Prospective MPA ArtFest volunteers use a variety of art supplies to paint their letters, which will be used at a banner for the festival Oct. 3.
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McLean Project for the Arts recruits volunteers for annual ArtFest.

By Alex McVeigh
The McLean Connection

The McLean Project for the Arts prepares for its annual ArtFest, staff hosted a volunteer gathering where guests were invited to make their contribution to the art on display.

The gallery had been completely cleared out, and several long tables were set up, each with a piece of poster board with a single letter on it. The letters spelled out “McLean [heart]s MPA ArtFest.” Volunteers gathered around the letters, and were able to make each one a piece of art of their own making.

Volunteers used crayons, puffy paint, tissue paper, markers, watercolors and any other available art supply to make their masterpieces. Some even brought their own supplies.

“Our mission has always been to exhibit contemporary art and further the education of the principles of contemporary art,” said Nancy Perry, the MPA executive director. “This volunteer open house will show people what a good time we have.”

Perry introduced the honorary chairs for ArtFest, District Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and his wife Marilyn Jerome.

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(D-Dranesville)

MPA STAFF said they were impressed with the turnout, which included dozens of people. As the last week before Fairfax County Schools open, often many people are on vacation.

“We’ve seen a lot of new faces, and it’s a great turn-out for the end of summer,” said Debbie Jardot, development director for the MPA. “Coloring is a very relaxing way to spend an evening.”

Volunteer opportunities are available before, during and after the day of the event, and also the day before, Oct. 2. Interested parties should contact Sandy Fennell at info@mpaat.org.

“It’s a great way to get to know active, creative, nice people in the community, it’s always a great time,” Fennell said.

ArtFest will take place at McLean Central Park Sunday, Oct. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be 42 artists on display, as well as other entertainment. More information is available at www.mpaat.org.

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Jane Frank shows off her completed letter at the volunteer open house Aug. 31 at the McLean Community Center.

Honorary Chairs

Supervisor Foust, wife to serve as Honorary Chairs for MPAartfest.

McLean Project for the Arts has announced that Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) and his wife Dr. Marilyn Jerome will be the Honorary Chairs for this year’s MPAartfest.

“Marilyn and I are honored to be the Honorary Chairs for the 2010 MPAartfest. MPAartfest is a great event that makes art fun and accessible while showcase...
AAUW to Hold 41st Annual Used Book Sale

The McLean Area AAUW will hold its 41st Annual Used Book Sale at the McLean Community Center on the following days:

Friday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

AAUW volunteers collected and sorted over 40,000 used books, videos and CD’s this summer. There is an exceptional collection of art books donated by a retired museum curator. AAUW also has the biggest collection of children’s books in years.

For more information, please call 703-356-8364 or visit the AAUW Web site.

Turf Field Improvements at Linway Terrace Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority will begin making improvements to Linway Terrace Park in McLean. The project is ready to start and will include the conversion of existing grass field #1 to a synthetic turf field. The conversion will result in significant improvements in field condition, reduce maintenance costs and increase field capacity. The park improvements will also include a trail, storm drainage facilities, landscaping and related improvements. The park is located at 6246 Linway Terrace in McLean.

The $840,000 capital improvement project is funded by the McLean Youth Soccer Association and the Board of Supervisors Mini Grant Program administered by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Through innovative partnerships throughout Fairfax County, the Park Authority strives to address the increasing needs and existing shortage of rectangular fields in our community. Construction is anticipated to be completed in November.

Benefit Dinner at Morton’s

An evening honoring wounded service men and women hosted by the Great Falls Little League and Morton’s Steakhouse in Tysons Corner is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27. Guests will enjoy a strolling reception and four course meal featuring Morton’s signature cuisine all paired with fine wines from Stags Leap Winery in California. Highlights include a presentation from the first recipient of the Medal of Honor for Valor in Vietnam, Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, a silent auction to benefit the Aleethia Foundation, a D.C. based organization that supports life enhancing programs for wounded soldiers and their families in the metro area, and a few surprises from the young players in the Great Falls Little League.

The event will be held at 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, on Monday, Sept. 27, with the reception starting at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $250.00 per guest, inclusive of tax, gratuity and valet parking. RSVP: Kathy Boone at 703-883-0800 or cm.mva@mortons.com.

McLean Chamber to Host ‘Extravaganza’

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) will host its first ever “Suits + Sneakers Extravaganza,” Thursday, Oct. 7, 6-9 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm. The event will benefit the Farm as well as programs of the GMCC. This community event will showcase international gourmet foods prepared and served by McLean area restaurants, a coffee and dessert bar, fine wine samples with a sommelier on site, local musicians. Tickets are $125 per person. Dress is business attire and sneakers are encouraged. Throughout the evening GMCC will give away door prizes and silent auction items will be available from local retailers.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm is located at 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean. For more information, visit www.mcleanchamber.org. To RSVP, call the chamber at 703-356-5424. Sponsorships are available.

Farmer’s Market Comes to Tysons Corner

For the last two weeks, Tysons Corner has seen its very own local Farmer’s Market take place Thursday afternoons. The Farmer’s Market offers residents from Vienna and McLean the opportunity to shop and enjoy locally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as locally raised meats and poultry. In addition to the produce and meat, the market also has many choices of bread, cheese, salsa, sausage, soaps, fragrances and much more.

The Tysons Corner Farmer’s Market takes place every Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Oct. 28 at 1757 Pinnacle Drive in McLean. The market is adjacent to the North Tower Garage at the Pinnacle Towers in Tysons Corner.

—Amir Noorbakhsh
Three Exhibitions to Open at MPA

Three exhibitions will open on Thursday, Sept. 16 at McLean Project for the Arts with an opening reception and gallery talk from 7 - 9 p.m.

“Realism Now: Cityscapes” in the Emerson Gallery is curated by painter and Corcoran College of Art and Design professor Joey P. Mánlapaz. This exhibit features work by three painters who draw on the city as subject matter to produce paintings executed in a photorealist style.

“As a painter who focuses on Washington, D.C. cityscape, I sought fellow contemporary artists who paint cityscapes in the same style. Denis Peterson of New York and Glenn M. Moreton of Maryland both exemplify cityscape photorealism at its best. The precision, color and exactitude they use in representing their respective cities are rich in technique and composition,” said Mánlapaz.

“Natural Inheritance – Sea Scans, Bee Helmets and Anchors: Works by Joanna Axtmann” in the Atrium Gallery combines printmaking, painting and drawing processes to produce images exploring the architecture of spiritual transformation.

“The Topography of Memory: New Works by Raye Leith” in the Ramp Gallery features large figuratively based drawings influenced by the Art Nouveau movement. Electric and vibrant color choices take the works in a contemporary direction.

The opening reception on Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 - 9 p.m. is free and open to the public. The exhibitions run through Oct. 30.

McLean Project for the Arts is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in the McLean Community Center. Hours are Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 1 - 5 p.m.

For more information call 703-790-1953 or visit www.mpaart.org
On Tuesday, Aug. 31, the Woman’s Club of McLean delivered 24 washable lap robes made by its members to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In addition, the club plans to deliver 29 handmade hats for oncology patients to Inova Fairfax Hospital. All materials were donated or purchased by Woman’s Club members. These efforts are part of an ongoing project that will continue throughout the club’s membership year.

— Laura Sheridan

Clemyjontri Park, a local playground specially built to accommodate both children with and without disabilities, is holding a fundraiser to make the park even more accessible and fun. On Sept. 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the park is holding an event to promote its newest initiative: to provide an innovative Liberty Swing, one of only seven in the US, which will allow children and adults who use wheelchairs to experience the joy of swinging.

The fundraiser, called “Concert in the Park 2010,” is hosted by the Friends of Clemyjontri and the McLean Orchestra. The McLean Orchestra will be playing “A Musical Salute to Our Military” at the event. Donations to the park are welcome, and can be made through Friends of Clemyjontri.

— Nikki Cheshire
**Crime**

Activities reported by the McLean police department through Sept. 3.

**ROBBERY**
Four men robbed two other men, ages 34 and 37, in a parking lot in the 8300 block of Boone Blvd. around 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26. Jewelry was taken. The suspects fled in a dark-colored SUV.

**BURGLARY**
Around 11:14 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30, someone entered a home in the 8400 block of Holly Leaf Drive while four people were inside. A wallet was reported stolen.

**VEHICLE THEFTS**
- 2900 block of Cherry St. Dodge Caravan
- 2900 block of Mayberry St. 1994 Honda Accord
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road. Purse stolen from business
- 3000 block of Covington St. Wheels and tires stolen from vehicle
- 2800 block of Fallfax Drive. Televisions and dvd's stolen from vehicle
- 2700 block of Gallows Road. Bicycle stolen from business
- 7300 block of Lee Highway. Two floral arrangements stolen from residence
- 8300 block of Leesburg Pike. Bottle of liquor stolen from business
- 8400 block of Leesburg Pike. Wallet stolen from business
- 8500 block of Leesburg Pike. Tools stolen from vehicle
- 8300 block of Old Courthouse Road. Laptop computer stolen from business
- 2200 block of Pimmit Run Lane. License plate stolen from vehicle

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOPS**

On Proposed Updates to Phase 2 Design of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project will hold two public information workshops to update the public on the latest design plans for the 11.6 mile section of Phase 2 of the Dulles rail project from Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston in Fairfax County to Route 772 in Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County. Information will be provided on the six new Metrorail stations in Phase 2, including an alternative option for the Washington Dulles International Airport station. The other Phase 2 stations will be located near Reston Parkway, Herndon-Monroe, Route 28, Route 606 and Route 772. The meetings will be held:

- **Monday, September 13** – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Sheraton Reston, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston VA 20191
- **Tuesday, September 14** – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling VA 20164

The meetings will be held in open house format and will provide an opportunity to learn about and comment on the changes. If you need special assistance, including a request for an interpreter, please call 571-265-2658 or TDD 711 by Friday, September 10.

Information on the latest plans for Phase 2 will be available on the Dulles Metrorail Project website www.dullesmetro.com on September 2. Comments on these plans can be made online by visiting the website www.dullesmetro.com after September 2 by clicking on the “Phase 2 Information” section. Written comments can also be emailed to Phase2Comments@dullesmetro.com or mailed to: Dulles Corridor Metrorail – Phase 2, c/o Cordell & Cunningham, PO BOX 2562, Reston, VA 20195.

The comment period ends October 1, 2010.

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Opinion

Readiness, Preparation for Emergencies

To the Editor:

On Aug. 18, I received notice of a town hall meeting to be conducted by Governor McDonnell entitled, “Virginia Speaks: A Conversation about Jobs, Government Reform and our Future.” The topic sounded interesting so I eagerly went to the Center for Innovative Technology on Aug. 24 to participate. I arrived about 30 minutes before the starting time of 7 p.m. to find a very small room. When I asked about the format for asking questions, I was told there was a sign-up list, but with 50 names on it. I was puzzled since at that time there was only the Governor’s staff and a few audience members in the room. My reaction was that the agenda was going to be very well controlled. I signed-up to ask a question but there was little chance for me to ask it, and I took a seat near a microphone on the floor. I was surprised that the Governor’s opening remarks only briefly touched on some very general reform issues and then focused on the issue of selling ABC stores. There was not any mention of job programs, health care reform, education, and transportation (other than the revenue from selling ABC stores would be dedicated to transportation). Most importantly there was no specific estimate of the amount of revenues that would be allocated to Northern Virginia.

I didn’t expect this meeting to be narrowed to ABC stores, but when the question session began it became obvious that this was the only purpose for the town hall meeting. Approximately 75 percent of the “questions” from the floor where comments supporting the sale of ABC stores and how sale of liquor in grocery stores and convenience stores would improve the convenience for citizens in the area and raise more revenue for the state. I am in favor of selling the ABC stores because selling liquor is not the only function of government, but don’t view it as the most pressing issue facing Virginians.

I was disappointed that the audience actually beckoned questioners who raised issues on energy conservation, environmental protection, and renewable energy resources. The meeting could have been a useful exchange of opinions on long term fiscal security for Virginia, but ended up being more than validation of an accounting trick. The Governor handled himself well and maintained an affable tone throughout the meeting. Governor, is selling ABC stores all you got for the future vision of Virginia?

J. Jay Volkert, Ph.D.
Vienna

Letters to the Editor

Reform Reduced To Selling ABC

To discuss ideas and concerns about jobs, Governor’s appointments, saving and spending, transportation, health care and education the Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club along with the Metropolitan Washington Business Group on Education held a town hall meeting to be conducted by Governor McDonnell. The topic was to be “Virginia Speaks: A Conversation about Jobs, Government Reform and our Future.”

September might be hurricane preparedness month, but it was August that left so many of us in the Washington area without power for days, on two different occasions. Last winter’s blizzards reminded us that you can be without power and without an easy route to leave your home at the same time. Both experiences argue for some home safety checks.

Can you find the flashlights in the dark? Do you have what you need to hunker down at home for a few days? Do you have a plan to gather all the members of your family, or how to contact each other, in case of an emergency? If you put together an emergency kit, has it been updated lately? See the attached list, plus www.ready.gov, for good, basic information. Don’t forget your pets in your emergency planning. Whether you are to decide to stay put in an emergency or change locations, you need to make plans in advance for your pets. Do you have enough food, pet carriers, etc.? Some emergency who dutifully followed up on the police reports filed online. Stolen items are recovered all the time. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region, with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) recently took delivery of eight regional animal shelter trailers for pets in times of disaster, each with the capacity to set up a shelter for up to 200 pets. (These appear destined for Maryland and D.C.) This comes from the experiences after Katrina and other disasters when it became apparent that many people would not evacuate without their pets.

The recent meltdown of Virginia’s networks protected from a crash. But after a crash, there is investment of billions of dollars, the protection that sometimes escape us. These are some basic rules of self protection that sometimes escape us.

Do your critical documents backed up in multiple locations? Have you backed up your computers this week? Can also serve as a reminder to the rest of us: backup, backup, backup. By e-mail: mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Bulitn Board

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 11
T’ai Chi Beginners’ Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9414 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 14
Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School Room 2224, 7731 Lonsburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. Register at 703-281-2657 or www.thewomencenter.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 15

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**SCHOOLS**

**Chinese Language, Expanded Kindergarten Offered at The Langley School**

The Langley School has announced the addition of two new programs for the 2010-2011 school year. In an effort to prepare its students to succeed in an increasingly global world, Langley will introduce Chinese as a language offering this year for its Middle School students in grades 6 and 7. These students will have the option to take Mandarin Chinese instead of Spanish or French. Based on interest levels, a similar Chinese class may also be offered to other grade levels as an after-school enrichment class.

Langley has hired Dr. Xiaoli Wang, a Chinese specialist from Princeton University, to develop and teach the new Chinese program. Students will learn practical language skills including listening, speaking, reading, and writing, along with an appreciation of Chinese culture.

“As part of the global initiatives in Langley’s current strategic plan, we wanted to redesign our language offerings to include a non-Western language,” says Head of School Doris Cottam. “Many high schools are now offering Chinese, so introducing our students to the language at an earlier age will help them be better prepared when entering higher grade levels.”

This year, The Langley School is also introducing a new extended junior kindergarten program which replaces its previous three-hour program which ran in morning and afternoon sessions. The new expanded program – operating from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. daily – nearly doubles the instructional time students receive and features two concurrently running sections.

“We feel this new structure is more developmentally appropriate for 4-year-old children,” says Cottam. “The additional classroom time will allow Langley’s junior kindergarten team to further enrich their curriculum with in-depth lessons and projects.”

**Supporting 2 Young Foundation at Vienna’s Waters Field**

2 Young Foundation’s Northern VA Wiffle Ball World Series took place on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Vienna’s Waters Field. Pictured, from left, are NBC Channel-4’s newest young anchor Craig Melvin, President of The 2 Young Foundation Mike Ryan, 2YF Director of Events Liz Bradley, President of The Leigh Agency Jodi Leigh, Town of Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman, and Jim Vance of NBC Channel-4.
McLean Project for the Arts will host a silent auction on Sunday, Sept. 12, 4 – 6 p.m. The forty-seven pieces of art will be donated to McLean Project for the Arts to raise money for the Arts Community Center. Kasia Moroles. In addition there are paintings both large and small by artists such as Sheila Artsia, Willy Hoeka and Leon Berkoest. The entire proceeds from purchase benefit McLean Project for the Arts. If you want to buy a Snorkel Pack and have a chance to “Buy It Now,” there will be an opportunity to do so by Friday, Sept. 10 from 6 – 8 p.m. Reservations are a must. Your name must be on the list at the door and attend the Snorkel Pack and/ or Silent Auction. You will get the address when you RSVP McLean Project for the Arts for the event will take place. Cards and VISA. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 8 to info@mpaart.org or call Sandy Travers at 703-790-1593.

For additional listings, visit www.1stStageTysons.org/mauritius or 703-854-1856 for details.

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D.O.B. February 22, 2001, Chichuka, heredity male, F8. Fricka’s picture doesn’t make you feel good, meeting her on the run in a crate. She will feel the perfect personality. He’s black and tan, weighs 6 pounds, is 1 year 2 months old and not as sweet as you think. He would be fantastic to have around the house, loves everyone and will be very loyal and obedient companion. Make sure your appointment today to Fricka will no longer be available. Writing: Anthology: Southern Prep.
Public Input Sought on Parks Planning

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking additional public comment through the Great Parks, Great Communities planning initiative. Four public comment meetings are planned to receive community comments on the draft park strategies for future parkland acquisition, facility service delivery and reinvestment, connectivity and resource protection and interpretation.

North County Parks (Hunter Mill and Dranesville Districts) Public Comment Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. at the Colvin Run Mill Barn, 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls. These meetings will provide opportunities for public input on the draft comprehensive park system plan that will guide park planning in Fairfax County through the year 2020. The draft plan is structured around 14 districts and provides a thematic focus on community-based park systems. Therefore, community input is essential to its success. This effort addresses the need for a comprehensive and integrated approach to planning for parkland acquisition, resource protection and development activities over a ten year period. The draft plan is available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks/.

You can email comments from the webpage or to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Participants can also send written comments by mail to GPGC, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA. 22035-1118. Speakers can sign up in advance or at the meetings. To sign up in advance contact the public information office at 703-324-8662. The comment period will close on Nov. 15, 2010.

Great Parks, Great Communities public meetings scheduled.

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County Likely To Hire More Planning Staff For Tysons

Fairfax County is looking to bolster its department of planning and zoning, in part because local officials expect a deluge of redevelopment proposals for Tysons Corner.

“The county is going to use some of its carryover funding to hire a couple of new staff members in planning and zoning because of all of that activity in Tysons,” said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled vote on whether to use funding left over from last year to hire more county planners at its monthly meeting Sept. 7.

In June, the Fairfax supervisors endorsed a new master plan for Tysons Corner, Virginia’s largest commercial district and retail hub. With the arrival of four new Metro stops, the county board hopes to create a more transit and pedestrian friendly community with more residents. The elected officials hope the new Tysons will resemble an urban downtown rather than an off-campus park.

Local business leaders and “Tysonites” have enthusiastically endorsed the new vision for Tysons, which includes incentives to construct more residential units in the area, particularly for land closest to the new Metro projects. Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) said Fairfax will have devoted staff to work with those landowners,” said Bulova.

Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large) said Fairfax has cut positions from its planning department over the last few years in order to balance the budget.

“The department of planning and zoning has been downsized in recent years so I am not surprised they would need some more help, specifically with Tysons,” said Alcorn.

Bulova said the extra planning staff will not only assist with Tysons but also help the county to the federal government’s base realignment and closure (BRAC) decision.

Starting next year, several thousand employees will be moved from offices in Crystal City to a Fort Belvoir Army Base and a site along the Interstate 95 corridor in Springfield.

The Fairfax Economic Development Authority expects the move to spur interest from private companies, particularly contractors with the Department of Defense, in the area around the new government offices.

“There will be quite a bit of activity associated with BRAC,” said Bulova.

### Fairfax County’s Overall Land Use

The following is a breakdown of land use by Planning District in Fairfax County according to the county’s Department of Systems Management for Human Services. These total acreage figures do not reflect areas in roads, water or small areas of land unable to be zoned or developed. The City of Fairfax is also not included. This information was updated in January 2009.

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County Notebook

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children’s Church on Sundays also meets on Sept. 8-10. See 938-7736 or www.VGACG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at Kingsgate Lane. Any Christian is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, and Business. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 938-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, 1839 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 11 a.m., allows children to play active roles in the music and as ushers and ushers. Traditional services are every Sun. day at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 735-536-7333.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road in McLean. Worship service is at 10:30 a.m., with a second service at 5 p.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 735-356-7100 or www.chesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. For more information, contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Church invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and meditation at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. on Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. 735-356-6336.

Haven of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. Bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Sully Road in Oakton. $10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.
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Sports

McLean Wins, Saxons Fall in Football Openers

Local cross country teams compete at Monroe Parker meet this Saturday.

*By Rich Sanders  The Connection*

Behind a potent running attack, the McLean Highlanders’ football team opened the new 2010 Northern Region high school season with a 14-6 non-district home win over Washington-Lee last Thursday night, Sept. 2.

McLean, which two years ago went winless before turning its fortunes around dramatically last year with a 6-5 overall record and an appearance in the Div. 5 region playoffs, rushed the football for over 200 yards in the win over Washington-Lee, an Arlington school and a member of the National District.

THE HIGHLANDERS got touchdowns in both the first and fourth quarters. The team’s first score came on a four-yard run by junior Ryan McColgan (10 carries, 48 yards), and the fourth quarter touchdown came on a one-yard run by Chase Mills (9 carries, 89 yards). Another big contributor to the Highlanders’ running effectiveness was Jimmy Ludwick (76 yards on 15 carries). McLean sophomore Chris Rosenbaum converted both of his extra point kicks in the win. Washington-Lee’s lone points came in the second quarter on a two-yard run by Anthony Taylor.

Overall, it was a big night for both the McLean offensive line, which supplied the running holes for the Highlander backs, and the Highlander defense, which allowed just the six points.

McLean, under third-year head coach Jim Simoni, is at the helm of the Highlanders. Simoni is the program’s head coach this fall season, while Anthony Taylor, who switched from quarterback to tailback last year, is this season’s Highlanders’ running back.

THE SAXONS, who were 4-6 a year ago under head coach John Howerton, fell behind 14-0 after one quarter. Saxon quarterback Braden Anderson (20-of-39 for 243 yards) connected with Troy Scharfen (13 catches, 201 yards) for a 58-yard touchdown pass to get Langley on the scoreboard in the second quarter. Langley’s lone points thereafter came on a 29-yard field goal by Farhun Khan, who had earlier converted his team’s extra point attempt.

Lake Braddock, last year’s State AAA runner-up, took control of the game in the second half.

Langley, members of the Liberty District, will travel to Chantilly High Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. meeting versus the Chargers, who are part of the Concorde District. Last Thursday night, Chantilly, under head coach Mike Lalli, opened its season with a 28-13 victory over visiting South County out of the Patriot District. The Chargers rushed for nearly 270 yards in the win.

**THIS SATURDAY MORNING**, both the McLean and Langley High boys’ and girls’ cross country teams will be competing at the annual, early season Monroe Parker Invitational competition at the 2.98-mile Burke Lake Park.

The McLean boys are coming off a 2009 postseason, which saw them finish fifth place at the eight-team Liberty District championships. The Saxons will look to better last year’s last place standing in the district.

On the girls’ side a year ago, Langley finished second place at the district championships while McLean was fifth. Langley went on to finish a solid seventh place at the 16-team Northern Region championships last November.

Gifford Krivak is back as the Langley program’s head coach this fall season, while Jason Simoni is at the helm of the Highlanders.

Chloe Grishaw Wins Scholarship

Chloe Grishaw, a graduate of the Potomac School in McLean, is this year’s Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) MacDuff Scholarship winner. The MacDuff Scholarship honors the memory of George MacDuff, longtime NVSL parent, official, and supporter, and his daughter Melinda. Additionally, the scholarship honors swimmers, divers, and volunteers.

Grishaw, while at Potomac School, was a member of the swim and dive team (serving as team captain her senior year). As a sophomore she was Potomac School’s lone dive team member and captured the Independent school state dive championship that same year.

In addition to swimming and diving, Grishaw participated in track and field – where her specialty was the triple jump – and also was a member of the Potomac School tennis and club gymnastics teams. Sports were not her only interests, however, as Grishaw was a member of the school orchestra, numerous other clubs, and community service organizations. She also found time to be an honor student.

In addition to her volunteer activities this summer, Grishaw has coached diving at her home pool, Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet in Falls Church. “Chloe has a strong sense of individual responsibility and the need for teamwork,” said her dive coach. “She has been a role model for not only the divers, but the swimmers at Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet.”

Her guidance counselor at the Potomac School wrote that, “Chloe balances home life, school commitments and academic responsibilities with kindness, civility and generosity of spirit (part of Potomac’s mission statement),”

A graduate of Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet and daughter of Leticia Grishaw, she will be attending the College of William and Mary this fall where she plans to major in health sciences.
SCHOOLS

To Boldly Go Where No High School Has Gone Before

TJ students hope to be the first high school group to launch their own satellite.

By Julia O’Donoghue
The Connection

In October of 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the world’s first artificial satellite, into orbit. The event ushered in a new fascination with space exploration and tipped off the space race between the American and Soviet governments.

By the beginning of 1958, the United States had sent its own satellite, Explorer 1, into space. Congress also created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, better known as NASA, later that year.

But what took the backing of a world superpower to accomplish 50 years ago may become fodder for high school curricula in the 21st century.

Over the past few years, students at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology have been building their own satellite called TJ CubeSat. They hope to become the first group of high school students to create and launch a satellite themselves this fall.

“It is kind of shocking to people at first when you tell them. They pause and say ‘Wait, what are you doing?’” said Alex McGlothlin, a freshman at the University of Virginia who graduated from Jefferson last May.

McGlothlin, who lives in Mount Vernon, worked on the satellite for three years in high school and was most recently the project’s systems engineer. He and five other students spent about five to 10 hours per week on the satellite this summer. Walker Ferguson, a Great Falls teenager who attends boarding school in England, also assisted the team as an intern with a local aerospace firm.

“TJ wanted to prove that high school students could build a satellite themselves. … It was a once in a lifetime opportunity,” said McGlothlin.

APPROXIMATELY 30 to 35 students from Thomas Jefferson have participated in the creation of the satellite over the years, with students leaving the project behind as they graduate.

The satellite began as the primary focus of Jefferson’s engineering systems class, taught by Adam Kemp. Since the beginning, Orbital Sciences Corporation — a local aerospace engineering firm — has provided students with mentors, financial support and access to the company’s facilities in Herndon.

Unlike many other high school assignments, Kemp and other teachers cannot always point students in the right direction when it comes to designing the satellite. They have no more experience than the students so the teenagers often consult professional engineers at Orbital for guidance.

“It has helped having Orbital just 20 miles away,” said McGlothlin, who met with the other Jefferson students at Orbital’s campus on a weekly basis this summer.

Orbital is also covering the cost of the satellite launch and has donated or bought some key parts of the machine for the students. The type of satellite Jefferson is working with can cost anywhere from $30,000 to $100,000 overall, according to a report the students submitted to NASA.

“I think participating in something like this is a win for Orbital School.”

See TJ Students. Page 19

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The Connection Newspapers contain a Calendar of Upcoming Events every week. While we cannot guarantee that every event we receive information about will be listed, here is the information we need for your upcoming event to be considered for the Calendar. We welcome photographs of similar events held previously, which sometimes appear with Calendar items.

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Cindy Dwyer

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Keller Williams Realty International announced at its annual “Family Reunion” conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with $6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100. Keller Williams International also surpassed Remax to become the #3 largest real estate company in the U.S. by agent count. This is the first time in 20 years that the order has shifted.

“Of course it takes a lot of hard work to achieve this kind of success,” said McLean Team Leader Vickie Christianson. “But when you have a company behind you that places the interests and success of the agents above all else, it makes it a lot easier.”

J.D. Powers & Associates recently named Keller Williams Realty #1 in customer service; Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Keller Williams Realty #1 in the franchise category; and the industry ranked Keller Williams Realty as the Most Recognized Real Estate Franchise Brand.

Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced the Vienna office was recognized for outstanding performance in May. The Vienna sales team led by Betty Holmes led the company for new home sales and also led the region for new home dollar volume. The region is comprised of offices located throughout Virginia.

Weichert, Realtors neighborhood specialists can be reached in Weichert’s Vienna office at (703) 938-6070 at 156 East Maple Avenue.

Bread Tasting at Colvin Run Mill

Let your taste buds venture beyond your favorite leavened loaf to savor the breadth of breads enjoyed around the world during a tasting program at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Following a briefing on bread basics, learn how to evaluate different types of local and ethnic breads with the skills and vocabulary of a professional food taster.

The cost is $22 per person. To register, contact Colvin Run Mill Historic Site at 703-769-2771. For more information about the park, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm.
It certainly gives them a taste of what it is going to be like working out in the industry. This is not a college education. This is practical experience," he said.

**THE SATELLITE**, smaller than the size of a human head, should stay in orbit for anywhere from three months to three years, McGlothin said it is expected to launch either from the Virginia Coast, California or possibly Russia this fall.

The mechanism is designed to receive special text messages while in space and then vocalize the words so that they can be heard with an amateur radio back on earth. The students envision elementary to high school teachers incorporating the satellite into class assignments to garner interest in space.

Thomas Jefferson also hopes other high schools will be interested in creating a satellite of their own. They plan to make their designs, plans and working documents available on a public website so other team of high school students can learn from their mistakes, said the students.

TJ Students To Launch Satellite

**WORKING** with the staff at Orbital has not only bolstered the students’ technical skills but also given them a pragmatic look at the professional world.

Devan Samant, a McLean resident who worked on the project for two years, said he learned a lot of valuable lessons about how to work with other people.

“I found it very interesting how things work in the real world. I learned a lot about how to communicate with other engineers,” said Samant, who had started his freshman year at the University of Virginia and graduated from Jefferson last May.

The students often have questions about project schedules and budgets just as much as engineering and design. For example, they want to know what to do when another person won’t return their phone call, said Brunschwyler.

Jared Briscoe with finance applications) and (bachelor of science in economics

**“It was once a lifetime opportunity.”**

— Alex McGlothlin, Jefferson graduate

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**School Notes**

Send School Notes to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

A Mad 5K Run and One Mile Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at James Madison High School, 2800 James Madison Drive in Vienna. The race will benefit the James Madison High School track team and raise money for a new track/cross country facility. Awards will be presented to the top 3 male and female finishers, as well as age group awards. Entry fee is $15 for students, $20 for adults. Register at www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS or chase@fcps.edu.

Megan Robson of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Clemson University of South Carolina. She is majoring in bio-engineering and is the daughter of Geoff Robson.

McLean residents David Pate (business in economics with finance applications) and Andrew Briscoe (bachelor of science in economics) have graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Martin Brown of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Inhsa College’s School of Humanities and Sciences. He is the son of Garry and Melissa Brown.

McLean residents Mariana Avvaccumova and Victoria Avvaccumova have been named to the spring 2010 president’s list at Illinois Central College of East Peoria, Ill.

Kate Connelly of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The political science major is the daughter of Margaret and John Connelly.

Peter-Christoph Schmidt of McLean has been named to the 2009-2010 honor roll with distinction at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Victoria B. Weiss of McLean has been named into the Kappa Delta Pi education honor society at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

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