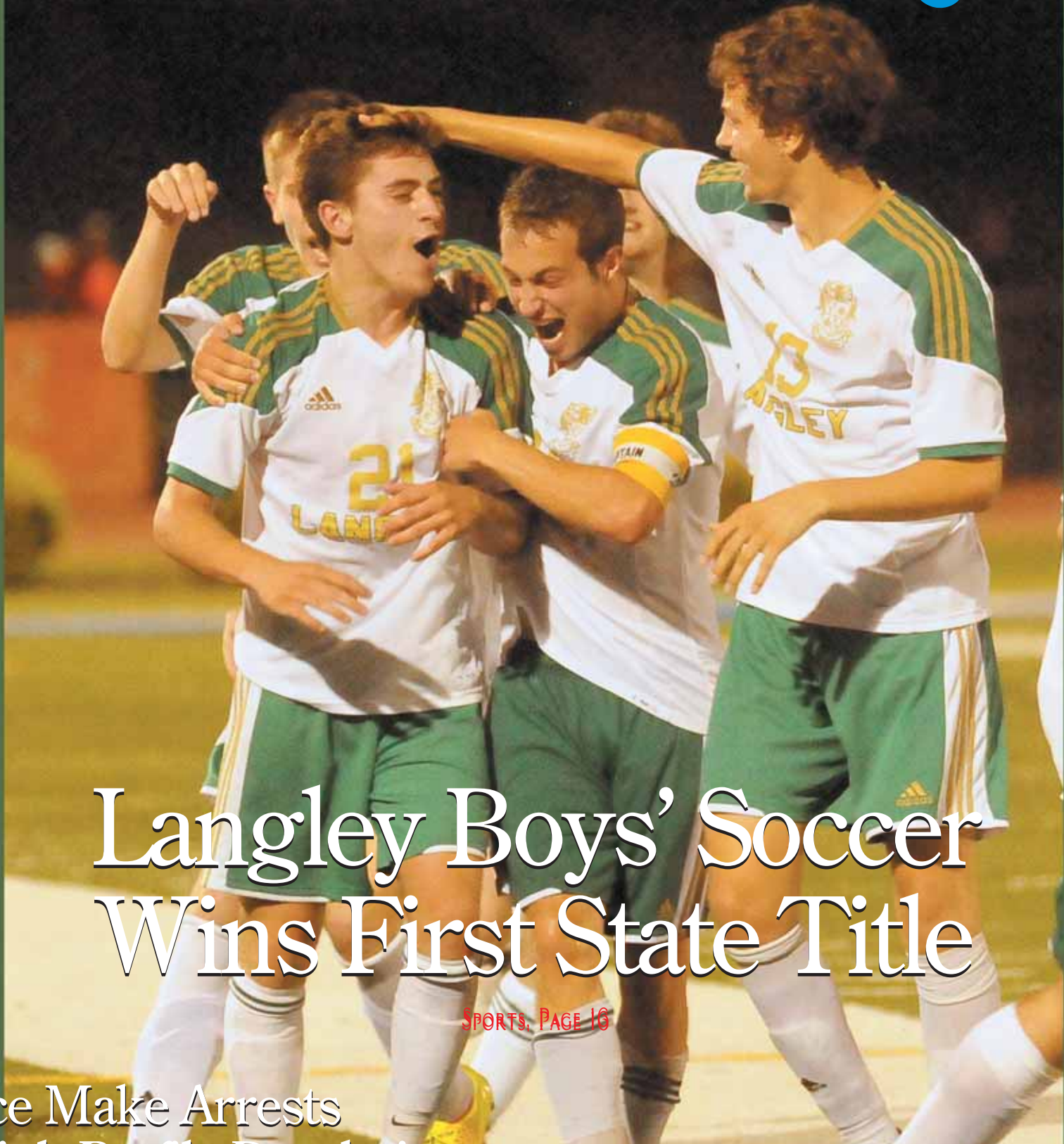


Members of the Langley boys' soccer team celebrate a goal by Cameron Basco (21) during the 6A state championship match against Madison on June 13 at Robinson Secondary School.



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Police Make Arrests in High Profile Burglaries

Police give suggestions for protecting homes and valuables.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Police have solved two separate strings of approximately eight high-end burglaries, a few in Great Falls, as well as Reston and McLean.

One was linked to what police referred to as “Polish nationals” on work visas from Chicago. Detectives arrested Jan Parchewski, 39, and charged him with burglary and grand larceny following an extensive investigation involving numerous leads across Fairfax County, according to police press reports.

“When we called Chicago and said, ‘Do you know this guy?’ They said, ‘Oh, yeah.’” said Lt. Lance Schaible.

The suspects in both cases appear to target wealthier homes and police believe victims were being watched by suspects.

They used various means of distracting homeowners to the fact that accomplices were inside their homes stealing valuables, according to statements by police in May.

At a meeting on June 9 at the Great Falls Library, PFC Laura Redman and Schaible,



More than 100 people turned out for Great Falls Citizens Association meeting about recent burglaries on Tuesday, June 9. PFC Laura Redman; GFCFA president Eric Knudsen; GFCFA treasurer, Bud Thompson and Reston District Assistant Commander, Lt. Lance Schaible.

both of the Reston police district, gave members of the Great Falls Citizens Association advice on how to protect their homes. More than 100 residents attended the meeting.

“BURGLARS DON’T WANT to be seen by you. They want in and out, they don’t want to be caught,” said Schaible.

“When crimes are committed you need

to call,” he said.

Redman gave a number of suggestions: make your home less attractive to criminals, use sturdy doors made of metal or solid wood, light up entry doors, install well-made deadbolt locks, and consider an alarm or camera system.

One homeowner’s security camera system helped police track a rental car license plate used by one of the suspects in the recent cases, said Schaible.

Trim shrubbery around windows and don’t give people prime places to hide. Redman said keeping doors and windows clean on both houses and vehicles can help police solve crimes if fingerprints need to be collected.

Don’t leave any valuables in the car. Thieves sometimes gain access to houses by stealing garage door openers from cars and entering from unlocked garage doors.

When going on vacation, Redman suggested stopping driveway newspaper delivery, putting several lights on timer, putting talk radio on low. Remember to set the security alarm.

If something is stolen from your home, having a record of serial numbers of valuables with make, model, size and color, plus photos could help police recover items.

And, finally, “get out of a routine,” said Redman.

Suspects in the recent cases watch and get to know the habits of homeowners.

PHOTO BY BILL CANIS

Volunteers Urge Residents to Do More

Do More 24 raises nearly \$1.5 million in a day.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Donors, nonprofits and companies raised nearly \$1.5 million during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 4. At Tysons Corner Center, volunteers from companies, churches and nonprofit organizations decorated shoeboxes filled with personal care items to be distributed to area nonprofit organizations.

Last year, volunteers stuffed 4,000 shoeboxes and this year, Levina Kim, of United Way of the National Capital Area, hopes to fill more. Donations came from individuals, families and companies such as Wegman’s.

Volunteer Thalia Sanders, of Capitol Heights, Md., came because she wanted to see the start of a project. She came with a group from Shabach! Ministries, and she said that volunteering “puts a face to the people” she has been giving to.

United Way NCA chairman Ted Davies,



From left, Jordan, Jackson and Deeann Franks, of Vienna volunteer to stuff and decorate shoeboxes containing personal care items to be distributed to local area charities and nonprofit organizations during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 4 at Tysons Corner Center.

of Oakton, said that donating to a local charity makes an impact in the community where one lives. “Money goes right back into the place that’s close to your home,” he said.

Rosie Allen-Herring, president and CEO of the United Way NCA said that this is an opportunity to really and truly engage not

just around philanthropy but around community building.

Do More 24 “may be the impetus but we expect people to give more, do more and be more as a community,” she said.

More than 600 organizations in D.C., Northern Virginia and Maryland participated in Do More 24. Nonprofits who



Ted Davies and Rosie Allen-Herring, of United Way of the National Capital Area, urge people to donate locally during Do More 24.

achieved certain donation levels overall and at specific times were given monetary awards from corporate sponsors as incentives to raise funds. For information about Do More 24 movement go to <https://domore24.org/>; for United Way NCA visit <http://www.unitedwaynca.org/>.

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NEWS

Citizens Speak on Upcoming Family Life Education Vote

LaTeef honored at June 11 School Board meeting.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION



Harris LaTeef

The Fairfax County School Board's May 7 meeting drew a passionate and boisterous crowd that filled the Luther Jackson Middle School auditorium and spilled out into the main lobby. That night the board voted in favor of adding "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy for students, employees and applicants for employment.

On June 25, the board may face a similar scene. It's scheduled to vote on proposed updates from the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee, including adding the topics of gender identity and sexual orientation, beginning in seventh grade Family Life Education, classes out of which parents may opt out their students.

Other advertised changes include moving a portion of the curriculum from Family Life Education to students' health courses. This would be done to comply with the Virginia Board of Education's recently revised health standards of learning for kindergarten through tenth grade.

According to Fairfax County Public Schools, the topics that would no longer be part of Family Life Education (and therefore no-longer opt-out) are:

- ❖ Personal development (emotions/feelings, self-image, self-concept, personal characteristics, skills to work and play successfully in a community)
- ❖ Healthy relationships (includes conflict resolution skills)
- ❖ Respecting individual differences (disabilities, ethnicities, cultures)
- ❖ Mental health areas such as depression and suicide

The recommendations came up as new business at the school board's May 21 meeting. At the June 11 meeting, eight out of the 10 citizen speakers and one additional speaker on a prepared video addressed the recommendations. Each of those speakers opposed the proposed changes.

"How one identifies should not take the place of science and truth," said citizen Steven Mosley, who introduced himself as a "black, ordained, evangelical reverend" who works in higher education. "Here's the truth we need to hang on to: Man cannot determine his gender just like I can't determine my race. Both these things are gifts from God and affirmed by science."

Citizen Mary Beth Style said, "Fairfax County Public Schools have no expertise to teach lessons on the development of transgender identity.

"This religious belief that the soul is separate from the body and that man creates his own reality is not supported by science,"

Style continued. "There is no agreement in the therapeutic world and certainly no agreement in society or even among the theorists who are fighting among themselves. Yet you are teaching it anyway. That is arrogant."

Community review of the board action will continue until Friday, June 19, through the website www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml. The page contains frequently asked questions and answers from Fairfax County Public Schools, as well as contact information for Elizabeth Payne, health and physical education coordinator for the school system. Email comments can be sent to FLEcomments@fcps.edu.

Citizens may also request to speak at the upcoming meeting by either registering online at www.fcps.edu/schlbld/meetings/requestspeak.shtml or calling the School Board office at 571-423-1075 during normal business hours, beginning three days prior to the meeting. Ten spots are available and are filled on a first-come basis.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also recognized its outgoing, 44th student representative Harris LaTeef, a senior at Langley High School. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Garza followed the individual board members and summed up their effusive compliments of LaTeef's work.

"You're one of the most impressive young men I've ever been around: intelligent, articulate, calm under pressure and wise beyond your years," Garza said. "Being the student voice on the board, you always added significant value to our work and reminded us why we're doing this."

In his remarks, LaTeef thanked the board for teaching him about "politics, education, human nature and the true meaning of serving one's community." He also offered the public some commentary from his perspective. "Though they may seem divided at times," he said, "each has the same goal, to make Fairfax County Public Schools a great school system to send your kids to each and every morning." LaTeef's final thoughts were directed back at the School Board members: "Keep fighting the good fight," he said. "Don't let petty politics or gamesmanship distract you from why you are here, and that is to focus on the future." After graduating, LaTeef plans to attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

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Novel on 'Becoming Lisette' Great Falls author Rebecca Glenn recreates 18-century France in historical fiction novel.

BY JENNIFER FLANAGAN
THE CONNECTION

In local author Rebecca Glenn's debut novel "Becoming Lisette," a tale emerges of an independent French girl pursuing her dreams to overcome cultural and historical boundaries in the artistic world of late 18-century France.

Glenn is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Chicago, where she earned a master's degree in Art History, and is a current professor in art history. She thus possesses a keen insight into the subject that allows her to depict historical France with accurate attention to detail.

Kristin Clark Taylor, a fellow Great Falls resident and facilitator of the Great Falls Writer's Group, finds that Glenn's expertise in art history was a highlight of her experience in reading "Becoming Lisette."

"That Rebecca is a serious student of art history and has organized museum exhibitions and moved about comfortably in the art world adds a unique depth and dimension to the book itself," she said. "Her own background and expertise splashes the characters and the plot line with a refreshing authenticity and believability."

DESPITE her extensive education and career in art history, Glenn spent two years



Great Falls author Rebecca Glenn

further researching the actual historical figure of Élisabeth Vigée (Lisette) and the world she lived in to heighten her reader's experience.

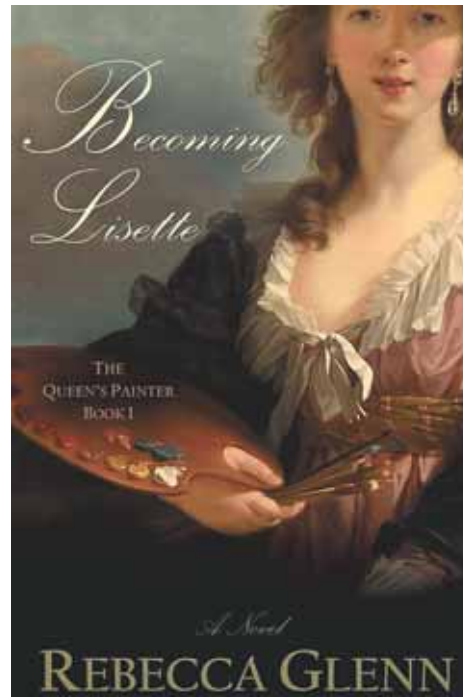
"It was really important to me that, when you are reading my book,

you feel you are there, which comes with those little details, which take lots of research to figure out," Glenn said. "And though it took time, it was worth it, because then I can give the readers the best experience as possible."

Glenn's choice to focus on the life of Vigée stems from her love of the untold stories of strong and inspiring women in history.

"I want to write about women in history, like Élisabeth Vigée, and women that most people might not know about but did remarkable things, so more people can know about them and maybe be inspired by them too," she said. "Vigée is just one example of a woman in history that has gone against grain and done what she wanted to do."

Coupling the historical truths of Vigée's life and 18th century France with some of



The cover of Rebecca Glenn's debut novel "Becoming Lisette."

many ways," she said.

After four years total of research and writing drafts, "Becoming Lisette" was released in April 2015 as the first novel of a trilogy detailing the story of Vigée in a series titled "The Queen's Painter."

THE FIRST NOVEL details the initial stage of Vigée's life as a talented young artist trying to build a career in oil painting, despite the controlling nature of her stepfather and the 18-century prejudices against female artists in France. According to Kristin Clark Taylor, reading "Becoming Lisette" is a "sheer joy." "Rebecca filled each page, each and every scene, with tone and texture; she took me by the hand and led me straight into that rich period of French history," Taylor said. "Rebecca's writing is fearless, bold and believable — rare attributes for a first-time author. I'd be deeply disappointed if she doesn't come out with the sequel very soon. I'm hungry for more."

The novel has also received high customer reviews on goodreads.com and amazon.com. Glenn expects to release the sequel before the end of the year.

Rebecca Glenn is a resident of Great Falls and the mother of three children who attend Forestville Elementary. More information about the author can be found on her website, RebeccaGlenn.com.

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English Conversation Group. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Practice conversational English in a group setting. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/.

Morning Book Group. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join in a book discussion. Call 703-757-8560 for book title. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/.

EBook/EReader Instruction. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn about library eBooks and eAudiobooks and how to access them with a PC or compatible device. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

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Meditation Workshop. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The meditation - Falun Gong is a traditional mind and body practice. It has five sets of exercises based on the principle of truth, compassion and tolerance. It can dramatically improve people's health; relieve stress and anxiety; promote spiritual growth and enlightenment. Free. RSVP to amy@asianservicecenter.org

MONDAY/JUNE 22

Effective English. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Get expert help with speaking and conversing, reading and writing, and listening and comprehending. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/.

Spanish Chat. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come and converse in Spanish with native speakers. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Non-native speakers can drop by for practice speaking English. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/.

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Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Virginia voters in areas with contested primaries went to the polls last week to select their candidates for the Nov. 3 general election when all seats in the General Assembly are up for election as are many local offices. Primary elections attract mostly party faithfuls in small numbers and are not clear barometers of the mood of voters generally on issues. Some of the results in General Assembly primaries merit attention.

In the Republican dominated Shenandoah Valley, senior Senator Emmett Hanger, who was one of the three Republicans in the General Assembly and who supported Medicaid expansion had two more conservative challengers who made Medicaid expansion an is-

sue in the primary with both of them opposing expansion. Hanger won easily. In Hampton Roads, the lone Democratic incumbent who opposed Medicaid expansion lost to his primary challenger who supported it. Before

jumping to the conclusion that Medicaid expansion has suddenly become popular in the Commonwealth, there is the primary involving the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker was reported as campaigning in part on his being able to keep Virginia from expanding Medicaid. Of course, his Tea Party opponent opposed Medicaid and suggested that the Speaker's opposition had not been strong enough. After campaigning hard and out-spending his challenger, the Speaker won easily.

Across the state a senate incum-



ben and a delegate incumbent, both Republican who opposed Medicaid expansion, beat their challengers who also opposed Medicaid expansion. The election results do not give a clear indication of the outcome of

what will be a critically important issue for the 2016 General Assembly session. The Governor remains committed to Medicaid expansion, but his having any chance of success is dependent upon the outcome of the Senate races.

In the November state senate races there will be several key contests. At a 21-19 advantage for Republicans, Democrats need to pick up at least one seat to give Democratic Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam the opportunity to break ties. The seats being vacated by the two other moderate Republicans who supported Medicaid

expansion offer hope for Democrats, but Democrats need also to hang onto the seat vacated with the retirement of Democratic State Senator Chuck Colgan. The only Democratic state senator in western Virginia is in a three-way race.

If elections were based purely on facts, Medicaid expansion would be a sure winner. The White House Council of Economic Advisors issued a report recently that said expansion would reach an additional 179,000 Virginia residents with lifesaving care. The report also said Virginia will miss out on \$1.24 billion in federal funding in 2016 by not expanding Medicaid. That is billions of Virginia taxpayer dollars that could come back to the Commonwealth, freeing up state funds for crucial under-funded programs. Go to the polls this November, and in the meantime let friends and families know the importance of Medicaid expansion and that their votes will matter in making it happen.

Great Falls Golf Fundraiser a Big Success

Annual golf charity tournament raises money for local elementary schools.

By JENNIFER FLANAGAN
THE CONNECTION

The Celebrate Great Falls Foundation sponsored the 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston on June 1 to raise money for Colvin Run, Forestville and Great Falls Elementary Schools.

The tournament featured two rounds of golf followed by a meal, with chances to win a variety of prizes at each hole.

Founded in 1995, the tournament raised money for local charities before adopting the elementary schools seven years ago as the ongoing recipients. Since then the tournament has raised over \$150,000 for the schools.

This year the tournament raised \$20,250, equally divided between the schools. The money was presented to the schools in a check presentation at Forestville Elementary on June 15. The principal of each school, as well as students and other representatives from the schools and the Celebrate Great



Students and representatives from Forestville, Colvin Run and Great Falls Elementary schools and the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation gather at Forestville Elementary on June 15 for the tournament and online auction check presentation.

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Falls Foundation, were present to accept the check.

"It was great to be part of a such a wonderful process that supports the needs of the kids," said Todd Franklin, the principal of Forestville.

For the first time, the golf tournament fundraiser was supplemented by a community wide online silent auction. Participants could bid on over 100 various items, including an Instant Wine Cellar comprising 30 bottles of wine hand selected by Great Falls families at Classic Wines of Great Falls.

Mike Kearney, a Celebrate Great

Falls board member, said the online auction was able to reach more of the community.

This year's proceeds will go towards purchasing new computers and software to be used by the students of the three elementary schools.

Forestville Elementary intends to purchase computer carts for laptops and other electronic devices. Last year the school used the tournament's proceeds to purchase DreamBox, an online elementary and middle school math software.

There were more golfer and volunteer participants than in last

year's tournament, noted Erin Labato, the director of the Great Falls Foundation and Forestville Elementary School Chair and parent.

Jennise Silvestri, the president of the Parent and Teachers Association at Forestville Elementary, finds the volunteer's participation essential to the tournament's success.

"We have a great community of volunteers and that is really the only way to make everything work," said Silvestri. "We all work together with the schools' administrations to enhance our students' educations."

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PEOPLE



“Pomegranates” by Jackie Corcoran



Cassie Dallas of Forestville Elementary School and her mother Ceilia.

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‘Murmurs of the Walls’ at Artists on the Green

Artists and viewers admired the "murmurs" of the 27 oil paintings, an infinite body of interpretations and representations created by students of Artist Gail Péan at Artists on The Green, 776 B Walker Road, Great Falls. The opening was held Friday, June 12.

Five oil painting artists ages 10-60 plus exhibited a variety of subjects in different styles, including delicate brush and bold palette knife painting. Artists displaying

their oil paintings are Martina Bucheli, Cassie Dallas and Jackie Corcoran of Great Falls, Ayala Albert who attends Great Falls Elementary School and Lynn Kennedy of Ashburn. They all received certificates of achievement from beginners to intermediate oil painting. Jackie Corcoran sold one of her first palette knife paintings of pomegranates at the exhibit. More than 50 friends and family members attended the exhibition and reception.

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Teacher Rachel Miller and her students run the recycling collection program at Cooper Middle School.

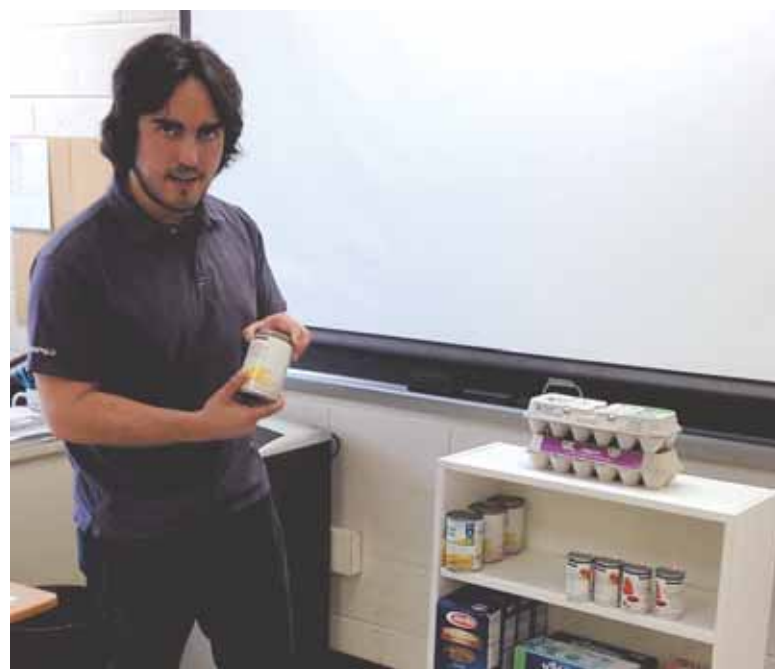
An Independent Life Laying the Foundation at Cooper Middle School.

By JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

“[T]here is always something new that science can discover, and all the facts that you take for granted can be completely wrong.” So writes author Mark Haddon in his novel, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.” The characters in Haddon’s novel, adapted into the Tony award-winning play of the same name, discover that many of the facts they take for granted are completely wrong, especially the limitations they place upon themselves and each other in reaction to the developmental and cognitive challenges faced by the main character in dealing with our world as currently structured.

Cooper Middle School teacher, Lucy Chaplin continually looks beyond the limitations placed upon her students because they also face developmental and cognitive challenges in dealing with their world today. Chaplin scopes out potential work environments that would benefit from her students’ strengths. She approached a manager at Boston Market in McLean and together they provided the opportunity for Chaplin’s students to assist Boston Market employees by assembling 500 setups of napkins and utensils on-site at the McLean location.

The Cooper students were not discouraged by the repetitive nature of the task, and paid the same attention to detail from first to last.



Teacher Christopher Lalande’s classroom at Cooper Middle School includes mock grocery shelves. His students practice properly stocking and facing shelves after viewing a major grocery chain’s employee training video.

THAT KIND of community-based instruction is part of the career and transition services provided at Cooper. Although the Fairfax County Public School Fiscal Year 2015 Program Budget eliminated the Work Awareness and Transition (WAT) teacher allocated to Cooper, Chaplin and her fellow teachers, Rachel Miller and Christopher Lalande, continued to use the WAT course curriculum as a resource, including instruction in acquiring work skills and life planning. With regard to workplaces in general, Miller says that, “we need to be more open and adaptable [since] we all learn and express ideas in different ways.”

One such progressive workplace is the high-end, retail boutique,

where all the usual retail associate duties — greeting and checking-out customers, assisting customers with apparel choices, as well as folding clothes and stocking shelves, are shared between young adult apprentices with developmental and cognitive challenges, and more senior employees with years of retail merchandising and sales experience, working side-by-side. The retail store was established, designed and staffed specifically for the purpose of “showcasing the employability of our apprentices to future employers,” and introducing customers to their employees’ potential. The retail sales revenues support the job training and placement program. Apprentices are paid minimum wage. The boutique is operated by a nonprofit organization, so vendors also benefit from discounting their wholesale prices or donating merchandise. Manager Adrianna Barcaro, who was hired for her over 10 years of retail buying and merchandising expertise, said that, “when you come to any space with a different purpose, [your] mentality has to change,” but her management duties remain much the same as in running any other business — making sure that all her employees are a good fit for the work environment, playing to their strengths and empowering them to work independently, while delivering good customer service and value.

THE TEACHERS at Cooper Middle School are laying the foundation for their students to be able to work and live independently by teaching them the vocabulary and communication skills used by the general public, as well as specific skills that can be used on the job, in the home and out in their community.

In addition, they are giving our community the opportunity to learn that although we might use different language skills, and have different ways of learning and completing tasks, we can work alongside each other to find personal fulfillment, to contribute to our community, and, as teacher Lalande said, to each attain a level of independence and, “live life according to [our] ability.”

YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink

Experts say 3D printing can open a world of imagination and critical thinking.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Adonis Gonzales had always wanted to become a master electrician, but when he was asked to leave high school at 16 because of a poor attendance record, his prospects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate Challenge Academy, a tuition-free program that offers 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts an opportunity to earn a GED and learn a trade. A 3D printing technology class that Gonzales took through the program proved to be eye-opening. “When I first went into the class, I saw the computers and printer and thought that it was going to be too hard,” said Gonzales. “But then the instructor said that if we could imagine something, then we can create it. The first thing I made was a heart with my daughter’s name on it.” The class was part of an initiative called 3D ThinkLink, a program designed to teach critical thinking and problem solving skills through 3D design and printing. The class was run by YouthQuest, a



A variety of summer camp activities are offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. 3D printing will be a new activity this summer.

Chantilly-based nonprofit that provides at-risk youth with educational scholarships to pursue their college or vocational aspirations.

Linda Mann, Ph.D., one of the organization’s founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond technology. The class will be offered as part of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. “I discovered that we could use 3D printing to teach critical thinking and problem solving to the kids we served,” said Mann. “Many of the kids hadn’t learned to think critically or to problem solve. They’d learned that failure was a way of life, but with 3D printing, they

learn that failure isn’t the end, it’s the beginning.”

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB staffers agree, saying ThinkLink will inspire students.

“It will be an excellent opportunity for the youth here, who sometimes are in difficult living situations, to see that if they work hard and put in effort, they can have a bright future,” said Chris Roberts, science, technology, education and math (STEM) regional director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. “I think the students will be excited. It will be inspirational and have activities that will lead them to think more about what they can do in their future and what the future will bring.” “It will reinforce their existing

Give

The group hopes to raise \$8,000 to publish an introductory 3D design and printing curriculum for students of all ages.

The campaign will end on July 1 at noon. To donate, visit www.youthquestfoundation.org.

STEM skills, but we hope it will boost their self-confidence,” said Wonhee Kang, D.Min., senior director, Fairfax County Region, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. “They can imagine something and then see their idea turn into reality. That will really give their self-confidence a boost.” Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. “They showed us that you can create anything that comes to your mind,” he said. “If one of us had a problem, then we brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently.” Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are basic but foreign concepts to many disadvantaged children. Mann hopes that changes this summer. “It is important for them to see that they can make a difference in the real world,” said Mann. “They could be brilliant scientists or teachers or whatever they want to be,” she said. “For people who have succeeded, it’s important to give back.

That’s what keeps our community. It’s important to make a difference with the skills and talents that we have.”

Ideas for Summer Learning

Experts offer suggestions for avoiding summer brain drain.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While summer is opportunity for fun, it can also be a breeding ground for stagnation. In fact, the National Summer Learning Association reports children can experience learning loss when they are not engaged in educational activities while on school break. From summer reading programs at local libraries to nature walks in the woods, local educators offer ideas for combining enriching experiences and warm weather fun. “Most local libraries have a reading program that offers kids incentives for reading books during the summer,” said Peggy Woodstock, a

Bethesda, Md., based reading specialist. “They add an element of competition which can offer a boost to many kids.”

Think of the natural world as an interactive classroom as well. “Hiking and camping are great ways to get kids excited about science and nature,” said Amy Adams, director, Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program at George Mason University in Fairfax. “There are some local parks that have nature programs and guided walks.” Adams recommends Eleanor Lawrence Park in Chantilly and Great Falls Park in McLean. “Allow children to explore, but it’s always nice to give guidance as well,” said Adams.

“For example, ‘Let’s go on this hike and look for evidence that an animal was present,’ and then kids get involved trying to determine which animal it was.”

Trading video games for blue foam blocks at the National Building Museum’s “Work, Play, Build” exhibit is another option. It’s a hands-

on, interactive space that offers children an opportunity to see the work of architects and engineers. The National Zoo and the Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C., the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Md., and the Air and Space Museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly are also good choices for children. In addition, the Potomac Overlook Nature Center in Arlington is “great for teaching kids about birds, turtles and birds of prey,” said Adams. “Farms or petting zoos are also great for teaching kids about animals and nature.”

“4-H programs at local fairs would be another great way to learn about nature and animals,” Adams continued. “Parents can look online for at-home science experiments for kids,” on sites like <http://www.curiosityzone.com/Experiments>.

There is plenty of inspiration to be had at home as well, says Gail Multop, who teaches early childhood development at Northern Vir-

ginia Community College. “You can build things at home with your kids,” she said.

“Experiments with water are great. Use funnels and buckets of water and experiment with how water flows.”

Multop shares ideas for learning on her blog, “The Arts and Early Childhood Education.”

For building projects at home, “parents should save cardboard, paper towel rolls, shoeboxes, etc. and provide duct tape and paints. Kids can build castles [and] space ships,” she added.

For more inspiration, Multop recommends a blog by Alexandria-based educator Peggy Ashbrook: <http://families.naeyc.org/blog/124>.

“She has lots of activities on it that encourage learning about science in a fun way,” said Multop. “What’s really important for kids is to inquire and for parents not to give them the answer, but help them find the answers.”

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Great Falls Farmers Market Offers Father's Day Ideas

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY
MARKET MANAGER

Local Great Falls Dads are amazing: They work so hard at their careers, contributing good to the world - yet find the time to coach, counsel, guide, chauffeur, applaud and cheer their awesome kids.

Kudos to all our farmers-market dads who come by most Saturdays, buy their kids a muffin, cinnamon bun, empanada, crepe or even an entire baguette - and hang out at the market, listening to music while doing some shopping for family meals. We especially love those Dads who cook for their family - searching for, and finding - the perfect ingredients for their favorite recipes.

How to show Dad your appreciation on Father's Day? Well, here are some of our ideas from our "unique boutique" farmers market vendors...

Good Eats

How about grass-fed, pastured beef? A pastured chicken? Day Spring Farm has a wide assortment of beef, chicken and other meats.

Empanadas from around the world? World Eats, recently opened by local resident, Luke Wahlgren, hand-makes empanadas using recipes from around the world.

A hot quiche, spiced to perfection? Plain & Simple, owned by Great Falls resident, Jo So, delights your taste with imaginative, perfectly seasoned quiches.

A cold salad, or grilled veggie tray made from local vegetables? Whether potatoes and onions for potato salad, cucumbers and tomatoes, zucchini, squash, mushrooms and more, local Diaz Berries and Veggies from Colonial Beach, Virginia or Tuscarora Organic Growers Coop of Pennsylvania - two-thirds of the member small family farms are Amish. They have what you need to add flavorful, seasonal produce to your special occasion. And then there is Oh! Pickles who has the pickles and sauerkraut to add pizzazz to any meal.

An assorted tray of cheeses with crunchy baguette slices? Let Carl of Tom's Amish prepare an assortment of cheeses for you to fill your cheese tray. Purchase a crunchy baguette at Baguette Republic - slice it thin and toast lightly, a great accompaniment to cheese. Add cheese, tomato, olive oil and vinegar for a lovely appetizer.

Amazing Treats

A striking world-class pastry? Xocolata's founder and chef Cassity Jones, has more than 14 years experience in pastry arts, working in five-star, five-diamond hotels and restaurants—including Le Cirque, Circo, Bellagio, and Four Seasons—with world-renowned pastry chefs who have contributed to the evolution of culinary arts and science. His macaroons, mousse cakes, brownies and other creations, combine tra-



Great Falls Dad feeding the athlete.

ditional flavors with more exotic combinations and modern design to create a palatable and visual experience - satisfying the most demanding and sophisticated tastes. (If this describes your Dad, you know what to bring for dessert!)

A plain and simple tart - minimal sugar? Check out Jo's individual berry pies, pecan pie tarts and salted carmel brownies, on the menu this Saturday. Plain and Simple focuses on the simplicity of good ingredients with traditional southern methods. No frills. No fuss. Just good stuff.

An artistic fruit pie? Kandis Smith is returning to our market with her highly artistic apple, strawberry and blueberry pies - big enough for the whole family.

An artisan bakery special? Baguette Republic has been at our market since day one, enjoying many long-time fans. An artisan wholesale baker, you can find your Dad's favorite pastries, breads, cakes and pies at this stand in the European tradition.

Gourmet vegan? Postmodern Foods, owned by Denise Hicks, can provide Dad with a thick rich smoothie, juice, salad, savory or dessert, fresh as can be, and nutrient dense raw to boot - and now is available all week long at a storefront next to the Old Brogue.

A bowl of berries with chocolate sauce on top? Looking for blueberries, blackberries, gold berries, raspberries? Alma of Diaz Berries & Veggies has them all, grown by her husband, a master berry farmer! Cassity Jones, owner of Xocolata, prepares an exquisite chocolate sauce - low on sugar, high



Great Falls Dad taking the gang for a walk.

on fruit and chocolate - that can be dripped over the top.

How About a Unique Gift?

Local history? A book, a stack of postcards, or a T-shirt from the Great Falls Historical Society.

A bicycle repair? On Site Bike Repair is coming to our farmers market on July 4. Set up an appointment.

Anti-allergy honey? Jeff & Sharon Rainey's Backyard Eden Honey.

A three-day-cleanse/juice fast? Postmodern Foods is the place to go to purchase an excellent 6-drink-per-day three-day fast, known for its great detox results.

A fusti of extra virgin olive oil? What's a fusti? Meet Pericles Konstas, a Vienna, Va., resident and owner of Spartan Olive Oil, who will be at our market next Saturday with this and other gift items, sure to delight Dad.

A complete set of hot sauces? Bob Henry of Henry Hot Sauces grew up here in Great Falls. He has a wide array of hot sauce flavors and heat levels to spice up Dad's summer barbeque effort.

A raised-bed veggie garden in your backyard? Ian Mc Keown of State Gardens will install a vegetable garden for Dad that he can enjoy all year long.

A lambskin? Day Spring Farm has some lambskins for sale that are wonderful to sleep on and are reputed to relieve aches

and pains. If age is getting to your dad, this could be a very comforting gift.

How About a Farmers Market Basket?

Want to win a Farmers Market basket for your Dad? At the start of the summer market season every year we have a "Get to Know the Vendors" raffle: The more vendors you shop at, the more chances you have to win the Farmers Market Basket. We give you a free raffle ticket each time you make a purchase.

Want to eliminate the risk of losing? You can purchase a Farmers Market basket for Dad. If you want to give Dad a bit of everything the market offers - something from every vendor at the market, our choice - you may order a basket for your Dad in advance. The cost is \$120, which will be split among the vendors based on what they contribute to the basket. To order, call 917-673-3149. Pick up at the market next Saturday.

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Great Falls Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. 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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Tyson's Concerts on the Plaza. 6-8 p.m. Tyson's Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tyson's Corner. Sit back and enjoy live music with a special line up each week. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 10 a.m. each Friday morning in the mall concourse on level 2 next to ZARA.

THROUGH SATURDAY/AUG. 1

What's in Your Garden? Tuesdays - Saturdays. Vienna Arts Society "Gallery in the Village Green," 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

ART, MUSIC, THEATRE

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

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

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Free Yoga Class. 7:45-8:45 a.m. The Plaza, Tyson's Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tyson's. Free yoga class instructed by East Meets West Yoga Studio in McLean. Bring your mat and get ready to stretch.

Daryl Hance Power Trio. 7 p.m. Woo Live, 8420 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Devil Down Records artist Daryl Hance will be bringing his Power Trio for a performance at Woo Liv full of funky, bluesy, rock and roll music. Tickets: \$12.

Lindsey Stirling. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Made famous by her viral YouTube video "Crystallize," the ever-innovative dancing violinist and Billboard chart-topper fuses the romance of Celtic folk and modern classical with the infectious energy of dance and electronica. Tickets: \$22-\$50. www.wolftrap.org.

Evening Book Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join in a book discussion. Call 703-757-8560 for book title. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Classic Books Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy

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The Taste of Reston, produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, is the largest outdoor food festival in the area and was voted 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 "Northern Virginia's Best Food Festival" by Virginia Living magazine. Join the fun starting June 19-21 at Reston Town Center for a weekend of restaurants and community vendors, live entertainment on three stages, a carnival, the Family Fun Zone and a Wine 'n Dine area. Weekend's schedule: Friday, June 19, 3-11 p.m.; Saturday, June 20, noon-11 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., carnival only. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. For tickets and more information, visit <http://www.restontaste.com/>.

for a discussion of "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" by Milan Kundera. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Back to the Future. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Power up the DeLorean and join Marty McFly and the National Symphony Orchestra as they take you Back to the Future with this beloved film projected in HD on the big screen with Alan Silvestri's expanded score performed live. Tickets: \$30-\$58. www.wolftrap.org.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring your child to play, and engage in conversation over coffee. <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 games. All skill levels and ages welcome. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19-SATURDAY/SEPT 5

Summer Reading Program. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Attend summer events and check out books. All ages. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Vienna Walk 'n Wash. 8 a.m. - Noon. Vienna Town Green, Maple Avenue at Mill Street. Join fellow dog lovers for the Vienna Dog Wash 'n Walk. The registration fee of \$25 per dog includes a bandanna and a Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) pin. Dog washes are also available for \$15 each. www.vetsfwd.org.

Kayak Mini Float Trip. 11 a.m. - Noon. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. A scenic wagon ride from the Visitors Center upriver. Then enjoy a 1.5 mile instructor-led float trip down the river through riffles and flat water. The cost is \$38 for a one and two person kayak. 703-759-3211.

Patowmack Canal Walk. 2-3 p.m. Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Few people envision George Washington as an entrepreneur of a canal system on the Potomac River and westward expansion. Explore the Patowmack Canal with a Ranger to discover the history of Great Falls in the late 1700s. Easy 1/2 mile hike round trip.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Wood Carving Lesson. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Treat Dad to a free wood carving lesson with the Northern Virginia Carvers. Nominal charge for wood blanks. Free mill

tours for all fathers accompanied by their children.

Father's Day Family Fishing. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Celebrate Father's Day at Riverbend Park with fishing. The cost is \$8 per person and includes supplies and equipment or you may bring your own rod and reel. All fish caught will be released. 703-759-3211.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. 9 a.m. Oak Marr Golf Course, 3200 Jermanstown Street, Oakton. For ages 8-17, young competitors will be playing with their fathers in a two-person scramble format tournament. There will be trophies awarded for each age category. The cost is \$40 per team and is due at the time of registration. 703-255-5390.

Sunrise Kayak Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Enjoy breathtaking views as the summer sun rises over the Potomac River. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of this island-dotted section of the Potomac. The cost is \$38 and includes one and two person kayaks. 703-759-3211.

MONDAY/JUNE 22

Kids Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come in for a kid's book club discussion. Ages 8-12. Call 703-757-8560 for book title.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Pokémon League. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play Pokémon with friends. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

THURSDAY/JUNE 25

Sheep Dog Detectives. 2:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve during a puppet show. All ages.

FRIDAY/JUNE 26

Play Date Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring your child to play, and engage in conversation over coffee. For preschool aged children. <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, play chess and assorted board games. All skill levels and ages welcome.

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Langley Boys' Soccer Wins First State Championship

Head Coach Amato earns 100th win at Langley.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Following Saturday's 6A state championship match, Langley boys' soccer coach Bo Amato referenced the saying "players win and coaches lose."

If the saying is true, then a conversation Amato had with the Saxons prior to the state tournament could be considered a coach asking his players for a favor.

"I hate to break it to you boys, but I looked at my record after regionals," Amato said to a Langley team on the verge of history. "I'm 98-27-12 [at Langley] and I want to win my 100th with you, not some rinky-dink game next year that means nothing."

When it came time to step on the field for the state tournament at Robinson Secondary School, Langley not only rewarded Amato with a career milestone, the Saxons left their mark on school history.

After defeating James River 3-0 in Friday's 6A state semifinals, Langley beat Madison 2-0 in the state final on Saturday, June 13, giving the Saxons their first state championship and Amato his 100th win in eight years with the program.

FACING THE WARHAWKS for a fourth time this season, the Saxons took a 1-0 lead when sophomore striker Jacob Labovitz netted a goal in the 34th minute. Junior Cameron Basco added an insurance goal from roughly 45 yards out in the 77th minute, giving Langley its fourth win of the year over Madison.

Labovitz, a club soccer player who made an effort to play for his high school, finished the season with 26 goals.

"Langley's never won a state championship and I wanted to help them get it," he said. "I wanted the school to have it, [and for people to] always be able to look at the front of the building [and] look at the state championship."

After the match, when players were receiving their individual awards, Amato playfully pretended to bow toward Labovitz.

"I don't like singling people out because it's a team sport," Amato said, "but before the season even started ... he told [his club team] he wanted to play [for Langley High School]. ... He wanted to win and I've never in my life at this school had an underclassman so aggressively contact me about wanting to win."

Labovitz praised Amato, who has also won a private school state title with St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and a club championship with Annandale United FC.

"He's a great guy," Labovitz said. "He keeps me going. He's always positive with me, never gets down on me [and] makes me a better player."

Langley senior midfielder and captain



Led by head coach Bo Amato, center, the Langley boys' soccer team won the first state championship in program history on June 13, beating Madison 2-0 in the 6A state final at Robinson Secondary School.

Langley goalkeeper Cole Stinger tallied seven saves against Madison in the state final on June 13.

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Daniel Levetown shared Labovitz' admiration for Amato.

"He's a great coach and he's really pushed me to become the player I am today," Levetown said. "Without him, we wouldn't have been here. There's no way."

SATURDAY'S WIN bumped Langley's final record to 20-1-1. The Saxons beat Fairfax 1-0 on May 21 to win the Conference 6 championship, and defeated Madison 2-1 on June 5 to capture the program's first 6A North region title.

"Langley's never won a state championship and I wanted to help them get it. I wanted the school to have it, [and for people to] always be able to look at the front of the building [and] look at the state championship."

— Langley sophomore Jacob Labovitz

Langley beat Madison 2-0 during the regular season on April 21 and 2-1 in the conference tournament semifinals on May 19. In the region final, the Warhawks jumped out to a 1-0 lead before the Saxons came back to win — something Amato said aided Langley in pulling off the seemingly tough task of beating a team for a fourth time.

"It's good that we went down a goal in the regional final," Amato said. "In the first half, we were so poor."

They didn't react to anything I said, so at halftime we had a little talk. If we had rolled them over in the regionals, they would have beat us tonight."

Langley senior goalkeeper and captain Cole Stinger finished with seven saves in Saturday's state final.

"High school soccer is so much fun," said Stinger, who will play for the University of Delaware. "You get to play with your friends, represent your school, have all the fans that we had come out. It's awesome."

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No Joke, But Funny Nonetheless

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not that I ever want to use my having cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit, it's a doozy. And it's probably the best thing about the diagnosis/prognosis. However, it's not as if there are a number of other advantages to the disease. Nevertheless, having such a readily-available, go-to, slam dunk of an excuse is not exactly like a "Get-out-of-jail" card made desirable in the original Monopoly board game, but let's be realistic: us cancer patients need/deserve all the help we can get. And just like a little compassion goes a long way toward fluffing our pillow, so too does having a beyond-reproach excuse occasionally simplify a muddled state of affairs, personally and professionally. It's an equal opportunity "excuser."

And "muddled;" morning, noon or night; conscious, subconscious and probably even unconscious, is how this cancer patient, as most others I would bet, live their lives. Whether you want to or not, it is impossible – with a capitol "I," to not view your new cancer-diagnosed life/life expectancy through the prism of your diagnosis. Not that that prism has to make you a prisoner of your prognosis (or alliteration), but to think it's not going to change your perspective, your priorities and your decision-making is to not accept your new reality. And accepting that new reality doesn't mean compromising your principals or giving in or giving up or even yielding the floor. It simply means that you're able to move on. Resistance is not futile. Cancer is not "The Borg." Moreover, assimilating this terrible fact into your head and heart and not obsessing about it opens up your life to more potentially fulfilling and rewarding experiences that might actually enable you to survive and maybe even thrive. Otherwise, as the doctor in Miles City, Montana Territory (at the time) said to Augustus McCray in part IV of "Lonesome Dove" after Gus refused to let him amputate his remaining infected leg – which would ultimately lead to his death: "I assure you, sir, the alternative is gloomy." But Gus wasn't gloomy. He was thoughtful and self-effacing. He explained his refusal for not allowing a second amputation: "I like to kick a pig every once in a while. How would I do that?"

Well, as much as possible, even though I have been diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, I am not going to be a negative Nellie or a dismal Jimmy. I'm going to try and remain an upbeat Kenny. Certainly I'm not thrilled about my circumstances and I do have my moments when I'm not great company. Still, making fun of an incredibly heavy burden is the only way I know how to lighten the load. And lightening the load is my path of least resistance. It's not futile at all. It's who I am. It's what I do. Now if the cancer will just continue to cooperate, we can all live forward and have a few laughs.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Container Gardening. 4 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn how to use containers for effective and decorative gardening. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

English Conversation One-On-One. 1:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Non-native speakers can drop by and practice English with a library volunteer. Call 703-242-4020 for appointments. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Babies & Books Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come in for stories, songs and activities. Ages birth-2 years with adult. / www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/.

ESL Conversation Group. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice English in a casual conversation group. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

MONDAY/JUNE 29

Effective English. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Get expert help with speaking conversing, reading and writing, and listening and comprehending. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm

Spanish Chat. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come and converse in Spanish with native speakers. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/.

ONGOING

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

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

Run With the Doctor. Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd, Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. facebook.com/runwiththedoctor.

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles. \$10. 703-667-9800.

Coffee/Tea Poetry Group. Poets and poetry lovers seek to form a group to meet once a month at a local coffee/tea shop to enjoy each other's creations. 703-819-1690.

Virginia Sheriff's Institute Scholarship Program. Those enrolled in a Virginia college or university who are pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice are eligible for the Virginia Sheriff's Institute Scholarship Program; recommendation letter needed. 703-246-3251, shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov or <http://vasherriffsinstitute.org/scholarship/>.

Everest College Free GED Test Preparation. Tysons Corner, Vienna. Free GED test preparation and credential completion program, GED Advantage, open to the public. 1-888-201-6547.

Weekly TIPS Lunch. 12:15-1:30 p.m., at Shula's, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce does lunch. 703-862-4895.



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PROPOSAL TO CLEANUP AT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SITE

There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at:

Mount Vernon #27434
1824 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, Virginia 22209

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Mount Vernon Petroleum Realty, LLC to develop a Corrective Action Plan Addendum (CAPA) to modify remediation endpoints at the site. If you have questions regarding the cleanup, please contact:

Kleinfelder
1340 Charwood Road, Suite I
Hanover, Maryland 21076
(443) 850-0404

The CAPA will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on June 17, 2015. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed CAPA with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Joseph Glassman (Joseph.Glassman@deq.virginia.gov) at (703) 583-3808 after the date of the CAPA submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the CAPA until July 17, 2015. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC# 2009-3121.

Department of Environmental Quality
Storage Tank Program
13901 Crown Court
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES'
SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HUNTER MILL WEST,
L.C.
LOCATED AT
10736 SUNSET HILLS ROAD, VIENNA, VIRGINIA
SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT
JUNE 18, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on June 18, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10736 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number: 0183-02-0004) located in Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE
ALL CASH. The Property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property.

The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the Property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale.

Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").
A bidder's deposit of \$150,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check shall be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within thirty (30) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE

ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation. Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182 or other mutually agreed location. Purchaser shall also pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments, together with penalties and interest due thereon. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees, congestion relief fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action Purchaser may have against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any condition with respect to the Property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any law, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the Property.

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the Property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the defaulting bidder, and the defaulting bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the Property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the Property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Substitute Trustee
Patrick W. Lincoln, Substitute Trustee
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Esq.
Venable LLP
8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300
Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182
(703) 760-1600

ABC LICENSE
Intrepid Wines, LLC trading as Intrepid Wines, 1621 23rd St. South, Arlington, VA 22202. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine Shipping (Wholesale) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Charles W. Fowler III, President
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC LICENSE
Virginia Eats, LLC & CCRC Tysons, LLC trading as America Eats Tavern, 1700 Tysons Blvd Fl 4, Mclean, VA 22102. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Mixed Beverage Caterer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Robert Wilder, Vice Chairman/Shareholder of Think Food Group LLC (Managing Member of Virginia Eats, LLC)
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