

Kent Gardens secondgrader and McLean resident Alara Reza and sister, fourth-grader Dania Reza, at McLean Day Saturday, May 21, at Lewinsville Park.

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A ride at McLean Day on a rainy Saturday, May 21.



League of Women Voters volunteer, bilingual educator, producer Diana Watkins, of McLean, helps register residents between ages 15 and 17 to vote for MCC Board members.

Revelers Brave the Rain for McLean Day

Despite pouring rain, McLean community celebrates 101st annual festival.

he 101st McLean Day, a family fun event, occurred on a rainy May 21 at Lewinsville Park. Visitors trekked through the mud while trying food from food trucks, had their faces painted, sat on rides, explored the booths of different exhibitors,

and watched live performances on both the children's and the main stages. Adult and teen McLean residents voted for McLean Governing Board positions.

— Danielle Grae



Kent Gardens student Chloe Burtner pets a goat at the Squeals on Wheels petting zoo at McLean Day.



Ayodeji Toviho, of Vienna, grade 6, Marshall Road Elementary solves math problems for candy at the Georgetown Learning Center booth.



McLean resident Adam Hunt, freshman at St. Luke, votes for MCC Board Members.



McLean resident Charlotte Steer, freshman, Holton Arms School, votes for MCC Board members.



Christian Freedlander, of McLean, Westgate Child Center in Preschool, fishes at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer booth. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Lead singer from the Bach to Rock band performing at the McLean Day 2016 on Saturday, May 21.



McLean resident Mounika Chilukuri, grade 10 at TJHSST, votes for MCC Board members.

News



About a dozen community members walked the site from McLean Central Park to Elizabeth Drive to understand the precise details of the project.

Nearing Consensus on Dead Run?

he beauty of Dead Run Stream Valley Park in McLean was on full display last Thursday, May 19.

Cardinals sang, and deer came close when Matthew Meyers, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch Chief for Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division, gave the most recent plans for the county's stream restoration project of Dead Run.

About a dozen community members

walked the site with Meyers from McLean Central Park to Elizabeth Drive.

Meyers and engineers brought detailed site plans to show how the stream valley would be restored to health.

Two hard copies of the plans and overall project maps have also been placed at the Dolley Madison Library, near the information desk, as well as the McLean Governmental Center.

Neighbors have gorgeous views along the

Photos by Ken Moore/The Connection



Matthew Meyers brought detailed site plans to show how the stream valley would be restored to health.

stream valley park. They continue to advocate for the least amount of intrusion as well as the best possible protection of trees and landscaping when the project takes place.

A stream team was convened to ensure that the community had the opportunity to voice opinions and be involved in the project.

Dead Run is impaired and in poor quality, Meyers told the community nearly one year ago. The stream restoration project would improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient loads, stabilize stream banks to reduce bank erosion and reduce tree loss in the future, improve aquatic habitat and restore and enhance the stream buffer, officials said.

There will be another meeting with the task force before the county unveils its 95 percent design plans, tentatively scheduled for the fall.

—Ken Moore

Lending a Hand in McLean, Great Falls

Eighth annual "RED Day" at Keller Williams McLean/Great Falls supports Share.

may have taken the day off on Thursday, May 14, but it was hardly a day of rest. The entire KW McLean/Great Falls Market Center chose to "Give Where They Live" as part of RED Day, the company's annual day of service, dedicated to renewing, energizing, and donating to their local communities.

For this year's RED Day effort, KW associates spent the day at the McLean Giant and Great Falls Safeway grocery stores collecting emergency items for the

eller Williams (KW) associates local food pantry run by Share of McLean.

"RED Day is built on the belief that people can and should come together to achieve extraordinary things to help others," said Diane Miller, an agent with KW and one of the organizers of RED Day.

The McLean/Great Falls Market Center's efforts enable Share to provide non-perish- munities can't be accomplished by serving Great Falls Market Center, located at ables to their clients through the challenging summer season, and Keller Williams remains Share's largest corporate benefactor in McLean.

Team Leader Amina Basic said, "We all know that filling all the gaps in our com-



CEO/Team Leader Amina **Basic gather**ing donations for local food bank Share.

just once a year. RED Day just happens to be the one-day expression of the constant state of the Keller Williams culture. We see a need, discover who can meet it, and get it done."

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News

County Police Hold Volunteer Awards Ceremony

More than 200 volunteers give 56,912 hours; help save county \$1.4 million.

he Fairfax County Police Department honored its volunteers who gave 56,912 hours of service last year at an awards ceremony on Friday, May 20 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The volunteers do everything from assisting with traffic control, to sobriety checkpoints, administrative duties, helping with photography and other crime prevention activities. In 2015, more than 200 volunteers from the Auxiliary Police Program, Volunteers in Service Program, and Chaplain Unit were assigned to every local district police station and other facilities. They saved the county more than \$1.4 million by providing their

time, insight and valuable resources to the community. In the APO Program, volunteers gave 32,610 hours; in the VIPS Program, they gave 22,599 hours; and in the Chaplains Unit, they gave 1,703 hours.



The Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year Award went to APO Robert Moseley of the McLean District Station.

t Station. McLean District Station. The Fairfax County Police Department recently celebrated its 75th anniversary last summer.

The Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year - Training went

to APO Gary J. Rohen of the

— Steve Hibbard

VIPS Service Hours Awards

500 Service Hours: VIPS Angela Coyle, VIPS Keith Kalinowski, VIPS Kara Reich, VIPS Juanito Roque, VIPS Philip Scianna, VIPS Laura Shugrue and VIPS Karen Sica

750 Service Hours: AS-VIPS Diana Gross, VIPS Gail Hollenbeck and AS-VIPS Kara Reich.

1,000 Service Hours: VIPS Kirk DeNee, VIPS Walter Lazear, and VIPS Deborah Neuberger.

1,500 Service Hours: VIPS Robert Bradford and VIPS Jimmy Clifton.

2,000 Service Hours: AS-VIPS Terri Baker and VIPS Philip Schroeder.

4,000 Service Hours: VIPS Mort Berger and VIPS Alton Summers.

18,000 Service Hours: VIPS Donna Spiewak.

Certificates of Appreciation

APO Joseph Vitalie of the Reston District Station

APO Nelson Fernandez of the Sully District Station

Criminal Justice Academy — VIPS Laurian Cannon, VIPS Frank Cogdell, VIPS Purvis Dawson, VIPS Raoul Drapeau, VIPS Camille Kerrigan, VIPS Keith Kalinowski, VIPS Anthony Maiello, VIPS Deborah Neuberger, VIPS Robert Parillo, VIPS Michael Proffitt, VIPS John Sherburne, and VIPS Sean Smith.

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OPINION Remembering on Memorial Day 2016

Observe a moment of silence.

n Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the line of duty in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2014, the Department of Defense announced the death of one service member from Virginia, Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia, who died April 26 in Juffir, Bahrain.

Between Memorial Day 2014 and 2015, two military service members from Virginia. Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

EVERY YEAR before Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

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Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall

was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Con-

nection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23, of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19, of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21, of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40, of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

¹ Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23, of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27, of Oakton, died Jan, 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from

Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007. when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26, of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate

of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28, of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44, of Richmond, died Oct. 17. 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011

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Letters

'Meal Tax' and Fiscal Responsibility

To the Editor:

The never ending push for new revenue streams for Fairfax County with their tax and spend policies really knows no end. The overall real estate tax bill for the typical Fairfax county household increased by 154 percent between the years 2000 and 2016, and now the county will try for a new source of revenue called the "meal tax." In the same period of time, household income increased by 35 percent with overall inflation at roughly 49 percent. Somehow the word needs to be conveyed to the county supervisors that they need to practice some fiscal responsibility. The taxpayers can't afford their Cadillac health plans, pensions with retirement at 55 along with overall 3.5 percent raises for 33,000 county school employees. Fairfax should not try to compete with nearby Maryland county's spending policies. I would like to know how many recommendations the FCSB implemented from the task force set up to find cuts in school spending? Wait, I know the answer; None. If the Fairfax county voters are naïve enough to approve a meal tax in the name of "diversifying the revenue" stream the future increase in the meal tax and property taxes will be well deserved by the voters.

> **Dudley Losselyong** Great Falls

Remembering on Memorial Day

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in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being been seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

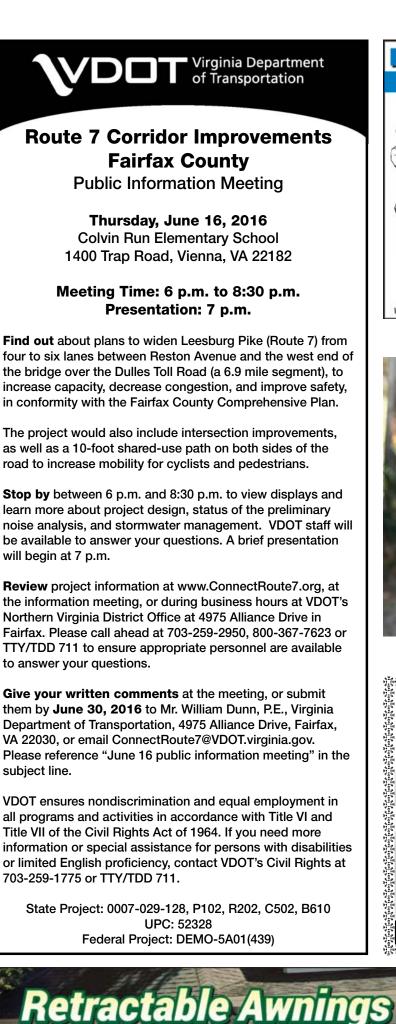
If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

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McLean High School freshman Bryce Liquerman receives an award for his volunteering.

IcLean High School student Sara Vavonese received an award for raising money and obtaining the clothing necessary for foster children to attend gymnastics lessons.

Teen Character Honored at McLean Day

Outstanding Character Award for Teenagers presented at community festival.

he McLean Citizens Association presented

the Outstanding Character Award for Teen-

agers at McLean Day on May 21 to recog-

The honorees had to meet specific criteria, in-

cluding performing volunteer work that brought

about no material benefit for themselves, entailed

a substantial time commitment, and benefitted

"In society today you see how disabled people

are mistreated all the time, and I just think that's

horrible. It's really great to see the Special Olym-

nize extraordinary community service.

others in the community.

By Danielle Grae

The Connection

they score a goal or just even complete a pass," Special Olympics softball and soccer coach, Relay For Life participant, and freshman at McLean High Bryce Liquerman said.

pics athletes smiling out on the field when

The teens felt they learned valuable skills from participating

"I think it's important for people to volunteer so they can learn to communicate and just give others hope for life," Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, President of the Red Cross Club, and senior at McLean High Leena Raza said.

Some teens choose to help others due to personal tragedy.

"My father passed away in January of last year from lung cancer. He was diagnosed a little before my freshman year, and that's really what motivates me and encourages me to participate in Relay For Life," senior and Langley High's Executive Director for the Relay For Life Will Pfadenhauer said.



Volunteer Ambassador for Autism Speaks and Langley High School student Gabby Sutton has helped coordinate Autism Awareness activities in six schools in Fairfax County. She has helped with other Autism related events in the community.



Senior at McLean High School Leena Raza earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by work- Relay For Life Executive Directors Will ing with her school's Red Cross Club set- Pfadenhauer of Langley High School and ting up a heart disease awareness health Emma Chamberlayne of McLean High fair at her school. Leena serves as president of the Red Cross Club.



McLean High School student London Russell receives an award for leading the Share of McLean technology program, which includes refurbishing, configuring donated computers for Share clients, maintaining the Share website and tracking donated computer equipment and inventory.

Photos by Danielle Grae/The Connection



School organized an event that raised \$133,485.55 as of May 22.

FAMILY

Revisiting 1771 at Claude Moore Colonial Farm

Market Fair portrays 1771 Virginia farm life.

> By Danielle Grae The Connection

fter driving past Tysons Corner, downtown McLean, and the CIA, visitors were transported back to 1771 Virginia by Claude Moore Colonial Farm's Market Fair on May 22.

The farm replicates how tenant farmers lived in the English colony of Virginia before the Revolutionary War.

"We are showing the common folks' story, a story that is not often told and one you do not necessarily find at other sites," farmer. historic interpreter, and Manassas resident David Ludwinski said. "We are the middle class. We are the representation of how almost all people lived, whereas when you visit Mount Vernon you see how someone wealthy beyond imagination like George Washington lived."

The farm still has the descendants of animals that lived in Virginia in 1771 such as hogs and chickens. The farm still grows tobacco, which was used to pay rent, tithe to church, and taxes in colonial times. The farm also still grows food, which tenant farmers would eat in 1771.

"I always love coming here. My fourth-graders studied Virginia history, so I would bring them out here to do the Environmental Living program," retired FCPS elementary school teacher, 35-year farm volunteer, volunteer chicken lady, and Arlington resident May Ohman said. The Environmental Living program involves living on the farm for three days and two nights to learn what it was like to live in Virginia in the 18th century.

Re-enactors demonstrated professions from the time such as making metal from raw materials, swordsmanship, cabinet making and more.

"I needed some new costuming for an event that I am going to next week and the prices here are reasonable for handmade clothing," said sword master and Centreville resident Johnny Anderson, who has attended the Market Fair since 1991.

the wheat harvest on June 18 and the Summer Market Fair on July 16 and 17, which will include roasting chickens, dancing and singing, and testing of watercolor and writing skills.



A sign at Claude Moore Colonial Farm notifies visitors that they are entering a Virginia farm in the year 1771.





Some upcoming events include **Tobacco plants grow atop a mound to** prevent their roots from getting too wet. Next to the tobacco field is the tobacco barn. Tenant farmers in the colony of Virginia grew tobacco to pay rent, tithe to the church, and taxes.



Staff member and interpreter at Claude **Moore Colonial Farm and Herndon** resident Tina Driskell pets a chicken as she plays the role of a widow and farmwife Hope Thornton.



Chickens walk around Claude Moore Colonial Farm during the Market Fair. The chickens are descendants of chickens raised by colonial Virginia tenant farmers.

> Photos by Danielle Grae/ THE CONNECTION



From left, Manager and Fairfax resident Dennis O'Connor, retired FCPS elementary school teacher and Arlington resident May Ohman, and retired National Park service park rangers and Flagstaff, Arizona residents Dennis Burnett and Ginny Rousseau volunteer at Claude Moore Colonial Farm's Market Fair to cook chicken on oak spits.



VDDT Virginia Department of Transportation **Public Hearing Notice**

Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of

Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2.331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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- Summer Entertainment Series. June 1-Aug. 31. Fairfax County Parks. A summer-long calendar of shows, concerts and movies appropriate for you and your family. These concerts held in local parks are the perfect place to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the best local and regional entertainers. Free. To find out what's playing at your nearby park, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/performances/.

Summer Stories and Sprinklers. Wednesdays. 1:30 p.m. June 29-Aug. 13. Historic Vienna Little Library, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Children

- can run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the Town Green and enjoy stories. viennava.gov.
 Wolf Trap Theatre-in-the-Woods. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. June 21 Aug. 6, 15:21 Trap. Paed Vienna
- 21-Aug. 6. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. D.C. area summer tradition for children and their families, featuring diverse acts including puppetry, storytelling, dance, theater, and music. wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration and Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique



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cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. http:// www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-

- july-celebration-parade/ Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 4-9:30 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit
- www.viennava.gov for more. **McLean Fourth of July**. 6:30 p.m. Churchill Road Elementary, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. Free shuttle buses. Disc jockey, snack vendors. mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Slide the City. 7920 Branch Drive Mclean. Slip and slide the city streets of Tysons at Slide the City. Come dressed to impress because it's not every day you can strut through town with little friction. There will be live music, food, drinks, water, and of course the biggest slip and slide ever to hit asphalt. Don't worry, it's padded. \$30-\$99. https:// www.slidethecity.com/location/ tysons/#387



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Summer on the Green Concerts at the Town Green of Vienna begin May 20. There will be performances on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights from May to August.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-17 SUNDAY

Colonial Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture from the Cabinet Maker. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale and porter at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and dyeing, and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. 1771.org/marketfair.

7 SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Tour de Tysons. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 10 races between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a closed, circular course. One of the races will be for elite cyclists and will feature a cash purse. http:// www.tysonspartnership.org/event/ tour-de-tysons/

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Kid's Adventure Race. 10 a.m. Southside Par, 1315 Ross Drive, Vienna. All participants will receive a race t-shirt and light refreshments. All finishers will receive a medal. A registration fee of \$7 is required; no registration the day of the race. Ages 5-13. viennava.gov.





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Send announcements connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

- "Floyd Collins." June 2-26. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. The caves of the Appalachian Mountains were largely unexplored and filled with mystery when Floyd Collins, an already notable cave explorer, sought to generate more tourist activity at his family's cave. \$31/\$35/\$15. 1ststagetysons.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. 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.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-29

Model Trains at Open House, 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station. 231 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. Part of ViVa Vienna Days. Thomas and his friends will be there. 703-938-5157. nvmr.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 29

National Men's Chorus. 5 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Memorial day concert. \$20. Students and children free. nationalmenschorus.org. 202-244-7191.

MONDAY/MAY 30

Memorial Day Great Falls Freedom Memorial. 11 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Taps bugler, patriotic songs, remarks by retired Air Force Brigadier General Richard Stephen Ritchie (one of five American aces during the Vietnam War), a reading of the names and bell-ringing for each of the 25 residents of Great Falls who have fallen in service to our country, a wreath-laying by local dignitaries, and a raising of the flags by Boy Scout Troop 55. 703-450-5220.



Photo by Juan Patino Lisa Loeb performs from her recent album Nursery **Rhyme Parade! at Wolf Trap** on Tuesday, June 21.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 2-3

Langley High School Concert. 7-9 p.m. Langley High School Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. It's a Grand Night for Singing on Broadway. Hear Langley High School's award-winning chorus sing favorites from hit shows. Free. Suggested donations. tjmarzol@cox.net.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 3-5

Great Falls SpringFest. Great Falls Village Green. behind the shops at Walker Road and Georgetown Pike. For updated information on time, events and performers, go to www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

- Cactus/Succulent Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court. Vienna. Hosted by the National Capital Cactus and Succulent Society, will be held in front of the Meadowlark Visitor Center. Cash
- only sale. novaparks.com. **Spring Fair**. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pleasant Grove, 8641 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Includes plant sale, "attic treasures" quality yard sale and antiques, homemade bake sale, food, crafts, and artisan made quilts. All proceeds are donated to Pleasant Grove. For information, see www.HistoricPleasantGrove.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Israel Fest 2016. Noon-4 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II. Join the community in celebrating Israel's 68th year of independence! Engaging events and interactive activities will run throughout the afternoon.



Choral Evensong with Festive Reception. 4-5 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. Music will include works by Parry, Sumsion, Vaughan Williams, Kelley, and Bach. David Kelley at dkelley@holycomforter.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 6

Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Starts at 6:45 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Club House Road, Reston. The tournament includes a 4 person scramble, lunch or dinner and awards. Receptions follow both the morning and afternoon shotguns. Lots of prizes and lots of fun. Proceeds benefit our three local elementary schools. www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

A Walk in the Garden. 1-5 p.m. Atrium Building, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A standard flower show. Free. lmc323@aol.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Princess Garden Party. Noon-2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, Music, dancing games, lunch, crafts, face painting and portrait. Ages 4 to 8. \$29. Register at NOVAparks.com. ٥ß

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Sebastian Junger Event. 7 p..m. Barnes and Noble Tysons, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Junger will speak and sign copies of his newest book "Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging." 703-506-6756

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Sallie Lowenstein. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. 703-319-3971. ViennaArtsSociety.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Preschool Nature Nuts. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn about spring flowers. \$5. Register at NOVAparks.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Show/Tag Sale. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The Great Falls School of Art, 756 Walker Road, Suite C, Great Falls. Show of paintings by artist Michela Mansuino. Silent auction. Free. 571-263-7696.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Victim of Silver Diner Crash Dies from Injuries

According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Andrew Sheren, 74, of McLean died from complications resulting from injuries he sustained in the crash. Sheren was the man struck while walking into the Silver Diner - according to FCPD Public Affairs Bureau.

At this time, the driver of the striking vehicle remains under the care of a local hospital. Warrants will be served upon his release in coordination with detectives on the United States Marshal's Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

(CARFTF).

Detectives of the Major Crimes Division obtained arrest warrants for Malicious Wounding and Felony Destruction of Property. During the initial investigation, it was determined that the driver allegedly intentionally drove his SUV into the building multiple times. When doing so, he struck a 74-year-old man from McLean that was entering the business. Then, he was observed pouring liquid on his body and lighting himself on fire while inside the vehicle.

Detectives would like anyone with information to contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or by calling





Here's What's Happening at MCC

The Old Firehouse Friday Field Trip



Times Friday, June 3

3:30-10 p.m. \$50/40 members

Concerts @ The Alden Young Soloists Recital

Sunday, June 5, 3 p.m. Free admission, tickets are not required.

Classics of the Silent Screen

Buster Keaton's "The Cameraman

(1928)**Tuesday, June 7** 7:30 p.m.



\$12/8 MCC district residents

The Old Firehouse Summer Kick-Off Party

Friday, June 10, 7-9 p.m. \$35/25 members

Onstage @ The Alden "Gut Churn" from Radiolab's Jad Abumrad

Saturday, June 11, 8 p.m. \$30/15 MCC district residents

Onstage @ The Alden





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News Childhelp Hosts a Shining Stars Gala

n Saturday, April 16, Childhelp's Washington Area Chapter welcomed 330 guests to Childhelp Shining Stars Gala in the Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Regency Ballroom.

Childhelp Celebrity Ambassador and Master of Ceremonies for the black-tie fete was John O'Hurley (of "Seinfeld" fame).

Cheryl Ladd ("Charlie's Angels"), a more than 30 year Childhelp Celebrity Ambassador, took center stage to introduce Gala co-chairs, Jane and Rich Hozik of Great Falls and congratulated the Hoziks for introducing Childhelp to many new Virgina-based companies, including presenting sponsor, Manisha & Roy Kapani (of ECS Federal, Fairfax and Kapani Family Charitable Foundation, McLean). Longtime Childhelp supporter Hadeed Carpet (Valerie & Joe Hadeed of Alexandria) was copresenting sponsor.

Childhelp co-founders Sara O'Meara (CEO) and Yvonne Fedderson (president) presented Childhelp's Loyal Heart Award to Sandra Crippen, of Great Falls, Crippen has been with Childhelp since its Virginia inception and serves on the Greater Washington Area Advisory Board.

All proceeds from Childhelp Shining Stars Gala, including raffle, silent and live auction donations, will support Childhelp's Alice C. Tyler Residential Treatment Facility and Childhelp's National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD).

Since 1959, Childhelp has brought the light of hope and healing into the lives of countless children as a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk children. Childhelp's programs and services include residential treatment services, children's advocacy centers, therapeutic foster care, group homes and child



Childhelp Celebrity Ambassador and Master of Ceremonies, John O'Hurley (of "Seinfeld" fame) warmed up and "Razzle Dazzled" the audience for Childhelp Shining Stars Gala.



Cheryl Ladd introduced and sang Happy Birthday to Jane and Rich Hozik of Great Falls, Childhelp Shining Stars Gala chairs.





Childhelp Founders Sara O'Meara (CEO) and Yvonne Fedderson (president) presented Sandra Crippen with Childhelp Loyal Heart Award.

abuse prevention, education and training. Childhelp created the Childhelp National Day of Hope, held each April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month that

mobilizes Americans to join the fight against child abuse. For more information, log on to www.childhelp.org, facebook.com/ childhelp or twitter.com/childhelp.

Woman's Club of McLean Installs New Officers

A ceremony was held May 18 at Mylo's Grill, in McLean, to install the 2016-2017 officers of the Woman's Club of McLean. Pictured, from left, first row: Treasurer Wanda Miller, Corresponding Secretary Laura Sheridan, Recording Secretary Linda Regan; second row: Homes Tour Treasurer Rebecca Horahan, Second Vice-President Ginny Sandahl, First Vice-President Cecilia Glembocki, Historian and Parliamentarian Daisy Logan and President Joan Morton.



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Sports



Langley's Anna Hofgard, right, had one goal and one assist against Robinson on May 19.



Marina Smith and the Langley girls' lacrosse team had a lead against Robinson in the region quarterfinals on May 19, but fell 13-11.

Langley Girls' Lax Suffers Season-Ending Loss

Saxons fall to Robinson in region quarterfinals.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

atie Checkosky glanced up at the Coffey Stadium scoreboard as she cradled the ball in her stick pocket, watching the final seconds tick off the clock while she ran around the field. After the horn sounded, the Robinson attacker tossed the ball in the air and hugged teammate Elli Kluegel before the rest of the Rams arrived to celebrate.

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team, which won the 2015 state championship and hasn't lost to a public school opponent since 2014, faced a rare test on May 19. Taking on a Langley team that went undefeated during the regular season, the Rams trailed 7-5 at halftime and found themselves down by a goal with less than 20 minutes remaining in the contest.

In a postseason matchup that arrived sooner than expected, Robinson scored six of the final nine goals and kept its season alive.

The Rams defeated the Saxons 13-11 in the 6A North region quarterfinals at Robinson Secondary School. Robinson remained unbeaten, earned a state tournament berth and advanced to the region semifinals, where the Rams faced Patriot on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Langley's season came to a close. The Saxons finished the year with a 17-2 record.

"This is a huge boost-up win," Kluegel said. "This pumps us up so much. It's made us really hungry, knowing that this is potentially the hardest or one of ... the hardest teams we're going to face this year. To beat them and to come out with a great victory like we did, that's just driving us forward." **LANGLEY** scored the first two goals of the game and led 5-2 after Elise Kim put one in the cage with 14:18 remaining in the opening half. Rebecca Bair scored with 23 seconds left, giving the Saxons a 7-5 halftime advantage.

"It was weird for us being in that situation because we've never been down, except for against Westfield earlier this year," said Kluegel, the Conference 5 Player of the Year. "That was a little alarming, how fast they came out ..."

After Robinson tied the score at 7 with goals by Kluegel and Kaitlin Luccarelli early in the second half, Langley senior Halle Duenkel, the Conference 6 Offensive Player of the Year, put a free position goal in the cage for an 8-7 Saxons lead with 19:22 remaining.

A goal by Robinson's Kate Mulvenon tied the score at 8 with 18:05 on the clock and, less than a minute later, Luccarelli put the Rams ahead to stay with her third goal of the contest.

Luccarelli, a senior midfielder, finished with five goals.

"We got together at half and we had a talk," Luccarelli said, "and we realized that this is our home stadium, this is our game and we need to keep continuing on, that we're not going to lose tonight, that we're better than this — we're undefeated and we're a better team all around and that this is our game."

Robinson head coach Liz Case said the Rams became more aggressive as the game progressed.

"[Our halftime talk] was basically, like, we need to stop being scared and go out there and play tough and get those groundballs," Case said. "I think a lot of the time we were waiting for [Langley] to pick it up and [then we would be] ready to play defense. No, we've got to go get the groundball first."

Case had senior defender Emily Skrzypczak start taking draws for Robinson after Langley, thanks in part to junior midfielder Emma Crooks, had success with draws early in the game. The move paid off.

"If it wasn't working one way, we've got to switch it up quickly because it was all about the draw, and we weren't winning the draw," Case said. "Once we switched it up, we started winning the draw. ... [Skrzypczak is] our powerhouse coming up off of defense."

Robinson senior midfielder Taylor Caskey finished with three goals and two assists. Kluegel tallied three goals and Checkosky totaled one goal and two assists.

Langley's Duenkel finished with three goals and three assists, Crooks had three goals and two assists and Bair scored two goals.

ROBINSON-LANGLEY was once viewed as a potential state championship matchup. But after the Saxons lost in their conference championship game, Langley entered the region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6, meaning a likely secondround meeting with the Conference 5 champion Rams.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS McLean Softball Wins Conference 6 Title

The McLean softball team won the Conference 6 championship with an 8-5 victory over Madison on Friday at Fairfax High School.

The Highlanders lost both regular-season meetings with the Warhawks but

managed to win their second conference crown in the last three years on Friday. The victory improved McLean's record

to 19-4. The Highlanders were scheduled to

face Osbourn on Tuesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournaDespite winning 17 of its first 18 games, Langley had to face an undefeated opponent early in the region tournament and came up short.

"I'm beyond proud of our team," said Duenkel, who will play for James Madison University. "... Even though this year we couldn't quite make it, next year I have full faith that this program has been turned around by [head coach] Maggie [Kovacs] and [assistants] Bucky [Morris] and Annie [Swanson]. It's just a very different team than it was at the beginning of the season."

While Langley will lose Duenkel to graduation, Kovacs said a talented Great Falls feeder system makes for a bright future.

"I coached last spring the seventh-/ eighth-grade 'A' team for Great Falls [and I'm] counting down the days until those eighth-graders get here," Kovacs said. "... This is a little heartbreaking for me because these seniors were the first kids I ever coached lacrosse to [from] a team standpoint ... but Langley has a really bright future ahead of it."

ment, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will take on the winner of Centreville and T.C. Williams in the quarterfinals.

McLean Baseball to Host Osbourn Park

The McLean baseball team, the No. 2 seed from Conference 6, hosts Osbourn Park, the No. 3 seed from Conference 8, in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25.

The Highlanders reached the conference championship game, but lost to Madison 1-0 on Friday.

McLean enters the region tournament with a 15-8 record.

In Effect/ To Affect

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I've been trying to write this column/organize my thoughts/stay on this task for years but haven't been able to do so. It's nothing serious, really, other than the side effects – potentially, of many of the prescription drugs now available (perhaps characteristic of many of the prescription drugs ever since they've been prescribed). But given the frequency and variety of their advertising of late, I have been unable to ignore their message, both good and in some instances, shockingly bad/scary.

Granted, I watch way too much television where many of these ads regularly appear, so I may be a bit of a sitting duck. I won't name names, maybe just a few potential side effects though: ALS, cancer, heart attack, stroke, suicidal thoughts, depression, kidney and liver damage, high blood pressure/low blood pressure, blackouts, blood clots, shortness of breath, four-hour erections; and on and on and on. (I don't recall seeing too many commercials where lung cancer is a possible side effect. I suppose that's because lung cancer is not exactly a "side" effect, it's more of a main effect.) Nevertheless, being a stage IV, nonsmall cell lung cancer patient/survivor, I can't help but have noticed the ads on television for "OPDIVO." Obviously the subject matter interests me, but maybe l've just learned - instinctively almost, to pay stricter attention to such enticements. It might actually relate to me. Or maybe I've simply gotten better at listening to voice-overs and reading small print scrolling beneath the visuals while ignoring more the apparent healthy recipients living wonderfully enjoyable and uninhibited lives thanks to these medications.

Believe me, I understand that these prescription drugs are not "over the counter" so it's unlikely I'll happen on to them sitting on some pharmacy shelf next to the Advil and wonder, on my own, if they could help me. The only way, so far as a law-abiding citizen like myself would have/gain access to any of these prescriptions, would be through a conversation with, and prescription written by, my treating physician where many of the potential side effects and/or risk-rewards would be discussed. Still, trading one set of problems for another, which in turn possibly could lead to their own set of unintended but not totally unanticipated consequences seems a bit problematic - even to me, and all I have is lung cancer.

I don't know that I have a choice, though. There is treatment. There are consequences. There are alternatives. There is life and there is death, and always there is hope. But treatmentto-date, I've never felt as if I was trading one for the other. Oddly enough, I've always thought, I was making decisions to stay alive, not to make my life worse; attempting to sustain it, not diminish it. With some of the prescription advertising I see and hear on television now, I'm confused. Many of it sounds both encouraging and discouraging, and somewhere between cautiously optimistic and a cautionary tale, even as the advisory to "speak to your doctor before you start a ... " voices over. Not that it sounds so great in the first place, but in the last place, I am often reminded of the old adage: "If it sounds too good..." Well, when you consider the potential side effects, it doesn't sound too good at all.

Certainly I realize that there are governing/regulating bodies like the F.D.A. that approve/regulate/mandate what is said/advertised/printed/labeled, etc., prescribed even, for our mutual protection. Still, it's difficult for me to ignore everything I see, hear and read, especially when left to my own devices. Devices which, had they been similarly regulated, would likely have come with their own set of warning labels.

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



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News

Community Foundation Establishes Endowment for Innovation Fund

he Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has been presented with a rare opportunity. Ananonymous donor has challenged the community with a \$250,000 matching gift to endow the Innovation Fund, a source of venture philanthropy at the Community Foundation that invests in inventiveness, creativity and new design. The Community Foundation has partnered with Kiddar Capital, to launch a Granted! campaign that seeks community input on how to best deploy this philanthropic support now and into the future. At the Community Foundation's Chairman's Breakfast at Tegna Headquarters, the they announced a 30-day public campaign to raise \$30,000 and to collect "wishes" through the Granted! platform. It has already secured \$131,000 towards this match.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ The deadline for submissions is at noon on the Friday prior to publication.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

Home/Investment/Discussion. 8-9 a.m. The Old Brogue Back Porch, 760 Walker Road, Suite C., Great Falls. Informal conversation with experts offers homeowners a fresh perspective on investment and alternative ways to save through property development. 703-865-5065. AVArchitectsbuild.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Gun Violence Discussion. 8:30-10 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Explore the issue of gun violence in America. The discussion will focus on the Armor of Light documentary available on Itunes. Breakfast provided. 703-356-7200.

SUNDAY/JUNE 11

- **Disability Resource Fair**. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 White Grante Drive, Oakton. The fair will provide personal access to experts in the disability field. We will have resources, nonprofit partners, and vendors covering a range of disability topics including children, autism, aging, and veterans. communications@servicesource.org. 703-461-
- 6000. Community Accessibility Forum. 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 Granite Drive, Oakton. Review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. Register at 703-324-5847 or disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Rights When Dying. 2-4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Rosalind Kipping will tell the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia about efforts to make medical aid-in-dying a legal option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. She will also explain how, without this right, a dying person can still maintain control. Free. 703-765-4779.

ONGOING

SCOV Caregivers Support Group meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, as coming up from 10 am to noon. All caregivers are welcome to join anytime. Location: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Program Bulding, Oakton. The group includes those presently and previously caring for a loved one The Innovation Fund uses a "Venture Philanthropy" model of grant making in which donors to the Innovation Fund find investment opportunities in Northern Virginia that help diversify the local economy, level the playing field for disadvantaged youth, and promote grassroots innovation.

The Innovation Fund has helped launch the Mason Innovation Lab at George Mason University; launch the very first cyber security course of study in Prince William County Public Schools and expand the Cyber Patriot program in Fairfax County Public Schools into their middle schools; and launch the very first Mini Maker Faire at South Lakes High School in Reston that was attended by more than 3,000 visitors in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Find more information at www.cfnova.org.

of any age or circumstance. For more info, please contact the facilitator, Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838.

- The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov . Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ ltcombudsman/.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older** adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- **Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Fairfax County needs a volunteer **Senior Center Marketing Coordinator** to assist the Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers with marketing. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Line Dance, Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on
- Volunteer Solutions. The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule.Visit www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email volunteer@scov.org.
- **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.

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