

# McLean CONNECTION

Syd Kirk as Cinderella and  
Christophe Jelinski as Prince  
Topher in the TheatreMcLean  
production of 'Cinderella.' This  
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at 2 p.m. at the Burke Theater  
in McLean High School

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## PEOPLE



Eric Lin

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### McLean Pianist Wins Three Competitions

Eric Lin, 15, TJHSST sophomore won the NSO Young Soloists Competition. The competitions started with a field of 32 musicians, including instrumentalists and pianists, in the preliminary competition. The nine finalists musicians including instrumentalists and pianists, competed at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on March 20. Lin won the competition and was awarded a monetary prize and the opportunity to perform as soloist with the Na-

tional Symphony Orchestra at Kennedy Center in June 2016.

On March 17, he also won the James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition held in the Alden in McLean. This is his second year winning the contest.

On Feb. 14, Lin also won the David D. Dubois piano competition held in Ohio.

He was named as Alternate in the MTNA Eastern senior division competition held in New Jersey on Jan. 31.

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# Challenge of Infill Development

**McLean, Great Falls may face new hurdles with passage of law restricting proffers.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**G**reat Falls was called Forestville until 1953, said Bill Canis, vice president of the Great Falls Citizens Association.

"Residents cherished those forests," said Canis. "It's one of the reasons most of us moved here."

"When things come up, whether it be highways or development, that seem to cause a question mark in terms of the future," he said, "residents become very concerned."

Infill development, and by-right development, where applicants don't have to get county permission to build new houses because there is no change in zoning, has caused concern the last few years, both in McLean and Great Falls.

Great Falls Citizens Association held a forum March 8 at the Great Falls Grange focusing on preserving trees, co-sponsored by Supervisor John Foust, Bob Vickers, president of the Tree Commission, and the county's Forest Conservation Branch, Urban Forest Management Division.

McLean Citizens Association and the McLean Trees Foundation is scheduled to hold its own event on preservation of the tree canopy and the issue of infill development in late April. Planners hope to have developers as part of the panel discussion in McLean.

The Great Falls forum prompted hope, even suggestion, for citizens to become involved in protecting the tree canopy in Great Falls and the county.

"In a rezoning case, it's our best opportunity to negotiate tree preservation," said Craig Herwig, branch chief from the Forest Conservation Branch of the Urban Forest Management Division. "We can often get more than 30 percent in the rezoning process through proffers, which are obligations or negotiated agreements between the developer and the county. Often times, tree preservation is part of those proffers."

For example, GFCA, citizens and the developer have been in negotiations and discussions over Brooks Farm in Great Falls for more than a year. The Planning Commission is currently scheduled to make a recommendation on April 14, although two previously scheduled hearings were deferred.

"Brooks, it's a beautiful piece of property," said Herwig.

"Tree loss from infill development in our older McLean neighborhoods, especially



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

**Infill development on Franklin Lane in McLean. Both McLean Citizens Association and Great Falls Citizens Association are raising concerns about loss of mature trees during the in-fill development process.**

Chesterbrook Woods, Langley Broyhill Estates, Turkey Run Road, and Franklin Park will continue as an issue as long as developers tear down older homes, clear cut lots, and build larger homes," asserts the McLean Citizens Association in minutes from its February board meeting.

**COUNTY STAFF COUNT** on residents to alert them to areas of particular concern, they said.

"We don't have the staff to look at the over 800 plans that come in front of the county every year," said Keith Cline, Urban Forest Management Division director. "But we work at a number of them, especially if the application is asking for some type of a variance asking to have less trees targeted or required by the ordinance."

Citizens can get involved.

Herwig and Cline passed numbers to call at the Urban Forest Management Division (703-324-1770), the site development and inspections division which plans review and site inspections (703-324-1770).

"If a citizen says, 'I'm really concerned about this house coming in next to me, would you please take a look at this plan,' then we'll look very closely," said Cline.

The Tree Ordinance is enforced even on the smallest lot by a site engineer, he said.

Other resources include the Department of Planning and Zoning website to learn

ers and zoning records: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet>.

"I have to remind myself that development is not bad. If done properly, in fact, it can be very beneficial,"

**"If a citizen says, 'I'm really concerned about this house coming in next to me, would you please take a look at this plan,' then we'll look very closely."**

**—Keith Cline, director, Urban Forest Management Division**

said Vickers, Dranesville's Tree Commissioner. "Certainly, the purpose of the Tree Ordinance is to preserve the trees."

**VICKERS REMINDED** the audience at the Great Falls Grange that Virginia is a Dillon Rule State.

"This comes up in McLean," he said.

"People in McLean say, 'Why doesn't the county pass a stricter tree ordinance and have tougher penalties, et cetera, et cetera?'" he said. "The fact of the matter is, we are what is called a Dillon Rule State. It gives property owners a lot of authority to do what they want with their property," said Vickers. "The county cannot pass an ordinance that exceeds what the state allows. Just to get that ordinance passed, we basically had to go down to the state legislature and virtually beg them to give us some authority to be able to protect the tree canopy."

While there was talk of getting stronger tools for the county to use in regulating infill development, in fact this year's session of the General Assembly resulted in rolling back the county's power to use proffers. A new law

greatly restricting local governments in asking developers for proffers in the rezoning process goes into effect this summer.



**Bill Canis, Great Falls Citizens Association vice president, with Bob Vickers, Fairfax County Tree Commissioner, at the Great Falls Tree Forum: Protecting Neighborhood Tree Cover on March 8 at the Great Falls Grange.**

"what's going on in my neighborhood": <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/myneighborhood.htm> and the LDSnet which shows site plans, grading plans, waiv-



# OPINION

## Money to Treat Addiction, Mental Health Issues

**Affordable Care Act could pay for help, better health for 100,000 uninsured people in Virginia with mental illness or addiction issues.**

**P**oor people without health insurance in Virginia are being unnecessarily tortured, in some cases to death, by a General Assembly that refuses to expand Medicaid. They deny healthcare to as many as 400,00 Virginians despite the fact that for the first three years, there would be no additional cost to the Commonwealth, and after that Feds would pay at least 90 percent of the cost.

A new report released on Monday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services points to an area beyond preventative medicine and primary care. According to the report, in Virginia, 102,000 uninsured people with a mental illness or substance use disorder could qualify for coverage if Medicaid were expanded under the Affordable Care Act. The report estimates that more than a third of low income people in Virginia without health insurance have "behavioral health" needs.

As Virginia and the rest of the nation wrestles with huge growth in heroin and opioid addiction, expanding Medicaid would allow for expanding treatment programs. One of the big

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obstacles to helping people who are fighting addiction is the availability of treatment when it is most needed. People die as a result. In Northern Virginia, heroin-related deaths increased 164 percent between 2011 and 2013. In Fairfax County, in just one year – from 2013 to 2014 – the number of deaths from heroin overdose doubled. Virginia is one of 14 states identified in a recent Centers for Disease Control reports with significant increases in overdose deaths in the last few years. Nationally, heroin overdose death rates increased by 26 percent from 2013 to 2014 and have more than tripled since 2010, according to the CDC. A mind boggling statistic: In 2014, there were approximately one-and-a-half times more drug overdose deaths in the United States than deaths from motor vehicle crashes.

Turning away resources to treat this eviscerating epidemic ensures that some people who need treatment but cannot access it will die. Turning away this money makes no more sense than sending back federal funding for building rail to Dulles.

Depression and other mental health disor-

ders result in significant economic cost as well. This week's HHS report estimates that if Virginia expanded Medicaid, 16,000 fewer individuals would experience symptoms of depression, which would make them far more likely to be able to work.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states have the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage to individuals with family incomes at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

### Get involved, Budget

Next week, Fairfax County residents will have three opportunities to weigh in on what has so far been a fairly contentious budget season.

Sign up to attend a public hearing at the Fairfax County Government Center on the proposed FY 2017 Budget:

- ❖ April 5, beginning at 4 p.m.
- ❖ April 6, beginning at 1 p.m.
- ❖ April 7, beginning at 1 p.m.

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More information on the budget, and a link to sign up to speak can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/many-ways-to-provide-your-input-on-the-fy-2017-budget/>.

## Congress Must Act on the Growing Opioid Epidemic

BY U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-11)

**O**ur nation is in the midst of an exploding opioid epidemic. This crisis does not discriminate on the basis of a particular community or demographic. Often hiding in the shadows, the death toll is rising across the country.

Our own experience in Virginia mirrors this growing national threat. In Northern Virginia, for example, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board reported a 22 percent increase in reported use of any opiate between 2011 and 2014. Even more troubling, heroin-related deaths increased 164 percent between 2011 and 2013.

Last week, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, on which I sit, held an important hearing on the opioid and heroin epidemic. At that hearing was Don Flattery, a Fairfax County parent whose 26-year-old son, Kevin, died from an opiate overdose after a 13-month struggle with addiction. Mr. Flattery has turned that personal loss into his life's mission. He is a fierce advocate for those who suffer from addiction, serves on Virginia's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse, and is bringing light to this issue.

While the heroin and opioid abuse crisis is alarming, sadly the path that has led us to this tragic state is very clear. The prescription of



opiates has grown drastically over the past two decades resulting in dependency, addiction, and abuse.

For example, according to the 2016 CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, 20 percent of patient visits to physician offices with non-cancer pain symptoms or pain-related diagnoses receive an opioid prescription. An astounding 259 million prescriptions were written for opioid pain medication

in 2012. That's enough for every adult in the United States to have a bottle of pills.

In 2013, two-thirds of opiate-related deaths were from prescription opioids and one-third were tied to heroin usage. With less than 5 percent of the world's population, the U.S. consumes 80 percent of the world's opioid prescriptions. Other nations use a wide variety of less risky methods to treat pain, especially for chronic pain conditions. As a country, we must be willing to reexamine the way we treat pain.

There are a number of interventions we can take to diminish opioid drug abuse such as the creation of state-run Prescription Drug Monitoring Program databases to better track prescriptions of controlled substances and the development of abuse-deterrents.

We need to better inform doctors as well as patients about the dangers of the medicines they prescribe and improve labeling. Notably the FDA just announced that immediate-release opioid painkillers such as oxycodone and

fentanyl will now have to carry a "black box" warning about the risk of abuse, addiction, overdose and death. The Obama Administration has put forth a proposal, which I support, that includes \$1.1 billion in new federal money to strengthen treatment and prevention strategies.

The American people are looking for Congress to engage in this fight and help stem the crisis. I joined many of my colleagues to urge the House Majority to cancel its two-week recess and immediately take action on the President's proposal. This plan is an investment in our local communities that will save lives and keep families intact. Continued congressional inaction is not an option. Our communities, our families, can no longer wait.

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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The award recipients pose for a joint photo.



## Vanessa Barlow of McLean High Receives Award for Aspirations in Computing

**M**cLean High School junior, Vanessa Barlow, received the 2016 National NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing.

The award, sponsored by the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) recognizes young high school women for their computing-related achievements, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and interests as part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology.

Award winners were selected from high schools across the United States for their outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, solid leadership ability, good academic history and plans for post-secondary education.

Vanessa said that she appreciates all of the opportunities provided to her from Girls Who Code, Girls in Technology, as well as her computer science and academy teachers.

Vanessa is an alumna of Girls Who Code. She knows how to code in seven computer languages. During her summer at Girls Who Code, Vanessa co-designed an app that helps girls and women get involved with technology, find nearby mentors, and spread awareness of upcoming tech events. Vanessa is a member of the Girls in Technology Program that has provided her with opportunities to network with technology professionals in the D.C. area. Vanessa has been recognized as a leader in technology at her school as she was chosen to be the academy ambassador for the cyber-security Computer Systems A + class where her goal is to encourage middle school girls to enroll in the academy. Vanessa loves to compete in hack-a-thons with her friends and is currently working towards a Computer Systems A+ certification. As she is interested in cyber security, she is a co-captain with her sister of a Cyber Patriot team. Vanessa hopes to attend a 4-year college and earn a degree in computer software/hardware engineering or earn a degree in cyber security. She is very passionate about technology and wants to encourage other girls to pursue technology careers. Vanessa hopes that in the future she can build something that makes a difference in the world.



**Vanessa Barlow, a junior at McLean High School, receiving the award from NCWIT at the ceremony hosted by Bank of America at the Ritz Carlton.**

Vanessa Barlow is one of 35 national award winners out of over 3,100 applicants. As part of her prize, Vanessa won an all-expense trip, sponsored by Bank of America, to the National Award ceremony on March 4 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. The schedule of events included mentoring, networking sessions, and remarks from workforce representatives on real-life examples of computing applications. Each award recipient received \$500, a laptop computer, and two engraved trophies – one for her and for her school. The award also qualifies the winners to numerous scholarships at colleges and universities.

For more information, go to [www.ncwit.org](http://www.ncwit.org).

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**Submit your written comments** about the environmental document by **April 15, 2016** to Amanda Baxter, Special Projects Development Manager, at the address noted above or by e-mail to [Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Please reference "Transform 66 Inside the Beltway" in the subject line.

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From left — Abby Comer as stepsister Gabriella, Diana Suk as evil Stepmother, George Stifel as Sebastian and director Phil Reid (seated).



The crowd watches as Prince Topher (Christophe Jelinski) meets Cinderella (Syd Kirk), as she defends Crazy Marie (Heidi Deger).

# TheatreMcLean to Present ‘Cinderella’

## Rodgers and Hammerstein musical will be McLean High’s entry in Cappies competition.

McLean High School’s award-winning theatre company, “TheatreMcLean,” continues the 2015-16 season with its production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “Cinderella” — featuring the Prince, his fancy ball, and that lovely maiden with a midnight deadline! The director is Phil Reid, the producer is Chip Rome and music director Mitch Bassman. This family-friendly show runs April 8, 14-16 at 7 p.m. and April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Burke Theater in McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. For advance ticket purchase or more information, visit [theatremclean.org](http://theatremclean.org).

TheatreMcLean’s rendition of this Broadway fairy tale offers a new twist: as Prince Topher searches for the one woman who can wear the glass slipper, he also finds his purpose in life. As for Ella, her magical journey proves that with a little magic, anything is possible. Can a servant girl attend the ball? How does a pumpkin transform into a carriage? Will Ella find love with the Prince of her dreams?

The musical features beloved songs such as “Ten Minutes Ago,” “Stepsisters Lament,” and “Impossible/It’s Possible.” This production will be TheatreMcLean’s entry to the “Cappies” competition, the national student critic organization.

“This is a show that everyone will want to see,” says producer Rome. “It’s not only a well-known favorite fairy tale with



From left — George Stifel as Sebastian, Christophe Jelinski as Prince Topher and Tori Garcia as Lady Pinkletoen.

terrific music and a wonderfully talented cast, but this Broadway version adds some new twists and turns to the story. At its heart, it’s about making your dreams come true. We all have dreams, and this musical reminds us that even if you think yours are impossible, ‘Impossible’ things are happening every day!”

Lead characters include: Syd Kirk (Ella), Christophe Jelinski (Price), Diana Suk (mother), Heidi Deger (Fairy Godmother), Alana Milstein (Charlotte), Abby Corney (Gabrielle), Tori Garcia (Lord Pinkelton), and George Stifle (Sebastien).

TheatreMcLean is made up of

Ella (Syd Kirk) meets her fairy godmother (Heidi Deger).



students, teachers and parents at McLean High School working together to produce challenging and award winning theatrical productions. The theater company partners with Girl Scout troops, Best Buddies Program at McLean High School and senior citizen groups. Members of the cast will conduct meet and greet photo ops follow-

ing performances. Girl scouts will be given a backstage tour to learn firsthand how a musical production is done.

Based on characters created by Rodgers & Hammerstein, by permission of R&H Theatricals, with music and lyrics by Rodgers and Hammerstein, and book by Douglas Carter Beane.

## CALENDAR

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### ONGOING

**Driven to Abstraction.** April 1-30. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Features over 20 works. 703-757-8560.

**April Artist Showcase.** April 1-27. Broadway Gallery, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Great Falls Gallery will feature the paintings of Australian artist Ken Strong. [broadwaygalleries.net](http://broadwaygalleries.net). 703-450-8005.

**“Proof.”** March 31-May 8. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Pulitzer Prize-winning play. \$30/\$26/\$15. 1ststage Tysons.org. 703-854-1856.

**Time Traveler Tuesdays.** 4:30 p.m. March 29-June 7. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. This weekly series will take participants on an interactive journey through time, focusing on a different period in Virginia history each week. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/events.htm>.

**Scholarship.** Deadline April 1. The Bull Run Civil War Round Table in Centreville is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Fairfax or Prince William counties and will attend college or community college in fall 2016. Information and application instructions can be found at <http://bullruncwrt.org>.

**Pigments of My Imagination.** Jan. 4-March 31. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Long time Great Falls resident Donna Barnako, has created over a dozen colorful and whimsical small works. Her subjects are varied, from pigs to puppies and cowboy boots.

**Margaret Newton Original Oils.** Through March 31. Modern History Collection, 8100 F Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Great Falls original oil paintings. Opening reception with artist, Thursday, April 7 from 6-8 p.m. 703-942-6507.

**“Witness: Close Encounters of the Painting Kind.”** March 1-31. Katie’s Coffee at the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks’ solo exhibit of backyards, bars, beaches and other scenes keenly captured. [JillBanks.com](http://JillBanks.com).

**Weekly Storytime.** Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

**Tai Chi Beginners’ Practice.** Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke’s Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. FreeTaiChi.org. 703-759-9141.

**WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30**  
**“The Importance of Being Earnest.”** 7 p.m. The Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Presented by the American Shakespeare Center. Wit and style, brilliant and wicked comic masterpiece. 35/\$20. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

**THURSDAY/MARCH 31**  
**Game Night: Lanterns.** 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Bring friends, grab a snack from the Cafe and get ready for some board game fun. Free. 703-506-6756. <http://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2238>.

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**Family Movie Night.** 7-9:30 p.m. The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Gather the whole family and bring your blankets,

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**Lea Colie Wight Workshop: Painting the Head in Color.** 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Arts of Great Falls School, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Guides participants through exercises designed to extract specific information from the live model. \$400. [greatfallsart.org](http://greatfallsart.org).

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**Trunk Sale.** 9 a.m.-noon. Colvin Run Elementary School Parking Lot, 1400 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and spend a fun morning shopping for treasures. Spring bargains can be found on gently used household and children’s items. Free parking and admission. Rain date April 9th. Free. [cresevents@gmail.com](mailto:cresevents@gmail.com).

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**Author Allan Topol.** 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Book signing of “The Italian Divide: A Craig Page Thriller.” <http://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2238>.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 5

**Book Launch.** 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Michelle Mead’s “The Glittering Court.” Book signing and reading. <http://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2238>.

**Creativity and Aging.** 7-9 p.m. Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Discussion focusing on the exciting connection between creativity and aging by Caroline Edasis, Manager of Art Therapy for Mather LifeWays. Free. [GreatFallsStudios.com](http://GreatFallsStudios.com).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 8

**Fairfax Volunteer Awards.** 8 a.m. The Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Join Volunteer Fairfax, Chairman Sharon Bulova and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and other community leaders to celebrate the work of volunteers. Purchase tickets by April 4. \$50. For information and tickets go to [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

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U.S. Navy Commodores performs at McLean’s The Alden on Saturday, April 2.



### Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Open House and Public Hearing on Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Multimodal Components

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m. Open House – 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing**  
2300 Wilson Boulevard, First Floor Conference Room, Arlington, VA 22201

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) is seeking public input on the Multimodal Components submitted for FY 2017 funding consideration as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT’s) Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project.

NVTC will select multimodal components for presentation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for funding using toll revenues from VDOT’s Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project. The principal objective of the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project is to select and fund multimodal components that meet the improvement goals, which are to (1) move more people, (2) enhance transportation connectivity, (3) improve transit service, (4) reduce roadway congestion and (5) increase travel options. The improvement goals will benefit the users of the portion of I-66 between I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and U.S. Route 29 in the Rosslyn area of Arlington County.

NVTC urges the public to get involved by learning about and commenting on the proposed multimodal components during the **Open House and Public Hearing on May 5, 2016**. The meeting will be held at NVTC’s offices at **2300 Wilson Boulevard, First Floor Conference Room, Arlington, VA 22201**. The Open House will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will start at 7:00 p.m.

The list of submitted multimodal components for the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project is too extensive for publication in this advertisement. Beginning April 5, 2016, the proposed project list may be accessed via [www.novatransit.org/i66multimodal](http://www.novatransit.org/i66multimodal); by calling NVTC at 703-NVTC-321 (703-688-2321); by e-mailing [i66multimodal@nvtc.org](mailto:i66multimodal@nvtc.org); or by visiting NVTC’s offices at 2300 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 620, Arlington, VA 22201, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Comments may be submitted beginning April 5, 2016 by e-mail to [i66multimodal@nvtc.org](mailto:i66multimodal@nvtc.org) or via phone at 703-NVTC-321 (703-688-2321). The public comment period will be open from April 5, 2016 through the close of the Public Hearing on May 5, 2016. For additional information on the Open House and Public Hearing on May 5, 2016, contact NVTC at 703-NVTC-321 (703-688-2321).

Beginning April 5, 2016 you may pre-register to speak by:

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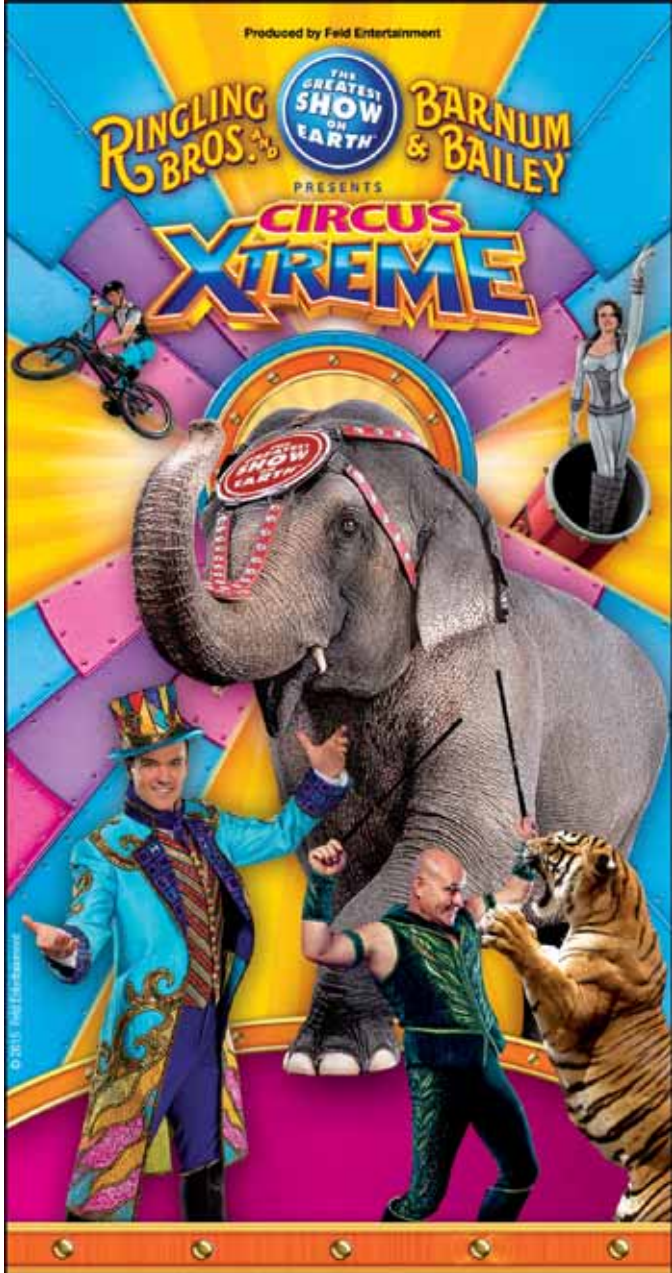
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# Marshall Baseball Starts 4-1

**T**he Marshall baseball team returned from spring break with a 4-1 record.

After starting the season with wins over Wakefield, Manassas Park and Centreville, the Statesmen suffered their first loss — a 9-1 defeat against Mountain View on March 23. Marshall, however, bounced back the next day, beating Fauquier 9-7.

The Statesmen, who finished 5A state runner-up last season, faced Falls Church on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Marshall is scheduled to host Stuart at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, Edison at 6:30 p.m. on April 5, and defending state champion Stone Bridge at 6:30 p.m. on April 8.

## Madison Baseball to Host Oakton

The defending state champion Madison baseball team will host Vienna foe Oakton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 2.

Madison went 3-2 during a spring break trip to Sarasota, Florida, suffering losses to Florida schools Canterbury (Fort Meyers) and Venice.

After opening the season with 10-0 wins over Hayfield (March 16) and Yorktown (March 17), the Warhawks started their spring break trip with a 7-1 win over Manatee (Bradenton, Florida) on March 21. The following day, Madison lost 4-2 to Canterbury.

On March 23, Madison defeated Huntsville (Alabama) 2-1 and Palmetto 7-1, before closing its tournament appearance with a 2-1 loss to Venice the following day.

The Warhawks, who returned from spring break with a 5-2 record, faced Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Madison will travel to face Washington-Lee at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and will host Oakton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 2.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION  
**Robert Guenther and the Marshall baseball team started the season with a 4-1 record.**

## Madison Softball Wins Six Straight

The Madison softball team started the season with a six-game win streak before losing to South County 2-0 on March 24 in the Warhawks' final game of the Grand Strand Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The Warhawks opened the season with a 12-0 win over Hayfield on March 16 and a 12-1 victory over Yorktown on March 18. Madison then won its first four tournament games before falling to Fairfax County foe South County.

The Warhawks outscored opponents 76-8 during their first seven games.

Madison faced Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warhawks will travel to face Washington-Lee at 6 p.m.

on Friday, April 1, and will host Oakton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 2.

## McLean Baseball Splits 4 Spring Break Games

The McLean baseball team went 2-2 during a spring break tournament in Prince William County.

The Highlanders competed in the Let's Play 2 Tournament during spring break, with games against Fauquier, Edison, Stafford and Woodbridge. McLean split a doubleheader on March 19, losing to Fauquier 14-4 and beating Edison 8-6 at Potomac High School. The Highlanders defeated Stafford 6-5 on March 22 at Hylton High School, and lost to Woodbridge 6-4



**McLean head coach John Dowling**

on March 23 at Woodbridge High School, moving McLean's record to 3-3.

"We learned some things," McLean head coach John Dowling wrote in an email, "and I think in the long run will benefit from those games."

Dowling said senior pitcher/infielder Jon Clines and senior infielder/pitcher Conor Grammes have played well for McLean.

Through six games, Clines (VMI) was 2-0 with an ERA of 2.25 in two starts. He allowed 11 hits in 9 1/3 innings while walking five and striking out 13. At the plate, the senior was batting .318 with a team-leading seven RBIs in 22 at-bats.

Grammes (Xavier) led the team with a .400 batting average in 20 at-bats, with two doubles and five RBIs.

Senior Matt Collins, who will play at Harford Community College, hit .308 with a home run and five RBIs in 14 at-bats.

McLean's home opener against South Lakes on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline, started a stretch where the Highlanders are scheduled to play seven of nine games at home.

"Our schedule has been this way for a couple years now, where we have these long stretches of mostly away/home games," Dowling wrote. "Not sure it's made much of a difference for us, though. We know that on any given day we simply need to execute the things we can control — and when we do that the outcome takes care of itself."

McLean will host St. Albans at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 before hosting rival Langley at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

## South Lakes Softball Starts 5-2

The South Lakes softball team opened the season with victories over Langley (4-2, March 15) and Fairfax (3-0, March 17) before winning three of five games during a spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The Seahawks faced McLean on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. South Lakes will host Yorktown at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and will travel to take on Madison at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5.

## South Lakes Baseball to Host Herndon

The South Lakes and Herndon baseball teams are off to strong starts in 2016, which figures to add excitement to their upcoming matchup.

South Lakes will host rival Herndon at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. The Seahawks started the season 6-1,



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**The sixth grade Reston Seahawks Boys won the Division 2 Fairfax County Youth Basketball league championship with a 61-40 victory over Gainesville on March 6. Reston defeated Vienna and Fort Belvoir to get to the finals. The Seahawks are led by Coach Herb Landsowne and Chris Kennedy.**

according to allmetsports.com, winning six straight after a season-opening loss to Langley on March 16. The Hornets started 4-1, including a 3-2 victory over Peters Township on March 24.

South Lakes faced McLean on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline, and is scheduled to host Yorktown at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1.

## Herndon Boys' Soccer Beats South Lakes

The Herndon boys' soccer team opened the 2016 season with a 2-1 win over South Lakes on March 16.

The Hornets faced Briar Woods on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Herndon will travel to face Madison at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 31.

The loss dropped South Lakes' record to 0-2, including a 3-1 loss to Briar Woods on March 14.

The Seahawks faced Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. South Lakes will host Marshall at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, April 4.



News

## Making Sandwiches for Martha's Table

Churchill Road Elementary School continued its long-standing community service tradition by making sandwiches for Martha's Table, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. that serves sandwiches to those in need. On Wednesday, March 9, more than 100 Churchill Road kindergarteners, first, second and third graders, along with family members, made more than 2,200 sandwiches during this final sandwich-making event of the year, bringing this year's total to more than 4,500. The sandwiches were warmly received by the volunteers at Martha's Table when delivered by the PTA Community Service Committee co-chair Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter.



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**Churchill Road third graders Sophia Huang, Olivia Park, Ava Jackson and Avery Orfitelli formed a production line to make sandwiches for Martha's Table.**

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## No Real "APptitude"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or interest, either. However, unless I get in the game somehow, I fear I'll likely be tossed and/or discarded into the dustbin; along with the pay phone, pay toilet, land line, and of particular relevance to me: the flip phone, a.k.a "the stupid phone," as my wife, Dina, is fond of calling it (not a reflection or characterization of the user, though). But of course, that's the problem. I don't have a "smart" phone any more than I am a smart user. So apps are not exactly in my current vocabulary, although they used to be in my pre-Connection vocabulary when I sold insurance. The paper on which answers to questions were written for an insurance company/home office to consider was called an application, commonly referred to as an "app." Perhaps you can appreciate my confusion at not being able to integrate such new technology. After all, I am an old dog; presumably you know it's very difficult to teach an old dog new tricks – regardless of whether you change their food. Nevertheless, I suppose that if I want to be part of the future (not a cancer reference or cancer-column-to-be, by the way), I can't hold onto the present so tightly and I definitely need to let go of the past. When I watch "smart"-phone users – including my wife, scroll their "smart"-phone screens and then stop on an "app," it all seems easy and sensible. I don't imagine however, that in my hands, with my brain, with my lack of intuition and instincts for such technological two-steps (or one step) the scrolling would get me anywhere. But it does appear as if it would get me there quickly.

I have to admit, I am a bit envious of the scrolling and access to the internet/information "smart" phones seem to offer. Who, what, where, when and why intrigue me. It's the how that intimidates, though. Sure, I'd love to be one touch or a few scrolls away from the answers to any and all questions, but it's the learning curve for the device which scares me. In taking on this task, I feel as if I'll become a modern day Sisyphus – of Greek mythology. But instead of pushing a boulder up a mountain only to have it roll back down before ever reaching the top, I'll be pushing keys and constantly scrolling only to end up back at my cell phone's home screen setting. And since this is not a game – and not "Monopoly," landing on my home screen rather than passing it won't double my pleasure, and neither will I find myself on my intended target/"app." After repeated failures, no doubt I'll begin boiling over my level of incompetence. A "smart" phone needs to be in competent hands; mine are anything but.

If only I could receive 'round-the-clock training (actually, 8 am to about 9 pm); I'd like to think that with that kind of coaching, I would begin to assimilate the device into my head (sort of a reverse Borg effect). I mean, I'm not a complete moron. (Why, are there incomplete morons?) Presumably, after repeated and vigorous instruction, correction, re-instruction and re-correction, I'd likely become the master of this domain. It's not a contest, after all, and I'm probably not going to be graded on a curve, so if there was someone with sufficient patience (maybe patients, too) and perseverance, perhaps there would be a future for me living in the hand-help information age. I just have to repeat five simple words: "The phone is my friend. The phone is my friend. The phone is my friend." APPsolutely!

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