



Large crowds gathered last Sunday on the Great Falls Village Centre Green to experience the first performance of the Concerts on the Green summer season.

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Roz Drayer (right), this year's first sponsor of Great Falls' summer concert series Concerts on the Green, poses with assistant Faye Whaley (left) during a break from the music.



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From left: Guitarist Bill Kotapish, drummer Brian Alpert and bass player Jerry Stewart of Mike Terpak Blues Explosion prepare their instruments during Sunday's Concert on the Green.

## Concerts on the Green Return

**Favorite Great Falls summer tradition spans over two decades.**

BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN  
THE CONNECTION

The band Mike Terpak Blues Explosion performed Sunday evening at the Great Falls Village Centre Green to kickoff the annual summer series, "Concerts on the Green."

Picnic baskets, blankets and lawn chairs covered the Green amid clusters of families and friends— a common occurrence for a summer Sunday night in Great Falls.

With a history spanning more than 20 years, the concerts have become a weekly tradition for many residents of Great Falls.

The concerts, started by Helene Teel, had been put on by the Village Green shop owners until the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation took over the concert production three years ago.

Erin Lobato, the director of the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation, said the concerts are a wonderful part of community summers.

"We typically get 300-400 or so at each concert and it is a wonderful mix of ages," Lobato said. "Lots of families with young children running about, older children tossing footballs, groups of neighbors enjoying potlucks and couples with picnic dinners."

Jerry Stewart, player for Mike Terpak Blues Explosion, attributed an audience of

all ages as a draw for bands to perform at the Concerts on the Green.

"I love gigs with kids because they dance like no one is watching," he said.

Each concert is sponsored by a local business. Roz Drayer, of TTR Sotheby's International Realty, sponsored Sunday's concert. This is her fourth year as a sponsor.

"I moved to the area five years ago from Britain and it felt like home, so I wanted to give back," Drayer said.

This summer the concert schedule extends into September for the first time.

"We are so blessed to have so many wonderful sponsors this year that we will have concerts until Labor Day Weekend," Lobato said.

The Concerts on the Green are free and take place 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday until Sept. 6.

### 2015 CONCERT ON THE GREEN SCHEDULE

**May 31** – Mike Terpak Blues Explosion, sponsored by Roz Drayer, TTR Sotheby's International Realty

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**Aug. 16** – Rain Date

**Aug. 23** – The Beat Hotel, Sponsored by Koko FitClub

**Aug. 30** – Dusty 45s, Sponsored by The Old Brogue & Katie's Coffee House

**Sept. 6** – Scott Kurt and Memphis 59, Sponsored by Rossen Landscape

## Make a Call; Save a Life

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Accidental overdose deaths are now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, exceeding even motor vehicle accidents among people ages 25 to 64, according to a recently released study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Last year, an estimated 210 heroin overdose fatalities occurred in Virginia, with the highest number in Fairfax and Prince William counties.

"Many of these deaths are preventable if a friend or witness seeks emergency assistance right away," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34). "But people using drugs or alcohol illegally often fear arrest if they call 911."

In an attempt to reduce overdose deaths, Petersen introduced Senate Bill 892 during last year's General Assembly



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Commonly referred to in other states as "911 Good Samaritan," the law encourages witnesses at the scene of a suspected drug or alcohol overdose to seek emergency as-

## Petersen's "Good Samaritan Overdose Protection" law goes into effect July 1.

sistance right away without fear of arrest for minor drug law violations.

Virginia now joins 20 other states, including the District of Columbia, that have enacted policies to provide limited immunity from arrest or prosecution for minor drug law violations for people who summon help at the scene of an overdose.

"This law provides an affirmative defense for individuals who take responsible measures to report an overdose, remain at the scene of the overdose until emergency services arrive, and identify themselves to the responding officer," Petersen said.

Petersen said a fellow Fairfax High School classmate, Gerard Lawson, a professor at Virginia Tech, brought the issue to his attention.

Lawson was organizing a class project to lobby state legislators on criminal law reforms. His students had the idea to protect "Good Samaritans" who report a drug over-

dose to emergency services.

Lawson said his students noted that the chance of surviving an overdose, like that of surviving a heart attack, depends greatly on how fast one receives medical assistance.

Witnesses to heart attacks rarely think twice about calling 911, but witnesses to an overdose often hesitate to call for help or, in many cases, simply don't make the call, Lawson said.

Research confirms the most common reason people cite for not calling 911 is fear of police involvement.

But the new law, Petersen added, is not a "get-out-of-jail-free" card for those who sell or traffic large quantities of drugs, or those who commit acts of violence, felonies, or distribute drugs.

"The next step is to get the word out to young people: If a friend is in distress, you have a responsibility and now you have legal protections. Do the right thing. Make a call to save a life," Petersen said during the signing ceremony last week.



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**Corey Hodge and John Mealey collect books from St. Francis Creche Pre-School.**



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## Eagle Scout Candidate Collects Children's Book

Eagle Scout candidate Corey Hodge from Boy Scout Troop 55, Chartered by St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, is collecting children's books for a Title 1 school in Trotwood, Ohio. The school is part of the Trotwood Elementary School System. His goal is to collect upwards of 700 pre-school through second grade level books to give to the students to take home

with them. Most of the children in the school do not have books at home. The goal is to provide them with reading material to help sustain their reading level during school breaks. If you have children's books in good condition to donate, contact Corey Hodge at [CHodge42@gmail.com](mailto:CHodge42@gmail.com) or 703-757-3357 for pick-up.



## Langley Seniors Enjoy Prom Trampoline

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# OPINION

## Overdose Deaths Are Preventable

New “safe reporting” law encourages people to seek help in time.

The death rate due to heroin overdose more than doubled between 2010 through 2013, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), with an average increase of 37 percent per year in the United States.

What the statistics don't say is that most of these deaths are preventable nearly to the last breath. Heroin and other opioids affect the part of the brain which regulates breathing, and opioids in high doses can cause respiratory depression and death.

Naloxone, which is effectively an antidote to opioid overdose, will completely reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered in time.

Emylee Lonczak, a McLean teenager who died of an overdose in what was reported to be her first encounter with heroin, might still be alive if the people with her at the time had taken her to a hospital or called 911.

New legislation designed to protect people seeking help for friends experiencing overdose should make it simpler to do the right thing.

State Sen. Chap Petersen sponsored the bill, Safe Reporting of Overdoses, which was signed

by Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week.

“The next step is to get the word out to young people: If a friend is in distress, you have a responsibility and now you have legal protections. Do the right thing. Make a call to save a life,” said Petersen said after the Governor signed the bill.

The law also applies to alcohol overdoses. Petersen collaborated with a Fairfax High School classmate, Gerald Lawson, now a professor at Virginia Tech, in pressing for protection for Good Samaritans in these circumstances.

The Food and Drug Administration last year approved a hand-held auto-injector designed for family and caregivers who might be witness to an overdose to administer a single dose of the drug naloxone.

### Safe reporting of overdoses SB 892, summary as passed.

Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for (i) simple possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or controlled paraphernalia; (ii) intoxication in public; or (iii) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if such individual sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug-related or alcohol-related overdose and if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention. The bill provides that the affirmative defense may only be invoked by an individual who (a) remains at the scene of the overdose or at any location to which he is transported for emergency medical attention until a law-enforcement officer responds to the report of an overdose or, if no law-enforcement officer is present at either the scene or the other location, cooperates

with law enforcement, (b) identifies himself to the responding law-enforcement officer, and (c) cooperates, upon request, with any criminal investigation reasonably related to the drug or alcohol that resulted in the overdose. No individual may assert this affirmative defense if the emergency medical attention sought or obtained was during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.

## Send Photos for Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15.

You can submit your photos online at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday). You can also email photos to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

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### COMMENTARY

## Time to Re-think 'LEOBR'

BY BURTON JAY RUBIN

Some 20 months on, the Fairfax County police officer who shot and killed John Geer remains on “paid administrative duty,” despite the \$2.95 million settlement the county has agreed to pay his family. The Commonwealth's Attorney is also seeking to empanel a grand jury to consider criminal charges.

Officer Adam Torres' continued tenure on the Fairfax County Police Force is due to something often referred to as “LEOBR,” “Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights;” a law in effect in Virginia that provides police officers with special job security protections unavailable to other workers.

Most members of the workforce, in contrast, are subject to the “employment-at-will” legal doctrine, under which they may be fired for any reason or no reason at all, except for certain very limited discriminatory reasons. Under Virginia's LEOBR, if you are a police officer, you cannot be discharged, even if you hurt someone, disobeyed orders, abused your office, or even broke the law,

without first being notified in writing of the basis for your dismissal, given an opportunity to respond orally and in writing, with the assistance of a lawyer if you wish, and then, after all that, given the right to file a grievance under state or local procedures, your choice.

There were no LEOBR laws for most of our nation's history. They came into effect in the early 1970s as a result of a campaign by police special interest groups. Prior to that time, police were actually held to a higher standard of conduct than citizens generally.

In New York City, for example, police officers were required to cooperate fully with criminal investigations to the point of waiving their constitutional privilege against self incrimination or lose their jobs. That requirement was found to be unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1968 decision called *Gardner v. Broderick*. Even though the officer in that case actually won, police interest organizations pressed the issue, resulting in what might be regarded as a “second helping” of employment rights reflected in LEOBR laws today.

It is sometimes said that the extraordinary job security accorded to police officers is justified by the dangerous nature of their work. Just what the connection is between how dangerous a job is and the special job security provided to people in that job is not explained. At any rate, the fundamental premise is false. The average police officer serves his entire career without ever firing his weapon in defense of himself or anybody else.

According to Time.com, law enforcement is not even among the 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States. Logging and roofing are and we don't provide workers in those occupations with special job security rights. According to figures from the FBI, the number of officers killed by criminals has declined since the '70s when LEOBR laws came into effect, and now stands at its lowest point. Unfortunately, the number of citizens killed by police has increased during that same period and now stands at its highest point.

Sometimes, it is said that special job protection rights for police officers are justified because

they are the targets for unjustified charges of wrongdoing. That police officers may be falsely accused of misconduct is undoubtedly the case, as it is for University of Virginia frat boys, Duke University La Crosse players and child care workers, yet none of these groups is accorded special legal protections unavailable to the general public.

Let's be very clear, we are not talking about punishing someone or in any way short circuiting the process to which everyone is entitled before being found guilty of a crime and possibly sent to jail. We are talking only about how long a community must keep a police officer on the job, paying him, after that community has lost all confidence in that officer and the officer has lost his ability to serve in the position for which he was hired.

When an officer has lost his community's confidence and trust, that community should be able to ask that individual to find employment elsewhere. We need to re-think our LEOBR laws.

The writer is an attorney and civic activist in Northern Virginia.

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# WELLBEING

## Summer Fun, Summer Safety

### Tips for averting summer danger.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

It's a familiar call. The sun beams down from mid-summer sky. Temperatures rise above 95 degrees Fahrenheit, but safety conditions start to plummet.

"People will have been walking on the mall all day and then go to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the Changing of the Guard and they start to feel light-headed and dizzy," said Lt. Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, spokeswoman for the Arlington County Fire Department. "The times that I've responded, they usually have only one small water bottle with them and they've been in the heat all day. It's often tourists, but people who live here, too."

While summer ushers in vacations, trips to the pool, barbecues and fireworks it also brings the potential for safety hazards. From recreational water illness to heat-related illnesses, summer fun can turn into a nightmare. Public health and safety officials have several tips for lessening summer safety risks.

**WHEN THE TEMPERATURE SPIKES**, so does the risk of heat-related illnesses. Lengthy exposure to 90-plus degree heat can lead to heat stroke, heat exhaustion cramping and, in extreme cases, death.

"Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and the body temperature rises quickly," said Kenya Fluellen, associate professor of nursing at Northern Virginia Community College. "The brain and vital organs are affected as the body temperature rises to a dangerous level."

In addition to wearing loose-fitting clothes that are light in color and taking breaks from the heat and drinking two to four glasses of water for every hour one is exposed to high heat, health officials say applying sunscreen, limiting physical activity and wearing a hat or using an umbrella to block direct sunlight should also be added to the list of summer safety precautions.

"People can underestimate the power of the heat. Safety is always our number one priority," said Marchegiani. "If you have an elderly neighbor or anyone with mobility issues, check on them, especially when we have a storm and the power goes out."

**WHILE STRATEGIES** for beating the heat include trips to the pool and water parks, these cool-down activities come with health

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Arlington: <http://departments.arlingtonva.us/dhs/>  
Fairfax County: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/)

precautions. Being aware of the potential for spreading germs can prevent recreational water illnesses, which can occur as a result of swallowing or having other contact with contaminated water.

Health officials advise swimmers to shower with soap before entering a pool, take bathroom breaks once per hour and take a rinse shower before returning to the water.

Washing your hands after changing diapers or using the restroom and checking a child's diapers every half-hour to an hour are tips that are also advised.

Water safety is another summer concern. "Enroll children over the age of three in swimming lessons," said Fluellen. "Don't rely on lifeguards to watch over your children."

**INSECTS ARE ANOTHER** summer sight that can be a prelude to danger. In fact, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June at Fight the Bite Awareness Month. One bite from a disease-carrying mosquito or tick can lead to life-changing illnesses such as West Nile virus or Lyme disease.

"Anyone can get infected with these illnesses, but people over the age of 50 are at greater of developing more severe forms,"



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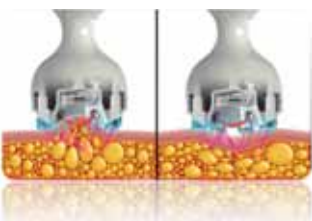
**Health officials are reminding the public how to stay safe while swimming or engaging in other popular summer activities.**

said Joshua Smith, Fairfax County environmental health supervisor. "We can find mosquitoes with West Nile virus anywhere in the county that is why we encourage people to take precautions."

Those safety measures include eliminating standing water, treating standing water and spraying your yard. Using an insect repellent containing DEET, remaining indoors at dawn and early evening, and installing, repairing or replacing screens on both windows and doors to keep insects outdoors are also recommended.

"It is important to use common sense, stay hydrated and respect Mother Nature," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Services. "And some groups are more at risk [such as] infants, teens, older adults, and those with certain health conditions."

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### 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.

### FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/ JUNE 5-SEPT. 27

**Vienna's Summer on the Green Concert Series.** 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Full schedule here: <http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2640>

### SUNDAYS/JUNE 7- 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 here: <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

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**4 Artists Spring Show.** The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. [www.theframefactory1.com](http://www.theframefactory1.com)

## ART, MUSIC, THEATRE & MORE

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

**Ingrid Michaelson.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. The indie-pop star entertains with songs ranging from the ukulele-filled "The Way I Am" to the chart-topping "Girls Chase Boys." Tickets: \$25-\$45.

**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](mailto:tsmith@fightblindness.org).

### THURSDAY/JUNE 4

**Reading Buddies.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Beginning Readers practice reading to Teen Volunteers

### FRIDAY/JUNE 3- 5

**"The Good Counselor."** Friday: 8 p.m. Saturday: 2 & 8 p.m. Sunday: 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.1ststageTysons.org/upcoming.html>.



**Mary Ellen Larkins, whose glass jewelry is featured in local galleries and at C'Ville Arts in Charlottesville, will demonstrate how she creates landscapes on glass on June 11, 7:30 p.m., Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna.**

### FRIDAY/JUNE 5

**Rising 7th Graders Party.** 7-10 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. \$5 Member/\$10 All others.

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**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends.

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**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. Call 703-324-3247 or visit [www.celebratefairfax.com/](http://www.celebratefairfax.com/).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 6

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. **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.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-7

**Women Unplugged Weekend.** 8 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Unplug and spend the weekend outdoors. Saturday kayak from Algonkian Park to Riverbend and have an outdoor dinner with a bonfire. Spend a night under the stars in your tent or in our Nature Center. Sunday explore birds, edible plants, and learn to shoot a bow and arrow. Bring a bagged lunch and water bottle for Saturday's trip; all other meals are provided. Meet at Riverbend at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Program ends at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Women only. Register at <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 7

**Concerts at the Alden.** 3 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Free.

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### TUESDAY/JUNE 9

**Legos in the Library.** 4 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Be creative with legos. Legos provided. Age 5-12.  
**Book Discussion Group.** 6:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. June title is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Adults.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

**Pokemon League.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokemon with your friends.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 12

**Playdate Cafe.** 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and playspace for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups.  
**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 games.

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## PEOPLE

### Langley's Brian Pitts Commits to Play Football at Albany

Brian Pitts, of Langley High, signed his letter of intent to play Division 1 football on an athletic scholarship at the University of Albany (he committed at the end of March). He waited well after signing day due to several offers but settled on Albany.

Pitts was the team captain for Langley this year and from his defensive end/linebacker position led the team in sacks, tackles for loss, quarterback hurries and was second on the team in total tackles. As tight end he had 26 receptions for six scores. For his efforts he was named Langley Defensive Player of the Year. In addition he was All Region and All Conference at both the defensive and offensive positions, the only player to be honored on both sides of the ball. He was recruited by Albany to play a hybrid defensive end/linebacker position.

Pitts chose Albany over scholarship offers from VMI, Marist, Stetson and Saint Francis University.

He comes from a football family; a great grandfather was a star at Bucknell in the



**Brian Pitts**

COURTESY PHOTO

'20s and played in the early NFL, a grandfather played at the University of North Carolina, his father Jim Pitts played at the University of South Carolina and his older brother Colin (also a former Langley standout) played Division 1 ball at Furman. His younger brother Lachlan was a starter at Langley last year as a sophomore and his youngest brother Maclin will be joining the Saxons next year as well.

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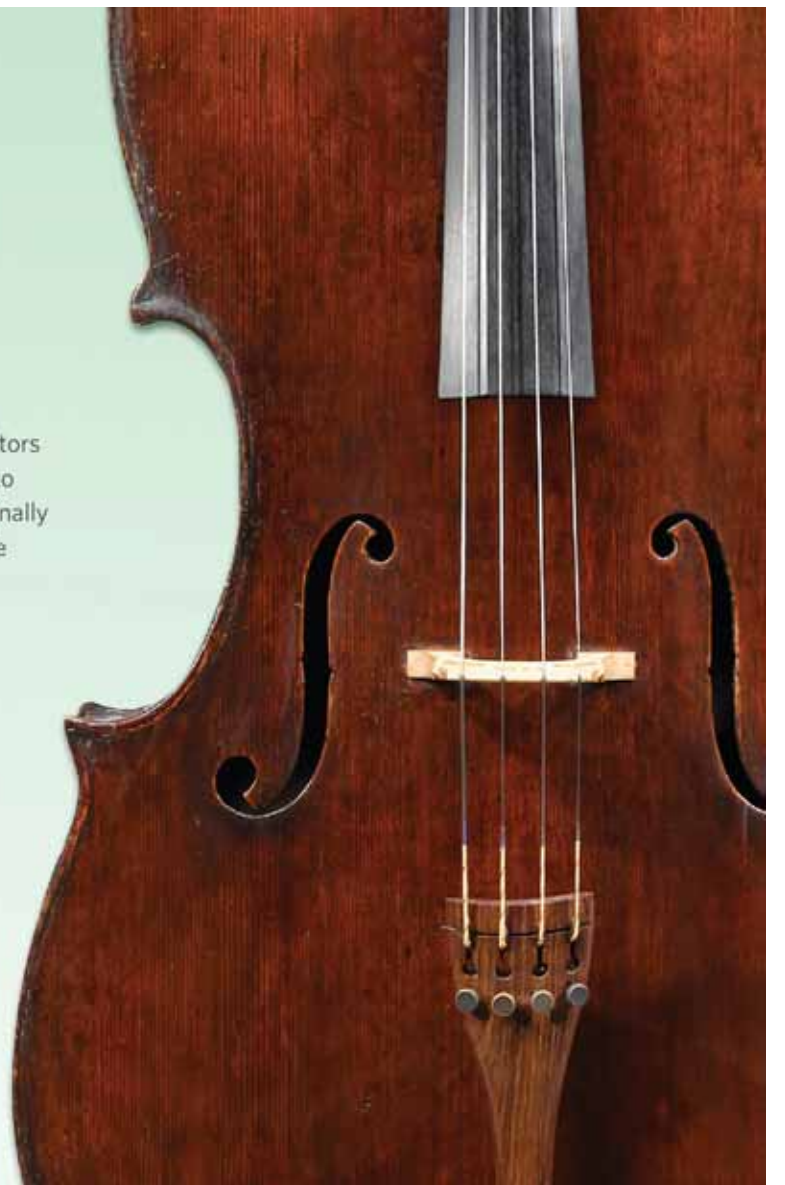
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**Langley women's varsity four won silver at the SRAA National Regatta. Pictured from left: coach Ashley Leake, Meghan Fountain, Katie Slade, Lyric Yu (coxswain), Lauren Ackerman, Katie Slade and coach Julie Sutliff.**



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

**The Langley women's JV eight won the Virginia state championship.**

## Langley's Women Rowers Shine

## Women's varsity four takes silver at both Stotesbury and SRAA Nationals.

Continuing their recent history as one of the top high school rowing programs on the East Coast, the Langley High School crew team showed off its strength in the final regattas of the 2015 season.

At the VASRA Championships on the Occoquan River, the Langley women's JV eight and the women's varsity four both took home state championship trophies. The Langley women's four won handily, lead-

ing with open water from start to finish. Seniors Katie Robinson and Meghan Fountain, both Virginia state champions from last year, were joined by rising stars Lauren Ackerman, Katie Slade, and coxswain Lyric Yu.

Following their state championships, the Langley women's four took silver at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, the highest place for any Langley boat in its history.

Following up on their stellar performance on the Schuylkill River, the women's four matched up against the best boats in the country at the SRAA Nationals Regatta in Camden, N.J. After handily dealing with the competition in their heats, the Langley women fought off a host of competitors to take second place in the finals. This silver medal is the second consecutive one for this most celebrated boat.

Katie Robinson, who stroked the varsity

women's four, will row at the University of Miami this coming year. She joins Owen Shenk, who will row for the United States Naval Academy, as two highly recruited rowers from the Langley program.

Langley's rowing program looks to be well stocked for the upcoming years. In addition to the strong performance of the Saxon women's JV eight, the men's freshman eight also competed at both the Stotesbury Cup and SRAA Nationals.

## Koehl's 10 Goals Propel McLean Girls' Lax Past West Potomac

### Highlanders make first regional tournament appearance in at least 10 years.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean girls' lacrosse team on May 26 made its first regional tournament appearance in at least 10 years when the Highlanders traveled to take on West Potomac.

Elise Koehl enjoyed the regional experience so much she did her best to ensure the Highlanders would stick around for a while.

Koehl, a senior midfielder and University of Louisville signee, scored a career-high 10 goals, leading the Highlanders to an 18-10 victory during the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at West Potomac High School.

It was the Highlanders' first regional tournament appearance in at least a decade, according to results from laxpower.com.

McLean, the No. 3 seed from Conference 6, trailed early in the first half before taking control with a 7-1 run. The Highlanders led 9-5 at halftime and Koehl scored six second-half goals to help

McLean pull away from West Potomac, the No. 2 seed from Conference 7.

"I've wanted it ever since I was a freshman, so now that we actually can accomplish that, it's really awesome," Koehl said. "It's really rewarding after three years of hard work to finally get it."

McLean earned a trip to regionals by beating South Lakes 11-9 in the conference quarterfinals on May 14. Once the Highlanders arrived, Koehl, who scored 55 goals during the regular season, helped ensure they would advance. Along with 10 goals against West Potomac, Koehl teamed up with junior midfielder Alessandra Pelliccia to help the Highlanders gain a significant advantage in draw controls.

"Elise has really stepped up this year; she's had an amazing season," second-year McLean head coach Caroline Cochrane-Braswell said. "... It's been really awesome to see her step up like that. ... I think her biggest stumbling block has been getting in her own head and this season she's let that go and she's just come out to every game wanting it to be just for fun — just having



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION  
**McLean senior Elise Koehl scored a career-high 10 goals during the Highlanders' 18-10 win over West Potomac in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on May 26.**

**"Elise has really stepped up this year; she's had an amazing season."**

**— McLean girls' lacrosse coach  
Caroline Cochrane-Braswell**

fun, playing a game, doing her thing instead of worrying about the other team and what they've got."

Pelliccia scored four goals for McLean. Freshman attacker Cassidy Slavik finished with two goals, and sophomore attacker Rebecca Rice and freshman midfielder Paulina DeAnda each had one.

The victory improved McLean's record to 10-4 — the Highlanders' first winning season in at least 10 years, according to laxpower.com.

"They're going into every game with that attitude that they can win this," Cochrane-Braswell said, "and I don't think that's been there before."

McLean's season ended two days later with a 21-10 loss to Robinson on May 28. The Highlanders finished the season with a 10-5 record.



## NEWS

# ArtFest Brings Great Falls Community Together

Local organizations come together for a weekend of art festivities.

BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN  
THE CONNECTION

When Great Falls Studios decided to add a spring show to supplement their annual October show a few years ago, they struggled to find a large enough building after trying multiple indoor venues.

Last year, Great Falls Studios decided to move outside to the Great Falls Village Green after outgrowing all the venues in town, said Linda Jones, a board member.

"We were brave enough to say, 'Well, perhaps at the end of May, when we have the first summer concert on the green, we might be safe to have an outdoor show,'" said Jones.

The art show is a component of the town's weekend arts celebration ArtFest Great Falls 2015. Great Falls Studios collaborated with the Arts of Great Falls, a community art foundation, and the



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN/THE CONNECTION  
**Great Falls Studios artist Jill Banks captures a local scene in Great Falls, Friday afternoon, as part of ArtFest 2015 Great Falls' Plein Air Competition.**

Great Falls Foundation to put on the weekend event.

In addition to the outdoor art sale and the first summer concert, the agenda of ArtFest included two local art contests sponsored by the Arts of Great Falls, the Plein Air

Competition and Quick Draw Sunday.

The Plein Air Competition gave participants between Thursday and Saturday afternoon to create up to two original plein air paintings, or paintings prepared outside in the



**Artist Leslie Anthony poses with a few of her paintings for sale at last weekend's Great Falls Studios art show on the Village Green Centre.**

"open air," to submit for prizes.

Participants in Quick Draw Sunday had between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday to complete a painting done on the Village Green Centre to submit for a prize.

"This is a great combination of several local organizations coming together to bring to the community something fun to do over the weekend," said Julie Casso, the director of the Arts of Great Falls.

The art show exhibited artwork by 23 members of Great Falls Studios. People wandering through the artists' booths stopped to admire the myriad of media, ranging from oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, to pottery, photographs, jewelry, blown glass and

fabric art.

Painter Leslie Anthony, an artist showcasing her work at ArtFest, said her favorite element of taking part in ArtFest was the community members who visited her booth.

"The people that come over and look at your stuff – that's the best part," she said. "When people are interested in my work, and when they like what I do, it's very fun."

Casso echoes Anthony's appreciation of community involvement in art activities.

"We will all be looking for opportunities to keep having events for people to come to and enjoy, because that is what makes Great Falls great," Casso said.



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She was a loving and supportive wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was deeply loved, and believed that family came first. Pat was a native of Washington, D.C. At the age of 16 she attended George Washington University where she received her undergraduate degree in history. She received her master's degree from Columbia University in English. Pat and her late husband were long time residents of Vienna, Virginia. They were both active in the Vienna Community Center, the Vienna Pigtail Ponytail League, Girl Scouting, the Vienna Woods Swim Club, and the Vienna Presbyterian Church. Pat was an educator. Her last 20 years of teaching was in Fairfax County Public Schools, teaching Latin and English. After retirement, she became a full time resident of Lake of the Woods, where she enjoyed her friendships there including Red Hat Society.

As per Pat's wishes, her body was donated to the Virginia State Anatomical Program. Her selfless gift to the Commonwealth will aid in the advancement of medical education and scientific study. Even in death, Pat continues to educate others.

The family would like to express deep gratitude to her dedicated and loving caregivers: Tracie Hayes, Beverly Cicioni, and Beverly Kuhn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mary Washington Hospital Hospice.

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