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Jacqueline (Lisa Anne Bailey) makes sure George (Harv Lester) and Albin (Christopher Furry) don't forget her in rehearsals for "La Cage Aux Folles," which begins this weekend at McLean's Alden theatre.



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## Winter Food, Fun and Entertainment in McLean

Stay active with a variety of events around McLean during the colder months.

BY ETHAN MCLEOD  
THE CONNECTION

It's easy to stay in during the colder months, but every once in a while families need to get out and have fun. McLean has plenty to offer, with plays and musicals, teen dances, and even a few chances to get out of town with neighbors to ski resorts and museums.

Here are some ideas to get you started for your winter fun plans:

### McLean Community Players presents "La Cage aux Folles" at The Alden Theatre

The McLean-based theater group will be performing this French musical, whose title literally means "the cage of mad women," about a gay couple living in the southeast of France. The original production from 1984 won six Tony Awards and is an international hit. This production will be directed by Hans Bachmann, with help from musical director John Edward Niles. Shows run from Jan. 31 to Feb. 16; tickets cost \$20 per adult, \$18 per student/senior resident. For more information go to [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).

### Teacher Workday Ski Trip to Massanutten Resort

Go for a day of skiing with neighbors through the McLean Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 30. Cost is \$110 for McLean residents, which includes skis/snowboard



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### Culinaria Cooking School offers children's cooking classes on weekends and during school breaks. The youngsters pictured here participated in a summer camp program in 2013.

rental, lift ticket and transportation via charter bus, though discounts are available for those who bring their own skiing or snowboarding gear. Make sure to bring extra warm clothes and money for food and souvenirs. Call 703-790-0123 to register.

### A Day in Baltimore at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center

Spend the second teacher workday with the family roller skating and bowling at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center. On Friday, Jan. 31, the McLean Community Center will host a trip via bus to Baltimore for

a day of fun as well as lunch at Hibachi Japanese restaurant, where chefs prepare the meals right before your eyes. Cost is \$42 (\$48 for non-residents); call 703-790-0123 to register.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theater presents "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins"

See 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theater in Tysons Corner perform this comedy about an eccentric heiress and socialite who swears she is a talented soprano, but in reality forces the audience to stifle their own laughter as she

sings on stage. The two-character play was written by Stephen Temperley and will be directed by Jay Brock. Shows run from Feb. 7 – March 2 at 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theater at 1524 Spring Hill Road; get tickets at [www.1ststageyson.org](http://www.1ststageyson.org).

### Waste in Contemporary Art – Lectures by Artist Eric Celarier McLean Project for the Arts

Learn how artist Eric Celarier, whose work is currently featured at the McLean Project for the Arts in the Wasteland Series exhibition, utilizes trash and refuse in his creations. Celarier will be hosting lectures all day Feb. 22, the first from 10-11:30 a.m. for children ages 4-8 about multimedia mobiles, and another from 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-14 about weaving waste materials into a full work of art. Cost is \$10 per family for the first class and \$10 per person for the second; register at [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

### First Fridays! Dances at the Teen Center



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### Earrings and all sorts of jewelry will be for sale at the McLean Community Center's annual Jewelry Showcase Feb. 1.

Bring your teens to the Old Firehouse Teen Center for First Fridays! dances from 7-10 p.m. in February and March. The dances for middle school students will include the Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 7, where teens can make their own customized wristbands, and the St. Patty's Day Dance on March 7. Free food available, as well as game rooms with video games, table tennis and air hockey. Parents or guardians must accompany teens into and out of the building; cost is \$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents.

### Leland Faulkner's "World of Wonder" at The Alden Theatre

Actor and illusionist Leland Faulkner will bring his show of illusions, shadows, hand silhouettes and paper arts to the McLean Community Center on Sunday, March 2

## Supporting ArtReach

McLean Project for the Arts received a \$10,000 grant from Capital One in support of MPA's ArtReach program. From left are MPA Development Director Krista Vita, Capitol One Regional Executive George Swygert, MPA Executive Director Nancy Perry and MPA Board Chair Bill DuBose. MPA ArtReach features docent-led gallery tours for elementary school students, including tours and hands-on art activities. MPA provides free bus transportation to its galleries for Title 1 schools. For more information visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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## THE COUNTY LINE

# Board Cites Lack of Funds for School Renovations

**Aging schools collide with increasing student enrollments.**

BY LISA SPINELLI  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hile the 2015 to 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) passed at the Fairfax County Public School Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3, many board members expressed concerns with the program.

“Our funding is inadequate and has been inadequate for many years,” said Mount Vernon district school board member Dan Storck about the school’s capital improvement budget — which has an annual cap of \$155 million by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. “This program takes us to the next step, but we still have a long way to go.”

Fairfax County public schools are bursting at the seams. An influx of 20,000 school-aged children enrolled in the system within the last eight years and there is no end in sight to the growth rate. With many buildings reaching 50-plus years old and enrollment projected at 184,500 for next school year, overcrowded schools are becoming a mainstay.

The CIP five-year plan includes a queue of which schools have planning funds and construction funds approved, and includes the construction of two new elementary schools as well as one new high school. The total bill for this CIP is \$697.7 million, with \$371.7 million of that unfunded.

One of the major sticking points among board members was the treatment of legacy high schools: Falls Church, Herndon, Langley, Oakton and West Springfield. All these schools were built in the 1960s, and none have received a full renovation. Some are still not in the queue to receive funds for upgrades as of this CIP.

“We’re stuck between a rock and a hard

Final Rankings								
School Name	Rank	Score	School Name	Rank	Score	School Name	Rank	Score
Clermont ES***	1	52.23	Mount Vernon			Bren Mar Park ES	46	70.28
Terraset ES**	2	54.18	Woods ES*	24	63.81	Brookfield ES	47	71.29
Sunrise Valley ES**	3	56.77	Herndon HS*	25	63.84	Lees Corner ES	48	72.40
Garfield ES**	4	56.81	Rocky Run MS*	26	63.88	Armstrong ES	49	72.53
Terra Centre ES**	5	57.65	Belle View ES*	27	64.06	Willow Springs ES	50	73.33
Thoreau MS**	6	58.05	Annandale Terrace ES	28	64.19	Centreville HS	51	73.63
Westgate ES**	7	58.14	Clearview ES	29	64.21	Herndon ES	52	73.68
Haycock ES**	8	59.00	Oakton HS*	30	64.54	Dranesville ES	53	74.97
Langley HS**	9	59.14	Hughes MS	31	64.66	Cub Run ES	54	75.27
Ravensworth ES**	10	59.96	Silverbrook ES	32	64.83	Franklin MS	55	75.74
Woodlawn ES**	11	60.25	Hybla Valley ES	33	64.87	Union Mill ES	56	76.29
Forestville ES**	12	60.28	Cooper MS	34	65.90	Centre Ridge ES	57	76.64
North Springfield ES**	13	60.41	Frost MS	35	66.06	Poplar Tree ES	58	76.86
Springfield Estates ES**	14	60.88	Washington Mill ES	36	66.12	Waples Mill ES	59	77.30
Keene Mill ES**	15	60.89	Braddock ES	37	66.17	Sangster ES	60	77.39
Bucknell ES**	16	61.60	Fox Mill ES	38	66.51	Twain MS	61	78.38
Cherry Run ES*	17	61.78	Oak Hill ES	39	66.63	Saratoga ES	62	78.84
Waynewood ES*	18	62.17	Wakefield Forest ES	40	67.47	Virginia Run ES	63	83.13
Stratford Landing ES*	19	62.50	Louise Archer ES	41	68.24			
Newington Forest ES*	20	62.52	Crossfield ES	42	68.98			
Hollin Meadows ES*	21	62.59	Mosby Woods ES	43	69.96			
White Oaks ES*	22	62.70	Bonnie Brae ES	44	70.03			
West Springfield HS*	23	63.10	Falls Church HS	45	70.11			

**Schools’ final ranking for renovations**

Table 1 Projected Elementary School Capacity Utilization of 115% or More in 2018-19									
School Name	Capacity Utilization 2013-14		2018-19		School Name	Capacity Utilization 2013-14		2018-19	
Bailey’s	130%	154%	Forestdale	93%	131%	Lorton Station	122%	134%	
Belvedere	99%	115%	Franconia	102%	128%	Lynbrook	92%	118%	
Bren Mar Park	99%	151%	Freedom Hill	102%	134%	McNair	125%	166%	
Cameron	76%	117%	Glen Forest	104%	132%	Mosby Woods	104%	116%	
Cardinal Forest	94%	117%	Graham Road	107%	121%	Mount Eagle	95%	159%	
Chesterbrook	109%	118%	Greenbriar West	121%	125%	Pine Spring	101%	133%	
Coates	106%	181%	Groveton	96%	123%	Shrewewood	106%	125%	
Columbia	102%	140%	Hybla Valley	124%	135%	Westlawn	101%	116%	
Eagle View	87%	118%	Lake Anne	92%	136%	Willow Springs	107%	124%	
Fairhill	98%	123%	Lane	91%	128%	Woodburn	111%	131%	

**Schools’ capacity**

place,” said Providence District Representative Patty Reed citing not enough funding and too many schools in need. “And Falls Church is no further along than it was before.”

The CIP did not list Falls Church in the queue for high schools needing renovation — which many members felt was a gross oversight since the school was built in 1967 and is without science and computer labs — putting its students at a severe disadvantage to remain competitive for jobs and

acceptance into top colleges, said Reed.

At the meeting last week, an amendment to the CIP passed to further examine renovations needed at legacy high schools.

While the CIP focuses on renovating/enhancing existing schools and building new schools, the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee — and some members at the board meeting — suggested examining the entire process for which the board determines the renovation priorities.

The facilities planning committee sug-

gested in a January report that an overarching study on school boundaries and changing those boundaries by 2018 could help alleviate much of the overcrowding in schools across the county — especially high schools. With the current CIP, Facilities Planning Advisory Committee wrote that in just five years 45,397 children will be attending schools at more than 115 percent of capacity — approximately one in four students. Currently, there are no ongoing or planned boundary studies in place, said John Torre, public information officer with FCPS.

**“Our funding is inadequate and has been inadequate for many years.”**

— Dan Storck, Mount Vernon district school board member

Another measure At-Large Member Ted Velkoff suggested to ensure schools were receiving a more adequate amount of capital improvement funds was to integrate the county government and the school’s capital funding plans and have criteria set by both boards for which facilities would enter the list.

Currently government-related buildings — including fire departments, detention centers, courts etc. — receive 58 percent of the county’s capital improvement funding while taking up 19 percent of the total county facilities square footage, whereas the school system receives 42 percent of the money with 81 percent of the square footage, cited Braddock District Representative Megan McLaughlin.

“I have grave concerns,” said Mason District Representative Sandy Evans about the CIP. “It’s not just about needing a new funding stream, but how we approach it.”

## SCHOOLS

### Cooper Middle at District Orchestra

Six Cooper Middle School Orchestra students participated in District Orchestra Jan. 10-11 at Marshall High School. From left are eighth graders Jean Cho (violin), Min Lee (violin), and Tarra Olfat (viola); seventh graders Christopher Fox (cello) and Zhenya Dodzin (bass), and Cooper Middle School Orchestra Director Ms. Bo-Min Son.



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### Langley at District Orchestra

Langley High School Orchestra students participated in District Orchestra Jan. 10-11, at Marshall High School. From left, back row, are Brandon Kim, Harrison Nam, Tony Lee, Alex Lim, Kevin Le, Ellison Kang and Brent Davis. In the middle row are Penelope Mort Ranta, Alexandra Cramer, Julia Hara, Grace Keffer and Nora Dell. In front row are Katherine Quion, Ada Chen, Nirosha Beekhuysen and Lauren Kim. Not pictured is Zach Chou.





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# OPINION

## For Nonpartisan Redistricting

Virginia is a purple state, gerrymandered to bleed red.

Consider that in statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

Almost none of these elections was by a wide margin, but it's clear that Virginia is a purple state leaning blue.

Here are the actual numbers:

**2013**  
McAuliffe (D) 1,069,789; Cuccinelli (R) 1,013,389  
Northam (D) 1,213,155; Jackson (R) 980,257  
Herring (D) 1,103,777; Obenshain (R) 1,103,612

**2012**

Obama (D) 1,971,820; Romney (R) 1,822,522  
Kaine (D) 2,010,067; Allen (R) 1,785,542

It's reasonable to assume that a state so evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

How is possible then that Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats?

Why is it that Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of 11 Republicans and three Democrats?

The split in the Virginia Senate makes sense, a 20-20 split with a Republican Lieutenant Governor breaking tie votes the last four years and a Democratic Lieutenant Governor poised to break ties in the coming four years (pending this week's recount in the special election in District 6 to replace Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam).

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should

be split about evenly. You could understand a split five Dems and six Republicans; or five Republicans and six Democrats. A four and seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The answer is gerrymandering.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the electorate. It is especially damaging in a Dillon rule state, like Virginia, where localities have only the power explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly,

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EDITORIAL

### COMMENTARY

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

For the first time in a history that goes back to Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, a Virginia governor has been indicted on federal corruption charges. Although information on the activities of the federal grand jury had been leaking out for many months, the former governor and his wife who was indicted with him and their stable of taxpayer-paid-for attorneys were able to stave off the formal indictment until he left office. But

the alleged wrong doing took place while he was in office during which time he and the first lady accepted at least \$165,000 in cash, loans and lavish gifts from the CEO of a diet supplement company. A review of the particulars of the indictment reveals a picture of a family that was in financial trouble with huge credit card debt but with a taste for designer clothing and accessories.

The former governor who worked as a criminal prosecutor, who served in the House of Del-

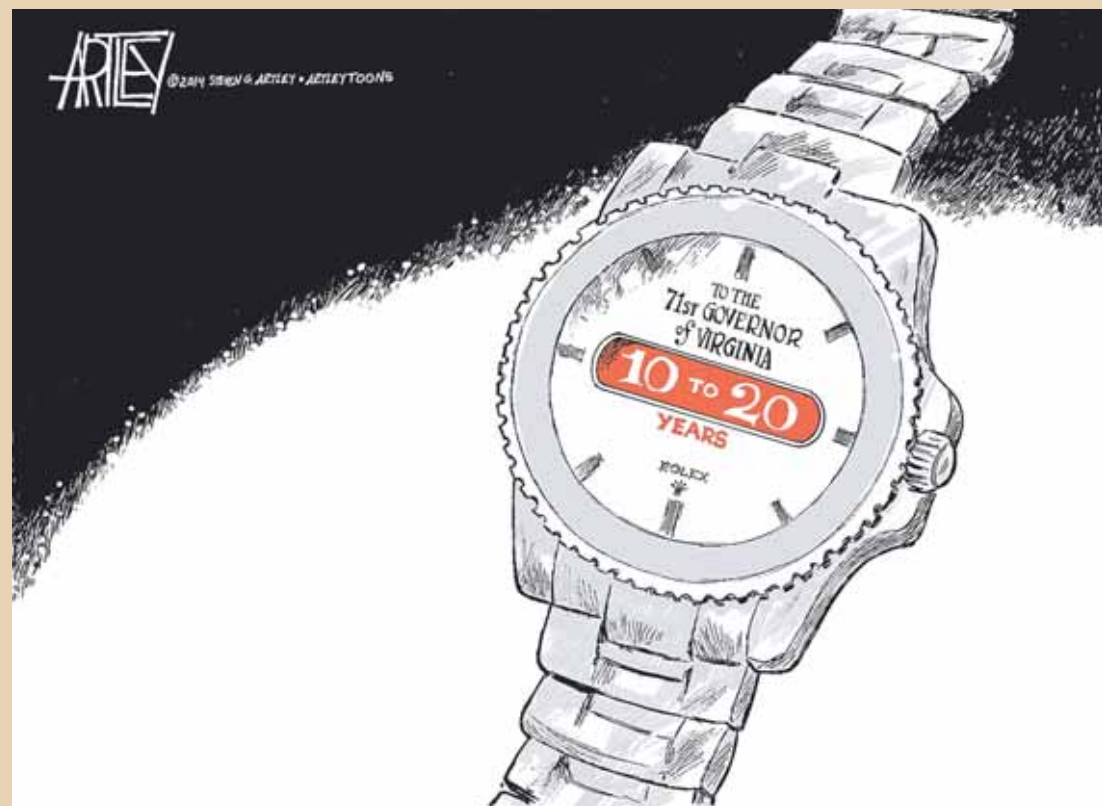
egates as a member of its Courts committee, and who was Attorney General of the state before becoming governor acknowledges the loans and money that he has paid back and the gifts he received, but he continues to maintain his innocence despite federal law that makes it illegal to use a public office to enrich oneself. The governor was clever in using his intimate knowledge of Virginia law to escape reporting the gifts by having them go to family members rather than to himself and by sell-

ing stock before the end of a reporting period and buying it back after the reporting deadline to escape disclosing it.

The entire episode is a huge tragedy for the McDonnell family and for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The former governor and his wife may go to jail. The "Virginia way" that has always prided itself on clean government has been sullied. Committees in the House and Senate are at work to tighten up ethics laws for the legislative and executive branches of government. I participated in a bipartisan panel to get the process underway. Reporting requirements for anything of value received will be expanded to include family members and will be required at least twice a year. An ethics commission is likely to be established to rule on the appropriateness of activities of members of state as well as local government. As part-time legislators who live in the local community much more time than in the capital city, legislators need to be able to participate in the activities of the local community as long as they do not conflict with their legislative duties. The new ethics rules and the commission should help clarify which activities and expenditures are acceptable.

The presence of laws does not completely stop wrong doing. It is up to individuals to first police themselves and to act in an ethical way. Ultimately it will be the voters who decide if their elected representatives are adhering to the common-sense ethical standards that they expect.

## Overdue Ethics Reform



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# COMMUNITY

Friends and family members of Ken Meade gathered in the McLean High School gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 10 for the christening of the newly acquired Resolute racing shell named in honor of Ken Meade, father of Cammie and Allie Meade who rowed for the McLean High School Crew Club (MCC).



## Newly Acquired Racing Shells Christened

More than 100 rowers, crew alumnae, parents and friends gathered in the McLean High School gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 10 for the christening of the newly acquired Resolute racing shell named in honor of Ken Meade, father of Cammie and Allie Meade who rowed for the McLean High School Crew Club (MCC).

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**Christopher C. Gordon christens the Resolute racing shell named in his honor.**

Past MCC President (2008-2010) John Smith talked about Ken (and wife Kathy's) support for the McLean crew team during the years the Meade daughters rowed for McLean High. During the seven-year period that one or both

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## WINTER FUN, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

# Winter Fun Ideas in McLean

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from 2-3 p.m. This is a perfect show to bring to bring young children to see illusions crafted from eastern art and Japanese traditions. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents.

### Featured Storytimes at Dolley Madison Library for Preschoolers

“Snow” presented by Riverbend Park - Bring your little ones to learn about the wonders of snow in a presentation by staff from Riverbend Park at the Dolley Madison Library on Wednesday, Feb. 26. From 10:30-11:15 a.m., preschoolers will learn about where snow comes from and how animals adapt to it, and will participate in an accompanying hands-on art activity. To register call 703-356-0770.

“Groundhog’s Shadow” Storytime - Parents are invited to bring their toddlers to learn about Groundhog Day and the legend of Punxataway Phil’s shadow. Storytime will be 10:30-11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and will include songs and activities. To register, call 703-356-0770.

### 7th Annual Jewelry Showcase at the McLean Community Center

More than 30 jewelry designers and artisans will fill the community center with their crafts on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. This juried show will feature creations made from semi-precious stones, gold, silver, pearls and more. Sweet Stuff in McLean will provide lunch and dinner fare for hungry shoppers. Admission for the day is \$3; for more information call 703-790-0123.

### Youth, Center Stage: The McLean Symphony’s Annual Spring Family Concert

In partnership with the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association, The McLean Symphony’s Annual Spring Family Concert will feature student concerto winners and composers on stage, led by concertmaster Irene Ilchysyn. See some of McLean’s finest youth musicians perform on Saturday, March 8 at 3 p.m. at McLean Community Center. For tickets go to [www.mclean-symphony.org](http://www.mclean-symphony.org).

### Katie’s Cars & Coffee

Take a ride over to Katie’s Coffee House at 760 Walker Road between 6:30-9:30 a.m. Saturdays for some great coffee and a spectacular show of community residents’ cars. You can find everything from sports cars to hot rods and polished historic vehicles. This is a great way to meet some of your neighbors and car enthusiasts from around Great Falls.

### Winter Wine Tasting at River Bend Country Club



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH

**From left: Greg and Ken Fulmer examine a Viper on display at Katie’s Cars & Coffee. You can find everything from sports cars to hot rods and polished historic vehicles at Katie’s Cars & Coffee in Great Falls.**

The Celebrate Great Falls Foundation is hosting a Winter Wine Tasting at the River Bend Country Club on Saturday, Feb. 22. Join your neighbors for an evening of wine, cheese and hors d’oeuvres at the country club, located at 375 Walker Road. Cost per ticket is \$45.

### “Pairing Premium Teas and Chocolates” at Colvin Run Mill

Learn about the delicate art of matching specific teas and chocolates at Colvin Run Mill on Saturday, Feb. 8. From 1-3 p.m., chef and tea specialist Laurie Bell will teach a class showing the differences between dark, milk, bittersweet, and other types of chocolates, and how they best match up with certain teas. Attendees will be able to try items out and take home a sampler of teas. Cost is \$30 per person; call 703-759-2771 to register.

### Read to the Dog at Great Falls Public Library

Have your little ones practice their reading by telling stories to their furry companions. Bring child and dog to the Great Falls Public Library on Mondays, Feb. 10 and 24, at 4:30p.m. to have your new readers practice their reading skills. Call the library at 703-757-8560 to reserve a spot.

### Wagon Rides at Riverbend Park

Take a wagon ride led by park staff to the Corn Crib at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and enjoy children’s activities a history lesson about the Great Falls in the 1900s. The park will also take riders to Poohsticks Bridge on Sunday, March 9 at 12 p.m while reading the stories of Winnie the Pooh. It’s a way to get little ones outside to enjoy Riverbend Park in late February and early March. Cost is \$5 per person in county. Call 703-222-4664 to reserve a spot.

### Live Music at the Old Brogue

The town of Great Falls’ own Irish pub has an endless list of live music acts performing on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 9 p.m. Come see the likes of “The Pocket Band”

on Feb. 7, “The Walking Sticks” on Feb. 28 and “Doug Parks and the Lonewolves” on March 1. Concerts usually go from 9 p.m. to midnight. See the Old Brogue’s updated calendar at [www.oldbrogue.com](http://www.oldbrogue.com) for more listings.

### Maple Syrup Boil-Down at Colvin Run Mill

Grab your family and bring them to historic Colvin Run Mill for a lesson in how to make maple syrup. Sundays on Feb. 9 and 23 and March 2, from 12-2p.m., instructors will tell how to sap maple trees for the syrup and boil it down to the final product. Enjoy the fruits of your labor afterward by trying the fresh made syrup over baked cornbread. Cost is \$3 per person; no registration required.

### Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Storytime event at Great Falls Public Library

Friday, Feb. 28 is Dr. Seuss’ birthday. In celebration of the adventurous story teller’s 110th birthday and Read Across America, Great Falls Public Library will be holding storytime for preschoolers and young readers from 11a.m.-2:30p.m.

The library will also have preschool storytime on Saturday, Feb. 8 Monday, Feb. 24, as well as Reading Buddies events where young readers can learn together with teens on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. Call the library at 703-757-8560 for more information.

### A Dance for Everyone at Colvin Run Mill Community Hall

Come ready to learn some new moves starting at 6:30 p.m., before Ed Cottrell’s all-inclusive monthly dances on Saturday, Feb. 8 and March 1. A DJ will be playing a mix of contemporary and classic dance music, including west coast and east coast swing, hustle, Latin, waltz and more from 8-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person, which includes lessons, entry fee to the dance and snacks. Call 703-435-5620 for more information.

### Artists Meet for Coffee

Every Thursday morning, Great Falls art-



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**Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs at the Barns of Wolf Trap in this file photo.**

ists meet for coffee at Katie’s Coffee House. Come share the creative energy from 8:30-10 a.m. and introduce yourself to the local artist community.

### THE VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY presents “This,” a humorous take on the tribulations of friends of a certain age — 40-ish.

The five characters face great changes in their lives, from the birth of a child to the death of a spouse to the search for love, with infidelity thrown into the mix.

“This” has adult language and is not appropriate for children under 16. Tickets are priced at \$13 each for adults and are available for purchase at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, or at the door on performance day. Shows are on Jan. 24, 25, 31, and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 and 9.

Call the community center at 703-255-6360 for weather cancellations. For more details on the production, go to [www.viennatheatrecompany.org/](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org/)

### PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TRIP

sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation, Wednesday, March 6.

A charter bus leaves the Vienna Community Center at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

The 2014 Flower Show is a collaboration of flower show designers and the nation’s great art museums, turning the Pennsylvania Convention Center into a 10-acre canvas of landscapes, gardens and floral arrangements.

The cost of the day trip is \$69 for Town of Vienna residents and \$86.25 for out-of-town participants. Cost includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges. Registration required.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or register online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

### “SOUVENIR: A FANTASIA ON THE LIFE OF FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS” opens at 1st Stage on Feb. 7 and

closes on March 2.

The production centers on the life of an eccentric real-life heiress who could not distinguish fantasy from reality. As bad as her voice was, she packed recital halls. She even performed at Carnegie Hall in 1944.

Show times for “Souvenir” are Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. General admission is \$27. Student and military tickets are \$15. Group discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.1ststage.com](http://www.1ststage.com) or by calling the 1st Stage box office at 703-854-1856. “Souvenir” is appropriate for all ages.

1st Stage, a professional theatre, is located in an industrial center in Tysons, at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. For the season’s schedule of plays, go to [www.1ststage.com](http://www.1ststage.com).

### CASINO NIGHT to benefit The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County region.

The Ritz-Carlton of Tysons Corner is hosting a benefit on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax County Region, on Friday, March 7, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Casino night admission includes an open bar, dinner buffet, gaming, and dancing. Live and silent auction prizes include weekend get-a-ways, dinner at award-winning restaurants, hotel-dinner-limo packages, sporting event tickets and more.

Guests receive funny money and a bidder number. Use the winnings from Black Jack, Texas Hold ‘Em, Craps towards raffle tickets for prizes.

Tickets are priced at \$95 per person or \$175 per couple. The Ritz-Carlton offers a Casino Night overnight room rate specially-priced at \$119.

### FREE ARTIST DEMONSTRATION sponsored by the Vienna Arts Society on Thursday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prominent artist Chica Brunsvold creates her whimsical, colorful and complex paintings on yupo paper. The March exhibition at the arts center highlights “Great Escapes,” featuring paintings inspired by her travels.

Enjoy light refreshments served. The Vienna Arts Center is located at 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Phone 703-319-3971 or see [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for information and

schedule of events.

**VIENNA CHORAL SOCIETY** sings lullabies from around the world on Saturday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church. To set the sleepy-time mood, VCS singers will perform in pajamas. The performance will appeal to children and grown-ups alike.

Tickets are priced at \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65+) and for students (15 - 18); free for youth 14 and younger with a paying adult. Purchase tickets at door.

Vienna Baptist Church is located at 541 Marshall Rd., SW, Vienna. For more information, see [www.viennachoralsociety.org](http://www.viennachoralsociety.org).

### ONGOING

#### CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL

From hands-on workshops of the foods of the world to children’s cooking classes and wine-pairing dinners, Culinaria embraces the fun and diversity that is food. On most Saturday mornings, a kids’ class is offered. There are couples-dinners, ladies’ night out, themed ingredients and a romantic Valentine’s Day wine dinner. Feb. 6 features a chocolate-making class, while Feb. 12 features healthy eating. Culinaria is “recreational” cooking instruction at its most sublime. Prices for individual classes begin at \$65.

Culinaria Cooking School is located at 110 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. Visit [www.culinariacookingschool.com](http://www.culinariacookingschool.com), email [info@culinariacookingschool.com](mailto:info@culinariacookingschool.com) or call 703-865-7920.

#### LIVE MUSIC AT MAPLEWOOD GRILL

Jazz, pop piano, and blues music are performed at Maplewood Grill in the bar. Tuesday through Saturday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m. Maplewood Grill is at 132 Branch Road S.E. in the Danor Shopping Plaza. Phone 703-281-0070 for dinner reservations.

#### WEEKEND “JAMS” AT CAFFE AMOURI

Neighborhood coffee house Caffe Amouri hosts “The Beat” on Saturday nights with scheduled musical artists. Admission is free.

Friday night is “club night.” Caffe Amouri plays records – yes, records, and lays out games for patrons to use. Saturday night features “The Beat,” a hosted open mic night. Usually a host is there to introduce the scheduled line-up of musical artists. It’s open to the audience, as well, what the Hawaiians call “kanikapila.” It’s been a popular Saturday night resource in Vienna.

See [www.caffeamouri.com](http://www.caffeamouri.com) for schedule of entertainment.

#### VIENNA-OAKTON MOMS RUN THIS TOWN

While many local people cannot imagine running in 25 degrees — some cannot even imagine going outside to pick up the newspaper at 25 degrees — it’s evident that many runners here love winter runs. And the Vienna-Oakton chapter of “Moms Run This Town” maintain a daily schedule of runs throughout the winter months. Membership is open to any woman although most of the runners are “moms.” It’s a tight-knit group. When a NoVa member was struck and killed by a drunk drive in mid-January, the Vienna-Oakton chapter dedicated a run to her. To join, go to [www.facebook.com/groups/vienna.vamrtr/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/vienna.vamrtr/).

**THE BARNs AT WOLF TRAP** offers musical programming through the spring. The Barns of Wolf Trap is located at 1635 Trap Road, Vienna, in a rustic setting. Visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).



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**Studio Rep “Code 20: Proceed to Improv”**  
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# WINTER FUN, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

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## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29-SATURDAY/FEB. 1

**Winners' Wall.** Tuesday-Saturdays. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A selection of artworks by award-winning artists on display. Vienna Community Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org)

## THURSDAY/JAN. 30

**MPA Cocktails and Creating.** 7-9 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. MPA will provide everyone with a variety of items for you to use in your creations. You can make a collage, or a sculpture or whatever your little heart desires. Tickets: <http://mpaart.givezooks.com/events/cocktails-and-creating>

## FRIDAY/JAN. 31

**Natalie York + Dave Farah Album Release Show.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. [Jamminjava.com](http://Jamminjava.com)  
**"THIS."** 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. "THIS" is a bright, tart, and melancholy comedy that captures the uncertain steps of a circle of friends entering the choppy waters of middle age. Contains adult language; for theatre-goers over 16. [www.viennatheatrecompany.org/](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org/)

**Schooner Fare.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Maine-based band Schooner Fare is known for its unique repertoire of songs and its energetic concerts. Tickets \$27-\$32. [www.wolftrap.org/](http://www.wolftrap.org/)

## FRIDAY/JAN. 31-SATURDAY/FEB. 1

**La Cage aux Folles.** 8 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Book by Harvey Fierstein, music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, based on the novel by Jean Poiret. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San



Unleash your creative side while sipping on cocktails at McLean Projects for the Arts Thursday night event, "Cocktails and Creating."

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## SATURDAY/FEB. 1

**Ballroom Dance.** 8-9 p.m. Samba lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music from Mike Surratt & the ECB playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, no partner or experience is needed. \$20 for the evening. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Arts for Autism Gala.** 6:30 p.m. Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, #1700, Vienna. An evening that brings together the arts, fashion and autism communities to benefit individuals and families affected by Autism. Festivities include a reception, dinner and silent auction. [www.arts-for-autism.org](http://www.arts-for-autism.org)

**McLean Jewelry Showcase.** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A collection of more than 30 skilled jewelry designers and artisans, makers of unique earrings, bracelets, necklaces and other products.

**Arts for Autism.** 6:30 p.m. Tower Club Tysons Corner, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive #1700, Vienna. A gala dinner reception celebrating the autism experience with an art show, a series of brief performances and remarks by people in autism community and local elected officials,

and a New York-style fashion show featuring model fundraisers walking a runway wearing the latest fashions. [www.arts-for-autism.org](http://www.arts-for-autism.org).

## SATURDAY/FEB. 1, 7, 8

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 2

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 2 & 9

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## FRIDAY/FEB. 7-SATURDAY/FEB. 8

**La Cage aux Folles.** 8 p.m. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georges, the owner of a popular drag nightclub in San Tropez, and Albin, the club's star, have lived in unwedded bliss for twenty years. Jean-Michel, the son they have raised together, throws the happy household into hilarious turmoil by announcing that he is going to marry the daughter of an

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 9

**Joshua Redman Quartet.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. One of modern jazz's most heralded saxophonists. Tickets \$42-\$45. www.wolftrap.org/  
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## TUESDAY/FEB. 11

**1964 The Tribute.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Salute the 50th anniversary of The Fab Four's first live U.S. performance in D.C. with some "Rock and Roll Music" from the "Best Beatles Tribute on Earth" (Rolling Stone). Tickets \$38-\$42. www.wolftrap.org/

## THURSDAY/FEB. 13

**Buckwheat Zydeco.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Free.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 13-SUNDAY/FEB. 16

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## THE COUNTY LINE



Janet Laubgross and Fairfax County Public Schools student Stuart Orloff spoke in support of later high school start times at the public hearing.



Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak of Coalition of the Silence speaks at the Jan. 27 public hearing on the proposed budget.

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# Debate Over School Budget Continues

## Later start times, class size among topics at School Board Public Hearing.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

Later start times, class size, and cuts to needs-based staffing were major themes of the testimony given at the Jan. 27 public hearing on Superintendent Karen Garza's proposed budget.

Members and representatives of SLEEP in Fairfax, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Coalition of the Silence, and many other groups spoke at the public hearing.

**"School is a great idea. Sure there are flaws, but it is an important part of growing up. The problem is, I'm only half awake to experience it. In class, I can hardly focus because I'm trying too hard to stay awake."**

— Stuart Orloff, a tenth-grader in Fairfax County Public Schools

Several SLEEP advocates at the hearing said that Fairfax County should follow the example of other school systems in the area and adjust middle and high school start times, beginning in Fall 2014.

Catherine Pournelle, an eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, said most teenagers only get around seven hours a sleep per night, which leads to several problems while

in school.

"I know from experience that this then causes us all to feel drowsy and not pay attention as well during morning classes. It especially becomes hard when homework piles up, causing us all to get to bed later and creating a spiral of sleepiness until the weekend," Pournelle said. "Overall it does not create a healthy environment for learning."

Stuart Orloff, a 10th-grader in Fairfax County Public Schools, agreed. "School is a great idea. Sure there are flaws, but it is an important part of growing up. The problem is, I'm only half awake to experience it. In class, I can hardly focus because I'm trying too hard to stay awake," Orloff said.

Another concern several speakers have with the budget is the cuts to need-based staffing.

Coalition of the Silence co-founder and vice chair Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak stressed the importance of closing the achievement gap in Fairfax County, which she said cannot be done with the proposed budget.

"We all accept the premise that education is the great equalizer. However, over the years, we keep seeing budget cuts that weaken the progress towards leveling the playing field for all children," Mancheno-Smoak said.

COTS co-founder Avis Catchings also spoke, and said that while COTS supports some aspects of the budget, including the decision to pay teachers fairly, she is disappointed with some of its other aspects.

"This is about life choices for COTS kids. When COTS kids fail in school, too often they also fail in life," Catchings said. "Proposing any cuts to needs-based staffing



Ryley Bendewald, a freshman at Langley High School, spoke about diversity and inclusion at the Jan. 27 public hearing.

dren who are underrepresented and disadvantaged. Alanna Brown, a ninth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, spoke about the digital divide in Fairfax County.

Brown said she thinks that while digital textbooks are helpful, it is unfair for poorer students who don't have access to the internet at home.

"Although there are low-income students at Lake Braddock, I don't believe there are that many, but there are other places like Alexandria and other areas in Virginia that have many more poor students," Brown said. "Many of these students may not have access to the internet at home, and I don't believe it is fair that they may get bad grades because they can't do their homework because they don't have access to the internet at home."

Ryley Bendewald, a freshman at Langley High School, believes it is wrong to cut class sizes in one area of Fairfax County, but not in another.

"Every student in Fairfax County, no matter what their facial features, height, family, house size, or academic advancements, deserves the opportunity to learn and to better themselves in the public schools in this county," Bendewald said.

At the hearing, Steven Greenberg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, praised Garza for her budget proposal.

"Dr. Garza's budget is the best lemonade anyone could possible make, considering the rotten lemons we've been given," Greenberg

said.

However, former school board member Tina Hone, a founder of Coalition of the Silence, said that the organization is struggling with the proposed cuts to need-based staffing.

"Even Jack didn't cut needs-based staffing," said Hone of the former Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale.

when the FCPS student population has increased by the thousands, and when most of this growth is in our neediest communities, is just not a good choice. It means larger class sizes in needier schools and fewer teachers to give these children the extra help they need to transition successfully in school."

Several students also advocated for chil-

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## Racing Shells Christened

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daughters were rowing, Ken and Kathy Meade were always there to help the team in any way and were there to cheer on the crew team during the regattas and other races.

Smith said it was fitting to have Ken's name on the boat because it would cause future generations to ask "Who was Ken Meade" and it would be an opportunity to talk about what a great guy Ken was and how much he and wife Kathy meant to the crew team. Ken Meade, an attorney, devoted husband, father, brother, and uncle died in an accident in 2013. Friends and family appreciated this opportunity to memorialize him.

MCC also officially christened a second Resolute racing shell named after Christopher C. Gordon, the just retired longtime head coach for McLean High's women's crew team. During his 17-year tenure, Chris Gordon was instrumental in the growth of the club and coached more than 1,700 rowers, including two Olympic champions.

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## Confused and then Infused



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since March 6, 2009, nearly five years now, save for nine months when I was taking an oral chemotherapy medication at home, every three weeks I have been infused with some sort of chemotherapy drug. In that time, I have certainly become familiar and fairly well-known to the various staff at The Infusion Center. What follows is the most recent exchange with the receptionist in Oncology, as best as I can recall it.

Receptionist: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. How are you?"

Me: "Lovely. Happy to be here."

Receptionist: "That's nice."

Me: "Actually, I'm not happy to be here. I mean I'd rather not be here. But since I'm here, it's better that I'm here than not here, as in unable to get here because I'm not here anymore."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "Really? Because I'm not sure I understand. I know what I'm thinking, but...What I mean to say is that I don't want to be coming here to the Infusion Center, because that means I'm being treated for cancer. But if I do have cancer, I guess I'm happy to be still alive, in order to be able to get here for treatment."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "I think I'm confused. I don't want to be coming here because I have cancer. I'd rather not be coming here at all. But since I have cancer, I suppose I'm glad I'm able to still get here. I think I'm going around in circles."

Receptionist: "No, you're fine. I understand completely."

Me: "Really. Cause I'm not sure I do. It seems like I'm talking to myself, repeating myself. I'm a writer and often I use double-entendres in my column, which seems sort of what I'm doing here. Although I'm not intending it. I was more realizing/thinking aloud as to why I was here, whether I wanted to be here and the reasons why I was fortunate - so to speak, to even still be here and/or how unfortunate I was to be here being treated for terminal lung cancer - as opposed to being healthy and not needing to be here. I feel as if I'm rambling here. Am I making any sense?"

Receptionist: "Not to worry. (Smiling, laughing.) I do understand exactly what you're saying."

Me: "I'm not sure I do. Maybe I should just stop talking and sit down and wait for Ron (my oncology nurse) to come and get me."

Receptionist: "Ron's running late. He's stuck in traffic. He'll be here soon."

Me (to myself): Great (chagrined.) I suppose I should probably stop pacing then and just sit down and try to relax. I'm here. I'm checked in. Besides, I have to be ready for my blood pressure check. If my vitals (and/or lab results, appearance, etc.) are not normal, protocols will prevent any infusion today (which has happened to me twice; very disappointing, especially considering that you think your life depends on receiving the treatment that day). If the patient doesn't pass muster, however, the oncology nurse has no choice: there will be, to invoke the "Soup Nazi" from "Seinfeld": "No chemo for you."

Fortunately, for this infusion, I have once again managed to "Pass the audition," as John Lennon so famously joked at the end of the live roof-top version of The Beatles' song "Get Back" at the end of the "Let It Be" album.

Life goes on though - for me, thank God!, despite my confusion. Thanks to the staff for continuing to take me in stride.

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The Great Falls Cheetahs recently won a league championship. Pictured are: (back row) Mari Gardiner, Johanne Skjevestad, Emma Anthony, Kendall Treco, Haley Richardson, Hannah Richardson, (front row) Victoria Stark, Audrey Kim, Anna Grace Shepherd, Sophie Luraschi, Emi Gardiner. Not pictured: Clara Nickles.

**Great Falls Cheetahs Win Indoor Soccer Championship**

The Great Falls Cheetahs, a U13 girls travel soccer team (GRFL 00 Cheetahs), recently completed an unbeaten indoor soccer season at Michael and Son Sportsplex at Dulles by winning the league championship (Winter Session 1). The team regularly plays in the Old Dominion Soccer League, and was placed in the combined U13/U14 indoor division. They finished the season 6-0-1, and led the league in fewest goals allowed, and finished second in goals scored.

**Langley Hockey Shuts Out Stone Bridge**

Friday night at Ashburn Ice House started like many others for the undefeated Stone Bridge Bulldogs in their tilt against the Langley Saxons. The local crowd was boisterous and there was not an open seat in the house. The shot count for the Bulldogs was creeping up early in Stone Bridge's favor and they appeared to be on their way to another regular-season victory, but Langley yielded no goals in the first as both teams skated to a 0-0 tie. The second period began where the first left off with both teams playing each other tight.

In the middle of the second period, something extraordinary happened. Langley captain Drew Schneider roofed a shot on the stunned Bulldog net-minder that ricocheted off the cross bar and in. The score was 1-0 for Langley. Langley's defense, buoyed by Assistant Captain Will Clemson, was relentless for the remainder of the second period and deep into the third, not allowing the Bulldogs to establish any foothold in the Langley zone. The home crowd remained very vocal, confident their Bulldogs would prevail until junior, Sam Lafuria fired a laser-like shot just inside the left post with 7:40 left in the game which sent a hush through the Ice House.

Langley Coach Grady Little did not alter his game plan. His skaters had been successful establishing a 1-3-1 trap that Stone Bridge could not break. The Saxons continued to press and the shot count began to lean in their favor. With 5 minutes left in the third, the unthinkable began to happen. Stone Bridge fans began leaving the game and player frustrations started to mount. With just under 3 minutes to go, Langley was handed a power play opportunity and Drew Schneider added another tally making the score 3-0 where it would remain. Senior Ryan Framinan was dominant in the net for Langley, stopping all 25 shots that he faced and the final shot tally was 29-25 in Langley's favor.

The Saxons' next game is against Madison on Friday, Feb. 7 at Reston at 6:10 p.m. This is senior night for both Langley and Madison.

**McLean Girls, Langley Boys Win**

Langley and McLean split a girls' and boys' basketball doubleheader on Friday, Jan. 24. The McLean girls' team defeated Langley 59-45, improving its record to 14-1. The Langley boys' team defeated McLean 50-47.

Next up for McLean: The girls' and boys' teams will host a doubleheader against South Lakes on Wednesday, Jan. 29, starting at 5:45 p.m.

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