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Courtney Lund performs 'It's the Hard-Knock Life,' from the Broadway musical 'Annie.' The performers changed outfits to fit the themes of the musicals they were portraying.



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Dean Souleles shows off his photography during the Great Falls Art Fest on the Green last weekend.



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Donna Barnako at her tent, displaying paintings and jewelry design.

Great Falls Art Fest on the Green

About 20 artists in booths under tents join three indoor artist's studios to show their wares.

The Great Falls Art Fest on the Green was a great success last weekend, June 3-5, with a constant flow of several thousand people walking and browsing through the Great Falls Village Green despite the unpredictable rainy weather. About 20 artists in booths under tents joined with three indoor artist's studios — Artists on the Green, The Artists' Loft, and Artists' Atelier — to show off their artwork in oil, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media paintings, pottery, photographs, jewelry, blown glass and fabric art.

"We're very happy to see so many people come," said photographer Jim Diedrich of Great Falls. "We enjoy being a part of the community and it's a desire to see Great Falls become a center for the arts."

"It was a very festive, community-oriented environment," said artist Begona Morton. "We are doing the job of what a Town Hall would do, together with other organizations; we appreciate the other organizations who helped collaborate with us. It's a community effort."

"It was a wonderful community event where people could wander in the tents and studios and talk to the artists and purchase art that they liked," said Julie Casso, executive director of The Arts of Great Falls.



Tents with art work line the Great Falls Village Green.

"It's just a fun way to spend the weekend; it was pretty steady, despite the weather, which was pretty threatening all weekend."

The event was co-sponsored by the Great Falls Studios, Celebrate Great Falls and The Arts of Great Falls.

The Concert on the Green, scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m., was canceled due to the weather. The next Great Falls Art Fest studio tour will be on Oct. 14-16, 2016.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Visitors admire the artwork of Jill Banks at her studio at the Artists' Atelier.



Sponsored by the Arts of Great Falls School, young artists try their hands at using pastels at the children's booth.



The Root Vegetable Collection of tea towels at the Begona Morton Studio.



James Diedrich shows off his photography of James Diedrich Photography of Great Falls.

Final Chance for Brooks Farm?

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The Planning Commission deferred its decision on Brooks Farm, perhaps for the last time.

“I think everyone agrees this process has gone on long enough and everyone, especially the neighbors around Brooks Farm, deserves resolution,” Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust wrote to the Great Falls Citizens Association.

“I do not expect any more delays and I believe the applicant understands that the most recent deferral is the final opportunity to address the remaining issues that GFCA has identified.”

The Planning Commission now has the decision hearing on the calendar for June 15, although the hearing has been deferred six times.

The Great Falls Citizens Association wrote Foust on May 9, nine days before the scheduled Planning Commission decision.

“An additional community concern recently was triggered after public records research by the Lake Estates HOA uncovered a 1968 deed of easement that per-



Dranesville Commissioner John Ulfelder deferred the Brooks Farm decision for a sixth time to June 15, 2016.

mits the Brooks Farm and adjacent property owners to combine their respective 16-foot and 34-foot parallel parcels of land to form a 50-foot-wide parcel for a public road connecting Brooks Farm to Springvale Road,” according to Great Falls Citizens Association.

The community never had the opportunity to respond in January’s public hearing to the possibility of a cut-through road because “the easement was never disclosed by the applicant,” said Eric Knudsen, present of GFCA.

“The applicant appears to have

the unilateral right to request VDOT approval to construct a roadway connecting the Brooks Farm property to Springvale Road, thereby creating a cut-through to Walker Road via Forest Lake Drive,” he said.

“I have made it clear to the applicant that I believe your letter identifies legitimate concerns,” wrote Foust. Dranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder deferred the May 18 commission hearing to “provide the applicant with a relatively short time to address those concerns.”

Planning Commission defers Brooks Farm decision one more time; Supervisor Foust expects no more delays.

GFCA CONTINUES TO OPPOSE approval of the current proposal to rezone the 51.9 acre Brooks Farm property from the R-A zoning district to R-E Cluster (Residential Estate). The applicant proposes to build 20 single family detached homes on the farmland off Springvale Road and around Walker Lake Drive. More than 1,400 people in Great Falls signed a petition opposing the development.

Great Falls Citizens Association has held numerous meetings on the proposal — touching on environmental questions including septic, well, stormwater and tree canopy — including a Town Hall meeting on May 10, attended by more than 70 residents.

“The application remains unacceptable to the Great Falls community,” said Knudsen.

The application, according to Knudsen’s letter to John Foust, fails to “sufficiently address the environmental and stormwater management concerns” raised by GFCA’s experts; “contains an unacceptable plan for tree preservation” and “fails to address the likely

damage to trees on existing properties;” and “fails to address the potential negative consequences of an existing easement for access to Springvale Road.”

THE APPLICANT, Basheer/Edgemoore-Brooks, spent more than a year revising its application in attempt to meet concerns of residents, especially regarding density, septic, stormwater, environment, well, water, preservation of trees, and other features of the property around Walker Lake.

“It is very clear this is a special piece of property to people in the community,” said Gregory Riegle, representing the developers. “We went to great pains to ensure that we have complete answers to questions.”

Great Falls was part of a downzoning more than 30 years ago designed to protect drinking water and the Potomac River, with much of the area zoned for one house for five acres.

GFCA passed a resolution opposing the rezoning application in May 2015.

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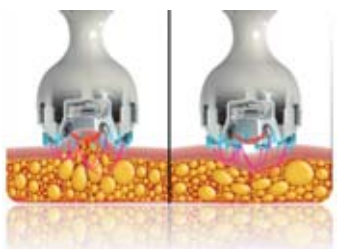
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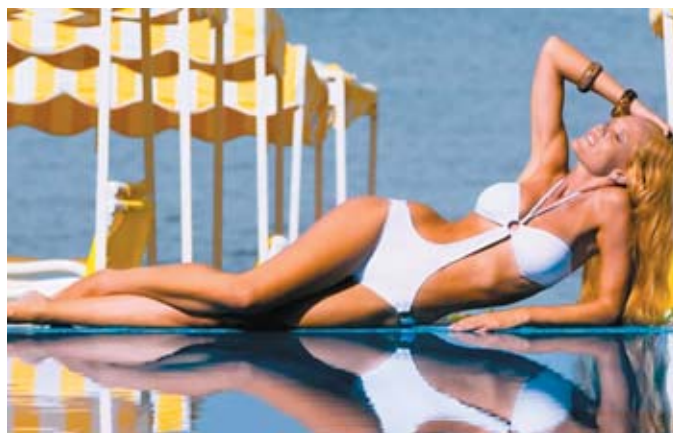
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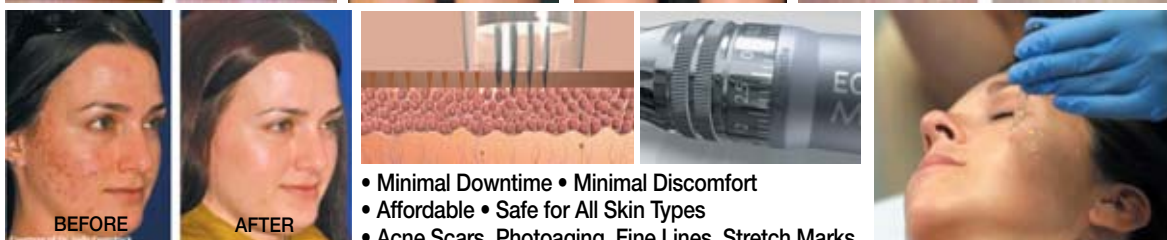
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Langley High Freshmen Receive STEM Excellence Award

Oksana Vickers and Mandy Smith, both freshmen at Langley High School, have been selected as the 2016 recipients of American Association of University Women (AAUW) McLean Area Branch's STEM Excellence Award.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award is given to a female student or team from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. This year's award recognized the work done by Oksana and Mandy on the project, "The Effect of Desalination Method on Overall Efficiency."

Each student receives an award certificate, half of a \$100 award, and recognition at a Branch event. The awards were announced at the Branch's Annual Dinner on May 25 at Riverbend Country Club.

The students' project was motivated by a critical lack of drinkable water worldwide. The purpose of their experiment was to find the most efficient method of desalination in terms of time, reduction in salinity, and water loss.

Oksana first became interested in desalination of water through her participation in Langley High School's Model United Nations club and then pursued learning about the science required for its implementation. She has won awards at the Ivy League Model UN Conference, as well as regional and state science fairs.

Mandy has an interest in both environmental science and engineering and chose this project because



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Oksana Vickers, freshman at Langley High School, received the AAUW McLean Area Branch STEM Excellence Award from Peggy Stotz, member of the Branch's Local Awards Committee at the Annual Dinner on May 25.

it combined her interests and could help others at the same time. She has also won awards at Langley High School's science fair and the Fairfax County regional science fair.

For more information on the American Association of University Women and the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Concert on the Green Rescheduled

The summer's first Concert on the Green in Great Falls was rescheduled to Sunday, Sept. 11 due to the threat of severe thunderstorms in the area last weekend. The band slated to perform, Mike Terpak Blues Explosion, is a local Washington, D.C. band that specializes in British, American and electrical blues.

The next concert will be on Sunday, June 12 and will feature artist Mary Ann Redmond, a Great Falls local who enjoys performing blues, pop, rock, jazz and rhythm and blues. The evening begins at 6 p.m. on the Village Green and is family-friendly.

—NIKKI CHESHIRE

A Bus Tour of Great Falls Historic Sites

On Sunday, June 12, the Great Falls Historical Society will be conducting a bus tour of many locations throughout Great Falls where George Washington made a mark including Matildaville and the Locks of the Pawtomack Canal at Great Falls National Park, The Towlston Grange, home of friend Brian Fairfax (exterior only), the land on which the Colvin Run Mill is situated, formerly owned by George Washington, and The William Gunnell House on Innsbruck Avenue, one of the last standing 18th-century houses, which shows affluent architectural of the day. Karen Washburn, local historian, National Park Service guides, and Sean Beyer will serve as tour guides. The \$35 admission includes all admissions and a picnic lunch. To reserve a seat, please visit www.gfhs.org.

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School Board Adopts \$2.7 Billion Budget

FY 2017 budget aims to raise teacher salaries, lower class sizes.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board has made good on Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza's promise when she introduced a FY 2017 budget for the school system.

"The most important announcement for our students and teachers may be what the proposed budget does not do," Garza said at a press conference held Jan. 7, 2016 at West Potomac High School, "it makes no further cuts."

At the Board's May 26 regular meeting, its members adopted a \$2.7 billion budget that will take effect July 1.

Highlights of the budget include a salary increase plus one percent market scale adjustment for all employees who are eligible, \$40 million to make teacher salaries in particular more competitive in the region and \$10 million aimed at lowering elementary school class sizes.

School Board Chairman Pat Hynes praised the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in



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a statement for engaging with their educational counterparts to overcome an early gap between the two bodies' advertised budget that eclipsed \$70 million.

"Working together, we were able to secure the funding necessary to make critical investments in teacher pay, reduce the size of some classes in our elementary schools and maintain our instructional programs and services to our students," Hynes said.

"We sincerely want to thank the members of the community who rallied to call for increased support for their students, teachers, and schools."

It took the supervisors adding an extra cent to the real estate tax and directing that additional revenue to the school system to make the Fairfax County transfer to FCPS really viable for Garza's goals.

"I am hopeful that this budget represents

a turning point for our schools," Superintendent Garza said in a statement. "This reinvestment in our community's most important asset will provide great dividends for all the citizens of Fairfax. We are already looking ahead to FY 2018 and will continue to work as partners with the Board of Supervisors to solve these vital challenges for our community."

Fairfax County's transfer to the School Operating Fund ended up being a 4.8 increase over the FY 2016 Budget. FCPS also benefitted from an increase in state aid and sales tax, and \$6.7 million in reductions from the previous year because of reductions in student enrollment.

The Board also approved several add-on motions that carried with the FY 2017 budget. Those included Hynes calling for continued collaboration with the Board of Supervisors and focusing joint discussions on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team.

Providence representative to the School Board Dalia Palchik's motion for the Board to encourage the Supervisors to move a meals tax to referendum in this fall's election was successful as well.

More information about the FY 2017 FCPS budget and the budget process are available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

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Lifelong Learning: Endless Possibilities

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
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COMMENTARY

In 1956 the then appointed Fairfax County School Board appropriated fifty dollars per month to be paid as a supplement to a school administrator to start an adult education program. Since the schools were still racially segregated, a program for white adults was started at Annandale High School, and a program for black adults was started at Luther Jackson School. The favorite offerings at both locations were classes in sewing including the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, as well as typing and shorthand. The inexpensive, evening classes proved popular, and the program grew rapidly. Basic education classes for those adults who could not read and write were added as were night school classes to complete high school and to prepare for the G.E.D.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a 60th anniversary celebration of the program at the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning on Edsall Road in the eastern part of the county. I was honored several years ago when the School

Board chose to name its first full-time adult education center for my work in adult and community education that spanned half the years of its existence. Starting as a part-time room coordinator in the evenings when I was a half-time intern teacher from the University of Virginia, I was able, for reasons too complex, to explain here to become an administrator of the program in three years. As many discover in pursuing a career, my good fortune of working in a program that I loved so much was more a case of being at the right place at the right time than any deliberate planning.

As Fairfax County and its school system grew, the adult education program that became known as the adult and community education program grew not only in enrollment but in the variety of its offerings. With the growth in the number of persons speaking English as a second language came classes in English for those speakers of other languages. Increased educational requirements in a soaring economy

resulted in more enrollment in evening adult high school and in vocational education programs.

While the adult and community education program afforded tax-paying citizens an opportunity to utilize the facilities their tax dollars had built, the program at the same time provided support for the school system's K-12 program. Students who were unsuccessful in the regular high schools were often allowed to transfer to the adult high school program as an alternative where they were often more successful. Parents could take classes in child development and parenting in order to help their own children. Adult and Community Education (ACE) provided administrative support for after-school enrichment classes in the elementary schools.

A catalogue of ACE classes and programs is mailed three times a year to Fairfax County residents and is available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/ace/documents/catalogs/2016/Summer2016.pdf>. As its literature promises, "the possibilities are endless." Endless for career and employment training, learning a new language, personal and academic enrichment. After all, as we have become aware—learning is lifelong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Receiving Benefits, Ducking Responsibility

To the Editor:

John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection made a case for a school tax "rebate" to senior property owners. His stated argument is that since elderly residents don't have children in the school system, they should get a financial break.

Since having no children in the system is the criterion, can we assume Mr. Knight would support cutting a rebate check for singles without children? Who knows whether they will ever use the system in these uncertain times? How about for families that send their children to private schools, don't they deserve a little break, too? And why, when you get right down to it, should businesses - that obviously don't put little ones into classrooms - not be entitled to a smidgen of property tax forgiveness?

Why pay for something you don't use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of other areas of public policy, too. If I have health insurance, shouldn't I get a rebate for that share of my taxes that goes to pay for public health services? Shouldn't I get a modest re-deposit to my account

to compensate me for the cost of maintaining the county parks I don't use. I have never had a house burn down - not even once - and yet I'm expected to pay my full part of the taxes that fund Fairfax County Fire? How is that fair?

And just you wait until Mr. Knight starts in on figuring out which parts of the Commonwealth and Federal budgets don't apply him. We'll all be rolling in rebates!

But, of course, the world doesn't work the way Mr. Knight suggests it should. The same seniors whose real estate values have climbed over the years because of the quality of life - and the caliber of the public institutions - in Fairfax County, have a continuing obligation to pay to sustain that quality. The Fairfax County school system existed for their children because previous generations funded it. Having received the benefits, trying to duck the responsibility to keep the lights on for future generations is downright churlish.

Of course, getting that rebate is possible for those that really want to cash out. All it involves is selling and moving. Away.

Kyle Olson
Alexandria

Protect Homeowners, and School Budget

To the Editor:

Regarding John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection: While the sentiment is nice and I would join anyone in complaining about the burden of taxes being put on all the homeowners; in my opinion businesses and developers get away with tax breaks. Our supervisors and planning commissions are over developing Tysons; creating traffic and other problems, and then they complain about the low occupancy rate. The fix to those problems is raising homeowner taxes. I don't think giving seniors a break due to the fact they no longer have kids in school is fair or wise. Those schools prepared

our kids and now have the task of preparing our and another generation of children's kids. Many of the people in our neighborhood who are young don't have kids. Shouldn't they also be given dispensation? I would prefer we pass the meals tax and stop giving other breaks to businesses and developers. That would be a much better means of supplemental funding of our schools and help to keep our homeowners' taxes from escalating. Well-educated children are resources to seniors, couples and singles without children and current parents alike.

Michael Knudsen
McLean

Send Photos for Father's Day Galleries

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and as in years past, this newspaper will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and

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LETTERS

Costly Alternatives

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to read that the Colvin Run Septic Sewage Receiving Plant will be “temporarily” closing on June 27 due to the “Difficult Run Pump Station Project” (“Sewage Hauled Elsewhere,” Great Falls Connection, June 1-7, 2016).

The article which I read did not reveal a projected date for reopening. The article also indicates that Septic companies will thereafter be required to take their loads of “honey” to the Blue Plains treatment plant in D.C. or the Upper Occoquan Service Authority in Centreville. Both of these alternatives will be an extreme hardship for Septic companies.

Residents of Great Falls already pay \$300 or more to have their Septic systems emptied, as we have no water and sewage service provided by Fairfax County. If the Septic company must drive to D.C. or Centreville, a minimum of a two hour round trip from Great Falls, Great Falls residents will be charged hundreds of dollars more for such services. Did anyone obtain details of such additional charges before the decision was made to close the Colvin Run facility?

I am not familiar with the “Difficult Run Pump Station Project”, but when that Project was initially designed, it should have provided for the continuing operation of the Colvin Run Septic Receiving Plant.

Dave Elmore
Great Falls

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Adding a stone patio creates a low maintenance and aesthetically appealing outdoor space.



Drought-tolerant plants are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established.

This octagonal-shaped McLean home was inspired by a California house.



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Octagonal Dream Home on the Market

Home's shape and large windows make it a sun-drenched space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION



Large windows and an octagonal design allows light to stream into this home.

It was during a trip to California almost 20 years that McLean resident Susan Jordano first laid eyes on her dream home. The feature that she found most appealing was its octagonal shape.

In 2008, she was able to replicate the West Coast property, when she asked architect Joe Burton to design an eight-sided house in McLean. The resulting design was 6,400-square foot, four-bedroom, six-bathroom home with eight-foot windows and French doors.

"I think the feature I like the most ... is the covered porch where we can sit out on a summer afternoon or entertain as many as 65 for a sit-down dinner," said Jordano. "It is also delightful to sit out on a warm, rainy day and be protected."

An expansive breezeway is topped with a 16x16-foot skylight and connects the main house to a two-story garage. The octagon shape, which allows an abundance of natural light to stream into the home, is still one of the features that Jordano finds most appealing.

"I ... like the irregular shapes of the rooms and how well furniture fits in them," she said.

outdoor rooms, says Philip Smith, design consultant with Offenbachers, an outdoor furniture and accessories company with showrooms in Springfield and Fairfax. "Sky's the limit when it comes to color ... the season is full of vibrant pops and soothing undertones sure to please every style and preference," he said. "It is proving to be a very organic and lovely extension of the season's interior design trends."

When selecting low-maintenance plants, says Watkins, look for woody ornamental varieties such as boxwoods, hydrangeas and azaleas, which are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established. "You'll fertilize them in the fall and prune them after they finish blooming, and for most of these plants that's all the maintenance you'll need to do," he said. "Once a plant is established you'll probably only need to water them two or three times throughout summer, during at time when we are without rain for a couple of weeks."

Coneflowers and other native plants require little care, while adding potted plants to a landscape adds variety while preserving a yard's low-maintenance appeal. "If you have patios, you have to have potted plants, it's like putting curtains on a window," said Watkins.

He recommends adding water-absorbing crystals called Moisture Mizer, which retain and then release water when the soil becomes dry. "It helps potted plants retain moisture because as the soil dries up, it releases moisture and can cut your watering down tremendously," said Watkins.

Adding hostas or other ground cover plants can decrease pesky weeds and cut down on yard work. "Try to plant with landscaping that covers the whole plant bed," said Watkins. "If you layer a ground covering plant it adds texture, color and height difference and fills in a plant bed. After 2-3 years the whole ground is covered, and the amount of mulch that you need to spend on the yard each year becomes less and less."

the ground freezes and thaws, you'll get movement in the ground, which might cause two or three of the pavers to heave up. All you'll need to do in that case is pull up, break up and smooth out the base material and lay them back down." When creating a patio, using a stone that will stand up to the elements and ensure wear and tear is a key consideration. "Bluestone is durable and more high-end, but it's going to last forever," said Dianne Duvall of American Plant in Bethesda, Maryland. "Another option is manufactured paving blocks that will mimic the look of cobblestone or brick and create a uniform look. It's important that it be permeable so that water will soak through rather than pooling up or running off."

Furniture and accessories made of high quality, durable fabrics and other materials can add to the low maintenance appeal of patios and

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Warm weather and sunshine offer opportunities for spending time relaxing and entertaining outside. Local landscaping gurus offer suggestions for creating a low maintenance backyard that will allow for more time spent enjoying it and less time taking care of it.

Building an outdoor room or patio means less foliage to maintain and more space for entertaining. "It's low maintenance because if you have a patio with pavers you only need to spend a half hour once or twice a year maintaining it," said David Watkins, general manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Falls Church.

"You need to sweep more sand in and take care of any weeds that come up between the stones. When

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Jami Nasi and Greg Crocker, chief financial officer with McLean Mortgage Corporation, dance at Linda Thompson's annual Barn Dance to benefit the Great Falls Optimist Club youth fund.

Barn Dance Goes Out with a Bang and Optimism

Annual event benefits the Optimist Club youth fund.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The seven horses that live on Linda Thompson's White Pines Farm property on Walker Road have shared their barn with the Great Falls Optimist Club for about once a year for the past 10 years.

"It's amazing. It's one of my favorite things about the place," said Thompson. "I fell in love with this barn before I fell in love with the property."

Thompson describes how she made renovations to her barn to be able to turn it into a dance floor, bar, auction house, barbecue restaurant, concert and picturesque location for the annual Barn Dance.

"I've put a lot of heart and soul into it," she said on Saturday night, June 4, describing efforts to keep to it airtight, white washing the interior, treating the elegant wood, putting electricity and installing lighting and heat.

The dance benefits the Great Falls Optimist Club Children's Fund.

"We're small but mighty," said Thompson, this year's president. "We've been part of the community for a long time."



The Great Falls Optimist Club President Linda Thompson hosts the annual barn dance at her property of White Pines Farm on Walker Road.

Some of the programs provided by the Optimist Club include the Great Falls Children's Festival, youth awards of excellence, essay contests, the Christmas Tree lighting, a winter shoes program, and family food programs. The club also supports Special Olympics, local scouts, local Little League teams, and has partnered in developing the children's playground



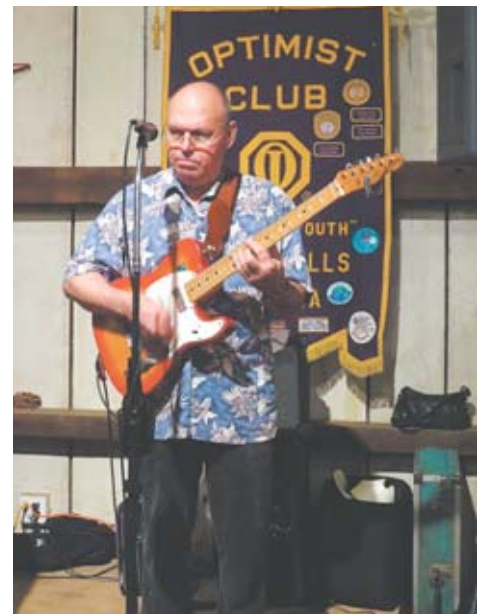
One of the purposes of an Optimist Club is "to aid and encourage the development of youth." Another purpose is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life.

near the Grange.

This will be the Optimist Club's last Barn Dance.

She's hoping to break down the barn and move it to her son's farm this year. "I'm sad to see it go, but the time is right for me to break away," said Thompson.

The purpose of an Optimist Club is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life,



The band, Western Electric, has performed at all of the Barn Dances, an annual event over the past decade that benefits the Optimist Club youth programs.

to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, and to aid and encourage the development of youth.

Contact TR Cook, past president of the Optimist Club, at trcookphoto@aol.com or at 703-938-1609.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, June 14, 7-8 p.m.** This month's topic is "Caregiver Vacationing: How to Make it Work When You're a

Caregiver". Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Caregiver Support/Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, June 15 at noon** at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. (Please note new meeting location.) The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each

session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-324-5403**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Fairfax County is offering a free

Medicare 101 workshop, Wednesday, June 15, 2-4 p.m. Learn the facts about health insurance for seniors. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. To register, call Karen Brutsché at **703-390-6157**, TTY 711.

NEWS

Meredith Hargroves, a freshman at the University of Virginia and alumna of Langley High School, was surprised by her boyfriend Matt Arrison who brought her onstage during the performance.

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Langley Choir on Broadway

BY NIKKI CHESHIRE
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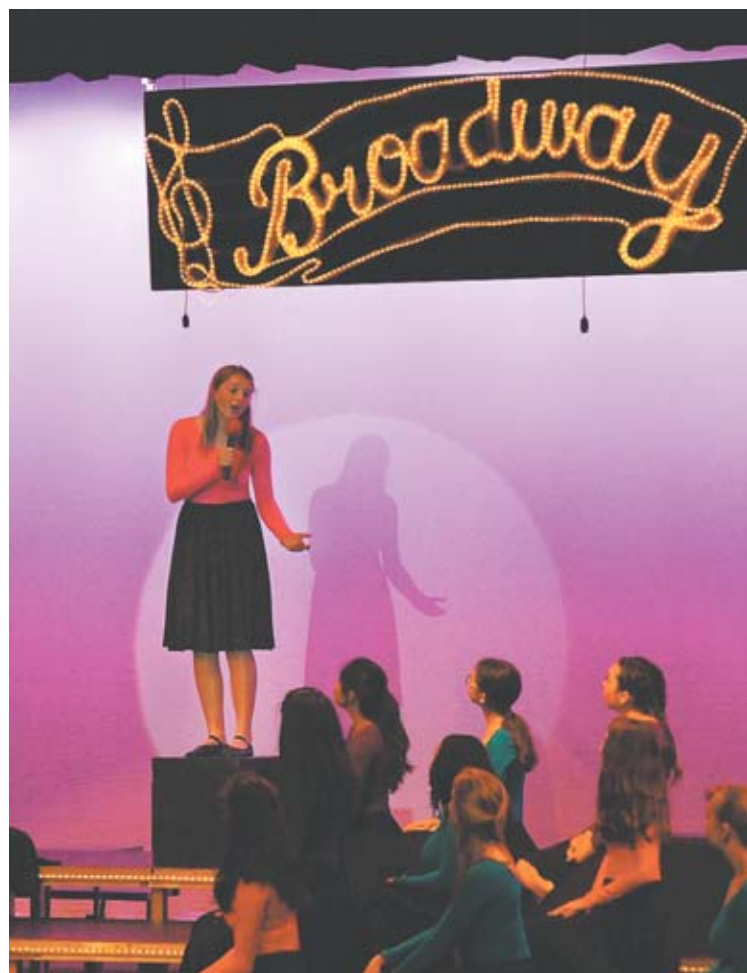
The halls were alive with the sound of music this past week at Langley High School as the choir performed classic Broadway hits during their annual concert.

The evening included music from famous shows such as "Annie," "Oklahoma," "Jersey Boys," a medley from "Jekyll & Hyde," and more.

During one song in the "Jersey Boys" portion, performed by the Voicemale group within the Langley High School Choral Music Department, a member of the audience was brought onstage. "I knew someone was going to be pulled up there, but I had no idea it was me!" said Meredith Hargroves, a freshman at the University of Virginia and alumna of Langley High School. Her boyfriend, Matt Arrison, a senior and member of Voicemale surprised her with the gesture and the group serenaded her in front of the audience.

Voicemale is small, select, men's ensemble that focuses on a variety of musical styles.

The concert had a large audience for both nights of the performance, which was held in Langley's newly built auditorium.



During the 'Leading Ladies' section of the performance, the Women's Select Treble Choir sang popular selections from 'Wicked,' 'The Sound of Music,' 'Guys and Dolls,' and more.



Ammad Akbari and Alyssa Bedell perform a medley from 'Jekyll & Hyde.' Both Akbari and Bedell are members of the Madrigals, an advanced and selective mixed ensemble.

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Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Meeting Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7 p.m.

Find out about plans to widen Leesburg Pike (Route 7) from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and the west end of the bridge over the Dulles Toll Road (a 6.9 mile segment), to increase capacity, decrease congestion, and improve safety, in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about project design, status of the preliminary noise analysis, and stormwater management. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions. A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Review project information at www.ConnectRoute7.org, at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2950, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **June 30, 2016** to Mr. William Dunn, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email ConnectRoute7@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "June 16 public information meeting" in the subject line.

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ONGOING

"Floyd Collins." Fridays, 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Sundays 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Man chases his dreams but finds only short-lived celebrity. \$35/\$32. www.1ststageyson.com.

June Floral Show. June 1-30.
Broadway Gallery Fine Art and Framing, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Reston Chamber Member features Floral Show at Great Falls Gallery with works of art by Vladimir & Alena Piven, Olaf Schneider, Anastasia Carson, David Sloane, Matthew Moore, and Linda Griffin. broadwaygallery.net. 703-450-8005.

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Fridays from May 6-Nov. 18. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market provides area residents an opportunity to purchase locally grown or produced products. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

"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. 1ststageyson.com. 703-854-1856.

Krop's Crops Flea Market. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Second and fourth Saturdays from May to August. 11110 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Shop for vintage, antique and used items. Or sell your treasures. kropsfleaemarket@gmail.com.

Meadowlark Magic at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. May 2-Through June 20. 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibit their work. 703-255-3631.

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

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase your flexibility, improve your breathing and health, reduce your stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Tysons Fit Club Powerwave. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. A fitness class taught on The Plaza with Battle Ropes and body weight exercises for a full-body workout. Class is free. Equipment provided. Bring your own water. In inclement weather, Fit Club will be moved indoors to the second level near American Girl and Bloomingdales. tysonscornercenter.com/Events.

Dolly Parton Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Dolly Parton, country music star, performs at Wolf Trap. \$45-\$150. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

Story Time at Shake Shack. 7-7:30 p.m. Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Join the Fairfax County Library at Shake Shack for story time. All children who participate will receive a free Tysons Treat. tysonscornercenter.com/Events.



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From left — Evan Casey (as Floyd Collins) and John Sygar (Homer Collins) in "Floyd Collins" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner until June 26.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Write On Into Summer. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Workshop for ideas on how to encourage children to write over the summer months. Register at 703-204-3941.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 9-11

Ragtime The Musical. Thursday and Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see the Broadway musical at Wolf Trap. \$22-\$80. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

Summer Kick-Off Party. 7-9 p.m. The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. A disc jockey keeps the fun alive with great music while the game room is open for ping-pong, pool and other arcade games. This event will be supervised by Old Firehouse staff members. Parents/guardians (age 18 or older) must come into the center to pick up their children by 9 p.m. \$35/\$25. mcleancenter.org.

Parent and Child Fishing by Boat. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Go fishing with your child from a jon boat or canoe and get an introduction to the boating basics. Boats provided, fishing rods available to rent. Complete the waiver on the website and bring to session. 5 years or older. \$16/\$18. Canceled if inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

B-Fest Teen Book Festival. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner Center, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Featuring author events, writing workshops, panel discussion at noon on Saturday with popular local YA authors Kate Hattemer, Jessica Spotswood and Lisa Maxwell moderated by Lenore Appelhans and more activities. bn.com/B-fest.

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.

ETAP's Spring Show. 8-10 p.m. Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Enjoy an evening of exciting entertainment, Broadway Style. This All Dance Revue features some of ETAP's most iconic numbers from the past 20 years, and many new ones as well. All ages. \$19-\$23. Encore-tap.org.

"Animal Kingdom" Pet Rescue and Adoption. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., Nw, Vienna. Artists will offer pet related art, and invite owners to bring their pets to pose for original caricatures and portraits. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

Brahma Vihara: Heart Practices. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sanctuary of Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Workshop will focus on the Buddhist Heart Practices of lovingkindness, compassion, empathetic joy, and equanimity. 703-281-1767.

"Gut Churn" from Radiolab's Jab Abumrad. 8 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. This multimedia exploration, on one level, is the personal story of how Jad invented a new aesthetic. On another, it is a clinic in the art of storytelling. On a third and more profound level, it is the result of a three-year investigation into the science,



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Sunrise Over Riverbend Kayak

Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Go kayaking with a naturalist and watch the sunrise and learn about the historical and natural beauty of the river. Kayaks provided. No previous experience required. Complete the waiver on the website and bring to session. 14 years and older. \$39/\$41. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Journey to the Potomac River

Wagon Ride. 10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Go on a wagon ride and learn about the park's wildlife and historical Native Americans. 2 years or older. \$6/\$8. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Riverbend Family Day.

Noon-2 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Children with disabilities and their families can enjoy a kayak tour of the Potomac, fishing, and hiking with a guide. 8 years or older. \$8/\$10. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Classical Guitar Recital.

4-5 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna. Program will include works by Weiss, Sor, Tarrega, Rodrigo, Pujol, and a duet for organ and guitar by W. De Blasio. No tickets are required. A reception will follow. 703-938-6521.

Youth Sunday.

10 a.m. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean. Service for youths, followed by hotdogs, hamburgers, and water games on the lawn. Join us for a wonderful time—all are welcome. 703-442-0330.

"Gustafer Yellowgold's Show."

2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Gustafer Yellowgold is a friendly fellow who came from the Sun and landed in the Minnesota woods. "Gustafer Yellowgold's Show" is a multi-media performance of live music, animated illustrations and storytelling. Ages 4 and up. \$15/\$10. mcleancenter.org.

Mum Growing Tutorial.

2:30 p.m. Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present a short mum growing tutorial followed by instruction on how to control when chrysanthemums bloom by using shading to extend the hours of darkness. Free. 703-560-8776.

Sunset Over Riverbend Kayak

Tour. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Tour the Potomac River as the sun sets. No previous experience required. Kayaks provided. Complete the waiver on the website and bring to session. 14



"Sleeping Bear Dunes," by Gail Péan, Oil on Canvas, will be on display in the large meeting room of Great Falls Library throughout the month of June.

years or older. \$39/\$41. Canceled if inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Intro to River Kayaking.

10-10:30 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn the basics of kayaking; this class covers river hazards, water safety, and paddling basics. 14 years or older. \$30/\$32. Fee includes equipment and half-day kayak rental. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

MONDAY/JUNE 13

Flight of the Concord

Performance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Grammy-winning musical humorists reunite to perform their music comedy live with special guest Arj Barker. \$35-\$65. 703-255-1900. wolfftrap.org.

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.

Animal Feeding Time.

10-11 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Join a Riverbend animal caretaker as they feed and care for the park's exhibit animals. 4 years or older. \$5/\$7. 703-759-9018. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Jackson Browne Concert.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and see the folk-rock singer/songwriter Jackson Browne in concert. \$35-\$60. 703-255-1900. wolfftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Sallie Lowenstein. 7:30 p.m. Vienna

Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. 703-319-3971. ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Vienna Arts Society Membership

Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Arts Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Meeting and presentation by Sallie Lowenstein, author/illustrator. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

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8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see the multi-genre band Lake Street Dive in concert, with opening by The Lone Bellow. \$25-\$45. 703-255-1900. wolfftrap.org.

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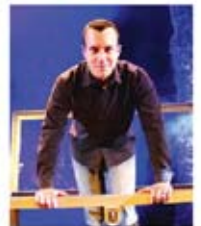
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Local High School Students Win Merit Scholarships

The following are local students who received the National Merit Scholarship:

❖ Phoebe G. Whitmore, of Vienna, attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and plans to study engineering at Purdue University.

❖ Nikhil Prasad, of Oakton, attends Oakton High School, in Vienna, and plans to study finance at Indiana University Bloomington.

❖ Ava C. Lakmazaheri, of McLean, attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and

Technology and plans to study mechanical engineering (robotics) at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering.

❖ John H. Balch, of Great Falls, attends George C. Marshall High School and plans to study activism at the University of Chicago.

❖ Sara E. Warrington, of Great Falls, attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and plans to study chemistry at the University of Chicago.

SPORTS

Madison Softball Earns State Tournament Berth

Warhawks will face Grassfield at 3 p.m. on Friday.

BY JOSH BELANGER
THE CONNECTION

The third time the Madison and South Lakes softball teams faced this season it was for a trip to the 6A North region championship game and a berth in the state tournament. The two previous games showed little offense and dominant pitching performances. On May 31, the bats would come alive.

The teams combined for five home runs, including four by Madison, and the Warhawks defeated South Lakes 6-2 in the region semifinals in Vienna. The victory earned Madison a trip to the region final and a state tournament berth.

Two days later, the Warhawks lost to Osbourn Park 2-0 in the region championship game. Madison (23-4) will face 6A South region champion Grassfield in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 10 at Robinson Secondary School.

On May 31, senior Katie Vannicola started in the circle for the Warhawks and the Seahawks countered with sophomore Aly Rayle. For the first three innings, the pitch-



PHOTO BY JOSH BELANGER

Katie Vannicola and the Madison softball team earned a state tournament berth.

ing was as expected. Both pitchers seemed to be locked in as neither one surrendered a hit until the third inning.

"Any time you face someone three times it's hard," said Madison head coach Jim Adkins. "I thought our hitters did a much better job and had a better approach in this game than the previous two games."

Madison's patience would pay off as the offense broke it open in the third. Senior Blake Brackett started the inning with a base hit and later scored on a throwing error. Vannicola then hit a two-run home run and sophomore Kristin Giery would follow that with a long ball of her own.

"We made some adjustments and you see

some balls hit hard and when you get a few fortunate home runs, it's usually helpful for your offense," said Adkins. "I thought the girls had a good approach at the plate."

Two batters later, senior Julia Hoy hit the third home run of the inning for the Warhawks, giving them a five-run lead.

Adkins said that the confidence is high, but credits the success to an adjustment in the practice plan.

"We spent the last week getting back to the basics, focusing on seeing the ball hit the bat, keeping your head behind the swing and making adjustments at the plate," said Adkins.

South Lakes head coach Carlos Soto tried

to slow the inning down and get his team to relax after the error, feeling that a rally was coming. Unfortunately for the Seahawks, the mistakes were just too much to overcome.

"When you have a team with really good bats, you can't make mistakes in the strike zone," said Soto. "I called timeout because you have to try and refocus and I hope that didn't hurt [Rayle], but she battled back on things like that all season and again when you [face] a good hitting team you can't make mistakes."

South Lakes would not go quietly. After a leadoff single in the fourth by junior Jazmyn Stokes, junior Danielle Barr connected on a two-run shot to left, cutting the lead to three.

However, that's all Vannicola would allow a young South Lakes group to score. The Seahawks finished the season 17-8, but only graduate four seniors and have a senior infield returning next season.

"I feel really confident about this team and confident we will be back next year and do a lot of great things," said Soto.

Giery added insurance in the sixth for Madison with her second long ball of the game and her eighth home run of the season.

"[Madison] hit the ball well today, you can't say anything bad about them, they played really well," said Soto. "Giery has been doing well for them all season and she stepped up for them today."

Nunez's Two Goals Propel W-L Boys' Soccer Past Langley

Saxons' season ends with loss in 6A North region semifinals.

BY AARON LUNDMARK
THE CONNECTION

Defending a state championship isn't easy.

The Langley Saxons boys' soccer team came into its June 1 matchup against the Washington-Lee Generals looking to hang on to their 2015 6A state championship they won last spring.

What made defending a state title that much harder than usual? This time, it was the Washington-Lee dynamic duo of Maycol Nunez and Lucas Mendes.

Two first-half goals by Nunez in the 13th and 34th minutes and a second-half goal by Gatorade National Player of the Year Lucas Mendes were more than enough for the Generals to defeat the Saxons 3-0 during the 6A North region semifinals at War Memorial Field in Arlington.

"We do a good job playing together," said Nunez when asked about the chemistry he has with his teammate. "I know where Lucas is going to be and he knows where I'm going to be. We go way back since middle school."



PHOTO BY AARON LUNDMARK

The Langley boys' soccer team finished the season with a 14-2-3 record, including a 3-0 loss to Washington-Lee on June 1 in the 6A North region semifinals.

The game started out rather slow paced, as both the Generals and the Saxons were controlling the ball around midfield. Then, in the 13th minute, after a steal by Washington-Lee midfielder Thomas Kelsch, he made a long, rainbow-like pass to Nunez, who caught Langley goalkeeper Alex Barakat way out of the net and was able to tap it home for the 1-0 lead.

Later on in the first half, Langley striker

Timmy Le just sailed one high over the crossbar, which led to a rush by the Generals. Nunez buried his second goal to make it 2-0 just a few minutes before halftime.

"It's big, they've known each other for a while now," said Generals head coach Jimmy Carrasquillo. "It's really hard to cover one of them, and it's even harder to cover both of them. With their skills and their speed, I'm glad at this point they're work-

ing better together."

To start the second half, Langley started to gather a little bit of pressure, as a couple chances from Daniel Hulett and Cameron Bacso were just off target.

"We couldn't get the ball on the floor, which was frustrating," said Langley head coach Bo Amato. "I felt like I didn't get my team ready to play so this one's on me."

Aside from all the scoring the Generals did, a key element to the game was the way the defense played on the backend.

"We kept talking about trying to get that shutout," said Carrasquillo. "We've been needing to finish these games off, so the fact that we got this shutout for the boys defensively, it means a lot."

Heading the backend was goalkeeper Julian Esquer-Perez, who made a couple of timely saves and gave the Generals their fourth shutout of the season.

"Against the last state champions, that's awesome," said Nunez. "[Langley] has a lot of good players and to shut them out that says a lot about our defense."

In the 64th minute, Nunez could've had a chance at the hat trick, but instead he made a touch pass to Mendes, who finished it off to give the Generals a 3-0 lead.

Langley finished the season with a 14-2-3 record. The Saxons reached the Conference 6 tournament championship game but lost to Yorktown.

NEWS



From left — Shu-Chen Cuff, Jeanne Harrison and Stephen Gorbos

Area Choreographer and Theatre Director Win \$5,000 Grant

Reston-based choreographer Sue-Chen Cuff and Great Falls-based theatre director Jeanne Harrison won \$5,000 each from the Arts Council of Fairfax's Strauss Artist Grant. Falls Church composer Stephen Gorbos also won.

Taiwanese-born choreographer and dancer Shu-Chen Cuff founded Reston-based Gin Dance Company in 2011 providing artists the opportunity to learn, grow, and express themselves through dance. Cuff serves as artistic director for Gin Dance and regularly performs with her dance company in Fairfax County and the Washington metropolitan area. She is known for blending both visual and performance art in her performances.

Cuff has performed numerous classical and contemporary dance works while working with Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company, Miami Ballet, and Nevada Ballet Theatre and has toured in Asia, Central America, and Europe before relocating to the Washington, D.C. area in 2002. Cuff is currently on the faculty of BalletNOVA Center for Dance and the Metropolitan School of the Arts where she continues to share her passion for dance with young aspiring dancers. To find out more about Shu-Chen Cuff and Gin Dance Company, visit <http://gindance.org>.

Theatre artist Jeanne Harrison is Traveling Players Ensemble's producing artistic director and founder. The Ensemble, founded in 2003, is dedicated to bring classical theatre into the great outdoors through a thriving summer camp and year-round acting classes and workshops. During her 27-year teaching career, Harrison has taught for Catho-

lic University, Chapin School, Folger Shakespeare Library, Loyola University (Maryland), University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and Interlochen Center for the Arts, where she directed the Shakespeare program. She is an expert on Commedia dell'Arte, a form of theatre which utilizes masks and stock characters to deliver improvised performances, as well as a physical trainer for actors, Harrison has presented workshops at the National Conference of the American Alliance for Theater and Education. To find out more about Jeanne Harrison and Traveling Players Ensemble, visit <http://travelingplayers.org>.

Composer Stephen Gorbos creates concert music for a wide range of ensembles and soloists, as well as music for film, theatre, and dance productions. He teaches composition, theory, and music technology as an associate professor of music and head of the division of composition and theory at the Catholic University of America's Benjamin T. Rome School of Music and was a visiting assistant professor at Yale University's Department of Music. His works have been performed in concert halls across the United States and in Europe by musicians and orchestras. To find out more about Stephen Gorbos, visit <http://stephengorbos.com>.

The Strauss Artist Grants program, funded by Fairfax County, is an investment in the sustained growth and development of the arts in Fairfax County as well as a way to honor contemporary artists' commitment to an artistic discipline and their contributions to Fairfax County. For more information on the Arts Council's grant programs, visit <http://artsfairfax.org/grants>.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Brandon D. Kendrick, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Robert P. Buttarazzi, of Vienna, is on the spring 2016 deans list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Megan L. Graves, of Vienna, has been named to the president's list for the 2016 spring semester at Elon University.

James "Blair" Glennon IV graduated from Darden School of Business in May 2016. He is a 2003 Langley High School graduate.

Joseph Boyd Greener, of Great Falls, graduated from Wake Forest Law in May 2016.

Christie Sweet, of Vienna, majoring in health and exercise science, graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College in May 2016.

Rebecca Helene Cooper-McDannel received a Master's degree in personnel management from East Carolina University. She is a 2007 graduate of Langley High School in 2007.

Kevin Paul Keena graduated in May 2015 with a B.A. in history and visual arts from Hampden-Sydney College. He hails from Vienna.

Jacob M. Farrar graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in biology from Hampden-Sydney College in May 2016. He hails from Oakton.

Emma Leiken, a 2012 McLean High School graduate, earned Fulbright grant. She graduated from Oberlin College in May 2016.

Brandon Bast, of Great Falls, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 7. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in sport manage-

ment and a minor in marketing.

Mary R. Brown of Oakton graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL with a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology and a Bachelor of Science in Computational Mathematics, cum laude. She will be continuing with graduate work at East Carolina University.

Savannah Kathleen McBride was awarded an \$8,000 four-year Fraternal College Scholarship in a national competition by Modern Woodmen of America. She is the daughter of Stephen and Lezlie McBride, McLean. She plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Elisabetta Cantatore, of Great Falls, a psychology major, has been named to the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester at George Mason University.



PHOTO BY TERESA CASTRACANE/COURTESY OF 1ST STAGE

From left — John Sygar (as Homer Collins) and Evan Casey (as Floyd Collins) in "Floyd Collins" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner.

Theater with Punch

1st Stage's 'Floyd Collins'; Original, stunning musical.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Where and when

A daring musical awaits patrons at 1st Stage Theater. It is the award-winning, rarely produced, "Floyd Collins." It is an extraordinary tale of a man chasing his dreams, but finding only short-lived celebrity and then tragedy. "Floyd Collins" will rivet audiences to their seats as the heart-felt show unfolds with gorgeous American roots music.

"Floyd Collins" is based upon the real-life Floyd Collins who tried to make a mark and fortune by turning a cave in Kentucky into a tourist attraction in the winter of 1925. He became a media sensation in the days well before social media when he became trapped inside a cave. "Floyd Collins" was written by Tina Landau, with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel.

The large cast production is confidently directed by Nick Olcott. The nearly 20 musical numbers are under the direction of William Yanesh with a four member band. The original Americana music ranges from dreamy, romantic and optimistic to dissonant, edgy and into the depths of despair. Beyond the songs sung by the central cast members are several multi-cast numbers that bring a happy carnival-like atmosphere to the evening's journey.

Evan Casey plays the show's central character, Floyd Collins. Casey not only sings with a splendid deep resonance, but provides emotional intensity that draws an audience to him and his predicament. The audi-

1st Stage presents "Floyd Collins" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances now through June 26. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$35, Seniors (65+) \$32, students and military \$15. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststagetysons.org

ence will easily become so sympathetic the predicament of Floyd Collins stuck in a cave trying to stay sane that they may want to help dig him out rock by rock.

Other actors clearly earn audience attention. Maggie Donnelly plays Floyd's mentally anguished sister. Her singing is like an angel in heartbreak. When she steps about the stage, she makes sorrow visible with her jagged choreographed movements

The key role of a newspaper reporter who becomes more than a reporter is played winningly by Edward C. Nagal. He becomes a stand-in for the audience; uncertain of what to expect as the media circus he helped create spirals out of control. John Sygar as Floyd's brother provides stand-up vigorous voice as he fights with his parents to save his brother.

Accolades to the Jos. B. Musumeci, Jr and his set design of a cave composed of large jigsaw puzzle pieces. Brian S. Allard's lighting and Kenny Neal's sound design provide key unmissable states of mind.

"Floyd Collins" from 1st Stage is theater with punch that will leave its mark well beyond Tysons.

Bogged Down To This-Or Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Am I supposed to ignore, totally, the fact that I have cancer? I think I've made a seven-plus year survival history of doing so, mostly. But being indifferent, sort of, to a killer disease doesn't seem particularly prudent. Granted, it has been a way I've been able to assimilate the stress and rationalize the anxiety, but as an overall strategy? I can't say I'd recommend it, but...so far, so good.

Occasionally, I do wonder however, if being more engaged and more in tune – with my body, my disease, my life expectancy, would help? I mean, not being depressed by my medical reality can't be the answer to a prayer, can it? It seems too easy, too irresponsible; to be inattentive to the very thing that might actually be killing me. Yet I haven't really stumbled. Cancer isn't for sissies, but neither can it be for a type "A", high intensity, 24/7 fighter.

There's a part of me, not large enough I'll admit, that feels I should live my life – without being intentionally self-destructive – and not let the cancer control me, but rather that I control it/my life and let the chips fall where they may. There's something to be said for freedom/quality of life, but is that simply wishful thinking, and naïve wishful thinking at that? Or is attempting to live as normally as possible a key to my success?

I'm sure I'll never know. It's likely very difficult to measure in a clinical study/trial, the effects of such realities on tumors, and ultimately, patient outcomes. And neither is it possible to inject patients with a magic potion which changes their nature and in turn affects their survival. Talk about variables. Even the variable would have variables. Nevertheless, treatment has to consider mind, body and spirit, doesn't it? Allowing for and/or accommodating one without considering the other two would seem to presume that the whole is not the sum of its parts. Who's to say that keeping my spirits up is not as important as keeping my creatinine levels (as but one example) down? After all, medicine is science, not arithmetic. The calculations are not always correct. Sometimes, medical outcomes are not what's "prognosed"/anticipated. I'm living proof of that. Ergo, is my survival based on my medical treatment/chemotherapy or my DNA, or was it simply my attitude? To not factor in all possibilities and plan accordingly seems irresponsible, almost.

Perhaps my attitude, my occasional indifference, my lack of obsession with my own outcome seems reasonable in light of my having survived for so many years vs the fact that so many others have succumbed to this terrible disease. Or maybe it's just blind, stupid, random luck (like the blind squirrel finding an acorn, as the old saying goes) and my positive attitude, sense of humor and non-preoccupation with my medical circumstances has had nothing to do with any of it?

Either way, there's no point in discussing it, really. If I want to continue living, I have to take the good with the bad – and vice versa, and not worry too much about things I can't control and about personality traits I don't possess.

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Marlene is survived by her husband Kenneth Byers, daughter and spouse Melissa and Bryan Steward, and sister Jeanine May. She was preceded in death by her parents, Audrey and Joseph May.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 11

Disability Resource Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ServiceSource Disability Resource Center, 10467 White Granite 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.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Information Session Basis Independent McLean. 7 p.m. Westin Tysons, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Co-founder Michael Block will speak on the upcoming school coming in McLean. To register, go to <http://mclean.basisindependent.com> or call 703.854.1253.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Vienna Metro Station Bicycle Access Study Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. The meeting will focus on proposed concepts from the Bicycle Access Study, and gather community feedback toward selecting preferred alternatives in the area between Nutley Street, Sutton Road, and Virginia Center Boulevard/County Creek Road. For more information on the project, area map or to submit comments online, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/viennametrobikestudy.htm>.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

The **Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna**, 543 Beulah Road, is offering the course "Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church." Classes will be April 17; May 1, 15, 22; June 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Light lunch and childcare provided. Visit <https://ttsu.me/1tg> to sign up for a book and

Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, will host annual yard sale/flea market on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. You can now reserve a 10x10' space (\$25) to sell your own treasures or donate items to the church (they would pick up). Come shop, donate and/or sell your own things. 703-582-1640.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The **Antioch Christian Church** offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org



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