the County's Urban Forest Management Division, and it was present at both meetings to describe the program and answer questions.

After much discussion and further research, we concluded that FCW threat to our already stressed tree canopy is limited but real, and that without a carefully monitored and precisely targeted spraying program, we risk a potential outbreak of FCW that can defoliate, weaken, and ultimately kill mature trees. These includes oaks and beeches, which are favored by the

FCW caterpillars. Last year, almost 57,000 acres of trees in eastern Virginia suffered light to heavy FCW defoliation, including in nearby Fauquier, Prince William and Stafford Counties. Yes, we are aware that the spraying can also kill other native butterfly and moth caterpillars that mature at the same time in the early spring, and that migratory birds, especially chickadees, feed on such all such caterpillars. But the Fairfax County spraying program is triggered only when careful monitoring of trees in areas of previous

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outbreaks indicate that the risk of a new outbreak is high.

The chemical used, called Btk, is derived from a naturally occurring soil bacterium and is approved by the ISDA for use in organic gardens.

The spraying is done by helicopters at low altitudes over small blocks to limit drift, open areas are not sprayed, and a 200 ft buffer is maintained inside the tree line. The BTW is in low concentration, and it persists for only two weeks or less.

Individual property owners can opt out of the spraying or have it done from the ground, and the Board of Supervisors must give final approval before spraying begins. Furthermore, the county has sprayed only four times in the last 15 years. In 2014, only 2,000 acres were sprayed, which is less than 1% of the county's tree canopy.

The Tree Commission has just sent a resolution to the Board of Supervisors that essentially says we wish that the already limited and carefully targeted FCW spraying program were unnecessary, but until this is so, the benefits to trees outweigh the costs and potential risks.

Once mature canopy is lost, in can take decades to replace, and the environment suffers. We also ask the County to reach out to volunteers and neighborhood groups to further study the longer term environmental impact of Btk spraying and to ensure that all other reasonable alternatives are used to prevent and mitigate future FCW outbreaks.

Robert Vickers, Chairman
Fairfax County Tree Commission
Great Falls

Colonel's Modesty

To the Editor:

I learned in your obituary of Col. Pete Hilgartner, last week, that for service in Vietnam he earned the Silver Star - the third-highest military combat decoration, awarded for gallantry to a small fraction of a percent of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. I came to know Col. Hilgartner when I became involved in the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, which he guided and drove as elder statesman for years after his initiative led to its creation. It marks the colonel's modesty that through all our meetings and intercourse, his valorous record never emerged.

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30 - SATURDAY/FEB. 15

"13: A Hilarious Coming-of-Age Musical." The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The show chronicles the story of Evan Goldman, a New York City boy whose life is on the cusp of teen-hood. Evan finds himself dealing with a divorce, trying to fit in with the cool kids at a new school in an Indiana town, and one other major event ... his impending Bar Mitzvah. The MCP production of "13" includes a seasoned, yet all adolescent cast of 17 between the ages of 12-16. Selected through an open audition, the cast members include students from Northern Virginia schools such as Langley High School, McLean High School, Frost Middle School, Longfellow Middle School, Rachel Carson Middle School, Thoreau Middle School, Spring Hill Elementary School Our Savior Lutheran and the Metropolitan School of the Arts. Tickets: \$23-\$25.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JAN. 31

Exhibit of Colorful Nutcrackers. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. See an amazing array of nutcrackers, both old and new, in a colorful case exhibit. Did you ever wonder where the craze for collecting nutcracker dolls came from? Nutcrackers have a fascinating history. The first nutcrackers were produced to crack nuts more effectively and the oldest known metal example, on exhibit in Tarent, Italy, is from the third or fourth century B.C. The Leavenworth

Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, Washington, shows a bronze Roman nutcracker dated between 200 B.C and 200 A.D. German nutcrackers, made as decorative pieces, were developed around 1500. Early nutcrackers were in the shapes of animals, birds and people. Later, they were made in the likeness of kings, soldiers, church leaders and ruling class figures. Fine wood carved nutcrackers were created across Europe, especially in France and England by the 15th and 16th centuries. Admission: \$7/adult, \$6/student, \$5/senior or child.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Ice Skating at Tysons Corner Center. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tysons Corner Outdoor Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons. Adults, \$10; Child/Senior/Military, \$9; Skate Rental, \$6; Group of 10+, \$12 and includes skates

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Winter Wonderland. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Learn how different animals survive in winter. Presented by Riverbend Park. Sponsored by Dolley Madison Friends of the Library. Age 3-5 with an adult. Call branch to make arrangements for sign language interpreters, listening systems or real-time captioning by calling the library branch.

Pokemon League. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike,



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Actors Allison Shelby, Casey Bauer, Daddy Issa and John Barclay Burns rehearse a scene from Vienna Theatre Company's upcoming production of Ken Ludwig's romantic comedy, "Be My Baby," running through Feb. 8.

Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends!

and heartfelt Americana. Tickets: \$25.

Crys Matthews. 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Three of the mid-Atlantic's most notable up-and-coming singer-songwriters are coming together for one night of music. On Thursday, January 29, Crys Matthews, Andrea Nardello and Kipyn Martin will perform at Jammin' Java. Tickets: \$10-\$15.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

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

children, coffee and conversation for grownups!

Drop-in Chess. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play chess. All skill levels and ages welcome.

Preschool Age Puppet Show: Lighters and Matches for Tools. 11 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Our dedicated Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department highlights fire safety.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 30 - FEB. 1

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Browse and buy items and fine art created by more than 250 celebrated American artists. Jury-selected artists will display one-of-a-kind items in sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, wood, metal, furniture, home accessories, leather, photography and fine art. The Festival also features live music, children's entertainment and specialty food vendors. For more information, including admission discounts, a list of artists participating in the show and discount hotel rates, visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com. Adults: \$8 online; \$10 at the door. Children under 12.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

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

Schooner Fare. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap,

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CALENDAR

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1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Maine's premier folk duo presents an exuberant mix of original folk songs, country ballads, and maritime masterpieces laced with "Down East" humor. Tickets: \$27-\$32.

"Richard Rodgers: One Man and His Lyricists." 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Jazz Masters with John Eaton. \$10/\$5 MCC district residents.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Old Schoolhouse, 9812 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The history of the Old Schoolhouse on display on Saturdays at the Great Falls Historical Society table through mid-February.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31 - SUNDAY/FEB. 8

"Be My Baby." 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. *Be My Baby* is a romantic comedy that tells the story of John, an irascible Scotsman and an uptight English woman, Maud, and how they're brought together when his ward marries her niece and the young couple decides to adopt a newborn baby. The older couple has to travel to California to pick up the child and bring her home to Scotland but John and Maud despise each other. While in California, they learn some startling lessons about life and love. Tickets: 14.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/FEB. 4-5

International Guitar Night. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A night of international guitar virtuosos featuring poetic lyricist (Gore), Grammy-winning classical guitarist (York), jazz master

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FRIDAY/FEB. 13

Climate Action Movie Night. 7:30 p.m. Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Join the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions' screening of "Thomas Berry: The Great Story". As a pioneer in the field of spiritual ecology, Thomas Berry created a quiet revolution. Discussion will follow the film. Free. <http://www.fairfaxclimate.org>; 571-882-9312.

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ONGOING

Tai Chi Beginners' Practice.

Through March 21. Free Tai Chi beginners' practice. Open to all. Every Saturday, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Free Comedy Showcase. Thursdays

8:30 p.m., at Kalypso's Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. Kalypso's hosts weekly comedy shows that feature some of the best national touring and local comedians in the area. Free of charge.

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Smart Markets. Wednesdays 3-7 p.m.,

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p.m.-1:30 a.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Register your band at BluesSlide@aol.com or 703-593-5206. www.jimmystavern.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS McLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD SMALL DISTRICT 1A OF THE DRANESVILLE DISTRICT FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

This **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of elections to select members of the 2015-2016 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) is given to residents of Small District 1A of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia (referred to as "Small District 1A"). The McLean Community Center operates as a Special District Agency of the Fairfax County Government through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and MCC. On February 8, 1984, the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which authorizes the elections. The MCC is funded by residents of Greater McLean for their use through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 Small District 1A bond referendum.

Elections are held on **McLean Day** at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. This year, McLean Day is on **Saturday, May 16, 2015. Voting on McLean Day takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Candidate Qualifications: Each resident who lives within Small District 1A is eligible to run for a seat on the Governing Board within the appropriate category. If you need help determining whether you reside in Small District 1A, please contact the MCC at 703-744-9348, or by emailing elections@mcleancenter.org.

Governing Board seats to be filled through the election are:

Three (3) Adult Governing Board Seats:

Adult candidates must be residents of Small District 1A and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on McLean Day. The candidates who receive the three (3) highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms on the Governing Board.

Two (2) Youth Governing Board Seats:

One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the McLean High School boundary area
One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the Langley High School boundary area

ADULTS: Must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 18 years old or older.

TEENS: Must live within Small District 1A. However, you **do not** have to attend either McLean or Langley high schools. You may attend another school, including one that is outside of Small District 1A, or you may be home schooled. You can only run for the seat for the high school boundary area where you live. Teens must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are between 15 and 17 years old (on McLean Day), **and** who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Candidate Petitions:

Petition Packets containing outlined instructions and all pertinent paperwork may be obtained at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101, beginning at 9 a.m. on **Monday, January 26, 2015.**

DEADLINE: Each resident seeking election to the Governing Board shall file a completed petition with the MCC at the address shown below **by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2015:**

McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean VA 22101

For more information about the election, please call 703-744-9348, or email the McLean Community Center at elections@mcleancenter.org.

Paul Kohlenberger, Chair
Elections & Nominations Committee
McLean Community Center Governing Board



NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

Bald Eagles at Great Falls Rebuild Fallen Nest

New nest is visible from Potomac, Md. or Great Falls, Va. national parks.

BY DONALD SWEIG
THE CONNECTION

The current pair of adult Bald Eagles at Great Falls have rebuilt their nest, which fell or blew down last spring.

For at least 20 years, Bald Eagles, although surely not the same two birds, have been nesting on Conn Island, which is the large tree-covered island in the middle of the Potomac just above the cofferdam, up river from the Great Falls themselves.

The original nest was in a large sycamore tree on the northern or Maryland side of Conn Island, and was best seen from the river trail on the Maryland side of the Great Falls Park. Bald Eagles tend to use the same nest year after year, adding more sticks and branches each year until the nest can become quite large, as much as 8-feet in diameter, up to 10-12-feet deep, and weighing well over 1,000 pounds. About six years



A Bald Eagle sits in the newly reconstructed nest on an island in the Potomac River, visible from Great Falls National Park.

PHOTO BY DONALD SWEIG

or so ago, one of the supporting limbs of the original nest tree broke, and the nest collapsed to the ground and into the Potomac.

Obligingly, the eagles soon built another nest, but this time on the southern end of

Conn Island where it was easily viewable from both sides of the river. The eagles successfully raised and fledged one-to-three chicks from this nest each year for about four years. That nest was destroyed in the great Derecho windstorm, on June 29, 2012.

Very soon after, the eagles built yet another nest in a large tree, very close to the sycamore nest tree. That nest, which fledged three young eagles in 2014, was also blown down by a strong wind storm in the late Spring 2014.

For two or three months no new nest building was seen, and it was feared that the eagles had gone elsewhere. Then, in early November 2014, they were seen constructing a new nest higher up in the same tree from which the former nest had been blown down.

This newest nest is easily seen from both sides of the river; it can be seen from the concrete water-intake-platform or from the river trail on the Maryland side near the Tavern at Great Fall in the C&O National Historical Park, or from the Potomac shoreline on the Virginia side in Great Falls National Park. The nest can be seen with the naked eye, although a pair of binoculars or a spotting telescope gives a much better view.

Bald Eagles, in the mid-Atlantic/Chesapeake region usually mate and lay eggs in mid-February. They incubate the eggs for about a month (34 to 36 days) before the chicks hatch, and then it takes about 10 to 12 weeks before the young, juvenile eagles

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Bald Eagles at Great Falls Rebuild Fallen Nest

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are ready to fledge and leave the nest.

In late January or especially early February the adult eagles can sometimes be seen mating on a branch or snag near the nest. Soon after, one may see a white head slightly sticking above the edge of the nest as the eagles incubate their eggs.

When first hatched, the young eagle chicks will be too small to see in the nest; by late April or early May the chicks may be large enough to be seen with a pair of binoculars or the little telescope. By June the juvenile birds are nearly fully grown and can be seen walking and bounding around in the nest, and flapping their wings, although at this point they're still being fed by their parents. By mid to late June they

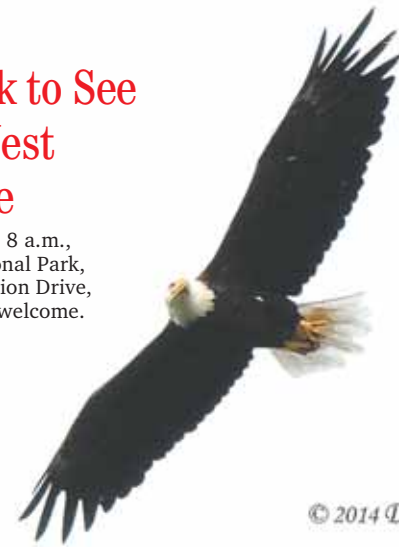
should be fledged and have left the nest.

Young Bald Eagles are almost entirely brown when they first leave the nest; by the end of the first and during second year they begin to get some transient white on the body or under the wings. Late in their third year, and during their fourth year they become sexually mature and get the white heads and tails that are so characteristic and charismatic of our National Bird.

If you would like to see the new nest and, hopefully, eventually the young chicks in the nest, the regular weekly bird walk, which meets Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. in the first parking lot of the Great Falls National Park on the Virginia side, always finishes up-river and has a look at the nest. All are welcome. Or, take some binoculars and have a look for yourself from either side of the river.

Bird Walk to See Eagles Nest and More

Every Sunday, 8 a.m.,
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A Bald Eagle in flight over the Potomac River. The eagles have rebuilt their nest in Great Falls.

Although there are other Bald Eagle nests along the Potomac River, the nest at Great Falls is the easiest to locate and get access to see. You might even see an eagle flying

or soaring over the river, the nest, or over either of the Great Falls parks. Bald eagles are a very special bird, they're always fun to see. Come on out and have a look.

SCHOOL NOTES

On Saturday, Feb. 21, **crew team members from Langley High School** will participate in their "Boats and Oars" fundraising effort throughout neighborhoods in McLean and Great Falls. Each year, the Langley High School Crew Team asks the larger community for financial support. Donations to Langley Crew (LCBC) are tax deductible.

And the team invites you to come see a regatta or two in the spring. Regattas are held Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from March 21 until May 9 (no regatta on April 4) on the Occoquan at Sandy Run Regional Park, 10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station.

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- * Jennifer Prosser, graduate of Oakton High School. She will attend the University of Notre Dame.
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NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

It Takes Volunteers to Run the Village

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ing a use for the house may also offer the best protection to that current usage.”

TO HELP SOLVE the ever-growing traffic problem, Route 7 will continue to be redesigned for expansion. Two more lanes to a seven mile stretch is being planned - but is not finalized - to alleviate the growing number of cars that come through the area due to the Silver Line Metro stations that opened in July.

Construction is slated for 2018.

“It’s thought of by (Virginia Department of Transportation) as a tube that funnels people from Loudoun County to Tysons,” said Pifer.

However, he said, it affects traffic in Great Falls, including on historic byway Georgetown Pike.

GFCA plans to work on microdesigns of the intersections, including advocating for traffic lights for various neighborhoods to ensure speedy and safe exit points.

“It’s one of the biggest things affecting quality of life for our citizens,” said Pifer about the traffic congestion.

According to JMT-Design consultant Phitsuru Tanaka at a public information session last year, 2,117 cars travel towards Tysons during morning rush hour in the area being studied.

During evening rush hour, 2,000 cars travel westbound and 1,300 travel eastbound.

They are working with Reston Association and McLean Citizens Association to form a transportation coalition.

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust noted a small improvement that will take place in the upcoming year: completion of another stone dust segment on Georgetown Pike from Utterback Store Road to Falls Chase Court.

“The trail will be maintained by the Great Falls Trail Blazers under an agreement with Fairfax County,” he said.

Although he did not comment about a particular instance, Pifer also said the association will continue to enforce Great Falls’ values, including “improper



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John Foust

development.”

“We’ll continue to work on the environment and the safety of our citizens,” he added.

More than 150 residents showed up at a community meeting in December to speak against the Basheer and Edgemoore cluster development proposal seeking rezoning. More than 1,450 citizens have also signed in-person and online petitions to stop the proposal.

More community meetings are planned in the future to continue the conversation between the community and the development company. Those

dates are undetermined as of Jan. 23.

Foust, who attended the meeting, said the Board of Supervisors will not make a vote on the proposal until late spring.

“The turnout was significant and impressive,” he said. “It demonstrates a lot of concern on the community’s part. The applicant has a lot of work to do.”

ON THE COUNTY LEVEL, Pifer noted that the association plans to continue to advocate for their fair share of the county budget.

“We’re thinking of how to be more proactive,” he said.

He said he does not expect that the village gets as much as certain other areas of the county. However, he said the citizens need funding for items like parks and trails to increase local quality of life.

“Unfortunately, it’s especially important in this strained budget environment,” he said.

Erin Lobato, executive director for Celebrate Great Falls (CGF), said the lack of fireworks last year at Turner Farm Park may have sparked more volunteers for this year’s event.

“Sometimes it takes something like that to happen to galvanize people,” she said. “There have been a number of people who stepped up and said they want to help bring the fireworks back.”

Another problem CGF faced last year was the lack of volunteers, a problem that slowly is being resolved.

“We will continue to broaden the base of volunteers,” said Lobato. “We need some people to help direct traffic at events or just run the popcorn machine - just little things like that.”

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Great Falls Historical Society to Discuss Lincoln Legacy

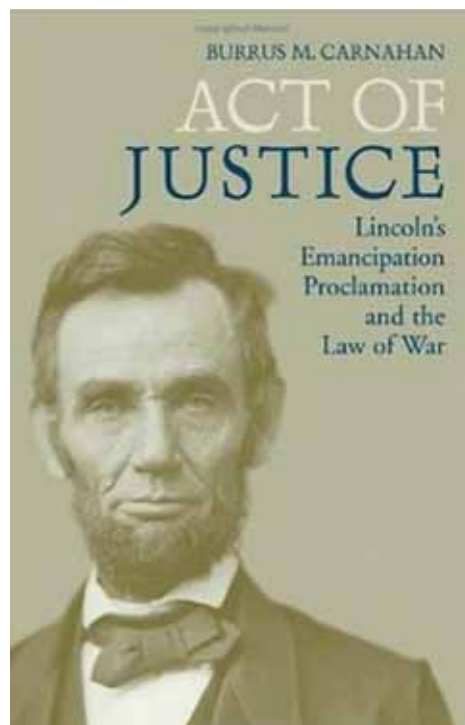
Close to the anniversary of the 150th year of Abraham Lincoln's death, the Great Falls Historical Society welcomes Burrus M. Carnahan, author and expert on Abraham Lincoln and the legal issues underpinning his writings and actions to the Great Falls Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m., with social at 6 p.m.



Burrus M. Carnahan,
Author

In his first inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln declared that as president he would "have no lawful right" to interfere with the institution of slavery. Yet less than two years later, he issued a proclamation intended to free all slaves throughout the Confederate states. When critics challenged the constitutional soundness of the act, Lincoln asserted that he was endowed "with the law of war in time of war." In "Act of Justice," Burrus M. Carnahan contends Lincoln was no reluctant emancipator; he wrote a truly radical document that treated Confederate slaves as an oppressed people rather than merely as enemy property. In this respect, Lincoln's proclamation anticipated the intellectual warfare tactics of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Carnahan is the author of "Act of Justice: Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the Law of War" (University Press of Kentucky, 2007), "Lincoln on Trial: Southern Civilians and the Law of War" (University Press of Kentucky, 2010) and of numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln, international law and the law of war. A former Associate Professor of Law at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado, he is currently a Profes-



"Act of Justice" author will speak Feb. 11 in Great Falls.

sor Lecturer in Law at the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and a Foreign Affairs Officer in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation at the Department of State. He has spoken on Lincoln and his era at the Abraham Lincoln Institute at the National Archives, the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Ky., the Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg, Pa., President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, D.C., Robert Lincoln's Hildene in Vermont, and many other venues. He was a member of the Scholarly Advisory Group for President Lincoln's Cottage for 2012-2014, and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Lincoln Forum.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Terri Parent to Exhibit at Katie's Coffee House

Fine art photographer Terri Parent will exhibit "Earth's Bounty" at Katie's Coffee House, Feb. 1-28. Katie's Coffee House is located at 760 Walker Road, Great Falls, and is open Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Parent's work is on permanent display at The Artists' Atelier, 1144 Walker Road, Great Falls, and can be viewed at www.terriparentphotography.com.

Langley Crew 'Boats and Oars' Fundraiser

On Saturday, Feb. 21, crew team members from Langley High School will participate in their "Boats and Oars" fundraising effort throughout neighborhoods in McLean and Great Falls. Each year, the Langley High School Crew Team asks the larger community for financial support. Donations to Langley Crew (LCBC) are tax deductible.

And the team invites you to come see a regatta or two in the spring. Regattas are held Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from March 21 until May 9 (no regatta on April 4) on the Occoquan at Sandy Run Regional Park, 10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station.

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SPORTS

Langley Girls on a Roll

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Coach Baker's preparation key during 13-1 start.

In 2011, Amanda Baker (then Amanda Bates) took over as head coach of the struggling Langley girls' basketball program. The Saxons finished 4-18 the previous season, hadn't produced a winning record since the 2008-09 campaign and, according to the team's championship banner hanging in the Langley High School gym, had not won a district/conference title since 1988.

Each of Baker's first three seasons with the Saxons ended with a losing record and first-round exit in the district/conference tournament. But thanks to hard-nosed defense and a change in coaching philosophy, the 2014-15 campaign has been a different story.

The Saxons earned their 10th consecutive victory on Jan. 23, beating rival McLean 44-25 at Langley High School. The Saxons improved to 13-1 and haven't lost since falling to Fairfax on Dec. 16.

FRIDAY'S WIN over McLean marked the fifth time Langley has held an opponent to 25 points or fewer. The Saxons are limiting foes to 33.9 points per game, including a 46-14 win over Thomas Jefferson on Jan. 20.

"Defense up front was a huge priority because I wasn't sure what kind of scoring we were going to be able to put up," Baker said. "I was like, we have to keep these low-scoring games and the girls did so well with it, on top of figuring out ways to score, that it has reflected positively so far."

Senior forward Lauren Meyer, who has been with the varsity for each of Baker's four years as head coach, said the Saxons' defensive success has a lot to do with preparation.

"I think our defense is so strong because before every game we know what to expect from the other team's offense, so we're able to adjust our defense accordingly," Meyer said. "I think we do a great job of communicating on defense."

How much credit does Baker deserve for the Saxons' in-depth preparation?

"It's 100 percent," Meyer said, adding that the Saxons benefit from Baker's scouting reports.

Part of the reason Baker has the Saxons thoroughly prepared is a change in focus. Baker turned 24 during her first season as Langley head coach and felt the need to be in charge of everything. She experienced success as a player, winning a state championship at Forest Park in 2004 before playing at the University of Mary Washington, but this was different. Baker had to show she could lead as a head coach.

In her fourth season with Langley, Baker, now 28, is more comfortable allowing the Saxons to lead themselves.

"I think I was pretty young when I first got here and I felt like I had a lot to prove and I needed to be in charge constantly," Baker said. "But giving a lot more leadership roles to the girls, they've embraced it



The Langley girls' basketball team poses with the Rotary Cup after beating McLean on Jan. 23.

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Paige Galiani is the Langley girls' basketball team's leading scorer.

and they respond to each other so well that I don't have to do as much. I'm able to focus more on strategy and what I want to do in practice instead of discipline and being in charge, so I think I've matured in that way."

Meyer, who was a freshman during Baker's first year at Langley, praised her head coach.

"I think she has grown into the position amazingly," Meyer said. "I know this summer she worked so hard on learning coaching tactics that she has used this year, and they've become so noticeable and so obvious. It's improved the team tremendously."

How was Meyer's first year with Baker? "I was scared of her at first," Meyer said. "I was a freshman, I was scared of everyone."

Baker burst into laughter when informed of Meyer's admission of fear. Luckily for the Saxons, No. 44 is no longer scared. In fact, she's Langley's top post defender. Meyer matched up against 6-foot-2 Madison senior Kelly Koshuta, who will play for Virginia Tech, and 6-foot-1 South Lakes senior



Langley senior Lauren Meyer is one of the Saxons' top defensive players.

Princess Aghayere, who will play for Penn, during Langley victories this season.

"Lauren is ruthless and relentless when she plays," Baker said. "You can't tell her to slow down or take it down a notch because she doesn't know how. She's at her best when she's full speed. It's really been great for us because she's played so many minutes against really big kids that to make up for that lack of size, she's just bumping them and pushing them all game to make it annoying for them."

Junior point guard Lizzy Shamloo and sophomore guard Ari Aulisi had strong defensive performances against McLean on Friday, helping the Saxons force 16 Highlander turnovers.

Shamloo had three steals to go with five points and five assists.

"I actually think Lizzy's energy is what got us the lead," Baker said. "She wasn't the one necessarily putting the ball in the hole, but she got us the possessions we needed from scrappy defense."

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Langley guard Daniel Salamone scored 11 points against McLean on Jan. 23.

Langley Boys Beat Rival McLean

The Langley boys' basketball team limited rival McLean to nine points in the first half of their Jan. 23 matchup, but the Saxons couldn't breathe easy due to early offensive struggles of their own.

But after McLean made things interesting early in the second half, Daniel Salamone and Alexander Callaghan helped Langley pull away.

Callaghan scored 12 points and Salamone finished with 11 as the Saxons defeated the Highlanders 53-42 at Langley High School.

Langley led 19-16 with 4:45 left in the third quarter before running away with a 16-3 run.

"Offensively, we just had to find a spark and I thought Daniel Salamone came in, [along with] Callaghan [and] Tavon Tarpley," Langley head coach Scott Newman said. "That trio of guards really ignited us."

Salamone knocked down a 3-pointer to give Langley a 26-16 lead with 2:15 left in the third quarter. His transition bucket with 7:22 left in the fourth gave the Saxons a 35-19 advantage.

"We see it all the time in practice," Newman said. "... I'm just happy that he showed everybody else what we've seen in practice and have known he was capable of for a long time."

Nate Shafer had eight points and nine rebounds for Langley. The 6-foot-4 forward also had multiple blocks.

"I've said this and I'll keep saying this: He's the Defensive Player of the Year in our league," Newman said.

The win was Langley's sixth in its last eight games, improving its record to 7-7.

Logan Legg led McLean with 13 points.

Langley will travel to face Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30. McLean (3-13) will travel to face Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS

Girls Aim High

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Aulisi, listed at 5 feet 10, had five points, five blocks and five steals.

"Ari is smart because she knows she's long," Baker said. "She understands she has some length to play with, so she knows she can back off people a little, maybe tip [shots] from behind. She's really come into her own figuring out what her strengths with her build are."

Freshman guard Jordyn Callaghan scored a team-high 13 points against McLean and has made an impact during her first varsity season.

"Once she came in, we ... knew she had talent, but we gave her some games up front to get acclimated with the varsity environment," Baker said. "She proved herself so quickly it was a natural fit to put her in the starting lineup and she's really flourished in that position."

While Langley has thrived with defense, junior guard Paige Galiani has done much of the offensive lifting. Through the team's first 12 games, Galiani led the Saxons in scoring average at 18 points per contest and was the only player to average double figures.

"I think my job is mostly to score and finish," Galiani said. "I work really hard in the offseason."

Galiani finished with 10 points against McLean.

"She can score from anywhere," Baker said. "Inside threat, outside threat, off the dribble, left, right, she really is so balanced in her scoring."

LANGLEY has seven regular season games remaining, including a 5:45 p.m. road game against Hayfield on Friday, Jan. 30.

The Saxons are hoping the program's best season in years will include a conference championship.

"It's been so long," Meyer said, "it would just be incredible for the program to have a title to prove all the hard work we put in."

With Baker leading the way, the Saxons should be prepared for any opponent along the way.

"I think it would set a tone for a long time," Baker said of winning a conference title. "A Madison [program that] wins constantly, they get those good kids every year. [A championship] would show that we're now in the ranks and people want to play basketball at Langley. It's not a secondary sport anymore."

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Traffic Caught

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If I were writing this column in Massachusetts – where I was born and mostly educated (K-12), and had a thick Boston accent, that's how court would likely be pronounced; changing a noun into a verb. But I'm not in Massachusetts. I'm in Maryland, and the traffic court to which I semi-refer is in Virginia, so I'm not "accenting" any "misannunciating," I'm merely invoking a bit of literary licensing and a double entendre of sorts, in advance of my twice-delayed court appearance, scheduled yet again for this Friday, January 30; and hoping for the feather while ever mindful of the hammer.

Transgression-to-date, the administrative office staff serving the Alexandria Traffic Court has been extremely reasonable in responding to my scheduling challenges. Due to my ongoing treatment for lung cancer, which mostly consists of every-three-week chemotherapy infusions, (same day, same center), every-three-month face-to-face appointments with my oncologist (same doctor, same center) and an every-three-month diagnostic CT Scan (same center; for luck, of course), I am not always in control of my schedule/availability. Moreover, given the nature and timing of these appointments (generally scheduled weeks/sometimes months in advance), especially infusions, which should occur on the same day (my day is Fridays) every three weeks to keep the cycle/protocol where it is supposed to be – meaning not subject to change if at all possible – I am beholden. And as it relates to my "case," the officer who ticketed me back in November is only in court on Fridays; ergo, the potential for trouble and the need for understanding.

Now, my infusion schedule may change, even though I said it doesn't. And it changes – without my control (but with my knowledge) – when certain levels measured in my pre-chemotherapy lab work (completed the Wednesday before the Friday infusion) are either too high or too low. When this occurs, my infusion is delayed a week to allow my body to recuperate, while a retest is planned for the following week/Wednesday when the same too-high or too-low potential exists and another week's delay is possible (this fifth week infusion has occurred once – mostly the delay has been to a fourth week – nevertheless, the potential exists). This is my routine and it is prudent that delays in my treatment occur to allow certain major organs in my body to not be any more collaterally-damaged than they already have been. Such is my life and I'm glad to live it.

However, this unpredictability can cause problems, since it takes precedence over any other appointments, as it has twice already with the Alexandria Traffic Court. Typically, I won't know my availability until the day before the actual infusion is scheduled (and coincidentally, the day before my scheduled traffic court appearance as well), so I really have no notice to provide; I am a victim of my own circumstances. But this Friday, Court will finally see me in person. No more excused absences – as reasonable and necessary as they have been. It will be time to pay the piper (hopefully not). Planning forward then, should I bore the Court with an abbreviated version of this column, appealing to their generosity of spirit, or shall I just admit my mistake, take my punishment like a man and get on with life? After all, I may not exactly be on borrowed time, but I'm not naive enough to think my clock isn't ticking.

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7-Days Convenience Store, Inc trading as 7-Days Convenience Store, 3518 Moncure Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22041. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Mulugeta Alemayehu Wereta/President
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE BOND FINANCING BY

VIRGINIA COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY

FOR MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia College Building Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on the application of Marymount University (the "University"), a nonprofit institution of higher education within the Commonwealth of Virginia whose principal business address is 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22207, for the Authority to issue, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Authority Act (the "Act"), its educational facilities revenue bonds, which may be tax-exempt or taxable, in one or more series from time to time in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds are to be used to assist the University in the following plan of financing (collectively, the "Plan of Financing"): (a) refunding the outstanding principal of the Authority's (i) Educational Facilities Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Marymount University Project) Series 1998 issued to refund a portion of prior bonds of the Authority which financed and refinanced a prime computer system, acquisition and renovation of an eight-story, 100,000 square foot office building located at 1000 North Glebe Road (the "Ballston Campus") in the Ballston neighborhood of Arlington County, Virginia, acquisition of approximately 1.45 acres of land contiguous to the University's main campus at 2807 North Glebe Road (the "Main Campus") in the Yorktown neighborhood of Arlington County, Virginia for use as a parking lot, and construction of an 88,640 square foot academic parking structure on the Main Campus, and financed the renovation and expansion of the University Center on the Main Campus and the upgrading of the University's telecommunications wiring system and (ii) Educational Facilities Revenue Note (Marymount University Project) Series 2009 (the "2009 Note") issued to finance the construction and equipping of a residence hall, academic science and health science building, and parking facility on the Main Campus; (b) refinancing certain debt incurred by the University to finance renovations to the academic buildings known as the Main House and Rowley Hall on the Main Campus; (c) funding swap breakage costs in connection with the 2009 Note; (d) financing certain deferred maintenance improvements and renovations to the Main Campus, which may include, without limitation, window replacements, parking facility repairs, bathroom renovations, elevator replacements and carpet replacements; (e) financing or refinancing the construction and equipping of an approximately nine-story, 165,000 square foot academic building to be owned by the University and located on the site of the Ballston Campus; and (f) financing other eligible costs associated with the Bonds, including the funding of reserves, capitalized interest and issuance costs.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, before the Authority or its designee, in the Treasury Board Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Authority, but will be payable solely from revenues derived from the University and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the issuance of the Bonds or the locations or purposes of the projects to be financed pursuant to the Plan of Financing may appear and be heard. Written comments may be submitted prior to February 11, 2015, at the Authority's address set forth below. A copy of the University's application materials may be inspected at the Authority's office, 3rd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, during business hours.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY

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The 300-room, 18-story Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center will open in winter/spring 2015.

Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center to Hire More Than 100 Employees

Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center, located in Tysons Corner, anticipates it will be hiring more than 100 employees. The new hotel, which is expected to open in winter/spring of 2015, is accepting online applications for positions in sales, room service, food and beverage, management, culinary, engineering, and more. The online application process is now available.

"In preparation for opening the brand new Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center, we are hiring more than 100 staff members in a variety of positions," said Daniel Amato, general manager of Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center. "Job opportunities range from event sales managers and front desk supervisors, to room attendants, hospital-ity specialists, staff accountants, and much

more."

People who are interested in applying for a position at Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center are asked to visit www.tysonscornercenter.regency.hyatt.com and select the "Careers at this Hotel" link at the bottom right-hand side of the page. From there, they are able to see a list of the open positions and complete the online application form.

Once the application is submitted and received, a hiring representative for the hotel may contact the applicant regarding further information on interview and hiring opportunities.

For more information on Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center and hiring opportunities at the property, please visit www.tysonscornercenter.regency.hyatt.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

English Conversation Group. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Practice conversational English in a group setting.

ESL Conversation Group. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice English in this casual conversation group.

THURSDAY/JAN. 29

Adult English Conversation One-on-One. 1:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Non-native speakers, call for an appointment to practice English one-on-one with our fantastic library volunteers.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

Adult English Conversation Group. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Practice your English conversation skills in a fun group setting.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

NARFE Chapter 1116 Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. The speaker John Horejsi, lobbyist for Virginia State Government will speak. The meeting is open to all members and their guests. -

ONGOING

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

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.



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