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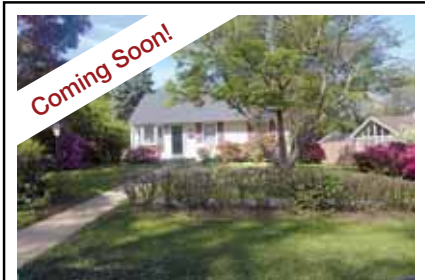
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Rules on Noise Set To Change

Board of Supervisors scheduled to resume discussion and vote on proposed Noise Ordinance on June 23.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust asked to defer a proposal to adopt a new chapter of the county's noise ordinance to September so the board could have more time to weigh testimony of more than 30 speakers at the public hearing, May 12. Instead, the vote was delayed until June 23.

"You have a big challenge ahead of you, but peace and quiet in our neighborhoods is an important commodity to have," said Robert Winer, of Clifton.

"More effort is needed to resolve the issue," said Joyce Harris, a 31-year resident of McLean. "Protecting the rights of residents in a residential neighborhood should be a primary goal of the ordinance. Please defer your vote and allow more time to develop a solution that works for this issue."

MORE THAN 30 speakers testified including: Greg Budnik who discussed helicopter noise from training runs at Fort Belvoir; Mark Grove, of Fairfax, whose wife was recuperating from cancer treatment and had to contend with music from a supermarket across the street that had permits to play music until 11 p.m.; Keith Elgin, worship director of Vine Church in Dunn Loring, who wants to create events such as outdoor



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION
Joyce Harris, of McLean, testifies before the Board of Supervisors on the mandated rewrite of the county's noise ordinance.

movies and concerts during the summer months; to neighbors in Reston who say they cannot get relief from noise of nearby dog parks; to those who take their dogs to dog parks to spare neighbors from noise.

Sheila Casey, of Reston, said she can hear mowers on a nearby golf course before dawn with maintenance crews sometimes using headlights on lawnmowers before 5 a.m. "All I know is when those lawn mowers are running, I can turn on my air conditioning, I can put in my earplugs, and I still hear the noise," she said.

Issues don't seem as simple when engaging with the details.

"When babies cannot sleep, when the elderly cannot rest, when a voice teacher cannot instruct, when a family cannot share a meal together on their patio, when a homeowner has to close her windows and move to another part of the house just to

make a telephone call, when a cancer patient cannot recuperate and rest in her yard because music is amplified in the neighborhood at intrusive levels, then we know something is not right with life in Fairfax County," said Harris.

FAIRFAX AND OTHER Virginia governments have to rewrite their noise ordinance as a result of a Virginia Supreme Court decision overturning the ordinance in Virginia Beach, according to county documents.

The overall goals of the proposed Noise Ordinance is to recognize that there will always be certain levels of noise that occur in the normal course of daily living; to allow certain levels of daytime noise so that people can live, work and play during the day; and to minimize noise at night so residents have an appropriate quiet environment in their homes at night.

This would involve prohibiting certain activities, excluding certain activities from the Noise Ordinance, and other activities or sources of sound would be subject to maximum decibel levels, qualified by time, location and duration limitations.

Supervisors will also engage the School Board on the issue of amplified sound from high school campuses.

The noise ordinance covers everything from lawn mowers, barking dogs, loudspeakers at athletic fields and industrial operations.

For example, the noise of barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals that could be heard in a home with its windows closed is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., according to county documents.

Other noise-makers that are specifically addressed, according to county documents:

- ❖ Using a loudspeaker or amplifier outside Sunday through Thursday between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., and between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and the day before a federal holiday.

- ❖ Many specifics of operating power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers; on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- ❖ Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- ❖ Collecting trash or recycling within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- ❖ Loading or unloading trucks outside within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- ❖ Using dog parks Sunday through Thursday between dusk and 7 a.m. or on Fridays, Saturday or the day before a federal holiday between dusk and 8 a.m.

For more, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/>

School Board Passes \$2.6 Billion Budget for 2016

Employees receive step pay increase but lose portion of planned market scale adjustment.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

\$7.6 million: That's how much Fairfax County Public Schools said the School Board needed to cut to meet the goals set out in its Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget.

When the board voted 10-2 on May 21 in approval of next year's budget, covering that gap brought the step pay increase for employees down from a market scale adjustment of one percent to 0.62 percent.

More than 70 percent of the total bud-

get of \$2.6 billion comes from Fairfax County. The total transfer of \$2.01 billion to the school system's operating and debt service is over 52 percent of the county's general fund disbursement. That rate has been "consistent" for several years, according to the Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget Plan.

The county transfer is a 3.4 percent rise from the Fiscal Year 2015 adopted budget plan, a difference of \$66.7 million. \$1.83 billion of that goes to school operations, \$187 million is the school debt service transfer.

In their Advertised Budget Plan, however,

the School Board requested a \$1.84 billion transfer for operations. They asked for a \$70.6 million increase and got \$56.6 million.

Some additional money from the Virginia General Assembly and a decrease in employer contributions to the Virginia Retirement system helped reduce that \$14 million to \$7.6 million.

The School Board's Approved 2016 budget is a 2.2 percent increase over 2015, or \$53.9 million. Though the budget team made \$61.4 million in reductions, pushing back school start times, adding full-day Mondays for elementary schools, enroll-

ment increases and reducing class size in certain elementary schools were all factors contributing to the increase from 2015.

For the 2014-2015 school year, enrollment was 186,785, up from 183,895 the previous year. That increase cost the school system an additional \$19.5 million. For 2015-2016, the projection is a \$21.3 million increase to cover enrollment growth.

COMING IN UNDER the market scale

SEE SCHOOL BUDGET. PAGE 4



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

The Fiscal Year 2016 Approved Budget for Fairfax County Public Schools passed by a 10-2 vote.

School Budget Adopted

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adjustment and its effect on employees, particularly teachers, was a main subject of discussion during the meeting.

“It all comes down to our credibility,” said Megan McLaughlin, representing the Braddock District. “Employee compensation is a top priority. Tonight, we’re taking one of our most important priorities and short-changing it.”

McLaughlin introduced two variations on a similar amendment to the budget that would each restore the full market scale adjustment. She proposed cutting the recurring funding that allows students to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests for free, saving \$5 million.

To buy time for additional community discussion and problem-solving, her amendments also called for Superintendent Karen Garza to set aside one-time funding to continue paying for students’ test fees in the 2015-2016 school year.

One of her proposed sources of that one-time funding was drawing from the school system’s flexible reserve fund of \$8 million. That notion was an unpopular one among the majority of other board members.

Sully District representative Kathy Smith said drawing from the emergency fund as a one-time solution was “just not a fiscally responsible decision. You pray that you don’t need it.”

Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District, had prepared an amendment that proposed reversing the board’s recent decision to raise future members’ salaries in order to offset some of the budget reductions.

But after both of McLaughlin’s amendments failed, she said, “It’s clear we’re not getting any traction.” Schultz then rescinded her amendment, calling it “shameful.”

During the discussion, board members voiced frus-

tration with the Board of Supervisors for not fully funding their request.

“I’m very disappointed,” said vice chairman Ted Velkoff. “I feel like the supervisors have unwittingly validated the cynics — you’ll never be able to work with them.”

Velkoff said more help could come from the General Assembly. “The focus needs to shift to Richmond,” he said, where representatives are “failing to fund localities in the commonwealth. Frankly your Board of Supervisors and School Board don’t have the tools they need in order to solve these problems.”

At-large member Ryan McElveen acknowledged there are “always tensions between our two boards at budget time,” but that “none of us wants to make enemies of the Board of Supervisors.”

McElveen said John Foust (D-Dranesville) and other supervisors did “what they could for us.” But, he said, “We’re entering a new normal and unfortunately it’s pitiful, absolutely pitiful.”

IN HER STATEMENT announcing the vote, chairman Tammy Derenak Kaufax said, “We recognize that the Board of Supervisors cares about our great schools and shares our vision to make education our community’s top priority. We also recognize that there are no easy answers to our budget challenges. We will continue to work with the Board of Supervisors, along with state and federal representatives, to find solutions that support our students, families, teachers and staff, maintaining FCPS’ reputation for excellence.”

But acknowledging the projected \$100 million deficit for the schools’ 2017 budget, she said, “Tomorrow we know the even harder work begins.” Referencing Garza’s publicly shared concerns over the future shortfalls, the chairman added, “Our ability to best serve our children is in jeopardy now.”

More information and resources about the FY2016 and FY2017 budgets are available online at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2016.shtml.

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OPINION

Voting, June 9

No, not for Hillary or Jeb or Carly. Locally, June 9, 2015 is an Election Day that counts.

To listen to the national news, one would think that the next Presidential election is in November. But no. That's November 2016.

In the meantime, every year is an Election year in Virginia, and in 2015, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot.

In heavily Democratic districts (or any district that is solidly one party or the other), any real competition comes in the primary.

That's June 9 in parts of Fairfax County in the Mount Vernon magisterial district, and in House of Delegates Districts 44 and 45.

Four Democrats are on the June 9 ballot seeking to be the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Gerry Hyland as the Mount Vernon representative to the Board of Supervisors. Hyland has represented Mount Vernon since 1988.

Two Democrats are seeking to be the party nominee for House of Delegates District 44. Scott Surovell is giving up the seat he has held since 2009 to run for State Senate to replace retiring Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36).

Five Democrats are on the ballot on June 9 for House of Delegates District 45, to replace Del. Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

If you live in one of the affected districts, you will vote on June 9 at your usual polling place. Be sure to bring photo identification.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, in November, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman.

Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-large members.

Fairfax County's Constitutional Officers, Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's

Attorney are on the ballot in November, as are three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

EDITORIAL

Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats.

So every Fairfax County voter will face a variety of critically important choices in November. But first, consider the options on June 9.

On the Ballot June 9, Democratic Primary, Fairfax County

MORE ON Fairfax County voting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District, Democratic Primary

Four Democrats vie to replace retiring Gerry Hyland

- ♦ Daniel G. "Dan" Storck, Email: danforsupervisor@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.danstorck.org/>
- ♦ Candice L. Bennett, Email: candice@electcandicebennett.com, Website: <http://www.electcandicebennett.com>
- ♦ Timothy J. Sargeant, Email: [timmvernon@gmail.com](mailto:timmtvernon@gmail.com), Website: <http://www.timsargeant.com>
- ♦ John R. "Jack" Dobbyn Jr., Email: info@jackdobbyn.com, Website: <http://www.jackdobbyn.com>

Mount Vernon Gazette/Connection coverage of the Mount Vernon Supervisor race
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/20/mount-vernon-candidates-look-for-primary-victory/>
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/apr/16/democrats-debate-district-supervisor/>

Member House of Delegates, 44th District, Democratic Primary

Two Democrats compete for the nomination to replace Scott Surovell who is running for Virginia Senate District 36, to replace retiring Toddy Puller

- ♦ Paul E. Krizek, Email: paul@paulkrizek.com, Website: <http://www.paulkrizek.com>
- ♦ Justin M. Brown, Email: justin4va@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.brown4delegate.com>

Member House of Delegates, 45th District, Democratic Primary

Five Democrats vie to replace Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

- ♦ Mark Levine, Email: mark@markfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.markfordelegate.com>
- ♦ Julie Jakopic, Email: juliejakopic@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.juliefordelegate.com>
- ♦ Clarence Tong, Email: clarence.tong@gmail.com, Website: <http://clarecetong.com/>
- ♦ L.M. "Larry" Altenburg II, Email: larry@larryaltenburg.net, Website: <http://altenburgfordelegate.net/>
- ♦ Craig Fifer, Email: craig@fiferfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.fiferfordelegate.com>

Connection coverage of the race for the 45th
[http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/45th/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/45th-district/)

Member Board of Supervisors, Mason District, Democratic Primary

Incumbent Penny Gross is facing her first primary challenge

- ♦ Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Email: gross.penny@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.pennygross.com>
- ♦ Jessica M. Swanson, Email: swanson.jessica@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.swansonforfairfax.com>

Republicans, Party Canvass, June 4. Republicans in the 44th and 45th House District and 30th Senate District will choose candidates at a Party Canvass (sometimes called a firehouse primary) on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

There are no other Republican canvasses scheduled in any other state or local race in Fairfax County. The Sully district GOP Canvass for member of the Board of Supervisors was held in April. See <http://fairfaxgop.org/>

Honoring the Fallen This Memorial Day

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK
U.S. REP. (R-10)

America is a nation built on sacrifice. From the Founding Fathers, who in the Declaration of Independence concluded our founding document by pledging "...our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor," to those soldiers who are fighting against the current terrorist threat today, Americans have stood together in the fight for freedom. This is why Memorial Day is a special day, and a day on which all Americans should honor the fallen.

Every day as I drive to work to the U.S. Congress down the George Washington Memorial Parkway, I am reminded of the great sacrifices men and women have made for our country so we can remain free. First, I pass the

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial depicting the iconic image of the Iwo Jima flag-raising on February 23, 1945. During World War II, on that one small island, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, nearly 7,000 Americans lost their lives. Then I pass Arlington National Cemetery where rows upon rows of American heroes eternally rest in what truly is a cathedral to their sacrifices.

During a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in 1982, President Ronald Reagan said:

"The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we

— in a less final, less heroic way — be willing to give of ourselves."

Those inspiring and poignant words still ring true today. Being a citizen of the United States of America comes with great responsibility because of those who came before us and gave their last full measure of devotion. For almost 240 years, patriots of Northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley have given their lives for our Country. Below is a list of names of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Read their names, remember, and think of the loved ones they left behind. We keep them in our prayers.

Daniel Bennett, Marine Corps, Operation Enduring Freedom, Clifton

Craig Cherry, Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Winchester
William Downs, Air Force, Op-

eration Iraqi Freedom, Winchester

Douglas Green, Army, Operation

Enduring Freedom, Sterling

Kyle Hemauer, Army, Operation

Enduring Freedom, Manassas

Dillon Jutras, Army, Operation

Iraqi Freedom, Fairfax Station

Jeffrey Kaylor, Army, Operation

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Scott Kirkpatrick, Operation

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Enduring Freedom, Lovettsville

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Freedom, Purcellville

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LETTERS

Displeased with the Headline

To the Editor:

I was deeply displeased to read that your newspaper decided to use "The Importance of Including Everyone" as your headline for Tim Peterson's article about the Fairfax County School Board's vote on including gender identity to their nondiscrimination policy. As a journalist, I believe this smacks of bias and was entirely unnecessary.

The editors could have easily lead with a generic news headline, like "Fairfax County School Board Votes on Gender Identity." Instead, seeing the words they chose gave me the distinct and awkward impression that they were using a news story to not so subtly tell us the newspa-

per supports the school board's decision. In truth, the decision was not about including everyone, just those with "gender identity" issues.

While I applaud Peterson for getting comments from parents on both sides of the issue, the article would have benefited from him probing the deep-seated rationales for each person's conclusion. My guess is that there was much, much more than bathroom and locker room awkwardness that got those hundreds of parents to show up to the school board meeting.

Juliana Erikson
McLean

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Women's Leadership Council 2015. 9:30-10:30 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons. A one hour informational/planning meeting about upcoming events sponsored by Women's Leadership Council. They will be discussing their February event "For the Love of Finance."

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Northern Virginia Family Service Job Fair. 9-10:30 a.m. NVFS, 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton. NVFS is expanding its shelter operations

in locations throughout Northern Virginia, and will be holding a job fair for interested human service professionals. All new positions will begin mid-June 2015. Dress professionally, bring your resume and be prepared for brief on-the-spot interviews. Position descriptions are posted online at www.nvfs.org/careers.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

STEP Forward Volunteer Fair. 5:30-9 p.m. McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Recruit potential committee and/or board member volunteers at this fair presented by CNM, Computer C.O.R.E., and Rebuilding Together Alexandria. The fair will create exposure to the needs of our community and raise awareness about your local non-profit and/or programs. Nonprofits registration <http://cysilvera.wix.com/stepforward>. Open to the public.

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A group shot in front of McLean High School.

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German exchange students jumping off of the Capitol steps.

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German exchange students and the McLean High philharmonic orchestra play a joint concert honoring retiring conductor Udö Monks.



An overhead shot of rehearsals at McLean High School.

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Together in Music

BY CAMILLE KIDWELL
THE CONNECTION

After 21 years of collaboration, McLean High School and the Detmold Youth German Orchestra came together to celebrate their cultural exchange program Thursday, May 21. Under the direction of conductors Starlet Smith, Florian Wessel and retiring Udö Monks, the two groups have combined to create an international orchestra that plays together once a year.

In 2014, many McLean students traveled to Germany to play in this exciting concert, and were thrilled to have the Germans come to the States this spring. Sophomore Jennifer Min, who attended this trip last year, loves that the exchange allows international friendships to continue.

TO KEEP IN CONTACT with one another, junior Caroline Watkins noted that students keep in touch through social media applications like Facebook, Snapchat, even an international messaging app called "Whatsapp." Overall, despite the many rehearsals and crazy week, the two girls said the experience was worthwhile and very fulfilling.

The German students only had praise for this program as well, as many have come back for their second trip to the United States for this concert. When asked about all the activities they have done over the past few days, there were too many to count. From bike tours, museums, baseball games, even visiting the German Embassy, the students have been kept very busy. German student Eike Klein has loved the experience of a second trip, now having more time to explore the capital, his personal favorite being the

Air and Space Museum.

For McLean conductor Starlet Smith, this concert was especially dear to her heart. Being a former student of McLean, she once was a participant in this exchange. Reflecting on the experience as both a student and conductor, she said: "When I participated in the German exchange my junior year, it was the first time I ever went out of the country. The second time I traveled abroad, it was when I returned back with the McLean orchestra to conduct. It was amazing." Additionally, the retiring conductor, Udö Monks, was the same individual who conducted her all those years ago. "There was a lot of music being emailed across the ocean!" she laughed, when noting what it was like to coordinate this concert from across the Atlantic. "Even though they only get to know each other for a week, the bond they create is amazing. They stay in touch for a long time. It is a very special thing".

Florian Wessel, the incoming German conductor, loves how the music brings the students together to create a new song. Laughing, he says that: "The German kids like to come live here and be the new son or daughter!" He said that the main goal was to connect people, to create a big family.

THIS EVENT did just that, and during the last song, students from both schools exchanged T-shirts to wear while playing their last piece.

German student Leonie Figge said: "Although we don't know each other, we can live 10 days together just because of music." Teens from both sides of the world experience how amidst diversity, the bonds one can create are real and genuine. As German student Clara Dziuron said: "It is the music that brings us together."



Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem

'American Spiritual' Comes to Alden in McLean

Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, described by The Boston Herald as one of "America's most inventive string bands," will lead lucky audience members in a bona fide revival when they bring "American Spiritual" to The Alden in McLean for a single performance on Friday, May 29, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$20 for McLean tax district residents. The theatre is located inside the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

The group mixes traditional, original and contemporary sounds on fiddle, guitar, bass and recycled percussion and tops that with joyous harmonies from four skilled lead singers. In "American Spiritual" there is no tent, no potluck dinner — and no preaching, unless you count the band's uproarious and wise stories. Instead, this charismatic

quartet administers songs and tales that explore and revive the human spirit. From a lush setting of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" to old American shape-note hymns, prison work songs, blues, gospel and original compositions, "American Spiritual" draws from 200 years of roots music to find songs that uplift and connect.

On stage, band members Rani Arbo (fiddle, guitar), Andrew Kinsey (bass, banjo, uke), Anand Nayak (electric and acoustic guitars) and Scott Kessel (percussion) play and sing, and their four-part harmonies soar, whether on a haunting Appalachian ballad, a Springsteen rocker, or a Bahamian a capella song.

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



Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem will perform at the Alden on Friday, May 29.

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4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Midday Thrillers: "Gaslight (1944)." 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Come by for a midday movie. Free.

A.R. Rahman. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. From Bollywood to Hollywood, this Grammy and Academy Award-winning musician is one of the world's most prolific film composers—he was the mastermind behind Slumdog Millionaire's award-winning score and he mixes genres spanning Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap to create his astonishing compositions. Tickets: \$45-\$175.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

Iranian Music and Dancing. Noon. Pimmit Hills Senior Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church. Embrace the aging experience by indulging in this celebration of life and culture. Dance alongside traditional Persian folk dancers, or showcase your own moves. 703-734-3338. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs

Tyson's Thursday Music in the Park Series. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Greensboro Green. Food trucks and live music.

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

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman. Adults.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 28-29

"A Disney Spectacular." 7 p.m. McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. The show will feature songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Jungle Book, Pocahontas, and Aladdin. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students up to 8th grade.

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Langley High School Band Spring Concert.

7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Three bands will perform under the direction of Doug Martin including the Jazz Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Symphony. One highlight of the program is the Wind Symphony playing a piece called Eternity's Sunrise that Langley High School commissioned composer Scott Lindroth to create for its upcoming 50th anniversary. Free.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>

Drop-in Chess and Board Games. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and Play Chess and assorted board



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FRIDAY MAY 29-JUNE 5

"The Good Counselor." Fridays: 8 p.m. Saturdays: 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 & 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Vincent seeks truth, not only for his client, a mother accused of killing her 3-week-old son, but also for himself and his haunted past with his own neglectful mother. Both riveting and poetic in the same breath, this vibrant new play is not just another courtroom drama but a thoughtful and thought-provoking examination of human failing and redemption. <http://www.1ststagetyson.org/upcoming.html>

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Flat Hat Chat. 3:30-3:45 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Drop in and join a Park Ranger on the overlook for an informal chat about unique aspects of Great Falls. Bring your questions...you are sure to discover something new and exciting about Great Falls Park.

Kool & the Gang Chaka Khan. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Get down with the pop funk party-starters whose arrangements have made them the most sampled band of all time; then dance it up with the international music icon widely-regarded as the "Queen of Funk Soul," as she delivers hits like "I'm Every Woman" and "I Feel For You." Tickets: \$30-\$60.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. A plein air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception, Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale "Blues Explosion" to close the weekend and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit <http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/>

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 16

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Full schedule list: <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

The Okee Dokee Brothers. 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers share their passion for the outdoors through their Americana Folk music. \$15/\$10 MCC district

residents. <http://www.okeedokeye.org/>

Avenue of Art. 1-5 p.m. Church Street in Vienna. Church Street becomes a pedestrian plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects, face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine. Music by the Difficult Run String Band. 703-319-3971.

Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Center, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Pack up your picnic dinner, blanket and a couple of chairs and come out for some great, live music. This week's concert is Mike Terpak and Blues Explosion.

MONDAY/JUNE 1

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Golf & Country Club Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Individual golfers are \$175 and foursomes are \$600. Opportunities for sponsorships available! For more information: www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2-SATURDAY/JUNE 27

"Happiness Is ?" 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays - Saturdays, June 2 - 27. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. Members of the Vienna Arts Society exhibit and sell original artworks in several continuing shows in the area. While there you can pick up a map showing where artists are showing other works in town. Meet the artists, including Sandy Olszowy, and enjoy light refreshments at a reception Saturday, June 6, 4 - 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

Dining in the Dark. 6-10 p.m. Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Dining in the Dark presents a powerful dining experience that plunges you into a world of sensitivity you have never experienced before, taking you through a unique journey, while dining in the dark. The Foundation Fighting Blindness mission is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. tsmith@fightblindness.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

The McLean Symphony Season Finale. 7:30 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Tickets: adult: \$25; seniors: \$20; youth with student ID: \$15; children 12 and under admitted free.

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May

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

Herndon Festival. Thursday: 6-10 p.m. Friday 5-11 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, a carnival, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more! All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more information.

FRIDAY/MAY 29 - AUG. 28

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Arts & Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Silent Auction, homemade desserts and fine china light lunch. Funds will support a comprehensive emergency response and recovery program to assist the Nigerian families made homeless and suffering by the attacks of Boko Haram.

SATURDAY/MAY 30-SEPT. 5

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center. The 25th season is extended through September 5 and kicks off with swing/jump blues favorite Big Joe & the Dynafloes. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

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Springfield Days. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

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foursomes are \$600. www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. www.celebratefairfax.com/.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-14

2nd Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. www.belovedyoga.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18-SEPT. 3

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break.shtml for weekly lineup.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 26-JULY 5

World Police & Fire Games. Thousands of athletes from 70 countries will converge in Fairfax County for 10 days of competitions. Entertainment and activities will be hosted by Reston Town Center during the games. Fairfax2015.com

SATURDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 22

Lake Fairfax Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. 1400 Lake Fairfax Park, Reston. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids

and parks. Call 703-471-5414.

July

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 7 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show.

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 18-19

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

2015 Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more.

August

SATURDAY/AUG. 8

Silver Line Music & Food Truck Festival. 12-9 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Admission is free, over 20 food trucks and fun.

September

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Great Tastes of Tysons Festival. 12-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive. World-renowned chefs, international wines and foods, outdoor grilling, workshops and more. Visit <http://tastetysons.com/> for more.

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Marshall Boys' Lacrosse Wins First Conference Championship

Statesmen defeat Mount Vernon in Conference 13 tournament final.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Victory was a rare experience in recent seasons for the Marshall boys' lacrosse program.

From 2008 through 2014, the Statesmen totaled just 13 wins, according to laxpower.com. Marshall experienced a pair of winless seasons during the seven-year stretch and labored through a 29-game losing streak.

In 2012, when current Marshall senior Owen Crizer was a ninth-grader, the Statesmen finished 1-14.

"When I was a freshman," Crizer said, "the team was kind of the joke of Marshall High School."

Times were hard for the Statesmen, but players continued to work. Three years later, after a coaching change and two more losing seasons, things started to turn around.

On Thursday night, the Statesmen completed their transition from "joke" to champion.

MARSHALL defeated Mount Vernon 17-10 in the Conference 13 tournament championship game at Mount Vernon High School. The Statesmen led 8-5 at halftime and pulled away in the second half, earning the first championship banner in program history.

"It's incredible," said Crizer, the 2015 Conference 13 Player of the Year. "My sophomore year, we had a new coach and so there was a whole different feel."

That new coach was Kevin Curtin, who took over the Marshall program in 2013. The Statesmen finished 0-14 in Curtin's first season, and improved to 4-9 the following year. Marshall ended the 2015 regular season with a 6-5 record before beating Tho-



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Marshall boys' lacrosse team won the Conference 13 championship on May 21, beating Mount Vernon 17-10.

Madison Girls' Lacrosse Wins Conference 6 Title

After crushing Hayfield (25-1) and Yorktown (26-3), the Madison girls' lacrosse team fought a tougher match against the Langley Saxons but prevailed 14-9 to win the Conference 6 championship on May 22.

Scoring for the Warhawks over the course of the tournament were Allison Krisko, Shannon Condon, Zoe Dyer, Anya

Saponja, Maddie Roberts, Hailey Swaak, Andie Battin, Carly Rogers, Lia Cooley, Kierra Sweeney, Katie Sciandra, Caroline Kurtz, Ashley Go, Diana Lowther, and Annabel Bentley.

Sigourney Heerink and Ellie Socher shared goalie duties, with Heerink blocking six Langley attempts in the final.

mas Jefferson, Stuart and Mount Vernon in the conference tournament.

How did the Statesmen turn things around?

"The boys," said Curtin, who received 2015 Conference 13 Coach of the Year honors. "It's as simple as that. It's the guys who bought into being dedicated to lacrosse, playing year-round and making a commitment to each other."

What kind of a coach is Curtin?

"He takes his job very seriously," junior midfielder Chase Barrand said. "He always pushes us to work hard and then he knows the perfect times when to relax and give us the day off. He just always pushes us to the limit and always makes us the best we want to be."

On Thursday, Marshall received clutch offensive performances from a trio of first-

team all-conference selections. Barrand scored a team-high five goals and added two assists. Crizer totaled four goals and five assists, and junior attackman Andrew McDonald added four goals and three assists.

"The first few years we started off with a lot of young kids on varsity," Barrand said, "and then this was kind of our year to shine because we had the upperclassmen as leaders and the juniors were stepping up big ..."

Junior midfielder Mikey Briody, senior midfielder Mick McGuire, sophomore attackman Ben Winicour and senior midfielder Sean Hoffman each scored one goal for the Statesmen.

Marshall senior defenseman Jackson Lee was also a first-team all-conference selection.

After Mount Vernon tied the score at 4 with 8:53 remaining in the second quarter, Marshall responded with an 8-1 run, taking a 12-5 lead when Crizer scored with 1:21 left in the third quarter.

Mount Vernon attackman Justin Fees scored with 40 seconds remaining in the third quarter, cutting Marshall's lead to six while ending a 14-minute, 45-second scoring drought for the Majors.

The Statesmen led by as many as nine goals in the fourth quarter.

"It's pretty surreal," Curtin said. "[There has been] a lot of work over the last couple years that really seems to be paying off today. It's pretty fantastic."

NEXT UP for Marshall is the 5A North region tournament. On Thursday night, however, the Statesmen celebrated their accomplishment.

"It's huge," Barrand said. "It's our first-ever conference championship, first-ever banner for lacrosse. This is really, I feel like, the starting point and the turning point for Marshall lacrosse."

Chantilly Baseball Beats Oakton for Conference 5 Championship

DiCesare drives in winning run, earns victory on mound.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After driving in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning, Chantilly's Jared DiCesare stepped on the mound and ensured there would be no three-peat for the Oakton baseball team.

DiCesare gave the Chargers the lead with an RBI single down the third-base line and the junior right-hander pitched three innings of scoreless relief as

Oakton sophomore pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham suffered a tough-luck loss against Chantilly in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22, allowing two runs on four hits in six innings.



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Chantilly defeated Oakton 2-1 in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22 at Westfield High School.

Facing the Cougars in the conference/district final for the third straight year, the Chargers fell behind 1-0 after Oakton short-stop Joe Rizzo blasted a solo homer in the third inning. The Cougars remained in front

Oakton short-stop Joe Rizzo touches home plate after hitting a solo home run in the third inning of the Conference 5 championship game on May 22.

until the bottom of the fifth, when Chantilly senior Kordell Hutzell tied the score with an RBI double off Oakton pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham. Three batters later, DiCesare snuck a grounder down the third-base line, giving the Chargers a 2-1 lead.

"[Shigaki-Tham] located [the pitch] perfectly, but I know I just didn't want to get

behind in the count, so I wanted to see if I could drive something," DiCesare said. "Thankfully, I found a little hole down third-base line."

DiCesare, who came on in relief in the top of the fifth inning, retired six of the final seven batters he faced to secure the win.

"Payback," DiCesare said, "feels great."

DiCesare allowed two hits, walked one and struck out one in three shutout innings. Oakton defeated Chantilly in the 2013 and 2014 conference/district championship games. Last year, the Chargers won both regular-season matchups before losing to the Cougars 5-1 in the conference final. Chantilly would bounce back, however, winning the region championship and advancing to the state championship game.



Original building being razed.



A new Franklin Sherman Elementary School was constructed on 6633 Brawner Street in 1953 in back of the old school outgrown by an expanding student body.

McLean Day: Creating a Community

BY PAUL KOHLENBERGER, MERRILY
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Part two of the two-part series.

The Civic League of McLean had always administered McLean Day proceeds that were divided among the school and community organizations and the MVFD. In the early 1930s, a standing Finance Committee was established for appropriations greater than \$10.

The fairs continued to be co-sponsored with the MVFD in this decade adding events like a ferris wheel and fireworks displays, contests and bigger prizes to attract attendees.

The high school stopped serving McLean in 1937 and those students dispersed to Fairfax, Falls Church, and District of Columbia high schools, but the event was still held on the League Lot adjacent to the elementary school.

By the early 1940s, the McLean Day carnival had expanded to 12 days, with a Chevrolet given away as a prize one year and a steer the next. While the League's focus was broadening to include zoning and support for public infrastructure like water supply and sewers, McLean Day proceeds still underwrote Franklin Sherman Elementary School needs with \$1,940 disbursed to the Franklin Sherman PTA in 1946 for books, mimeograph machines, even the salary for the school's secretary.

The League joined others in the community in lobbying for a high school for McLean.

THE MCLEAN HORSE SHOW, originally part of McLean Day, had grown into a separate increasingly popular event. In 1944, the League had agreed to co-sponsor the second annual Horse Show held at Ballantrae that drew over 5,000 attendees and to share in the proceeds.

Whether it was sign of changing times or a possible change in state statute, McLean Day temporarily disappeared and the McLean Horse Show became McLean's prin-

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cipal fundraising event, again with the League and the MVFD dividing the proceeds.

Moved several years later to Madeira School, the show attracted hundreds of entries from all over the East Coast and was named the nation's best one-day show by the American Horse Show Association. Bayard Evans, founder of Evans Farm Inn, and chairman of the event, characterized it as the "Big Day for McLean, the Red Letter event, which provides the finances for the many worthwhile civic functions in McLean."

By 1953, the School and Civic League of McLean reorganized as the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) devoted to civic issues, and the PTA managed fundraising responsibilities for the school.

While the McLean Horse Show continued for decades, between 1954 and 1958, the MVFD hosted an annual Fireman's Carnival at its station on Chain Bridge Road.

In June 1966, the McLean Business and Professional Association (forerunner of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce) revived McLean Day.

In 1967 "McLean Days" were held for four days, culminating in a downtown parade and the dedication of the new Dolley Madison Library, for the construction of which the MCA had donated \$5,000.

A new Franklin Sherman Elementary School was constructed on 6633 Brawner St. in 1953 in back of the old school outgrown by an expanding student body. The

once-solid two-story brick building was adapted for other uses, including a teen center and interim community center, but it gradually fell into disrepair. The landmark building sadly was demolished in 1971.

McLean High School opened in 1955.

The League had bought and sold land over the years, including the Civic League Lot, in hopes of someday building a community center. While as early as 1953 the MCA had a standing community center committee, it bore little fruit until 1961, when its chairman, Bob Alden, convinced the MCA to establish the McLean Development Committee, with the goal of establishing a civic and cultural campus in central McLean. In succeeding years, the committee, under Alden's leadership, worked with the Fairfax County Park Authority to purchase land along Dead Run at Old Dominion Drive, and then convinced the library board to purchase an adjacent parcel for a new Dolley Madison Library.

In 1964, the MCA helped form the McLean Community Center, Inc. (now, Friends of MCC), to advocate for a community center. The first lot was purchased by the MCA from accumulated proceeds of previous McLean Days. The McLean Green opened in 1965, the Library in 1967, and McLean Central Park was dedicated in 1969.

The McLean Community Center (MCC), originally envisioned by Charlotte Troughton Corner and early League leaders, came to fruition following a 1970 bond

referendum that provided money for the building's construction and operation.

Alden, newly-elected to the MCC Governing Board, led McLean Day's final rebirth. Sponsored by the MCC and SHARE, a consortium of local faith communities, "Celebrate McLean Day," was held on Nov. 10, 1973 on the McLean Green with five hours of festivities, a parade, and the MCC groundbreaking.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER was dedicated in 1975 with Charlotte Troughton Corner present. Bob Alden and his wife Diane are frequently seen today attending events in the theater at the MCC named in his honor and at other McLean festivities.

For the next 15 years, the McLean Community Center sponsored McLean Day, no longer a community fundraising event, at its facility and at McLean Central Park. The event featured, as now, local artists, community organizations, rides, concerts and games.

It was moved to Lewinsville Park in 1989 and has expanded to include carnival rides, athletic demonstrations, a petting zoo, and, new this year, laser tag. Over a dozen food vendors and scores of businesses, crafters, and community organizations now participate in this event which regularly draws 10,000 people.

The event also serves as Election Day for the MCC's Governing Board.

Martha Kadel and Charlotte Troughton Corner might not recognize McLean Day in its current location or format. The old school is gone and the League Lot is now the Sunoco Gas Station. Community organizations are no longer a major source of funding for public facilities.

But Franklin Sherman School and the School and Civic League (MCA), both of which celebrated their Centennials in 2014, will be forever linked in the establishment of our community and the annual McLean Day tradition as we celebrate its 100th anniversary.

As the editors of the Fairfax Herald noted at the 1925 opening of McLean Day, "it shows what community spirit can do and McLean has this spirit well developed."

Mad Man



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Really, Matthew Weiner; on the penultimate episode of "Mad Men," Betty Draper/Francis had to be diagnosed with lung cancer with her life expectancy said to be "nine months," with nothing more than "palliative care" available? Weren't there any other suitable diseases appropriate from which to choose? I realize it was the 70s, but...? Was her diagnosis for dramatic effect because lung cancer has been and is such a scourge and its mere mention will elicit the desired viewer reaction? Or were you trying to draw attention to a terrible disease, the research for which is woefully underfunded while it continues to kill more people than the next four cancer diagnoses combined, including breast cancer?

As a lung cancer survivor, I get tired of lung cancer being the go-to disease when entertainment writers want to gasp their audience into emotional submission. When in doubt...actually, you're never in doubt if a character is diagnosed with lung cancer. That diagnosis will definitely shake up your audience. Everyone knows that a diagnosis of lung cancer is not for the faint of heart (and weak of mind) and that its indication, confirmation and association will strike the kind of fear and loathing Hunter S. Thompson never really addressed.

It's a fine line between hope and prayer, and living and enduring for those of us afflicted with this very-often terminal disease. Ergo, we don't need any negative publicity, especially when the context is one that heightens the severity of the diagnosis and increases the anxiety and inevitability of its presumptive outcome. Certainly, increasing awareness helps, but I'd rather it not always be in a negative light to make people feel bad – or is it badly, or both? It's bad enough already; it doesn't need to be made worse, just for ratings.

Granted, in the time frame of these last episodes (the late 60s, Richard Nixon has just been elected), when Betty was diagnosed, palliative care apparently was all that was available for late-stage lung cancer (did they even have stages then?), so her prognosis was pretty grim. And I realize her diagnosis was one of many story lines that had to be wrapped up – or not, in the final episodes, and wasn't necessarily a main focus. But that's not the point I'm addressing. Hearing the words "lung cancer" in yet another tear-jerking semi-send-off scene with Henry Francis crying into Sally's lap in her dorm room after telling her about her mother's condition, and later showing Sally – the former brat, home unexpectedly from boarding school, dutifully hand-washing the dishes in the kitchen sink, while her mother sits wistfully at the kitchen table, was almost too much: showing a family uncharacteristically coping – and not coping, because of this death-sentence diagnosis/prognosis.

It's almost as if lung cancer is a prop; to be used whenever news needs to be shockingly, horribly bad. Well, a diagnosis of lung cancer isn't so bad, not so bad as it used to be, anyway. Sure, "lung cancer" are not exactly words you want said in your direction, but six-plus years later, I'm living proof that indeed it's not as bad as Mad Men dramatized. Cancer is hardly a chronic-type disease yet, but its patients are not without many treatment options. Moreover, research and clinical studies across the world show great promise and continue to evolve. I only wish the writers who continue to invoke lung cancer in their scripts might evolve a little bit too.

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