Genie (Jack Ellinger) makes his appearance when the lamp is rubbed in Forestville Elementary production of Disney’s Aladdin Jr. musical.
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Nearly Half a Billion for Schools, Fire, Police

Reston, Merrifield fire stations would be renovated or replaced.

By Ken Moore
The Connection

Voters will decide in November on nearly half a billion dollars in bond sales for schools and public safety projects. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the referendum on the two possible bond issues at its last Board meeting, Tuesday, June 2. If approved by Fairfax County voters, $151 million would be available to renovate five fire stations, build a new police station and animal shelter in the South County area, plus renovate several police facilities.

The $310 million school bond would renovate nine elementary schools, two facilities in the area elementary school. With funding an addition to South Lakes

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Fairfax County Police Department for its 75th anniversary.

FIVE AGING fire stations, Merrifield, Reston, Penn Dawn, Woodlawn and Eadsall, would be renovated with $51 million. The stations range in age from 36 to 48 years, and require the replacement of major systems “which have reached the end of their useful lives,” according to Fairfax County documents. “These stations do not meet the current operational requirements of the Fire and Rescue Department.” Renovations will expand equipment bays to provide adequate space for current apparatus and current station staffing requirements, including bunk rooms and locker facilities for male and female personnel.

THE POLICE would use $100 million to: build a new animal shelter and police station in the South County area; renovate Franconia District Police station; do construction and renovation for the police heliport, K9 Center and several other facilities. The new police station would create smaller coverage areas. "This is a critical need given the signifi-

Public Safety Bonds
Merrifield Fire Station $8 million
Reston Fire Station $13 million
Penn Dawn Fire Station $10 million
Woodlawn Fire Station $10 million
Eadsall Fire Station $10 million
South County Police Station and Animal Shelter $30 million
Heliport $13 million
Police Tactical Operations Facility (Pine Ridge) $24 million
Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 $10 million
Franconia Police Station $23 million
cant current and future population growth in the area,” according to county documents. “A new station will allow the department to organize smaller patrol areas and decrease response times throughout the County.”

Fairfax County has the highest credit rating possible for any government, and this means bonds sell at low interest rates. This plan, including the proposed fall 2015 referendum was approved as part of the FY 2016 – FY 2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The School bond sales will be maintained in the annual amount of $155 million. The County will issue a pamphlet about the bonds to be mailed to all county households in the fall.

Get Outdoors Day at Great Falls Park

Visitors flock to the parks to participate in summer activities, Get Outdoors Day next Saturday.

By Jennifer Flanagan
The Connection

The advent of the summer months attracts large crowds to the parks of Great Falls, located on the Virginia side of the upper Potomac River.

Great Falls Park, a National Park Service site, experiences an increase in visitors around late March or early April when the weather becomes nice, according to the park’s Chief of Staff Aaron LaRocca.

Traffic jams often overwhelm Georgetown Pike on beautiful weekend days because of the long line of cars stretching from the park’s entrance to the main road.

While most visitors travel to the park to view its namesake, the Great Falls of the Potomac River, visitors partake in many other recreational activities, such as picnicking, hiking, bird watching and taking tours. LaRocca indicated the tours are a popular tourist event.

“There are park ranger led tours, which are tours about general history, and specialty tours that change month to month,” he said.

A major highlight of this summer season at Great Falls Park is the festivities of National Get Outdoors Day, on Saturday, June 13. The future summer calendar features the centennial celebration of the National Park Service in 2016.

“We are encouraging everybody to get out and find your park in celebration of the centennial,” LaRocca said. “And if you have never been to a park, Great Falls is a great place to have a first experience in a national park.”

Riverbend Park, nestled off a back road of Great Falls, offers a more remote setting than the typically crowded Great Falls Park. While visitors can hike to the Falls via the Heritage Trail that connects the two parks, there are often fewer crowds at Riverbend.

Rob Horne initially intended to travel to Great Falls Park with his family last Sunday but visited Riverbend Park instead to avoid the large crowds.

“We turned around and came here and have been pleasantly surprised,” he said. Visitors can explore over 400 acres of forest, meadows, ponds and trails, or kayak, canoe and fish in the Potomac River.

A new addition to Riverbend Park this summer is three fishing line recyclers along the Heritage Trail built as a result of McLean High School student Alex Brunner’s Eagle Scout Project.

Jared Lampal, Jake Wadle and Jacque Wadle constructed the initial recycler Sunday afternoon by digging holes to insert a PVC pipe that will serve as a fishing line recycling bin.

Summer activities at Riverbend Park include fishing and boating tutorials, as well as bird, insect and geology tours.

Jared Lampal (left) and Jake Wadle work on the construction of one of three fishing line recyclers as part of Alex Brunner’s Eagle Scout Project at Riverbend Park.

Rob Horne shows his children, Owen and Hallie, a small insect found along the Heritage Trail at Riverbend Park while on a family hike Sunday afternoon.

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Cappies Awards Honor High School Theater

The 16th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 7 at The Kennedy Center. Of the 39 awards, winning the top prizes were Robinson Secondary School for the Best Play Award for “Neverwhere,” and McLean High School for the Best Musical Award for “Big Fish.” This year’s Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk. This year’s show included 58 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Manassas and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the theatre arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater. — Steve Hibbard

Photos by Steve Hibbard/The Connection

The Comic Actress in a Play Award went to Vivian Vaeth for “Book of Days” at Langley High School.

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The Best Musical Award went to McLean High School for “Big Fish.”
(From left): Jack Posey, Emma Gold, Amy Poe, Marielle Burt, Rachel Lawhead and Alex Stone.
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**News**

Ayesha Javaid, a sophomore at Langley High School, was honored at the annual dinner of the McLean Area Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) as the 2015 recipient of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award. The award is given to a female student from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. The award, presented to Ayesha on May 13 at River Bend Country Club, recognized her project to purify contaminated water into safe drinking water for under $5.

While visiting family in Pakistan, Ayesha decided to undertake her water purification project after seeing people drinking from dirty puddles in the streets. She set up an experiment that created a solar cooker to boil water and tested before and after samples for purity. Her project finished in first place in the Materials and Bioengineering category at Langley High School, and at the Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair, she was recognized as a Second Place Winner in the Environmental Engineering category.

Her work was commended by keynote speaker Bob Ryan, a Washington broadcast meteorologist since 1980. He was chief meteorologist with NBC4 for 30 years and, before retiring in 2013, served as senior meteorologist and head of digital weather strategies at ABC7. During his career Ryan has remained actively involved in the science of meteorology. He served the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in several positions, including as its president in 1996 (the only broadcast meteorologist elected president of the AMS). He co-chairs a new AMS Committee on Effective Communication of Weather and Climate Information, and his presentation included a discussion of numerous weather trends.

For more information on the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at http://mclean-va.aauw.net.

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**Band Directors Recognize Outstanding Student Solo Performers**

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association has recognized 16 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2015 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition. A total of 33 schools were represented; 66 students competed in the event.

The following students were named winners in the elementary school division:

- **First place:** Beth Johnston (trumpet), Colvin Run Elementary School.
- **Second place:** Matthew Marcantoni (alto saxophone), Colvin Run Elementary School.
- **Third place:** Maia Trafford (trumpet), Reene Mill Elementary School.

- **Honorable Mention:** Eden Erhington (flute), Mosby Woods Elementary School; Ella Peters (flute), Stratford Landing Elementary School; Lacey Weber (tuba), White Oaks Elementary School.

Judges named the following winners in the middle school division:

- **First place:** Cherri Chen (flute), West Springfield High School.
- **Second place:** Forrest Johnston (trumpet), Kilmer Middle School.
- **Third place:** Diego Stine (tuba), Kilmer Middle School.

- **Honorable Mention:** Jane Lee (flute), Longfellow Middle School; Kathryn Nei (flute), Carson Middle School; Kevin Mo (clarinet), Carson Middle School.

The following students were named winners in the high school division:

- **First place:** Hunter Lorelli (bassoon), West Springfield High School.
- **Second place:** Mari Takeda (clarinet), Chantilly High School.
- **Third place:** Arthur He (clarinet), Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

- **Honorable Mention:** Davina Miaw (flute), Chantilly High School.

Judges were Tiffany Hitz, Emily Morgan, Brian Thomas, Mary Jo West, Phil Franke, and Chuck West.

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association is a collaborative learning team, professional, and social organization made up of Fairfax County elementary, middle, and high school band directors.
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Bishops’ Statement on Death Penalty Debate

To build a culture of life we must respect the sanctity of even “unlovable” lives.

By Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo
And Bishop Paul S. Loverde
Catholic Diocese of Arlington

This year, through the advocacy of the Virginia Catholic Conference, our Church spent considerable time opposing legislation related to the death penalty. The proposed measure would have permitted the Commonwealth to arrange with compounding pharmacies to mix drugs for use in executions, hiding from the public the identities of the pharmacies and materials used. Thankfully, this bill was defeated. So, too, was a measure the Virginia General Assembly considered last year — also opposed by the Conference — that would have forced death row inmates to be electrocuted if lethal injection drugs are not available.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis delivered a message which sharply contrasted these disturbing debates. “There is discussion in some quarters about the method of killing, as if it were possible to find ways of ‘getting it right’...,” the Pope wrote in a recent letter about the death penalty. “But there is no humane way of killing another person.”

Pope Francis’ keen observation adds an exclamation point to the rejection of these “method of execution” bills. In Virginia, we are killing another person.

“Method of execution” bills. In Virginia, we are killing another person.

By ending the use of the death penalty we would take one important step — among significant others we must take — to abandon the culture of death and embrace the culture of life. As Pope Francis reminds us, there is no human way of taking a life. Let us not choose to use lethal drugs, electric chairs, gas chambers or firing squads. Let us take the more courageous step and choose life instead, even when it seems “unlovable.”

Kurspahics To Receive Civic Courage Award

Honored by the Bosnia Memory Project.

Kemal Kurspahic and his wife Vesna of McLean are being honored as recipients of the inaugural Civic Courage Award from the Bosnia Memory Project at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

Kemal Kurspahic, the managing editor of The Connection, was editor-in-chief of the Bosnian newspaper Oslobodjenje during the three and a half-year siege of Sarajevo, between 1992 and 1995. He led a multi-ethnic staff that continued to publish a daily edition throughout the siege, despite the newspaper building being bombed and facing gunfire while trying to reach the office.

“They have stood for the kinds of civic ideas and ideals that characterize the best of Bosnia, Herzegovina and United States,” said Dr. Ben Moore, director of the Bosnia Memory Project. “They really believe in journalism as a vital part of the civic sphere, that people of all ethnicities and backgrounds can find common understanding.”

Kurspahic's book about the experience, “As Long As Sarajevo Exists,” is required reading for a course Moore teaches at Foubonte. The Bosnia Memory Project started in 2006 as a response to the large community of Bosnians and their children around 40,000 — that settled in St. Louis after the war.

“We have a second generation that’s coming of age now,” Moore said. “Twenty years after the war, they don’t have an understanding of their parents’ and grandparents’ experience of Bosnian culture.”

Vesna Kurspahic is the curator of “Documenting Hometown and Family History in Stari Majdan, Bosnia,” a photography exhibition that Moore said is helping to show the “beauty and complexity of Bosnian culture and history.”

The Kurspahics are being recognized at a June 13 dinner held at the flicket Banquet Center, a Bosnian restaurant in St. Louis. Moore said he recently discovered Vesna’s mother was a teacher and school principal to the owners, husband and wife, Saleman and Ermina Grbic.

“This is a classic case of the recipients honoring the award more than the other way around,” said Moore.

“Challenges, with the plan to offer this award annually, is finding people who rise to the same level.”

— Tim Peterson

OPINION
Week in Great Falls

Host Families Needed for French Exchange Students

Ten French teens will be in the Northern Virginia area from July 7-27 and need welcoming host families who will show them warmth and hospitality. “These French teens want to experience American life firsthand,” says Karen Sweer, the Regional Director, “and to be totally immersed in the English language. It’s a wonderful opportunity for families to add an international dimension to their lives.” The students speak English and bring ample spending money. LEC (Loisirs Culturales à l’Etranger), the Paris-based sponsor, provides these students with three planned excursions, medical insurance and gives host families a stipend to cover typical hosting expenses. No French language skills are needed. For more information, contact Karen today at 717-795-7089 or ksweer@aol.com.

Senior Center to Meet at River Bend Country Club

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) event for July 7 will be a luncheon hosted by River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon includes appetizer, entrée and dessert choices with coffee or tea. Reservations are limited, at a cost of $35 per person (tip and tax included). Call Sondra Taylor 703-759-6204 or email staylor131@cox.net. Include in email if you need a confirmation of receipt. Send checks (Payable to GFSC) to Sondra Taylor, 752 Boehms Court, Great Falls 22066. GFSC’s mission is to enrich the lives of the community’s seniors with stimulating and social networking opportunities. Additional information and registration form can be found at www.gfseniors.org.

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Community

VTOD Discuss Bridge Over Piney Run
Public information meeting held on bridge replacement project.

By Camilla Kowdell, The Connection

Last week, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a public information meeting in Great Falls regarding the replacement of the Walker Road Bridge over Piney Run. The bridge, located on Route 601 in Fairfax County was built in 1932 and is currently 22 feet wide and accommodate only one lane of traffic. Due to traffic buildup, the bridge becomes very congested during peak rush times. Additionally, according to VDOT employee Shaun Pilling, the bridge is structurally deficient. “The bridge cannot withstand the loading of Pine Run. It is dangerous and falling apart. Therefore we are looking for input from members of the community on how this bridge should be rebuilt. There is a committee on how big the project will be and what the footprint will be. Additionally, we are looking for feedback about giving the bridge pedestrian access.” Currently, VDOT has provided four alternative design plans: • Alternative 1 - Bridge without a sidewalk. • Alternative 2 - 5’ raised sidewalk on West Side of Bridge. • Alternative 3 - 14’ raised sidewalk on West Side of Bridge. • Alternative 4 - 10’ Pedestrian Bridge on West Side of Bridge (4A-Concrete Bridge; 4B-Connector Style truss with Timber Deck; 4C-Style System Bridge with Timber Deck). These different approaches are currently being discussed and assessed by members of the community and VDOT employees.

Community

Langley Choirs Present ‘A Disney Spectacular’

Spring show closes out successful year.

The Langley High School choirs recently presented two performances of their spring show, “A Disney Spectacular.” The show held at the McLean Bible Church, featured songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including “Frozen,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “The Little Mermaid,” “The Jungle Book,” “Pocahontas,” “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” “Newsies,” “Hercules,” and “Aladdin.” The show opened and closed with selections from the 1994 Disney film “The Lion King.”

“The spring show capped another successful year for the award-winning high school choirs. In March, the choir won top honors at a national choral festival in San Antonio, including the Outstanding Choral Award and the Choral Sweepstakes Award. Six students were selected for the All-Virginia Chorus and seven seniors were selected for the Virginia Music Educators Association Honor Choir. The program spots 54 students plus four alternate students to participate in the All District Honor Choir. The Langley choirs also all received superior ratings in the District XII Choral Assessment.”

The Langley Madrigals performed medleys from “Frozen” and “Beauty and the Beast.”

The Langley Voicechoir performed highlights from “The Jungle Book” and “Newsies.”

The Women’s Chamber Choir sang a selection of songs from “Aladdin.”

The Women’s Treble Choir sang a medley from “The Little Mermaid.”

The Women’s Choir sang a selection of songs from “Aladdin.”

VTOD

What Do You Think about the Bridge Replacement Project?

Peter Falcone, Great Falls: “I am a bit disappointed about the presentation being made because of the constant loop. I was expecting somewhat more professional. I do not agree with the improvements they are proposing because they are not good for the commuters, but will bring more traffic.”

Eric Masters, construction, Great Falls: “This project is important to me because Walker Mill Road was my daily commute when I was a kid. In 1971, it was a dead end; I moved in there in the 70’s. I am very impressed with the effort that has been put in to rebuild the bridge. It definitely needs to be part of a public discussion, especially about the sidewalk. I think we would like it to be more rural, that’s what we want.”

Joe Saratino, Great Falls: “I think most everyone knows something needs to be done. The two-lane bridge needs to be built for safety issues. Most of the Winnansville highway doesn’t have a pedestrian walkway.”

Eric Kondrath, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Great Falls: “We’ve been talking about rebuilding the bridge for 15 years. The two-lane versus one-lane is problematic, and the conclusion is that two-lane would be more functional. This is a major road into our community. Businesses and we have had rains that have washed the bridge out, so we know that we have needed a new bridge. On this new bridge, most problems are dealt with. The project will have to be done over the summer. The main concern is the dredging of the bridge, the running of it and how it will reroute traffic.”

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Monday, June 18

12 PM Lunch at Village Centre.

Tuesday, June 19

1 PM Book Club: “The Book of Trees.” Village Centre: 2300 Little River Turnpike, McLean. The book is about the world’s forests and their importance to our planet. For information, call Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.

Wednesday, June 20

4 PM Yoga Class: “Foundation Yoga.” Village Centre: 2300 Little River Turnpike, McLean. For information, call Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.

Wednesday, June 20

7 PM Making the Most of Your Morning, Great Falls Family & Cosmetic Dentistry 703-759-4707.

Thursday, June 21

11 AM Community Breakfast, Village Centre: 2300 Little River Turnpike, McLean. For information, call Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.

Friday, June 22

5 PM Potluck at the Inn of the Garden Court in McLean. For information, call Great Falls Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.

Saturday, June 23

8 PM Artwalk: “A Night at the Museum.” Village Centre: 2300 Little River Turnpike, McLean. For information, call Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.

Sunday, June 24

11 AM Shop Talk: “How to Avoid the Summer Slide in Your Child’s Education.” Village Centre: 2300 Little River Turnpike, McLean. For information, call Village Centre Mgmt Office 703-759-2485.
Repairs Trigger Remodel

Great Falls renovation evolves from basic, needed repairs to an extensive family-friendly remodel.

By John Byrd

Sometimes a significant home improvement starts with small repair considerations. In fact, as Roger Lataille, senior design consultant at Sun Design Remodeling, recalls, his first discussion with Jeff and Sharon Roman of Great Falls concerned how to solve a water drainage problem.

“There were no gutters over the three garage ports, and rainwater splash-back was causing the garage doors to deteriorate,” Lataille said. “Also, the front entrance was too exposed. And the original wooden deck on the back of the house had decayed so badly it wasn’t being used much at all.”

Then there was the problem with woodpeckers regularly attacking the house, a reflection of moisture build-up and bug-infestation under the home’s sprayed-on stucco exterior.

Yet rectifying these everyday dysfunctions turned out to be a comparatively small part of the Romans’ agenda, as Lataille soon discovered.

As the conversation progressed, the outlines for a sweeping, state-of-the-art makeover began to take shape even as the home’s exterior was gradually re-imagined as an architectural statement fully integrated with its setting. At 6,500 square feet, the nearly 20-year-old, six bedroom center hall Colonial offered considerable grandeur, yet the facade lacked detail, definition, even warmth.

“There were a lot of distinctive architectural themes in place,” Lataille said. “Our first concern is always helping the owner articulate a program that suits their goals, and then initiating an effective collaboration process.”

With this in mind, the solutions proposed for the home’s front elevations came right to the point. A metal-clad overhang supported by decorative brackets above the garage doors not only re-directs rainwater into a discrete functional drainage system, but also gives the facade a unifying accent that ties in with the redesigned front entrance.

The defective stucco cladding has been replaced with sand-colored Hardiboard and a stonework “water table” motif that scales back the mass of the looming three level facade, making the whole feel more intimate and approachable.

Likewise, on the rear elevation, opportunities for self-expression quickly became inspirations.

The new portico lends needed definition to the entrance way of the Jeff and Sharon Roman’s Great Falls home. The metal-clad roof is visually unified with a garage overhang supported by decorative brackets.

Situated on two rolling acres and surrounded by woodland, the home’s setting provided a sprawling backdrop for an indoor-outdoor solution.

Roasting a southwesterly view from the rear elevation, the existing rear deck was usually bathed in soft sunsets on summer evenings. The visual display was, likewise, available from the house — except the windows were too small and the only exits to the outside converged in a recessed hyphen joining the two main blocks on the rear of the house.

“Ironically, we’ve always loved spending time outdoors,” Sharon said, “so it’s surprising that we hadn’t changed the exterior of the house in the 13 years we’ve lived here.”

During summer vacations at Deep Creek Lake in Maryland, however, the Romans discovered how much they enjoy sitting by a fire pit on pleasant evenings. This revelation prompted thoughts of adding not only a fire pit, but a screen porch on the rear of the house — one that could be used from early spring and well into fall.

“I also pictured more natural light in the back of the house,” Sharon said. “A rear elevation with oversized windows and doors that invites in the beauty all around us.”

As the vision evolved, the Romans decided on a plan with four main components: a 20-foot-by-15-foot screened porch, a 21-foot-by-16-foot grilling deck, a ground level sunken patio that exits from a lower level room, and a stand-alone fire pit with seating for six.

“We were thinking ahead in many ways,” Sharon said. “Jeff and I have elderly parents, and a lot of family in the area. A direct entrance to the lower level, for instance, might make it easy to convert the space into an in-law suite if needed.”

Overall, the Romans sought the capacity to comfortably entertain up to 40 or 50 people.

Of course, for a space of that size — well-constructed decking is essential. Phase one to the new plan was, thus, a nod to necessity: re-design the decking system to accommodate traffic circulating from directions never previously in the picture.

“We learned immediately that the concrete supporting the existing 20-year-old deck hadn’t been properly set,” Lataille said.

“Also, to assure the durability of the deck’s undergirding joists from 16 inches to 12 inches.”

Structurally, the new decking is not only an upgrade, but thoroughly necessary since it’s now directly accessible through oversized double glass doors from the family room, the dining room and the billiards parlor. It’s also linked via a new flagstone walkway to the both fire pit and the new rear entrance to the lower level.

“Access to the outdoors from the house is one of the most fundamental features of an integrated indoor/outdoor solution,” Lataille said. “Bringing the aesthetics of nature into your daily life is a lifestyle change. The goal is to create spaces that can be easily maintained, yet allow owners to comfortably extend the open-air season.”

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“We’re seeing more and more that owners need a place to relax, have fun and entertain,” said Roger Lataille.

Details

The new screened porch demonstrates how highly durable materials can be shaped to meet demanding aesthetics. The Ipe decking chosen for the porch flooring is one of the most enduring natural hardwoods offered for outdoor surfaces; installed in a tongue-and-groove pattern, it keeps out bugs more effectively than screen mesh. The fiberglass charcoal screen, likewise, makes it hard to see the porch interior from the outside.

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A Pilates and Painting Love Affair

Painting and Pilates are the two P’s of Great Falls artist Leslie Anthony’s life.

Anthony, of Traditional Pilates, was certified in 2000 and was personally trained by the original protégé of Joseph Pilates, Romana Kryzanowska. She teaches Pilates classes weekly in Great Falls.

Anthony has become a well-known artist in the Great Falls area, with her paintings of horses and other farm animals, as well as commissioned works for clients.

“I have a barnyard of canvases to show for my effort. My studio at Artist on the Green awaits my next creature of interest,” said Anthony.

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

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Artist’s Demonstration. 7:30 p.m. 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. No Blitz is a four-piece American Rock band based in Washington, D.C. Their desire for a mid-90’s Alt Rock revival is reflected in their dynamic music. Tickets: $10. http://https://jamminjava.com/

**THURSDAY/JUNE 11**


**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.

**Mystery Book Club.** 1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Join in the monthly unraveling of a whodunit or thriller. The June selection is the “Cuckoon’s Calling” by J.K. Rowling and Robert Galbraith, Adults.


**JULY 1/2015**

8:30-10 a.m. Karl’s Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee and conversation.

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Langley Boys’ Soccer Wins Region Championship

The Langley boys’ soccer team won the first region championship in program history with a 2-1 victory over Madison on June 5 at Langley High School. After falling behind, Langley’s Jacob Labovitz netted the equalizer and Sam Golan scored the game-winner.

“It felt really good to win the region title,” Langley senior Daniel Levetown wrote in an email. “It was very surreal winning the title,” Langley senior Daniel Levetown said. “I guess it’s up to us to set the record straight and to show everyone what the Langley soccer tradition is all about. I am pleased that we were able to win the region title to represent Langley soccer and all of the great Langley teams and players in the past.”

Next up for the Saxons is a state semifinal match against 6A South runner-up James River at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School. Langley’s last appearance in a state final was 2004, when the Saxons lost 1-0 to West Springfield.

Marshall Baseball Earns State Tournament Berth

Statesmen fall to Stone Bridge in 5A North region final.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

The Marshall baseball team traveled to face Patrick Henry on June 5, qualified for the state tournament with a 3-2 victory in the 5A North region semifinals, and returned home from Ashland around 11 p.m. The following day, the Statesmen hosted Stone Bridge for the region championship. After digging out a 5-0 hole and briefly taking the lead, Marshall finished runner-up on its home field, losing 10-7 on June 6. After Stone Bridge dog-piled in celebration and trophies were awarded, Marshall players and coaches met for a postgame talk in right field.

What did head coach Aaron Tarr say to the Statesmen? “You don’t always have to tell them something, depending on how they react,” Tarr said. “If they’re upset, or if they’re sad about how things go, then you’ve got to say, ‘Hey, we’re in states, let’s pick this back up.’” But

“Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone went 2-for-4 with an RBI during the Statesmen’s 10-7 loss to Stone Bridge in the 5A North region championship game on June 6.

“For me, we were down most of the game, and being able to come back and win it in that fashion made it that much better. Nevertheless, we set our goal on winning the state championship. We celebrated after the game, jumped around a little and took some pictures, but we quickly got back to work preparing for the next game. But we do know that this is a very tough region and that it’s an honor to take the title.”

The victory improved Langley’s record to 18-1-1, including a win against Fairfax in the Conference 6 tournament final. The Saxons are 15-0-1 since losing to McLean on April 7. “Langley has had some great teams in the past and it’s a travesty if none of them ever won the regional title,” Levetown wrote. “I guess it’s up to us to set the record straight and to show everyone what the Langley soccer tradition is all about. I am excited for states and hope we can get a chance to play them again [because] that’s what we all want to do.”

Before a potential rematch with Stone Bridge, Marshall will face 5A South champion Hickory in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

“It’s incredible,” Marshall senior catcher Mitch Blackstone said. “My freshman year, I had no thoughts about will this team ever win it in that fashion made it that much better. Nevertheless, we set our goal on winning the state championship. We celebrated after the game, jumped around a little and took some pictures, but we quickly got back to work preparing for the next game. But we do know that this is a very tough region and that it’s an honor to take the title.”

“That’s indicative of having 11 seniors [who] want to get back after it.”

THE MARSHALL BASEBALL team fell short of a region championship, but its season will continue after the Statesmen qualified for the state tournament for the first time in more than 20 years.

“We’re pretty mad that we lost — especially to Stone Bridge, because we don’t like losing to them,” Marshall senior Will Brooke said. “[We’re] excited for states and hopefully we get a chance to play them again [because] that’s what we all want to do.”

An RBI double by second baseman Justin Schmitt and a two-run single by first baseman Shane Russell. Two batters later, Marshall took a 6-5 lead thanks to a Stone Bridge throwing error.

MARSHALL’S LEAD was short-lived, however, as Stone Bridge scored three runs with two outs in the top of the sixth and led for the remainder of the game.

Marshall enters the state tournament with a 20-6 record, having won 12 of its last 13 games. Tarr said Brooke (Coastal Carolina) will start on the mound against Hickory on Friday.
The Joe Cassella Foundation Hosts 5K Run/Walk

The 2015 Annual Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk took place on Sunday, May 17, in Great Falls. More than three hundred runners from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area attended the race, which began with a Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 5K Run/Walk at 8:45 a.m. The Joe Cassella Foundation hosted a post-race party with live DJ, food, kids entertainment, and interactive activities, concluding with an awards ceremony.

The 2015 Joe Cassella Foundation 5K Run/Walk used a ChronoTrack race timing system with a disposable D-tag on a USA Track certified course. Participants included serious runners, weekend and occasional joggers, walkers, strollers, and even pets. Prizes were awarded to the first, second and third place overall male and female runners, as well as largest team. The overall male winner, and top finisher, was Douglas Pepelko (19:41), followed by Alec Singer (19:48) and Brian Daugherty (20:12). The top overall female winners were Clare Girolamo (26:10), Susan Bell (26:22), and Danielle Castellano (26:35). The largest team, with more than 45 people, was Team Yes You Can! The Joe Cassella Foundation raised thousands of dollars this year, which will be donated to local families with children affected by medical conditions, to reduce the stress of financial concerns related to serious illness and injury.

The Joe Cassella Foundation is an organization born from the loss of an amazing man and inspired by the amazing support of his friends and family received throughout their journey. All of the time, money and gifts donated to The Joe Cassella Foundation go entirely to a child in need.

The Joe Cassella Foundation would like to express their sincere gratitude for all those who helped make the 2015 Annual Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk a tremendous success. To learn more about The Joe Cassella Foundation, visit http://www.JoeCassellaFoundation.org.

The colorful face-painting at The Joe Cassella 5K post-race party is always the most popular tent featured in Kids Corner.

Forestville Elementary Presents "Aladdin Jr."

Last Friday night Forestville Elementary students presented Disney's "Aladdin Jr." musical. Parents, family and friends enjoyed a performance put on by a cast of 50 students, who under the direction of Haley Murphy (Director), Kara Ludlow (Music Director) and Heide Zufall (Choreographer) sang, danced and acted in perfect form. Stellar performances were seen by Sofia Silvestri (Aladdin) and Maddie Koenig (Jasmine) who through their beautiful singing and dramatic and witty acting told the story of love and drama well known to all. Sarina Bell (Jafar), Jolie Viener (Sultan) and Jack Ellinger (Genie) perfectly embodied their characters, captivating the audience with their stage presence and personalities. Boden Gentile (Razoul), Cassie Dallas (Iago) and Lindsay Togher (Magic Carpet) led the crowd of villagers, guards and ensemble through a performance of a lifetime.

All this is the result of months of work that started back in January when fifth and sixth graders auditioned to participate in this year's musical sponsored by the Forestville PTA and the Dodgeball Theater. Since then both students and parents set themselves to work. Morning practices three times per week and behind the scene costume and stage work was under way. This weekend the musical experience was enhanced by the costume design work of Cynthia Adler and her team, the set design work of Cathy Rieder and the tent design work of Effie Hoffman. Glittering outfits, capes, shoes, tents and cushions set the scene that transported the audience to Aladdin’s stumping grounds, Agraba.

“I am really thrilled with the performance we have seen from the cast tonight! I truly sat there tonight enjoying their work. I am very proud of them!” said Haley Murphy, Director. Murphy, founder and president of Dodgeball Theater, a local theater company focused on developing the next generation of theater artists, is a former Forestville parent graduating her youngest two years ago. She has been the driving force behind the success Forestville has had in putting together musical performances such as Peter Pan, Wicked and Seussical the Musical over the past several years.

"I can’t express how thrilled I am to be a part of this community. The opportunities that our children have access to at Forestville Elementary are in great part a result of the dedication and commitment of our parents and teachers as well as the support from our Administration. A great example is this performance, which has been made possible by the contribution of Christian King, our music teacher (Sound Design), Molly Ascritzi, a former Forestville Parent as our House Manager, Sally Cusenza our Makeup Design) and forty more sets of hands that without them our performance would not have been possible. Thank you Forestville!” said Jennisse Silvestri, Forestville PTA President.

The cast concluded the weekend with a second sold-out performance on Saturday.

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In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and registered November 20, 2008, in Deed Book 20148 at Page 154 in the land records of the Fairfax County, Virginia (the “Deed of Trust”), the Substitute Trustees, in their capacity as the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust, now or hereafter outstanding, being the present holder of the indebtedness secured by and other wise described in the Deed of Trust, for the benefit of the Beneficiary, pursuant to the power granted in the Deed of Trust, offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court located at 4110 Chai Bridge Rd. Falls Church, VA 22030 on June 18, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10761 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number 122-02-0040) located in Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other wise described in the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other wise described in the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other wise described in the Deed of Trust.

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