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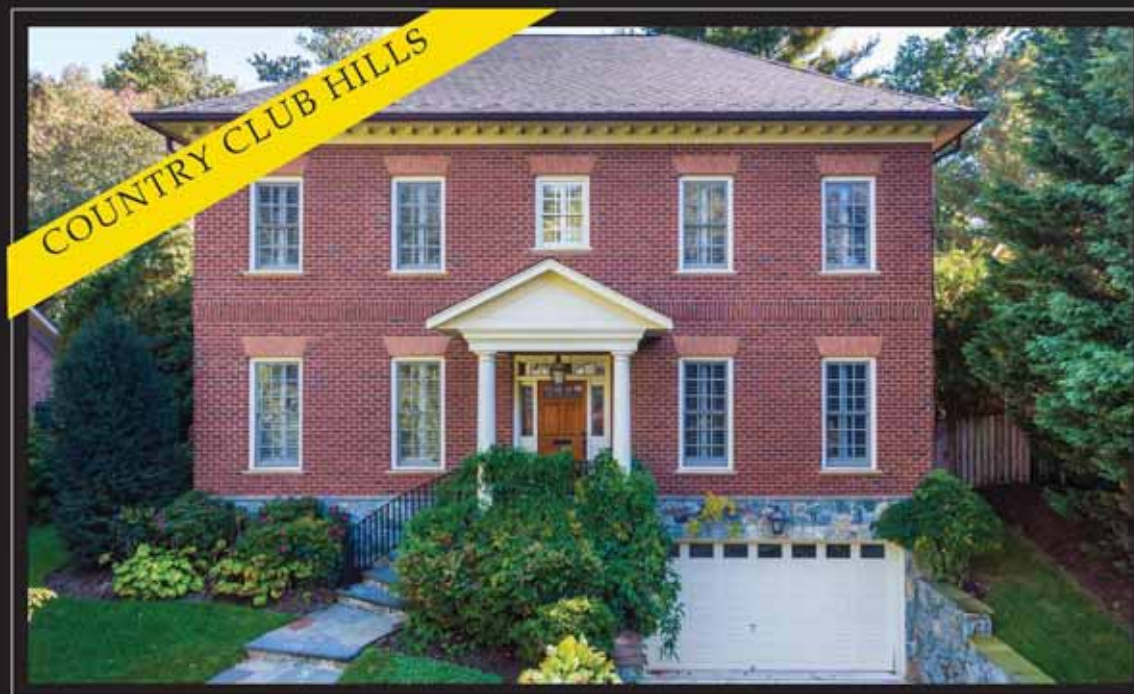
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Riders at the Tysons Corner station get ready to board the Silver Line train to Largo Town Center.



McLean's Silver Lining

New Metro stations bring benefits, some disadvantages to McLean.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

For riders and users of the Silver Line, the impact of the new stations, which opened on June 23, are on accessibility and options. Michael Caplin, executive director of Tysons Partnership, an association of business, government and community leaders, said that the Silver Line “turbo-charged the community.”

He said that people now have an easier way to reach Tysons Corner. “People are shopping here, applying for permits, looking for jobs here.”

O.G. McClinton said that the Silver Line made the outskirts of the city more available to him for work. He used to drive from his home in Hyattsville, Md., to his job in Tysons II. Now he takes the train. “This is real convenient,” he said. For those who work in Washington, D.C., Seda Yener, of Fairfax, said that the new stations made the city more accessible.

The five new stations also gave residents options in how to get where they need to go. Brennan Price, of Vienna, can now choose between the Orange and Silver lines. “In Vienna, I feel that Metro is not as prevalent. Since the Silver line has come in, I find that I have two options in getting here.” He does not often take Metro but when he does he said that the bus transportation coming to downtown is “a little more friendly coming to the Tysons station than the Vienna station.”

However, there has been collateral disadvantages with the arrival of the Silver line.

“We would like to see focused attention on the noise that is created,” said McLean Citizens Association (MCA) president Sally Horn. She said that residents who live on the path of the Silver Line, particularly on the Dulles Access Road to Route 123 curve, experience rattling windows when the trains pass by. “It’s loud...We want a serious address and mitigation to this issue,” she said.



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MCA also wants to bring attention to the parking options on the new stations. “There is not enough publicity about available parking in Metro,” said Horn.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority spokesperson Morgan Dye said that there have been eight reported crimes in the five new stations since opening day—one at Wiehle-Reston East, 4 at Tysons Corner, two at Spring Hill and one at McLean.

Bob Maurer, senior marketing manager for Tysons Corner Center, said in an email that there has definitely been an increase in shopper traffic from Metro.

Scheduled activities and festivals at Lerner Town Square reflect Tysons Corner’s burgeoning community that is not just a commercial center. Tysons Partnership is working on increasing signage and visibility that will inform people about Tysons Corner as a destination.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like and dislike about the new Metro stations?

Tysons Corner Station riders share what they like and dislike about new service.

— ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO

Seda Yener, nonprofit employee, Fairfax:

“It’s convenient because it’s a lot of lines so you have a lot of options. The fees are extremely expensive especially during rush hour. Sometimes the cars are really dirty. Maybe they can put more trash bins so people can throw their stuff.”



O.G. McClinton, III, EMR consultant at Sunrise Senior Living, Hyattsville, Md.:

“I wish the old stations could start to look a little brighter like the new stations. I dislike the fact that there aren’t restrooms at every station. I mean Tysons has a restroom and it’s nice and it’s clean, there’s like three of them. It’s very convenient because when you’re on the train and you’re waiting an hour and there’s delays and there’s no restroom, that could be a problem.”



Donmale Gbaanador, contract attorney, Silver Spring, Md.:

“It definitely made it easier. I have more commuting options. It’s nice to have options. There’s not really much I don’t like. Sometimes the fares can be a little higher than expected. Other than that I don’t see any disadvantage.”



Brennan Price, chief technology officer, American Radio Relay League, Inc., Vienna:

“The reliability of the service is a little bit suspect at times. That being said, when the system works, it works very well. It’s something that still needs to be perfected. I realize that funding is difficult but it is a worthwhile investment in my view, not only of my tax dollars but of my fare money.”



Paula Hancock, facilities planner, Kaiser Permanente, Reston:

“I’m not real thrilled with the bus service. I think there could be more bus connections to the station but other than that...It’s little more expensive than I expected it to be but it’s not a deal breaker.”



Demolition at Langley Begins

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

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



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

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."

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

McLean Outlook: Developing the Community

Completion of community centers, pedestrian improvements.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

McLean community leaders will be busy this year. Between the looming pedestrian improvements and downtown development residents have a lot to look forward to.

Changes in transportation and pedestrian and bicycle-friendliness will continue through this year. Last year, Supervisor John Foust helped to celebrate several new sidewalks and trails, a tradition he will continue in 2015 and beyond. Projects slated for completion this year include McLean Gateway - which currently is a median on Old Dominion Drive - that will welcome visitors into the business district as well as a relocated bus stop and accessible crosswalks at the corner of Old Dominion Drive and Birch Road.

The complete list of projects that will be worked on this year, according to Foust, include:

- ❖ Pedestrian crossing and bus stop at Leesburg Pike and Colvin Run Road.
- ❖ McLean Gateway to welcome drivers

into the business district.

❖ The intersection of Westmoreland Street and Old Chesterbrook Road realigned to improve safety and shorten the crosswalk on Old Chesterbrook Road. The project includes a new sidewalk and crossing between Old Chesterbrook Road and Dillon Avenue.

❖ Pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Birch Road, which include the addition of new accessible crosswalks and a relocated bus stop.

❖ Intersection improvements at Bellview Road and Old Dominion Drive, which include improving driver visibility in both directions.

McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn said plans for downtown McLean's growth will expand.

"We don't want to be Tysons," she said. "How do we renew our vitality while maintaining our core interests?"

She said that question will be answered at future MCA meetings this year, something association members can look forward to.

SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS in McLean include the renovation of the Spring Hill

Recreation Center- to be completed in March - and a possible agreement to redevelop Lewinsville Senior Center early this year.

"The plan is to raze the existing building and build two facilities, one to house an expanded senior center and the three day care centers, and the other to consist of approximately 80 independent living apartments serving seniors with incomes at or below the eligible household income limits," said Foust. "The plan will require zoning approvals and has been presented to the community for public input."

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the infrastructure development agreement and ground lease on Tuesday. Another public hearing is set for Feb. 17 with action on March 3.

According to Mark Zetts, MCA planning and zoning chairman, construction is slated for next spring with completion by spring 2017 if the zoning requirements and plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Occupancy is expected for that fall.

At the MCA meeting earlier this month, Zetts noted the problems with parking in the senior center's renovation plans.

"We can't have people parking in the neighborhoods," he said.

The Spring Hill Recreation Center held a ribbon cutting Jan. 10 to celebrate its expansion and opening after the bulk of the



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Projects slated for completion this year include a more impressive McLean Gateway - which currently is a median on Old Dominion Drive - that will welcome visitors into the business district.

renovations were completed.

"RECenter users can now enjoy a 2-story fitness center and a gymnasium with an elevated running track," according to a press release. "The gym features a single high school-sized basketball court with two overlay basketball courts and a volleyball overlay court. Locker rooms and showers have been upgraded and five new family cabanas are now available. In addition, there is new flooring and paint throughout the facility."

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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 of 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.

Critical to a successful economy will be to create housing that service and hospitality workers can afford. We have a massive shortage of affordable housing, and the opportunity to transform some of the massive quantities of vacant office space into thoughtful, well-designed housing.

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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 include 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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NEIGHBORHOOD OUTLOOK

Where 'New McLean' Meets 'Old McLean'

Carole L. Herrick publishes a new book on McLean local legends.

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THE CONNECTION

"There's old McLean and there's new McLean," said Carole L. Herrick, author of "Legendary Locals of McLean" which went on sale on Jan. 19. Old McLean are property owners who once owned expansive farms or dairies, while new McLean are people who settled in the area when the Central Intelligence Agency came in 1961. For a while old and new McLeans coexisted, new Cadillacs would be parked next to beat up old Chevy trucks used in the farms.

Now, "Old McLean has pretty much disappeared," said Herrick. The farms and pastures where dairy cows once grazed have given way to subdivisions and new housing. "That's progress ... that's life," said Herrick. Her new book con-

tains images of McLean residents annotated with explanations of historical significance from as early as the War of 1812 to the present.

The community branched from the McLean rail station near Old Dominion Drive and Chain Bridge Road. It is now occupied by a restaurant, a bank, and other businesses. John Roll McLean, who owned The Washington Post, along with West Virginia senator Stephen Benton Elkins, built the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad in 1904 and named stations after themselves. Herrick believes that John Roll McLean has probably never set foot in the place that bears his name.

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, many prominent and well-known residents have called McLean home. One example from Herrick's book is Justice Robert Jackson, who



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Everyday an informal group of McLean residents go to "the office," Greenberry's Coffee & Tea Company. From left, Mary Ludden, Susan Christie, Carole L. Herrick, Cristina Granja of McLean and KK Piper of Vienna.

served as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1941-1954 and was one of the justices during the Brown v. Board of Education case. Jackson was also the U.S. chief counsel for the prosecution during the Nuremberg Trials in 1945-1946, taking a leave of absence from the Supreme Court.

There was also Mary Stalcup Markward, who for years was ostracized by her McLean neighbors for being a member of the Communist Party but was, in fact, an informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1951.

Herrick's new book also features African-Americans who lived in what was known as Lincolnsville,

now Chesterbrook. Descendants of Christopher Columbus Hall, who in 1865 bought 26 acres of land for farming and divided it among his 11 children, continued to live on Cottonwood Street. One of them was Martina Hall, the first person to survive an operation replacing the aortic valve with a plastic one in 1952. She was known as the Tick Tock Woman because her heart can be heard beating from a distance.

Herrick's book illustrates how deeply intertwined McLean is with Washington, D.C., as many government figures were attracted to its proximity to the capital. But it is the commitment of its residents to "spirited volunteerism" that has created its identity. "McLean is a



"Legendary Locals of McLean" author Carole L. Herrick is a long-time resident of McLean and is the vice president of the McLean Historical Society.

community of volunteers ... it's what makes the community a community," said Herrick. Because the city is not incorporated, many McLean events — such as the Reindog Parade and WinterFest — survived because of volunteers, she said.

"LEGENDARY LOCALS of McLean" is published by Arcadia Publishing. Herrick is the vice president of the Historical Society of McLean and chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission. She was a nationally ranked tennis player and was inducted in the ITA Women's Collegiate Hall of Fame. She lives in McLean.

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"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.

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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 playspace 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.

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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.faithforclimate.org>; 571-882-9312.

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Tai Chi Beginners' Practice.

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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.

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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.

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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:**

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

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust - center - join representatives from the county Park Authority, McLean Youth Athletics and staff at Spring Hill Recreation Center's ribbon cutting Jan. 10.

Things to Look for in McLean

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PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/ THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Supervisors may approve Lewinsville Senior Center's redevelopment in March.

The final phase of the project includes converting some of the fitness rooms into multi-use areas. Also, the lower hallway area will be renovated.

"It is exciting to celebrate the opening of this wonderful addition and renovation to Spring Hill RECenter," said Foust in a press release. "The community has needed and planned for an indoor gym for a very long time."

THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION will continue to make their voice heard while the county develops their budget.

"The big challenge for the county will be how to reconcile the ever-increasing requests for county services and school funds," said Horn. "The reality is that we're still in an economy where our resources are not finite. I think the budget issue is going to be a challenge for the county."

As someone who has voted on the county budget in the past six years, Foust agreed with Horn.

"Continuing impacts from sequestration, slow job growth, weak commercial markets and lower than projected residential values will make the board's job particularly challenging this year," he said. "The county executive will present his advertised budget to the board in February, but preliminary information suggests we face a projected shortfall of \$164 million including \$100 million for the county budget and \$64 million for the school budget," Foust said.

The county is pulled in several different directions, budget-wise. The past year has seen disappointment from certain parties, including Fairfax County Public Schools' outcry after board members and administrators felt that the county underfunded them.

At nearly every School Board meeting since the budget was approved, at least one comment about the lack of funds has been made by board members.

"Both our Board of Supervisors and the public, if they ever wanted to understand the complexity of a

county of over a million people and almost 200 schools, open up this brochure and understand what we're dealing with," said Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin after a Capital Improvement Plan presentation at the Dec. 18 School Board meeting.

Foust said he is working with the McLean community to establish priorities.

"As I have done for the past six budget cycles, I have convened my citizen budget task force," he said. "The task force will prepare a report with recommendations that will be presented to me in early 2015."

He also plans to hold meetings throughout this jurisdiction to hear directly from citizens what they hope to see from this year's county budget.

Foust also has another significant item to look forward to: the completion of the McLean Government Center's building by this summer. Currently, the office is located in the McLean Square Shopping Center.

"The old building had inadequate space for the police and many of the building systems including HVAC and bathrooms needed replacing," he said. "The existing 21,600-square-foot building is being expanded by 17,600 square feet, an increase to accommodate police needs through 2030."

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 Valentine's Day is Feb. 14 • Presidents Day is Feb. 16
 2/18/2015 A+ Camps & Schools
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MARCH

3/4/2015 Wellbeing
 3/11/2015 HomeLifeStyle Real Estate Pullout
 3/18/2015 A+ Camps & Schools
 3/25/2015 Spring Fun, Food, Arts & Entertainment
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APRIL

4/1/2015 Wellbeing – Senior Living Pullout
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WINTER FUN



Henry, 4, and mother Jennifer Rossman, McLean, look at a display of chocolate at the McLean Chocolate Festival.



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A pile of chocolate covered treats at the McLean Chocolate Festival.

Festival Finds a Sweet Spot

McLean Chocolate Festival gets 'smoother and smoother' every year.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Chocolate covered bacon, chocolate covered marshmallows, chocolate gelato... And the list goes on.

The fourth annual McLean Rotary Chocolate Festival attracted hundreds of sweet tooths to the community on Sunday, Jan. 25, to indulge in their favorite treats.

"It's our first time here," said Jennifer Rossman, McLean. "It's epic."

She brought her son, 4-year-old Henry, whose favorite treat is chocolate.

"On the way here, he asked if there was going to be any chocolate here," she said with a laugh.

This year, nearly all of the 17 vendors at the festival sold some type of chocolate. Some sold pre-made chocolate bars. Others sold bon bons. A select few local vendors sold specialty items like chocolate-dipped bacon or extra gooey fudge.

"We've been counting tickets all day long," said Jan Auerbach, event organizer. "It's great. People are really queueing up at the American Heritage booth."

During the event, she was not sure how many tickets were sold by mid-afternoon, but she had already gathered tickets twice and saw the number of people packed into the two community rooms. On the other side of the community center was a children's play area. Every few hours, local music act Ukulele Phil would play.

The room where American Heritage - a division of Mars - was doing a demonstration on how people made chocolate during colonial times was so popular that visitors stood shoulder to shoulder to watch while eying the other vendors in the room.



Katrin Wilke, McLean takes a sample at the McLean Chocolate Festival Jan. 25.

"We have a bunch of new vendors and they really seem to be doing well," Auerbach said.

Cevinyon owner Tenja Young, D.C., said McLean Rotary's cause is the main reason she decided to sell her original square cookies at the event.

"The whole purpose is because of the great cause it's benefitting," she said.

In past years, McLean Rotary has made more than \$8,000 to raise money for local organizations and schools. In addition to the entry fee, the rotary also makes 25 percent off of vendor sales.

Some of the specific items the money goes towards are high school scholarships and books for students in need. The rotary also has annual character awards to honor local students.

Auerbach said that the growing event seems to run "smoother and smoother" every year. The first year of the festival, the rotary was unprepared for the barrage of chocolate lovers that showed up at the door before the event even started. Four years later, the lines moved quickly, letting families and groups of friends enjoy sampling treats rather than standing in line. The Wilke family, who recently moved from Germany, was one of them.

"The samples are excellent, of course," said Mario Wilke, McLean. "Especially for the kids."

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SPORTS

Langley Girls on a Roll

By JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

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

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



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

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WEEK IN MCLEAN

Senior Summit on 'Safety in Our Community'

On Friday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard Bowers are sponsoring a Safety Summit for seniors and their caregivers in the McLean and Great Falls communities. The event, "Safety in Our Community - Preventing the 911 Call," will address safety topics such as fires, injury prevention, home and personal safety, Project Lifesaver (which keeps at-risk residents safer and reduces care-giver anxiety), File of Life, disaster preparedness, scam/fraud defense measures, and managing chronic disease and diabetes. The summit will be held at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean. The event is free and no RSVP is necessary.

Staff from Fairfax County Departments of Fire and Rescue, Police and Sheriff's Offices, Consumer Affairs, Health Department, and Emergency Management will give presentations. There will be plenty of time to ask questions, enjoy refreshments and socialize.

For more information on services for older adults in Fairfax County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/>.

Spring Hill Musicians to Perform at Sunrise

The Silver Strings instrumental musicians from Spring Hill Elementary will perform at Sunrise of McLean on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 2:15 p.m. More than 300 students take orchestra at Spring Hill; at the beginning of each year, the fifth and sixth grade students audition for a special group, which can include the Chamber Orchestra, Strolling Strings, or Silver Strings. Different members of the groups visit Sunrise each month to perform for the residents. The January concert will include "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven, a jazzy blues selection, and Pachelbel's "Theme from Canon in D." Contact principal Roger Vanderhye at 703-506-3400 or rdvanderhye@fcps.edu or news liaison Ruth Donahue atrconahue@fcps.edu.

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 com-

munity 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 Rd, Fairfax Station.

Deadline for Grants Proposals

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is accepting proposals for its current grants cycle until Feb. 1. Applications can be found on the MCF's website at mcleancommunityfoundation.org. The McLean Community Foundation is a non-profit established by the McLean Citizens' Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. Its focus is entirely and specifically on non-profit efforts that benefit the residents of the McLean Planning District of Fairfax County.

Correction

The last week's article "Marshall Academy CyberPatriots Advance to the National Competition" was incorrect in declaring the team national finalist: The scoring process is underway and to date, neither Marshall Academy nor any other team has been designated as a CyberPatriot National Finalist team.



Supporting Kent Gardens PTA

The Community Charity Champions Fundraiser for Kent Gardens PTA was a success. The organizers would like to thank everyone for coming to Pulcinella in support of Kent Gardens PTA and contributing to that success in raising \$2,170. Pictured: The Cline-Thomas family and Kent Gardens principal Holly McGuigan.



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Mary-Lynn Robosky's first graders supported anti-bullying efforts by wearing pink and creating a wall of pink t-shirts with their own anti-bullying slogans. Pictured, from left, top row: Student Teacher John Patterson, first grade teacher Ms. Robosky, Hannah Workie, Nico Williamson, Logan Schwartz, Julie Seth, Tara Chun, Max Brooke, Victor Chopra; middle row: Cara Dinker, Gabriela Cid, Nadira Maples, Paris Diao, Katie Lee; and bottom row: Morgan Heuber, Spencer Buddie, Aidan Khazai, Haley Lucier.

School Holds Bullying Prevention Week

The week of Jan. 12, Churchill Road Elementary School students participated in Bullying Prevention Week. Organized by school counselors Jamie Meyers and Alex Mantel, peer mediators created thematic posters and fifth and sixth grade students filmed anti-bullying skits that were aired on the morning Bobcat News broadcast. Students also participated in a mix-it-up lunch, where they sat with students outside of their normal social circle. Each of the

groups was provided with conversation starters such as, "If you could change your name, what would you change it to?" or "What is your favorite animal at the zoo?" The students enjoyed talking with classmates they did not know well and finding out they had many things in common.

Bullying Prevention Week ended with a spirit day, where many students and staff members wore pink in support of anti-bullying efforts.



Churchill Road peer mediators Graham Cole, Dylan Perez, Julia Reis and Paige Cowan with one of the posters they created to support bullying prevention week.

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 fin-

ish," 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."

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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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.

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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.

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ring 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 percent 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, it 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 Btw spraying and to ensure that all other reasonable alternatives are used to prevent and mitigate future FCW outbreaks.

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